



## UniverCity Website Relunched

Starting in September, the SFU Community Trust will be relaunching its website. The new site will be easier to read and allow for simpler navigation to allow residents, visitors and anyone else interested in UniverCity to find out more about our unique mountaintop development.

Check in with [www.univercity.ca](http://www.univercity.ca) to get more information on programs and services, for updates on local and SFU events, and to read the latest news on the development of our award-winning community.

## President's Message

Over the past several months the Trust has been overjoyed to participate in a number of new projects that will further UniverCity as a model of sustainable community development.

As you will read in other articles in this update, April saw both the announcement of a new elementary school and a full-service Nesters Market grocery store for the community. These two facilities, set to open in Fall 2010 and Spring 2009 respectively, are eagerly anticipated by local residents and when open, are sure to become vital parts of the community fabric.

The Trust is also working with an award-winning team of designers and the SFU Childcare Society to launch a new childcare program for community residents. This new program will see 50 children between ages of 3 and 5 engaged in an innovative model of childcare delivery, housed in a facility that will be one of the most sustainable buildings in North America.



The Trust is also looking into improvements to Richard Bolton Park, the Transit Loop, and upgrades to roads and sidewalks. Overall, the past few months have seen the beginnings of host of projects that will one day form a significant portion of the heart of this community. We look forward to updating you on their progress.

Sincerely,  
Gordon Harris President & CEO  
SFU Community Trust

## UniverCity Photo Gallery

In each edition of the Community Update we try to print a small selection of photos from the local area as a way to capture the things we love about this community and to capture a piece of UniverCity's changing history. If you have a photo you'd like to display in the next Community Update, please send it to [info@univercity.ca](mailto:info@univercity.ca).



## A New School for UniverCity

This April the Ministry of Education and Burnaby MLA Harry Bloy announced preliminary approval for a new elementary school to be built within the UniverCity community. Mr. Bloy said the new school will be open by September 2010.

Developed through collaboration among the SFU Community Trust, the Burnaby Board of Education, the City of Burnaby, and the Province of British Columbia, the school will be housed in the renovated and expanded East Academic Annex building located on the northeast corner of Tower Road and University High Street. The school, which has been part of the planned community from the outset, will be a vital component in making UniverCity a model of sustainable development.

“Our government is thrilled to be part of this partnership,” said Mr. Bloy. “By taking advantage of buildings and property made available by the Trust, we will be able to



build a state-of-the-art elementary school that will serve the growing UniverCity community.”

The announcement was welcome news for the growing number of parents and children living in the community. In polling conducted by the Trust in 2007, a majority of residents identified an elementary school as the most important amenity currently lacking within the community.

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## New Additions to High Street

Over the next several months, residents, students and staff on Burnaby Mountain will notice a number of additions to the retail mix along University High Street.

The first of these changes will be the addition of a Subway sandwich kiosk within Parminder Parhar's existing Renaissance Coffee location at the Cornerstone.

Other additions to the retail mix will include the opening of a new Korean-focused eatery called the Spicy Stone, the addition of new a tanning salon, and reopening of the cellular phone shop under new management selling Bell Mobility products and services.

Also planned for the community is the recently announced Nesters Market, which will be located in the Hub at UniverCity, currently under construction next to the Cornerstone.

Set to open in 2009, the 23,000 square foot, full-service supermarket will offer residents a wide array of local and organic goods as well as services such as a pharmacy and a café.

These new additions to University High Street reflect the growth and changing character of the UniverCity community. As new residents move into the community and new retail space is built, additional

Since Mr. Bloy's announcement, the Trust has continued to receive a strong message of support for the school from local residents. Along with this support, we have also heard from some residents interested in seeing the maintenance of a portion of the existing treed area as part of the redevelopment of the school site.

Both the Trust and the School Board have heard these concerns and are committed to ensuring that the school site will be planned in a manner that meets UniverCity's high standards for green building and site design. The design of the school must also meet School Board and Ministry of Education requirements for student safety and security while providing a playfield, playground, and gym facility able to accommodate a school population of more than 300 students on a site that is smaller than a typical elementary school site.

Currently, the detailed design work that will determine how these factors are balanced has not yet begun, as the School Board first needs to confirm funding details with the Ministry of Education. Design work for the school and the surrounding site is expected to begin later in the fall. Around that time, the School Board will consult with the community as part of the city's development approval process. It is at this time that feedback from the community will be most effective in creating a school for UniverCity that meets the goals and priorities of this unique community.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments related to the development of the new school, you are encouraged to contact Jonathan Tinney, Director of Community Development with the Trust at 604-291-3000 or by email at [tinney@univercity.ca](mailto:tinney@univercity.ca), and he will be pleased to provide you with more information.

## Sustainable Travel Options

Shrink your carbon footprint by taking advantage of UniverCity's sustainable transportation options. Residents are eligible for both the community car and transit pass programs, providing two inexpensive and convenient alternatives to private automobiles.

Take advantage of UniverCity's Community Car program, operated in partnership with the Cooperative Auto Network, which allows access to community automobiles located throughout the community on an hourly or daily basis.

Residents are also eligible for a subsidized transit pass through the Vancity Community Transit Pass program. The first of its kind in Canada, the pass aims to increase transit ridership in the community by providing a cost-effective automobile alternative. The pass allows residents unlimited travel throughout TransLink's service area for \$29.67/month, compared to \$130 for a regular priced pass.

For more information on these programs, please contact the SFU Community Trust:

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Or drop by the Community Trust office in the Cornerstone Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm.



shops and services will be added that will strengthen our business community by drawing students and residents to High Street who might otherwise have frequented shops and services on campus or off the mountain.

The goal of the UniverCity community is to foster a vibrant retail area that helps to further larger sustainability goals. The investments being made by these new and existing retailers will help to do just that.

## Community Room Rental Information

Are you interested in joining or starting a tot play group? Do you need a space to hold an activity, a meeting or birthday party? UniverCity has a Community Amenity Room that is available for use by all UniverCity residents.

Located in the Cornerstone building (Unit #130) next to the Simon Fraser Dental Centre, the Community Amenity Room has a small kitchen area, chairs, tables, and an area for young children to play in – complete with toys.

If you would like more information, please contact the Trust Administrator by email at [info@univercity.ca](mailto:info@univercity.ca), or by phone at 604.291.3000.

### What's Happening

If you would like to receive regular information about what's happening in the UniverCity community, at SFU, and in Burnaby, please email us at [info@univercity.ca](mailto:info@univercity.ca) and ask to be added to our community email list.

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## Be Bear Aware

With bears very much in the news lately, it is more important than ever for UniverCity residents to be 'bear aware' this fall as several bear sightings have been reported in recent months. This means doing your part to minimize activities that attract bears to the community. The most important way to do this is to keep foodstuffs and trash out of reach of wildlife.

Unfortunately, household garbage is still finding its way into trailside garbage cans.

To deal with this, SFU Community Trust is installing bear-proof garbage bins throughout the community. However, residents still need to remember that household garbage does not belong in street garbage bins.

If you do spot a bear in the community, you should remain calm while moving yourself, any children and pets indoors. Once safely away from the bear, please call the Wildlife Conservation office at 604-526-7275.

## The Cornerstone

Thank you for supporting local merchants

### Azzi Hair Studio

Hair, Body Spa & Esthetics  
604-291-7227

### Donair Town

Donair & Fresh Juices  
604-298-8188

### Eyes in Motion

Testing, Contacts &  
Eyewear  
604-298-3937

### Highlander DVD

DVD's & Game Rentals  
604-294-6616

### Himalayan Peak

Indian Cuisine & Lounge  
604-205-9069

### Ichibankan Express

Sushi, Ramen, Bento & Don  
604-291-2982

### Microcomputer Store

Computers, Service &  
Postal Outlet  
604-291-3952

### Nature's Garden

Homemade Organic Meals  
604-299-0552

### Pizza Point

Authentic Pizza Pies  
604-299-6446

### Renaissance Coffee

Coffee, Dessert, & Lunch  
Bar  
604-205-5854

### Romeo & Juliet

Bubble Tea, Gelato &  
Lunch  
604-299-6446

### Scotiabank

Banking, ATM &  
Expert Advice  
604-294-6862

### SF Dental Centre

Dr. Yee & Dr. Yu  
604-267-3368

### United Church

Sunday Service 11am  
604-298-2289

### Viewpoint Market

Market, Salad Bar & Florist  
604-298-5918

