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Around the House (1) - Hotel Lawns

We have been asked to remind residents that dogs are not allowed on the grassed area between the towers. Apparently this has always been hotel policy, but it hasn't previously been enforced. Now it will be. We have had a few complaints from residents, but unfortunately this is a matter that we have no control over.

There is a dog-friendly park close by, at the intersection of Nelson Street with Bute Street, just a block or two up the hill.



Around the House (2) - Climb the Wall 2012

We still don't have the final total of money raised, but so far it's already over \$150,000, and there is a large matching gift still to come. We'll have the final total for the May newsletter.

Around the House (3) - Bike Room

We need to repeat our inventory of bikes in our bike storage room, as space is getting tight in there. Even if you have previously identified your bike to us, please do so again. Bikes that remain unclaimed will have to be disposed of. There is a children's charity in Richmond to which we have consigned unwanted bikes in the past.

Around the House (4) – Elevator Repairs

As you are all aware, modifications to one of the elevator cabs have been underway to prepare for transporting window units for the re-glazing program. You are also aware that there has been major disruption in elevator service in the past two weeks. Modification to the elevator cab was proceeding as planned and on schedule. However, when the BCSA (BC Safety Authority) inspector arrived to inspect and approve the modifications on March 13, he identified 5 major safety issues with both our elevators that are completely unrelated to the cab modification!

Because these are safety issues, BCSA is requiring that they be corrected immediately or the elevators will be shut down. Temporary measures have been installed to permit continued use of the elevators while contractors and parts are secured to make the permanent repairs. Unfortunately, there will be more disruptions to elevator service while these repairs are made, but every attempt is being made to expedite the repairs and to minimize the disruption. We appreciate your patience during this process.

Around the House (5) – Illegal Parking

We have been asked by the Strata Council to be much more rigorous with removing vehicles that are illegally parked downstairs. From now on, if a vehicle is parked in a spot where it doesn't belong, we reserve the right to have it removed immediately and without notice.

So if you have trades working in your suite, or visitors who need a temporary spot, be sure to check with the concierge desk first.

Around Town (1) - Zakir Hussain

Under the direction of percussion legend and tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain, the Masters of Percussion offer a mesmerizing exploration of the depth and breadth of Indian music.

From classical ragas to high-energy rhythmic drumming and dance, their repertoire features a dazzling remix of traditional sounds with contemporary and classical with folk. An evening with Zakir Hussain is always a huge crowd-

pleaser, and the Chan Centre are excited to welcome him back for the first time since his 2009 trio performance with Béla Fleck and Edgar Meyer.

Zakir Hussain is appreciated both in the field of percussion and in the music world at large as an international phenomenon and one of the greatest musicians of our time. A classical tabla virtuoso of the highest order, his consistently brilliant and exciting performances have established him as a national treasure in his own country, India, and as one of India's reigning cultural ambassadors. Along with his legendary father and teacher, Ustad Allarakha, he has elevated the status of his instrument both in India and around the world.

Hussain will appear at the Chan Shun concert hall on the UBC campus on Sunday April 1st at 7pm.

Around Town (2) - Cats

There's no better way to introduce your family to the wonders of live theatre than with the magic, the mystery, the memory of Cats. What began as a musical about cats after Andrew Lloyd Webber picked up a book of poems by T.S. Eliot in an airport bookshop has become one of the longest running shows in Broadway's history. Winner of seven Tony® Awards including Best Musical, Cats features 20 of Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless melodies, including the hit song "Memory."

Since Cats first opened on the West End stage in 1981, it has become one of the world's best known and best loved musicals. With a plot based on T.S Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats and award-winning music composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber; Cats, originally directed by Trevor Nunn, has since been presented in over 20 countries and in about 250 cities, including such diverse destinations as Buenos Aires, Seoul, Helsinki and Singapore.



It has been translated into 10 languages: Japanese, German, (three versions for Germany, Austria and Switzerland), Hungarian, Norwegian, Finnish, Dutch, Swedish, French, Spanish and Italian. The Swiss production required a bilingual cast who performed in German and English on alternate nights.

The show will be at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre from April 10th until the 15th. For tickets please call 1-855-985-5000.



Around Town (3) - Hello Dolly

You've seen the movie, now watch the stage play on which it's based. This month, Royal City Musical Theatre in New Westminster presents the timeless classic. It's a show not to be missed.

And what do you do for a living, Mrs. Levi?" asks Ambrose Kemper in the first scene of this most delightful of musical comedies. "Some people paint, some sew...I meddle," replies Dolly.



Hello, Dolly! is an ebullient and irresistible story of the joy of living, glittering with happy, memorable songs including 'Put On Your Sunday Clothes', 'Before the Parade Passes By' and 'Hello, Dolly!'; shining with loving scenes, alive with the personality of one of the most fabulous characters on the musical stage...Dolly Gallagher Levi. We are off on a whirlwind race around New York at

the turn of the twentieth century, as we follow the adventures of America's most beloved matchmaker!

The show runs from April 12th until the 28th. Please see the Massey Theatre website (www.masseytheatre.com) for times and ticket prices, or call the theatre at 604-521-5050. The theatre is located at 735 8th Avenue, New Westminster.

Around Town (4) - Auto Show

The Vancouver International Auto Show will take place in the newly revamped BC Place Stadium from April 3rd until the 8th. One of the features this year is a new car lottery. The first prize consists of not one but 2 BMW cars, with a combined value of \$145,000. The second prize is a trip for two to the 2012 Monaco Grand Prix valued over \$10,000. You can buy tickets online, as well as at the show itself.

On Monday April 2nd there will be a Preview Gala to celebrate the opening of the Show. This elegant evening aims to provide industry leaders and consumers with an opportunity to network, and most importantly, to have a first-hand look at the new vehicles and impressive displays. Tickets can be obtained by calling 604-214-9964.

Around Town (5) – Terracotta Warriors

If you've spotted Chinese warrior statues hanging around town recently, there is an explanation. This is the latest fundraising project of the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities. They are the Terracotta Warriors, and this limited edition public art project will run from April 2012 to October 2012.



The Society has developed a limited edition of Terracotta Warrior sculptures to be sponsored by individuals or organizations and painted by local artists similar to the BC Lions Society's Orcas, Bears and Eagles in the City. These sculptures will then be displayed on the streets throughout the duration of the project.

In October, the Warrior figures will be sold to aid the Society. The hope is to raise \$100,000. One could be just the thing for your living room.

Around Town (6) - Food Carts

The long wait is almost over. Finally the new wave of food carts is on the horizon. In March some 25 shortlisted candidates presented their concepts and flavours to a panel of judges in the kitchens at VCC. From these the number has been whittled down to a round dozen new vendors.



An announcement from City Hall early this month should let us know what new tastes will be on the streets this summer. Yum, yum.



Compliments of your One Wall Concierge Team: Eleanor, Kerry & Sunny