With the success of the UniverCity Childcare Centre (which was built to meet the Living Building Challenge for 18% less than the cost of a conventional childcare centre), the Trust continues to explore innovative market-based solutions to green building. This time, the Trust is pursuing Passivhaus—a building standard that includes low heating energy, high building envelope insulation, high quality windows, and fresh air ventilation. The model has had significant success in Europe, and is regularly delivered within traditional construction budgets. This exciting project will ensure that UniverCity residents living in more affordable rental housing will have access to a high quality, comfortable, and healthy living environment.

“By developing a Passivhaus, the Trust is able to deliver extremely high energy efficiency and a low carbon footprint, while providing equally high levels of comfort through quality ventilation, excellent indoor air quality, thermal comfort, and low ambient noise levels,” says Dale Mikkelsen, the Trust’s Director of Development.

The project also demonstrates an innovative partnership with BCIT, that will allow BCIT architectural and construction trades students to utilize the project as both classroom and on-site curriculum, providing the future designers and builders first-hand knowledge, experience, and changed expectations for the buildings of the future.

Public consultation and design are already underway, and it is expected that Parcel 21 will be ready for occupancy by late 2018/2019, with an estimated 18-month construction schedule. The Trust and the architectural lead – Local Practice – will be documenting the evolution of the project on Facebook (PursuingPassivhausatUniverCity), Instagram (pursuingpassivhaus_univercity) and Twitter (@pursuingpassivhaus). Please follow along on our journey.
Naheeno Park Community Garden

We are pleased to announce that the SFU Community Association has taken over responsibility of the Naheeno Park Community Garden this year, with support from SFU Community Trust. The Naheeno Park Community Garden is a garden facility with garden plots located at the north end of Naheeno Park.

Each season from April 1st – March 31st, 94 plots are rented to UniverCity residents, SFU student/staff/faculty, members of the public, as well as the SFU Childcare Society. Members learn how to grow, eat, and share locally-grown food in a sustainable manner.

Currently there are many more people interested in having a community garden plot than there is space available. You may need to have your name added to a waiting list.

For more information about the garden, visit: https://buff.ly/3rz1zFJ

UniverCity Bike Park

Residents young and old can once again develop their skills in the community as the temporary UniverCity Bike Park (across from The Cornerstone building) is now open for the season.

When the weather calls for rain showers and the park gets soft with pools of rainwater forming, please refrain from riding the bike park. Hoots Bike Parks have returned to take, park, and fine-tune the park for the season.

Residents, please remember to wear the appropriate protective gear to enjoy the park safely. Park signage will be in place to provide information on how best to enjoy the park.

Remember to ride slow, warm-up, and practice before going too big. Enjoy the UniverCity Bike Park for the rest of the summer!

Evo Car Share at UniverCity

UniverCity residents now have another option as the car share company Evo has expanded east and UniverCity and SFU are now considered satellite Evo locations. Evo users can now pick up and drop off Evo vehicles in one of the dedicated spaces on Cornerstone Mews and the SFU West Parkade. Evo and Modo parking stalls are also planned for CentreBlock. For more information on Evo including exact pick up and drop off locations, visit: www.evo.ca.

CANstruction 2016

Above: CAN you believe it? UniverCity/HCMA/Fast+Epp completed another successful CANstruction Vancouver build. Our Audrey II from CANstruction 2016 People’s Choice Award! In addition to the People’s Choice Award, our Audrey II sculpture won the National Award for Structural Ingenuity for the team’s second win in two years. For more photos, including a time lapse video of the CANstruction build day, visit: http://univercity.ca/culture-events/community-programs-events-2

Thank you to everyone who voted and helped ensure that our sculpture once again won this year’s CANstruction Vancouver build competition. Everyone is hungry at some time each day, unfortunately far too many go hungry because they cannot access nutritional food on a daily basis. The SFU Community Trust once again in collaboration with HCMA, Fast+Epa, Nesters Market, and other partners worked together to build “Feed the CANvillain” which used a total of 6,800 cans, all donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

Be Bear Aware

“Feed Me Seymour! If you feed me all day long, I can grow up big and strong!” These words spoken by Audrey II in the campy 80’s film Little Shop of Horrors could be echoed by the nearly 5,500* children receiving support from the Greater Vancouver Food Bank (GVFB) each week.

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* Derived from the 26,500 people that utilize the GVFB each week, with 20% of recipients being children.
Summer at UniverCity

UniverCity Summer Concerts + StreetEat Wednesdays

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The UniverCity Summer Concert Series + SFU StreetEat Wednesdays run every Wednesday from June 1st - September 14th, 2016. Stay tuned for the August/September busker and food truck line up.

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Community Granting Program

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Remaining 2016 Deadlines for Applications:

Thursday, September 1st, 2016
Thursday, November 3rd, 2016

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