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I New SFU Building in Surrey

Surrey's ever-changing skyline will soon behold a new building representing the first phase of the SFU expansion in Surrey. Much as the SFU Surrey campus was a catalyst for the transformation of City Centre 15 years ago, Steve Dooley, Executive Director at the Surrey campus, refers to this new building as "catalyst 2.0". The building will house SFU's new Sustainable Energy Engineering program, the first of its kind in Western Canada, which aligns well not only with the City of Surrey's goals of being a smart city but with the needs of the community. "This program will attract people from all over the world to the city centre of Surrey", says Dooley.

The building will feature a 400 seat lecture theatre, coffee shop, and a program which will offer support for undergrad and graduate students as well as bringing a whole new research capacity into the area. Research capacity usually comes with different funded projects, making this a great economic driver for the area as it draws in staff, students, and equipment.

The building was designed by the late Bing Thom, who is responsible for many of the iconic buildings in Surrey's City Centre including Central City Shopping Centre and Surrey City Centre Library. The building is meant to look like a circuit board, a clever nod to the engineering program it will house within. "He was focused on bringing the outside in", says Dooley of Thom's latest architectural gem, which in an attempt to bring nature inside the building will feature trees lining the five flights of stairs inside. With support from the

City of Surrey, the building has come together quite quickly, and Dooley says it will likely be completed early Spring 2019 with programming beginning in the Fall of 2019.

The transformation of Surrey's city centre is all about being connected with the community, and this ideology extends to the buildings as well. "We want to make sure the building is connected to the community" quotes Dooley, who hopes to see the area turn into a meeting place for the community as people get out on the streets to walk between buildings and meet each other in this new hub for technology and learning.

Keep an eye out for a release of the name of the building, as well as for the grand opening party which will happen next year.

Written by Kyla Fraser



New to the Neighbourhood

New CEO for Innovation Boulevard Louise Turner

Please welcome the latest member of our Downtown Surrey community and new CEO for Innovation Boulevard, Louise Turner. With an impressive background of experience in positions ranging from business development to tech companies to the health care system, Turner is excited about her new role and eager to help the citizens of Surrey. "I've spent a lot of my career in areas that touch on the things that I do now, and I am excited to bring that knowledge here," says Turner.

Innovation Boulevard was created out of the thought that we could take pre-existing organizations and combine their resources together in order to be able to offer people things we might not have been able to before. As a result, Simon Fraser University, the City of Surrey, and Fraser Health have collaborated to create new opportunities that can help bring new health technologies and add value to the lives of citizens in Surrey and surrounding areas. Turner says that Innovation Boulevard differs from similar organizations in Canada on the East coast as it takes a practical, project-orientated approach that focuses on moving ahead and generating new programs that will bring growth to the community. "I think there's a lot of opportunity, the city is doing a lot of good things to create an environment where that growth can be successful" quotes Turner. To learn more about Louise and Innovation Boulevard, visit <http://www.innovationboulevard.ca/>

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New look to the Neighbourhood

The Flamingo

Opened in 1952 as a high-end hotel and music hall, the Flamingo is now a complex that contains 3 event venues and a liquor store with an updated look that's bringing live music and events south of the Fraser. The complex is being managed by Penmar Community Arts Society, a national arts charity that fosters music development programs outside large metro areas. Their goal is to bring live music to small communities, helping to stimulate local business and revitalize the area. Dione Costanzo, the marketing manager, says that their plan is to "not only make Whalley safe and fun again but make a difference in surrounding lower mainland communities by bringing in local venues and making the Flamingo a go-to area for music and events".

The new Flamingo complex consists of three venues; The Byrd, the Flamingo Lounge, and Black Bird Hall. The Byrd is the only dedicated live music venue south of the Fraser, with live bands every Friday and Saturday night. It holds up to 250 people and is a great place for not only local artists as they can maintain more control over their shows, but is also an extremely accessible location for the community. The Flamingo lounge is a cozy bar with a full PA system which will feature jazz nights every Thursday. With a capacity of 100 people, it's the perfect place to head after work or class for a drink and to chat with some other local music lovers. Previously known as Panchos, Black Bird Hall has undergone a transformation into a music hall and corporate event space, with everything from customer appreciation events to a wedding booked in the future. Hosting up to 300 people, this venue is the largest within the Flamingo complex.

Ultimately, the Flamingo is looking to foster positive relationships with the community by developing an accessible location to gather together and enjoy some great entertainment. They offer a wide variety of shows and different event venues in an effort to make Whalley cool, friendly and fun for the diverse community that surrounds it.

Whether you're looking to check out a great new local band or need somewhere to host your next casino fund-raiser night or private party, consider the new arts and entertainment venue, The Flamingo.

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New to the Neighbourhood

Planet Fitness

If you're still looking to get a start on those New Year's Resolutions, look no further than Planet Fitness, Surrey's newest 24-hour fitness club. Planet Fitness is different from traditional gyms as it is specifically targeted at first time users.

"It's designed for people who want fitness to be a part of their daily lives," says Andy Ferris of the Surrey location, which is the first Planet Fitness in the Greater Vancouver area. "Home of the Judgement Free Zone", Planet Fitness is perfect for people who have never been to a gym before or simply don't have hours a day to focus on working out.

The gym is fully staffed and open 24 hours a day so you have constant support, with lots of equipment so you never need to wait in line for a machine. It is also a financially affordable way to become committed to exercise, with memberships starting at \$10 a month and a no-commitment option so you can cancel at any time.

"We try to make it as easy as possible to be a gym member by removing as many obstacles as possible", says Andy. Even local members of the Surrey RCMP have joined the fitness club. "We want to foster a positive relationship with local law enforcement and make sure they have what they need. They work 24/7 too, so having a facility that's open for them at all hours helps to support them" says Andy.

For more information, you can visit planetfitness.ca or stop by 10642 King George Boulevard at any time for a tour of the facility.

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| DSBIA AGM 2018

The Downtown Surrey BIA's Annual General Meeting takes place on Thursday, February 22 at the Flamingo Lounge at the Flamingo Hotel (10768 King George Blvd, Surrey). Registration begins at 7:30 AM and the AGM starts at 8 AM. A light breakfast will be served.

At the AGM, the Year-End Review of 2017 and plans for 2018 will be presented. The Membership will be asked to accept and approve the Financial Audit for 2017 conducted by PWC (Audit is currently available online at <http://downtownsurreybia.com/agm/>).

Given that the number of people putting their name forward to be on the Board of Directors does not exceed the number of vacancies, there will be no formal election of Directors. As per the DSBIA Bylaws, nominations are not accepted from the floor. The following people have put their name forward for re-election: Bill Cunningham - TD Bank, Bill Rempel - Blackwood Partners/Central City, Robert Dominick - WestStone Group, Soleman Hashmi - Hashmi & Company, Mike Nielson - Sprite Multimedia Systems Ltd., David Pel - David Pel & Company, Andrew Westlund - Apex Wireless/Westlund Group of Companies. Michael Heeney - SCDC, Monica Vanderzalm - Eurocan Industries, Franklin Jackson - Civic Hotel will be new members to the Board.

Following the AGM, Dr. Terry Waterhouse will give a short presentation on the temporary housing that will be assembled on three properties within the Downtown Core. This housing will temporarily house 160 people who are currently homeless. Dr. Waterhouse will leave time to answer questions regarding this initiative.



| Shop & Play

What could be more fun than a trip to the mall? If you are three years old, a trip to the mall that has a newly updated and expanded play centre for children can be very exciting.

On Saturday, February 3, Central City officially re-opened their play centre and celebrated with a variety of special attractions for children including face painters, balloon artists, glitter tattoos, and crafts.

Stop by Tim Horton's or Starbucks and pick up a coffee to enjoy while you watch your children play.

Play Central is located near Winners.



Community Calendar

What's Happening in the Community

MARCH

2018

ALL MONTH LONG

If You Give a Kid a Muffin Storytime

Fridays 10-10:30am at City Centre Library
10350 University Dr, Surrey – room 120. This Drop-in program is for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes, with a nutritious snack provided! Inspired by the book "If You Give a Moose a Muffin".

Family Storytime

Saturdays from 11:00-11:30am at City Centre Library

Early Learning Program 2018

Every Wednesday from 1pm - 3pm until June. Is your child between the age of 0 - 5 years? Participate in the ongoing community Early Learning Program at Central City. Hosted by Surrey School District, the Early Learning Program provides families with child-centred play-based learning activities, parent engagement, and community resources. Activities include colouring, drawing, reading, and play (with toys including train set, blocks, art easels, puzzles, doll house, toy cars).

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Rivers Divide w/Phasors and Molly Be Damned

8:00PM The Byrd, 10768 King George Boulevard, Surrey
Doors 8pm Tickets \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door 19+ ID Required for entry.

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North Surrey Lions Club Meat Draw

at Donegal's Pub 12054 96th Ave from 1-4pm

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SFU President's Annual Surrey Gala Dinner

6:00 PM Reception, 6:45 PM Dinner and Speaking Program Cost: \$175 pp or \$1600 for a table of 10
www.sfu.ca/invite/surreygala

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Uncle Sid w/Dark Stone, Alice Hardy & Stilletto

8:00PM The Byrd, 10768 King George Boulevard, Surrey
19+ ID Required for entry.
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Surrey Civic Theatres Anniversary Gala

featuring a concert by BC World Music Collective Main Stage at Surrey Arts Centre, 13750 88 Avenue Gala 6:30pm, Concert 8pm Contact: Box Office 604-501-5566

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Family Sunday

from 11am-3pm Surrey Arts Centre, 13750 88 Avenue. Free. Drop in and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of artmaking, storytelling, and performances!

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North Surrey Lions Club Meat Draw

at Donegal's Pub 12054 96th Ave from 1-4pm

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Calm Like A Bomb (RATM) w/ Touch The Sun / Sunset Gore & Guest

8pm The Byrd, 10768 King George Boulevard, Surrey
Cover \$10 Adv / \$13 at Door

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FAIR WARNING (Tribute To Early Van Halen) with Guest OC/DC (Tribute To AC/DC)

The Blackbird Hall (aka Poncho's), 10768 King George, Surrey, BC \$12 Adv / \$15 @ Door. Doors at 8 pm, Showtime 9pm

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North Surrey Lions Club Meat Draw

at Donegal's Pub 12054 96th Ave from 1-4pm.

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Perogy Supper

St. Mary's Hall 13512-108 Ave. 4:30-7:30 pm. Info: 604.531.1923. Eat-in or Take-out.

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sun APR 1	North Surrey Lions Club Meat Draw at Donegal's Pub 12054 96th Ave from 1-4pm
sun APR 1	Whalley Legion Meat Draw at Whalley Legion from 3:30-6pm
sat APR 7	16th Annual Early Years Festival Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, 13458 107a Ave Free activities include: interactive games, performances, arts & crafts, play areas, a bouncy castle, face painting, demos and much more!
sun APR 8	North Surrey Lions Club Meat Draw at Donegal's Pub 12054 96th Ave from 1-4pm
sun APR 8	Whalley Legion Meat Draw at Whalley Legion from 3:30-6pm
sat APR 14	Party for the Planet at Civic Plaza (City Hall) from 10am-6pm. All are welcome!
sat APR 14	Tree Sale at Party for the Planet at Civic Plaza at 10am.
sun APR 15	North Surrey Lions Club Meat Draw at Donegal's Pub 12054 96th Ave from 1-4pm
sun APR 15	Whalley Legion Meat Draw at Whalley Legion from 3:30-6pm
sun APR 22	North Surrey Lions Club Meat Draw at Donegal's Pub 12054 96th Ave from 1-4pm
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fri APR 27	Perogy Supper St. Mary's Hall 13512-108 Ave. 4:30-7:30 pm. Info: 604.531.1923. Eat-in or Take-out.
sun APR 29	North Surrey Lions Club Meat Draw at Donegal's Pub 12054 96th Ave from 1-4pm
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| SFU Surrey President's Gala

Come celebrate the development and growth of Simon Fraser University at the annual SFU Surrey Presidents Gala. This year's Gala will be held on Friday, March 9th at the SFU Surrey campus in WestStone Grand Hall, with a reception at 6 pm and dinner at 6:45 pm.

Steve Dooley, Executive Director at the SFU Surrey campus invites all to the gala, saying "it is a chance to bring together community leaders from different organizations as well as various stakeholders in Surrey to celebrate the community partnerships that SFU has established over the years".

It's a great opportunity to come together and network and hear about all the new things that are happening at SFU Surrey. It is also a chance to celebrate innovation and the partnership between the City of Surrey and SFU, which includes the expansion of the campus with the opening of the new Sustainable Energy Engineering building in 2019.

All proceeds from the event will go to the SFU Surrey Close to Home Entrance Award program, a program that provides support to dozens of South of the Fraser students in their first year of post-secondary studies at the campus. For more information and tickets see www.sfu.ca/invite/surrey gala

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| Doors Open

Have you ever wondered what's inside Di Reggae Café or what Surrey's Med Tech Sector in the City Centre One Building is all about? These are just two venues taking part in this year's Doors Open event on Saturday, June 9 from 11am-4pm.

This year marks the 7th Surrey Doors Open event which offers a behind-the-scenes experience of Surrey's culture, history, art, and architecture. This free community event 'opens the doors' to exhibitions, family activities and community venues, including businesses, artist studios, nonprofits, and a variety of public facilities.

Participating venues are offering free activities including guided tours, demonstrations, food, live entertainment and children's activities. There might even be a location or two that allows you to get close up to some four-legged friends.

So mark Saturday, June 9 on your calendar and plan to spend a fun family day exploring Surrey.



| Gingerbread Village Recap

This past December the Downtown Surrey BIA hosted their first ever Gingerbread Village. This new signature event was a great success, attracting hundreds of visitors between December 14th and 16th. With over 27 entries from local elementary schools, high schools, universities, businesses, charities, and community members, the event filled Central City Shopping Centre with the sweet scent of gingerbread and brought smiles to the faces of all who walked past the display. The beautiful display in addition to free face-painting and delicious gingerbread cookies from Fresgo Inn Restaurant made a great place for busy shoppers to stop by and embrace the spirit of the holidays all weekend long.

In an effort to create a more connected and inclusive Downtown Surrey community, the BIA constructed Gingerbread Village with a variety of categories for people to submit their entries into, meaning lots of opportunities for those who entered to win a prize. Our secret panel of community judges awarded a first and second place prize to an entrant in each category, and in addition to this, there was also the opportunity to win the People's Choice Award.

To vote for the People's Choice Award, visitors to the display were encouraged to vote with a cash donation to the Surrey Christmas Bureau for their favourite entry. With over 14 winners and thousands of dollars in prize money, it was a great event to help local community members win some prize money while raising funds for the Christmas Bureau at the same time. Overall, we were able to raise \$295 for the Surrey Christmas Bureau thanks to the generous donations from local community members.

Angie and David, who won both the first place prize for the Community category as well as the People's Choice Award for their gingerbread representation of the Old Stewart Farm House, donated their \$1000 of winnings to the Surrey Food Bank, showing just another example of how generous and supportive the Downtown Surrey community is.

All the entries submitted combined to help make a candy and gingerbread version of Surrey. From creations that replicated schools in the area, to gingerbread transit and even a gingerbread Food Bank, it truly was like a little community.

If you are already beginning to plan your own gingerbread creation for next year, keep an eye out on our social media pages letting you know when you can sign up in the fall.

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