

# letters

## Terry Fox Run a success

**Editor:**

When I heard the rain pounding on my roof midnight Saturday, I had a terrible feeling that the Terry Fox Run at Garry Point was going to be rained out with just a very few brave souls in attendance. Months of preparation for possibly not much gain.

However, the Sunday morning weather was cool and overcast—but it was not raining. And the good folks of Richmond turned out in droves—it was wonderful to see. This year, on the 30th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, the citizens of Richmond raised a record \$25,000 for cancer research from over 800 participants and volunteers. Congratulations and way to go, Richmond!

The Terry Fox Richmond Committee must be congratulated for their dedicated work: Nina Graham, registrar; George Agnew, electrical and start line; Rick and Rika Gibbs, school liaison and setup; Ranjit Nijjer, food table; David Okano, security, traffic and water stations; Susan Bernardino, media; Victoria and Irene Chang, mall promotions; Robbie Young, student liaison; Tami Young, photographer; and Joan Young, merchandise.

A special thank you must be made to the major volunteer groups and services that provided support and entertainment for our event: Save-On Foods, Steveston Pure Water, Pajo's, Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, Richmond Amateur Radio, Janet Betteridge, Coun. Greg Halsey Brandt, Matthew McNair Cheerleaders, Coast Capital Savings, R.A. McMath Leadership class, Noel Chalmers, St John First Aid and the Tara Taiko Drummers.

Well done, everyone. Well done, Richmond.

**John L. Young**  
Chair, Terry Fox Richmond

## Baby in belly lost in transit

**Editor:**

I'm over eight months pregnant with a full belly. My daily transit commute to work takes an hour each way. I appreciate that other seated commuters want to read their morning paper or had a stressful workday. My ankles are swollen, I'm carrying an extra 25 pounds and I tire easily.

When a courteous passenger notices my condition, smiles and offers me a seat, I'm elated.

However, it disgruntles me when I make eye contact with a white-collar commuter and he stares at my belly, then pretends not to notice it and returns to reading. Or when the teenager bopping her head to her iPod tunes stares at me from head to tummy and shuts her eyes.

On the Canada Line, a middle-aged woman offered me her seat. I looked at her walking cane and declined. The guy beside her looked up at me—caught with his thumbs in mid-text—and reluctantly stood up.

On a packed #410 bus, my belly was in full view of the seated passengers. An elderly gentleman offered me his seat. I declined and looked at the young woman sitting next to him, who was chatting on her pink Blackberry. She ignored me.

A request to transit riders: Please be aware of your surroundings during your commute. Be courteous, respectful and offer your seats to the elderly, disabled and full-bellied pregnant women. Now, I'll ask for a seat to avoid these uneasy situations. Maybe I'll get one.

**Mary Chang**  
Steveston

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### Friday, September 24

10:00-1:00	Textile Arts Guild of Richmond Demo	Richmond Arts Centre
10:00-3:00	Open Lapidary & Silver-Smithing Workshop	Richmond Arts Centre
10:00-6:00	Richmond Artists Guild Display	Richmond Cultural Centre
10:00-6:00	Waterscapes Exhibition	Richmond Art Gallery
10:00-8:00	Art+Function: Richmond Potters Club	Richmond Arts Centre
10:30-11:15*	Preserving Your Treasures *+ 2:00-3:15	Richmond Museum
11:00-3:00	A Day at Terra Nova Schoolyard	Terra Nova Rural Park
12:00-3:00	Terra Nova Sharing Farm Tour	Terra Nova Rural Park
12:00-8:30	Aphrodite's Studio and Exhibition	Aphrodite's Open Studio
5:00-7:00	Art Instructor Showcase	Richmond Arts Centre

### Saturday, September 25

10:00-12:00	Brushless Painting Acrylic Medium Workshop	Danny Chen Art Studio
10:00-2:00	Social Dancing of Scotland	Richmond Cultural Centre
10:00-4:00	Textile Arts Guild of Richmond Demo	Richmond Arts Centre
10:00-4:00	Steveston Grand Prix of Art	Around Steveston
10:00-4:00	Gallery Opening with Salon Style Art Show	Artizen Gallery
11:00-2:30	Open House Ballet Training	Burke Academy of Dance
11:00-3:00	A Day at Terra Nova Schoolyard	Terra Nova Rural Park
11:00-3:00	Terra Nova Sharing Farm Tour	Terra Nova Rural Park
12:00-1:45	Open Rehearsal: Brighton Beach Memoirs	Gateway Theatre
12:00-4:00	From Dresses to Dragons: Costume Design	Gateway Theatre
12:00-4:00	Introduction to Mask Performance Workshop	Gateway Theatre
12:00-4:00	Orchestral Inspirations	Gateway Theatre
12:00-4:00	Historic Lives	Steveston Museum
12:00-4:00	Games from Far and Wide	Richmond Museum
12:00-8:30	Aphrodite's Studio and Exhibition	Aphrodite's Open Studio
1:00-3:00	Free Style Chinese Brush Painting Workshop	Cambie Community Centre
12:15-2:00*	Backstage Tour *+1:15-2:00 2:15-3:00, 3:15-4:00	Gateway Theatre
2:00-3:30	Dance Workshop	Danceability Studio
3:00-4:30	South & North Style Chinese Kungfu Demo	Richmond Cultural Centre
3:30-5:00	Writing and the Creative Process Workshop	Brighthouse Public Library

### Sunday, September 26

10:00-3:00	Steveston Grand Prix of Art	Britannia Heritage Shipyards
10:00-4:00	The White Glove Treatment	Gulf of Georgia Cannery
10:00-4:00	Creative Jewellery Design & Construction	Richmond Cultural Centre
11:00-2:00	Textile Arts Guild of Richmond Demo	Richmond Arts Centre
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11:00-4:00	Art+Function: Richmond Potters Club	Richmond Arts Centre
11:00-5:00	RCCS/TD Mid-Autumn Celebration	Lansdowne Centre
12:00-4:00	Games from Far and Wide	Richmond Museum
1:00-4:00	Good Clean Fish-Friendly Fun	Gulf of Georgia Cannery
1:00-4:00	RAG Family Sunday	Richmond Art Gallery
1:00-4:30	Sharing Stories of our Cultural Diversity	Richmond Cultural Centre
2:00-3:30	Richmond Singers Open Rehearsal	Broadmoor Baptist Church
2:30-3:15*	Museum Artefact Tour *+ 3:30-4:15 pm	Secret Location



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