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Around the House (1) – Parking Spots

A One Wall owner is interested in purchasing one or two additional parking stalls. If you have a stall or stalls you don't need, please speak to Kerry at the desk. He will pass on the contact details of the resident in question.

Thank you.



Around Town (1) – Gran Fondo Whistler

Gran fondos are mass participation cycling events that have enjoyed incredible popularity in Europe for decades and are gaining momentum in North America.

Loosely translated from Italian, gran fondo means "big ride". These rides are often a hundred kilometres or more and designed for a large number of cyclists at a variety of skill levels - everyone from the competitive cyclist to the amateur enjoys these events. The rides are judged by the challenges they offer: steep climbs, long distances and a combination of the two. While these are not races, top finishers are often recognized.

Imagine for one day, the best possible cycling roads are closed to traffic. Before you is an epic

route with challenging climbs and thrilling descents. All you have to do is concentrate on the beauty around you. You're feeling fit and you're lined up for a huge ride with thousands of your fellow cyclists. It's not a race, so there's no pressure. You can ride at whatever pace you want.

You can even stop for a sandwich along the way - they're provided. And no matter what pace you choose, you're not likely going to be riding alone. There will be a fast bunch at the front if you want to keep up with them and you can count on local spectators cheering along the way.

The scenery is better than you would see in a magazine. The ride ends with a massage and a party, and everyone's invited. Gran Fondo Canada introduced the first world-class gran fondo to Canada in 2010 with the RBC Gran Fondo Whistler, giving cyclists the unique opportunity to ride fully supported from Vancouver to Whistler on the Sea to Sky Highway in a dedicated lane.



In 2011 the RBC Gran Fondo Whistler attracted 7,000 riders from all around the globe. The route features breathtaking views of Howe Sound and challenging climbs through the Coast Mountain Range.

The race goes on Saturday September 8th, and the first wheel will cross the line at 6:45am. Early finishers are expected in Whistler soon after 10am. You'll recognize them easily – they'll be in Spandex, and gasping for breath.

Around Town (2) – Jerry Seinfeld at the Orpheum

On September 7th, Jerry Seinfeld returns to Vancouver again to perform his stand-up one man

show. His comedy, unlike that of many of his peers, is billed as being suitable for all ages.



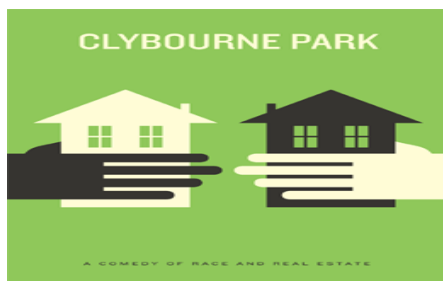
By popular demand, he will be performing 3 shows, the Saturday one at 7pm and then 2 shows on the Sunday, at 7pm and again at 9:30pm. Tickets are available from Ticketmaster, but don't delay to order yours, as these shows will all sell out.



Around Town (3) – Clybourne Park by Bruce Norris

The Arts Club Theatre begins its 2012-2013 season with this sharp-witted comedy that won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for best play.

This biting contemporary satire skewers the conventions of political correctness in shockingly entertaining fashion. In Chicago, 1959, an African-American family moves into a house in Clybourne Park, to the mortification of its all-white residents.



Fast-forward 50 years, and now the neighbourhood is predominately black. When young white newlyweds attempt to buy the very same house, will they face the same resistance?

The show runs from September 6th until October 7th on the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, which is on Granville Street at about 13th.

Around Town (4) – Taiwanfest 2012

The latest iteration of Taiwanfest, a celebration of the links between Canada and Taiwan, takes place from September 1st until the 3rd. Activities include dances, games, film, arts, lectures and food. There are various venues around town, including the Vancouver Art Gallery just down the street, Robson Square Plaza (ditto) and the Scotia Bank Tower on West Georgia Street.



All details are available at www.taiwanfest.ca. The same website gives details of the same event in Toronto too, in case you happen to be travelling east this month. Admission to most events is free.

Around Town (5) – Scotiabank Aids Walk for Life

Living with HIV/AIDS is not a death sentence, it's a battle. It's a battle that doesn't need to be fought alone.

Support, passion and love can make a difference, and 27 years ago the Positive Living Society of BC launched the first Canadian AIDS WALK to prove it. Since then they have been walking strong. They have been walking for a change. They have been walking for life.



As of 2009 HIV/AIDS affected some 67,000 Canadians, 13,000 of whom live in BC. The Scotiabank AIDS WALK for LIFE spreads awareness of this reality and raises vital funds for those living with HIV and AIDS in our community.

But, the battle is on-going. As the Walk goes into its 27th year the organizers have set their sights high because they believe the fight can be won. To do this, they need community involvement. The Walk begins on Sunset Beach at 11am on September 23rd, and covers nearly 7km around the Stanley Park Seawall. All are welcome.

Around Town (6) - Olio Festival

Vancouver's premiere eclectic arts and culture extravaganza returns for a 4th year, running from September 19th through the 23rd. With more than 30 events spread throughout a wide variety of Vancouver venues, Olio Festival features a diverse line up of innovative local, national, and international music, film, art, comedy, fashion, and skateboarding talent.



Since 2008, Olio has defined the ultimate collaboration of artistic disciplines in Vancouver. Their curators, veterans of their respective scenes, have orchestrated the best events for four glorious days in September, and 2012's percolations are imminent: Dozens of live music performances at Vancouver's most intimate venues; obscure, intriguing film screenings at independent theatres; up close and personal comedy to shatter your funny bone; innovative multimedia visual arts installations; and Jamcouver, the skate competition that unites riders for the best sesh since Slam City. This year, they've added fashion to our roster; trend-setters, prepare yourselves for runway action.

One wristband gets you access to everything. Olio is the epicentre of talent, culture, entertainment, and fun, bringing artists from all corners of the city, the country, and the continent, to your backyard.

If the Mayans are right, this is definitely the way to go out, and with style. For more details please see www.oliofestival.com.

Around Town (7) – Jersey Boys

They say that Jersey Boys is the musical that husbands drag their wives to. The Emmy Award-winning production is a largely accurate rags-to-riches tale of Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons. They were all in and out of jail regularly, and the show alludes to mob ties, guns, booze and gambling debts. Audience members are warned about “authentic Jersey language.”

You'll know many of the songs, such as “Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You, Walk Like a Man, Big Girls Don't Cry, and Oh What a Night.” The show is more like a play with music rather than scenes strung together to hold the music together. It's on at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, just a 10-minute walk from One Wall, from September 5th until the 23rd.



Tickets are available from DancapTickets.com or from TicketMaster.

Around Town (8) – The Return of (the) Madonna

She's back in town again. Madonna is currently on a world tour, and stops off in our fair city to play at Rogers' Arena on September 29th. Tickets have been sold out for months, but your friendly neighbourhood scalper may be able to help. Take plenty of cash.



Around Town (9) - Southlands Country Fair

Southlands Riding Club hold their annual summer Fair on Sunday September 16th, from 10am until 4pm. Events are not just horse-related, but certainly there will be lots of horse activities to watch or to participate in. It's a day in the country without leaving the city!

There are activities for all ages, all day long. Horse Entertainment throughout the day features Southlands riders demonstrating all the exciting things horses can do.

Other activities include: Pony Rides and Hay Rides, a Farm Yard Fun area for the kids full of old-fashioned, country-themed activities, the Vendors Market for those who love to shop for local arts and crafts, a Silent Auction and a Petting Farm full of animals for the kids to meet



There will also be lots of great food and a pleasant picnic area, and day-long musical entertainment featuring local artists.

Everything happens come rain or come shine. Entry is by donation. Southlands is at 7025 Macdonald Street in south Vancouver.

All details are on their website at www.southlandsridingclub.com.

National Tree Day

Yes, it's come round again, this year on September 26th. You'll be able to submit an image of your favourite tree at www.nationaltreeday.ca, and explain what makes that tree special in 50 words or less. The grand prize, picked at random, is a Nissan Leaf SL, appropriately. The tag line for the contest is "Get Treemotional."

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