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Around the House (1) – Hotel Car

The Hotel car is available for both owners and renters, on a complimentary basis, and subject to availability. Trips in the downtown core are made available on a first come, first served basis. Please call the Concierge desk just before you need your ride, and we will do our best to arrange it for you.

Rides to the airport should be requested at least a week in advance, to allow the hotel to staff for someone to be away from their post for up to 2 hours. Please send us an email requesting the rides you need, and let us have your flight departure or arrival details. As soon as we have your ride arranged, we will email you back a confirmation. The car is available from 7am until 10:30pm, seven days a week.

If your plans change, please let us know so that we can reschedule or cancel your ride. We are dependent on hotel staff to make this service available to residents. We want to be sure we are not abusing the privilege. Thank you.



Around the House (2) – Your Fobs

We would like to clarify the operation of the fob entry system for our Parkade. The system tracks your fob both when you enter the Parkade and when you exit. If you bring your car in on one fob, you will be unable to exit on another fob.



To avoid confusion it may be best to allocate one fob to each vehicle, although for safety it is wiser to keep your fobs in the apartment until you need them.

Around Town (1) – CIBC Run for the Cure

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure is Canada's largest single day, volunteer-led fundraising event dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research, and education and awareness programs.

Each year, thousands of Canadians of all ages and from all walks of life unite to participate in the Run. Their reasons for participating vary, but they all have the same goal; to create a future without breast cancer.



This year's run takes place on Sunday, October 3rd. The race starts at 9:30am at Concord Pacific Place, and involves much of the downtown core. If you don't plan to participate or to watch all the fun, be prepared for major congestion in the downtown core from early in the morning.

The website for all of the details is www.runforthecure.org.

Around Town (2) – IDS

Form meets function at the IDSwest Interior Design Show, which runs from October 14th until the 17th. See commissioned works in a gallery-like setting by leading West Coast designers, artists and craftspeople like Kelly Deck, Brent Comber, Christian Woo, Christine Breakell-Lee and many more.

In addition, design icon Karim Rashid will be on hand to speak and to take questions on October 15th at 4pm. Admission is between \$15 and \$20, though if you buy your tickets early you can scoop them up for \$10 apiece, quite the bargain. For more information please see www.IDSWest.com.

Around Town (3) – Lillian Alling

Vancouver Opera presents the world premiere of its newly commissioned opera by Canada's foremost opera-creation team: composer John Estacio and librettist John Murrell.

In 1927, young Lillian Alling arrives in New York City from Russia in desperate search of a man called Jozéf. Penniless, she walks across North America and into the wilds of northwestern BC, following Jozéf's elusive path. During her brave trek, she is embraced by a Norwegian farming community in North Dakota, incarcerated in Oakalla Prison Farm near Vancouver, and loved by Scotty, a lineman along BC's "telegraph trail".



Seeking freedom in the future but bound to a dark past, Lillian's fierce determination and alluring mystery drive her into danger and forever change the lives of everyone she meets. A cathartic scene on the banks of the Skeena River reveals a

shocking truth and brings Lillian face to face with destiny. Her story will take you deep into the emotional heart of love and courage.

For performance details and tickets please see www.vancouveropera.ca.

Around Town (4) – The Place We Live

Starting on September 25th and running into next year, the Vancouver Art Gallery presents the first large-scale exhibition of work by the renowned American photographer Robert Adams.

The exhibition is a retrospective of 40 years of Adams' delightfully minimalist photographs of suburban development laying waste to the environment in western America. To quote Adams, "No place is boring, if you've had a good night's sleep and have a pocket full of unexposed film."



The exhibit is sure to inspire debate about suburban sprawl in Canadian cities.

Around Town (5) – The Thirty Nine Steps

This play is loosely based on the 1935 novel by John Buchan, with a taste of the movie by Alfred Hitchcock, all stirred together with a topping of Monty Python. The plot features a seductive mystery woman, an accusation of murder, a missing finger and a mad dash to foil foreign spies.



Four gifted actors play over 150 characters in this zany spoof, which will be playing at the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage from October 21st. That's the theatre just over the Granville Street Bridge, at about 13th Avenue. Please see www.artsclub.com for ticketing information.

Around Town (6) - Paul Lewis

On Thursday October 14th, the Chan Shun Concert Hall at UBC welcomes the English pianist Paul Lewis, described as one of today's most distinctive and poetic pianists. Gramophone Magazine recently wrote of him, "Faced with such excellence a mere critic can only abandon paper and pencil and listen to this heroic but deeply moving young artist with awe and amazement."



The program consists of works by Mozart, Schumann, Liszt and finishes with Beethoven's celebrated Sonata no.21 in C major 'The Waldstein.' The concert begins at 8pm. You can buy tickets online through Ticketmaster.

Further Afield – Attention Golfers

Washington State Tourism has recently published a new official guide to golfing in the state. It has 30 pages and describes some of the best courses, plus travel tips to help you plan to actually use some of them. A new section, entitled Wine with Golf, helps you pair golf with tastings at some of the state's 650 wineries.

The e-zine is available on the state tourism site, whose URL is way too long to print here!

Even Further – Bears in Hudson Bay

This month the Great Canadian Travel Company offers 2 backpacking programs to the coastline of Hudson Bay, home to one of the world's largest populations of polar bears, the world's largest land carnivore. Departures are from Winnipeg by

train or air, between October 8th and 12th. Please see their web site for more details.



Your One Wall Concierge Team: Eleanor, Kerry & Sunny

PS – Fire Alarms

Whenever our Fire Alarms go off, the elevators automatically descend to the Lower Lobby, and remain there with the doors open.

The alarm system is controlled by the hotel staff. Calling the concierge desk will probably not tell you what is going on, as if the alarms do go off, we probably won't know the reason. However, they are usually pretty quick in ascertaining whether there is something to be concerned about, or whether it's a false alarm. Please listen for the announcements.

If you feel uncomfortable remaining in your suite during the alarm period, you will need to walk down the emergency stairs.