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Settling in for the Sounds of the Summer



It's not official yet, but summer vibes are in the air. School's out for post-secondary students, elementary and highschoolers are attending their final days of classes, and the university neighbourhoods are buzzing. Campus residents have a lot to look forward to, with public screenings of FIFA World Cup soccer matches in Wesbrook Village, live music performances with the return of Summer Sounds, and of course, UBC Farm's popular markets. For all the details, check out our story on page 5.

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Expanded Police Presence on Campus During FIFA World Cup, Directors Told

With Team Canada's home base located at UBC, RCMP will deploy additional officers and expand use of police drones during the soccer tournament.

BY DANIEL LI

During the May UNA Board meeting, the commander of the University RCMP detachment notified directors that additional RCMP officers will be deployed on campus at two main sites to help manage the temporary influx of visitors that is expected to occur during the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The two sites, whose locations were not disclosed, have been secured for the expanded police presence, which will also include the regular flying of police drones, directors were told.

The Canadian men's squad will be participating in the tournament and have their home base on campus at the National Soccer Development Centre, which is located at the UBC sport complex in central campus.

The availability of parking throughout campus will also be affected, the commander said.

The World Cup runs from June 11 to July 19, with seven games scheduled to be played in Vancouver.

Team Canada will be playing two opening round matches at B.C. Place, with a match against Qatar on June 18 and a second match against Switzerland scheduled for June 24.

Water restrictions in effect

For the first time, Metro Vancouver has entered directly into Stage 2 water restrictions at the start of the season, noted Electoral Area A Director Jen McCutcheon in her monthly report, which was included in the meeting's agenda.

The restrictions came into effect on May 1, and come as a result of a low snowpack, a dry weather forecast, and the decommissioning of the First Narrows Crossing water pipe, which is scheduled to be replaced by the new Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel.

Under Stage 2 restrictions, all residential and non-residential lawn watering and the filling of decorative water features including ponds and fountains are banned.

During discussion, director Michael Kerns inquired how much water is used for Wesbrook Place's neighbourhood water features, and whether the restrictions will be followed.

In response, UNA staff said they did not have water consumption information at hand, and said any decision on following Metro Vancouver's restrictions would be made by UBC Properties Trust, which currently manages the water features.

In late May, Metro Vancouver said expanded Stage 3 water restrictions are imminent and could be introduced this month. The expanded restrictions would result in the banning of outdoor car washing and the refilling of private pools and saunas.

Emerald ash borer management plan

During the board meeting, UNA directors unanimously voted to adopt a more aggressive management strategy for Hampton Place's ash trees, which are susceptible to infestation from the invasive emerald ash borer.

The emerald ash borer (EAB) - an invasive species native to north-eastern Asia - was found six kilometres from Hampton Place in late 2025. Because 79 out of the 83 trees in the neighbourhood are vulnerable ash trees, UNA staff requested that directors adopt the expanded strategy.

Under the expanded scenario, a systemic program of botanical insecticide treatments will be used on select ash trees in the neighbourhood to deter infestations for an initial 15-year period.

This initial intensive program will transition into a more passive phase with less frequent insecticide treatments and the possible usage of natural deterrents against the ash borer, including natural predators.

Simultaneously, the UNA will replace unhealthy ash trees with new trees while also preserving healthy ones. Between the growth of new trees and the removal of selective ash trees, bridge trees will be planted to smooth the canopy transition.

The expanded scenario is projected to cost \$774,000 over the course of 50 years, while a more limited scenario, which does not include the planting of bridge trees and has a smaller insecticide treatment scope, is estimated to cost \$709,000.

The board has set a June starting date for the first treatments.

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Community members young and old were treated to good times, food, and games, all while raising funds to support students and families.

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Campus Sports Fields Leaching Chemicals

Artificial turf sports fields on campus are leaching chemicals into the environment that can be lethal to salmon and harmful to other aquatic life, UBC researchers say.

The source of the chemical is crumb rubber - a material derived from used tires that is used as an infill on the fields to help create a playing surface meant to resemble natural grass. It is used on a number of fields on campus, including UNA Community Field in Wesbrook Place.

Researchers found crumb rubber leaches a chemical called 6PPD-quinone into the environment when rainwater washes off the fields and is not treated or filtered before entering waterways and stormwater management systems.

Rachel Scholes, an assistant professor of environmental engineering with UBC's Department of Civil Engineering, said some stormwater from fields on campus goes into salmon-bearing waters in Musqueam First Nation and Cutthroat Creek - a waterway running through Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

Scholes said research began in 2023 after her lab was notified by streamkeepers in North Vancouver who said crumb rubber was washing off a nearby turf field and dead Coho Salmon had been found in a nearby waterway.

Crumb rubber has long been used in roadways, where it is mixed with asphalt to create a more durable driving surface while also diverting used tires from landfills. But its use has come at a cost to aquatic life.

Scholes said it was already known that crumb rubber can leach chemicals into the environment and kill salmon. The professor and her researchers began an investigation

UBC researchers say artificial turf fields can be a source of chemical 6PPD-quinone, which is known to be lethal to Coho Salmon and harmful to other aquatic wildlife.

BY EMMANUEL SAMOGLU



Artificial turf fields using crumb rubber infill, such as UNA Community Field (pictured here) are a source of a chemical that is lethal to salmon, UBC researchers say. (Photo: Emmanuel Samoglou)

by analyzing infill samples from 12 artificial turf fields and collecting water from the fields after rainstorms.

The researchers found that the fields release 6PPD-quinone and other chemicals into the environment every time it rains. Additionally, they found that the fields continue to leach lethal amounts of chemicals for many years after they're built.

"6PPD-quinone is of particular concern because it is one of the most toxic compounds we know of to aquatic life, and it's particularly for coho and coastal cutthroat (trout) that it's most toxic," said Scholes.

Katie Moloney, a PhD student in Scholes' lab, said an average turf field

contains about 125 tonnes of crumb rubber, which is equal to roughly 20,000 tires.

"With fields typically lasting a decade or more, they can become long-term sources of tire-derived pollution entering stormwater pipes, and ultimately fish-bearing waterways—frequently without treatment," she said.

Scholes did not say which fields were included in the study, but confirmed a number were located on campus. "I can say that some of the fields at UBC were sampled, and we did see contaminants coming off of those fields," she said.

UBC's Point Grey campus has a number of drainage areas. Some storm-

water is released into Wreck Beach in north campus. Stormwater also flows south through Wesbrook Place and over Marine Drive before emptying into the northern arm of the Fraser River.

"Some of that stormwater actually does go into salmon bearing waters in Musqueam and Cutthroat Creek, and so that's where I'd be most concerned about potential impacts in the case of UBC campus," she said.

To prevent the migration of crumb rubber from the fields, UBC and the UNA have installed catch basin sacks, sump drains, and drainage baskets that catch it before it can spread to surrounding areas.

Kavie Toor, Managing Director at UBC's Department of Athletics and Recreation said these measures can reduce 6PPD-quinone concentrations by up to 90 per cent.

A bigger concern for Scholes and her researchers is where the runoff water goes.

"The challenge is really that when these fields are designed, they're designed with these particular pipes, and retrofitting subsurface drainage tends to be quite difficult and expensive," she said.

When UNA Community Field was due for replacement in 2023, directors discussed the use of alternatives to crumb rubber after then Director Murray McCutcheon raised concerns over the use of microplastics, however no discussion of 6PPD-quinone and its toxicity took place. Despite reservations, a like-for-like replacement of the field using crumb rubber was approved by directors and the field was resurfaced in 2024 at a cost of \$1 million.

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OPINION

UBC Must Meet Its Housing Affordability Commitments Now, UNA Says

Housing costs have fallen in Vancouver and across the country, but UBC faculty and staff rents have not adjusted to reflect the new market dynamics. In this letter addressed to UBC's Board of Governors and sent last month, the UNA calls on the university to make campus housing more affordable now.

BY EAGLE GLASSHEIM

EDITORS NOTE: This letter was also sent to Michael White, UBC Associate VP, Campus & Community Planning, Aubrey Kelly, President and CEO of UBC Properties Trust, Siobhan Murphy, Director of UBC Housing, Immigration and Relocation Services, and UNA CAO Paul Thorlsson.

In 2023, the UBC Board of Governors approved a comprehensive Housing Action Plan in conjunction with its updated Land Use Plan. Among other measures, the Housing Action Plan set University policy for the provision of attainable and affordable rental housing for faculty, staff, students, and local employees. With the opening of hundreds of new rental housing units since 2023, managed by UBC Properties Trust, UBC is on its way to meeting the Housing Action Plan's commitment to rental housing constituting up to 40 per cent of new neighbourhood housing. But progress towards affordable rental housing, available to faculty, staff, and local employees, has stalled. We are

writing to the Board of Governors, UBC, and UBC Properties Trust to urge you to renew your efforts to meet UBC's housing affordability commitments.

The Housing Action Plan (HAP) commits to offering faculty and staff housing for approximately 25 per cent below average rents for equivalent units on Vancouver's West Side (which is already the most expensive area to rent in the Vancouver area, outside the downtown core). The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)'s rental market report for 2025 notes rising vacancy rates for Vancouver and "a softening rental market" for the region. UBC faculty/staff rents have not adjusted to reflect the changing rental market in Vancouver. Most 2-bedroom UBC apartments are now priced over the West Side average (\$2,503-\$2,907), not at 25 per cent below market rents.

UBC has joined the city and province in seeking to expand the supply of rentals in one of Canada's least affordable regions. The goal is to moderate rents. UBC subsidizes faculty/staff rentals in order to attract and retain faculty and staff, as well as connect employees and their families to the UBC community. Correspondingly, UBC should adjust its rents downward to reflect changing market conditions and its commitments to its faculty and staff.

During this new era of rising rental availability and moderating rents, UBC should also move ahead on the Housing

Action Plan's commitments to workforce housing. Policy 4 of the HAP pledges UBC to "expand eligibility [for university rentals] to non-UBC on-campus employees (e.g., retail workers, University Neighbourhoods Association staff, Vancouver School Board staff, and hospital employees)." Given UBC's location, it can be difficult to attract and retain non-university employees, who often face long commutes and/or prohibitively high housing prices. The UNA acknowledges the recent introduction of workforce housing eligibility in the new Symphony building, and we urge UBC to continue implementing this important Housing Action Plan commitment throughout its rental housing portfolio.

Thank you for your part in adopting the Housing Action Plan's visionary commitments to affordable and attainable housing for employees of the University and of local non-university businesses and institutions. We look forward to UBC's continuing efforts to implement the Housing Action Plan's rental housing vision for the UBC neighbourhoods. This will ensure that UBC attracts and retains faculty and staff, as well as retail and service workers, who wish to live near their workplace, in our vibrant university neighbourhoods.

EAGLE GLASSHEIM IS THE CHAIR OF THE UNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE CAMPUS RESIDENT'S NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. HE IS ALSO A PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT UBC.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Incorporate UBC Into Vancouver? Proceed With Caution

We need more information if we are to consider incorporating UBC's Point Grey campus into the City of Vancouver ("Council Hopeful Backs Proposal to Incorporate Campus into Vancouver" *The Campus Resident*, May 2026).

Would campus residents truly benefit by such a measure? This should be a major consideration. Another would be what will happen to our taxes. Would they stay the same or increase? (They will definitely not decrease). Would we still pay the UBC Services Levy in addition to new taxes?

What about the status of the land itself? Would it remain a UBC endowment or would the city take it over? In which case, does the land value of our residential

property continue to decrease, as we get closer to the end of our 100-year leases, or are we to find that it increases in value magically? The latter is likely guaranteed for municipal taxation purposes.

In a British newspaper that I read



Chancellor Place, a neighbourhood on campus. (Photo: UNA)

recently, a Vancouver resident sent a warning letter about entering partnerships. Essentially, when one is a minor partner joining a major partner, one will find that the latter claims to have all the experience (council members) and therefore will make all the decisions. When the dust settles, the funds will end up in the hands of that major partner, and you will be left with the experience.

Caution and perspicacity please.

ANTHONY WALTER, RESIDENT

Campus Waterways Are an Eyesore, Need Fixing

I was pondering writing a letter to comment on the inability of the UNA to actually keep the waterways in Wesbrook functional, then opened your latest edition ("Wesbrook Water Features Aren't Just for Looks" *The Campus Resident*, May 2026).

Over the past two years, we've gone from off again/on again repairs, to now what looks like they have just given up.

Especially the watercourse from

Khorana Park to Michael Smith Park. The pond in Michael Smith park is just a muddy pit, with the waterway just stagnant ponds.

It's gone from being a very nice feature with the sound of water flowing both invigorating and masking neighbourhood background noise, as well as a source of water for wildlife (not the least birds), to an eyesore that is a health hazard (breeding mosquitoes) and devaluing

properties in the neighbourhood.

The past two months were especially egregious. Nothing done, nothing changed, no flow at all.

Appreciate your thoughts and efforts to get the UNA to take action to restore a very simple system - if you hire the right people to fix it.

RICHARD S, WESBROOK RESIDENT

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Neighbours Agreement: A Good Starting Point, But Not a Perfect One

How we can position governance of the campus neighbourhoods for what comes next.

BY JAKE WIEBE

We are in a period of change.

The university neighbourhoods are growing in size and population. Expectations around services, infrastructure, and representation are evolving in complexity with this growth. UNA governance needs to keep pace with these changes.

Given that context, the new Neighbours Agreement arrived at an important moment. A great deal of time and effort has clearly gone into it, and agreements of this nature are not easy.

They require compromise, balance, and a willingness to move forward even when not every issue is fully resolved. Like any agreement, it is not perfect.

A review of past UNA articles and public commentary makes one thing clear though: the core issue has not changed very much over time.

The UNA has long sought recognition as a “municipal-like” body. This desire is not an argument for abrupt restructuring and definitely does not mean incorporating campus into the City of Vancouver, like some politicians have suggested lately.

The more realistic path is continued governance evolution, but within the broader UBC framework, with clearer accountability, greater operational autonomy, and governance structures that better reflect the scale and complexity of the communities that now exist.

The UNA seeks a governance model that represents residents and ensures equitable management of the levies collected from homeowners and commercial tenants, while delivering essential services and maintaining meaningful input on decisions shaping its communities.

Progress has been made since the UNA was first created as a governing body with appointed members, to now having a fully elected board that advocates for fair tax treatment and a role in land use planning decisions.

Yet the original structure remains; that is, the UNA operates in a governance framework where it is responsible for delivering “municipal-like” services, while key financial and governance control remain with UBC’s Board of Governors.

The financial reality

The UNA’s primary funding source is the Neighbours Fund, which is funded through the levies paid by residents, tenants, and businesses.

While the UNA can request withdrawals, UBC retains authority over disbursements and can allocate these funds toward infrastructure, environmental initiatives, and administrative costs. The funds are controlled, collected and dispersed by UBC.

That financial control creates a structural imbalance



that no amount of collaborative language can fully offset. Control of the revenue stream ultimately drives control of outcomes.

In practical terms, the UNA participates in consultation with the UBC Board, but it does not fully decide in how millions of dollars paid by residents is spent. This is not democratic. Changes in levy rates, collection practices, or contributions to funds such as infrastructure and capital reserves - particularly in an environment of rising costs - can materially affect the UNA’s ability to deliver services, but it has no control over those inputs. Board members elected by residents may have a mandate for a particular set of policies or actions, but they may be hampered by the inability to fund popular initiatives.

Similarly, provisions that require UBC only to negotiate financial support does not provide certainty as negotiation is not a firm commitment, and ambiguity in cost sharing for joint initiatives may disrupt spending on initiatives even if they have

broad popular support.

As long as the UNA has a good working relationship with the UBC’s Board of Governors, the agreement is workable, but it does mean UNA governance must be disciplined, attentive, and clear about how the provisions operate in practice.

Responsibility without authority

The UNA is responsible for delivering services and responding to residents, but budgets, regulations, agreements, and other operational decisions remain subject to UBC approval.

The agreement notes that approvals should not be “unreasonably” withheld. In practice, however, “unreasonably” is a word that is open to interpretation. Where interpretations differ, the UNA may find itself constrained, even where it is acting within its mandate.

The implementation of neighbourhood regulations are a clear example.

Hypothetically, UBC could override UNA-created rules and regulations because it retains multiple mechanisms to influence or suspend them. The converse is also true. If the UNA elected not to provide a service, UBC can assume

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that service and recover costs from UNA controlled funds. And in the event of a dispute, final authority ultimately sits with UBC.

Growth, change, and the risk of falling behind

With the ongoing implementation of UBC’s Campus Vision 2050, the university neighbourhoods are undergoing major demographic change, including population growth, increasing diversity, and evolving community needs.

That change brings new expectations around services, programming, infrastructure, and representation. At the

same time, key decisions around growth, density, infrastructure, and long-term planning continue to sit largely outside the UNA’s direct control.

Residents can attend workshops and open houses, and the UNA can consult on these matters, but again, consultation is not the same as shared decision-making. For example, in 2023 the UNA board at the time strongly voiced its opposition to UBC’s revised Land Use Plan, yet the university and the province went ahead and approved it anyway.

This consultation gap creates a practical risk, with the UNA responsible for responding to the impacts of growth, but without having a meaningful role in shaping it.

Evolution, not confrontation

The broader point that should not be overlooked is that governance must adapt with the changes in our community. If it does not, the gap between what residents need and what the UNA is positioned to deliver will continue to widen.

Evolution in governance must also extend to the UNA itself. The board should be prepared to examine whether its current model is sufficient for what lies ahead, whether in terms of board composition/representation, depth of experience, compensation for elected directors, as well as overall capacity of the UNA’s workforce.

The UNA has long been described as “municipal-like.” That description has served a purpose, but it should not be the end state. It must work toward a pathway that further recognizes the unique and valued relationship the UNA has within the broader UBC structure.

There are a number of possible directions for change, from campus becoming an independent municipality, to a shared governance model more like the University Endowment Lands, or the proposed expansion of the City of Vancouver to include the university neighbourhoods.

Regardless of how the UNA evolves and whatever shape its governance takes, it shouldn’t be created through a sudden shift or confrontation, but through structured and deliberate processes.

And this writer certainly believes it should not involve amalgamation with the City of Vancouver.

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UNA Operations Manager Wegland Sit said he is aware of UBC’s research; however, financial considerations and an existing agreement with the Vancouver School Board - which co-manages the field - creates challenges to address the problem and implement solutions.

Amer AbiRafeh, Wesbrook resident, landscape architect, and member of the UNA’s Land Use Advisory Committee, said

research is being carried out on potential solutions to prevent stormwater from carrying chemicals into waterways.

“Current understanding suggests that while sump drains may help collect crumb rubber particles, they do not necessarily prevent 6PPD-quinone from entering runoff,” he said.

He said his employer, civil engineering consultancy R.F. Binne & Associates, is working with UBC researchers on potential solutions to capture 6PPD-quinone

before it enters waterways.

One solution being investigated involves directing water through a biofiltration process, where it would pass through organic media and vegetation before being released into stormwater management systems.

“Early observations suggest this approach may help bind and reduce 6PPD-quinone; however, the effectiveness of this technique is still being studied, and no conclusive results are available

at this time,” he said.

Meanwhile, Scholes said another way forward could be to use alternatives to crumb rubber. Infills derived from natural sources such as cork or materials such as EPDM (Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer) have proven to be less detrimental to aquatic life than crumb rubber.

EMMANUEL SAMOGLU IS THE MANAGING EDITOR OF THE CAMPUS RESIDENT.

It's Not Official yet, but Summer Fun Has Begun

BY ELINA HAILAIJIAO

The sun is out and summer is still officially weeks away, but campus is already in play mode with a packed schedule of events, sports and entertainment, and of course the return of UBC Farm's popular markets.

Kicking things off, campus residents will be able to watch the world's most popular sporting event - the 2026 FIFA World Cup - on a big screen under the big tent right in the heart of Wesbrook Village at Norman Mackenzie Square.

From June 11 to July 13, residents and visitors can enjoy free live soccer match viewings with an open invitation to come together and cheer on their favourite teams including Team Canada, which kicks off its campaign on June 12 against Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sponsored by UBC Properties Trust (UBCPT), this is one part of the ongoing activation of public spaces that support community engagement through events for everyone. Match screenings are open to everyone, including pets.

In between games, UBCPT will be offering some all-ages fun with the screening of family movies under the big tent. Some of the titles on offer include

Tom & Jerry, Smurfs, and A Minecraft Movie.

With all the excitement, attendees should note alcohol is not permitted as the space is not a licensed area. The tent also has limited seating which is available on a first-come-first serve basis. If space runs out, residents can bring their own chairs.

There are plenty of enjoyable eateries surrounding the event to purchase takeout food, and residents can also pack their own picnic and eat under the tent.

Live music

Once again this summer, UBCPT is bringing back Summer Sounds.

All through summer through to September 26, there will be musicians who will bring their talents to sunny afternoons.

The performances will take place in two locations: Wesbrook's Norman Mackenzie Square and further north on campus, just outside Body Energy Club at 6111 University Blvd and located by the UBC bus loop.

In Wesbrook, the live music performances will take place every Friday and Saturday from 12-3 p.m., apart from when FIFA World Cup games are being screened. Further north, performances will take place from 12-3 p.m. every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, plus Sundays from June 14 to July 19.

UBC Farm

Finally, the much-anticipated UBC Farm markets are returning.

UBC's Centre for Sustainable Food Systems, which runs the markets, will be welcoming another growing season with fresh produce, passionate artisans, and a variety of vendors starting on June 6 and continuing all through summer and early fall until November 28.

Open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the only multi-vendor farmers' market in Vancouver actually located on a working farm is located at

3461 Ross Drive in Wesbrook Place.

The market brings in dozens of vendors selling local fruits, vegetables, meats, baked goods, beverages, coffee and food trucks, treats, crafts, and prepared foods, adding to the certified organic, farm-fresh produce grown right at the farm.

For residents who can't make the weekend market, there is also a Tuesday Evening Market from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. that runs until October 28, and a third market offering the farm's produce held Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the UBC Bookstore.

UBC Farm also offers community workshops, children's programs, and volunteer opportunities. Check out their website at ubcfarm.ubc.ca for additional details.

ELINA HAILAIJIAO IS A GRADE 10 STUDENT AT LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL.



Musicians performing as part of UBCPT's Summer Sounds outdoor music series. (Photo: Supplied)

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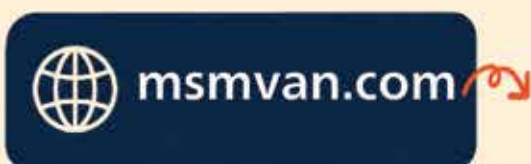
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TRIUMF Tours Are a Hit

TRIUMF is a self-described “science factory” that seeks to uncover the mysteries about the nature of the origin of our universe and develop therapies to cure illnesses such as cancer.

Located at 4004 Wesbrook Mall, TRIUMF’s scientists carry out their research using experimental facilities and world-leading particle accelerator infrastructure.

Inquisitive campus residents can participate in tours that offer a first-hand experience of TRIUMF science by following “the path of the proton from its origins bound in a hydrogen atom to its destination down the beamline and into targets and detectors.”

These free 45-minute guided tours are provided by student volunteers with TRIUMF’s Graduate and Postdoc Society and cover most of the sprawling facility, including two of their largest research halls.

“The hour-long public tours are for anyone to come and see what goes on ‘behind the fence’ as we say at TRIUMF,” says John Biehler, a TRIUMF spokesperson.

“You’ll get to walk a portion of our 13.5 acre site, see many of the ongoing experiments that happen at TRIUMF, and learn more about the lab’s work, directly from the people that work there.”

Tours are open to all ages but children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants are required to walk, climb stairs, and stand for the duration of the tour. A more accessible route is available upon request, although the lab’s scale is best viewed from up above. Close-toed shoes and

pants or shorts are mandatory. They also host group tours for schools and other public groups.

Tickets are required and can be booked in advance by visiting triumf.ca/visit-us/public-tours.

Isaac Newton Apple Trees

When visiting TRIUMF, be sure to take note of the apple trees located at the roundabout on Wesbrook Mall, opposite the entrance to the facility.

These seven trees are not your typical fruit trees. They are “Isaac Newton Apple trees”, with direct roots to the renowned English polymath.

In 1969, the founders of TRIUMF, Canada’s particle accelerator centre, planted the first apple tree – a direct descendant of the apple trees on Isaac Newton’s family farm.

According to the TRIUMF website, the trees are “a representation of the lab’s six-pronged logo, itself inspired by the six magnetic sectors of the TRIUMF main cyclotron” and “the seventh tree in the centre represents the machine’s main injection beamline, the start of the particle journey.”

Not every neighbourhood has a world-renowned physics lab seeking to answer some of nature’s most challenging questions, and this one in Wesbrook Place opens its doors to the public with free tours.

BY EMMANUEL SAMOGLU



Inside the main experimental hall at TRIUMF - the yellow shielding blocks in the distance surround the cyclotron and beam lines. (Photo: TRIUMF)

Fun for All at Annual Spring Fair

Money raised at annual Norma Rose Point Spring Fair goes towards supporting students and families.

BY NRP GRADE 7 STUDENTS

Community members young and old were treated to plenty of fun, food, and games at the 2026 Norma Rose Point Spring Fair.

The jam-packed event took place on May 8, with a wide range of attractions, including bouncy castles, rides, face painting, a silent auction, karate and wild reptile workshops, and free activities provided by community organizations.

As with previous years, the food scene was on point with concession stands run by NRP volunteers and staff selling cook-

ies, cotton candy, and popcorn among other items.

"It's so busy", a student helping at the cookie stand said.

Additionally, there were a few food trucks, including Slothfuls Bubble Tea, Rain or Shine ice-cream, Japadog Japanese-style hotdogs, Teriyaki Express, Rotato and Potato, and others.

A Kids' Market was held indoors, where students sold homemade goods such as bookmarks, beaded bracelets, crochet plushies, and more.

"This is my favourite part - the kids'

market," said a former NRP student.

"The students' artwork is astounding. This is amazing," added a Norma Rose staff member when asked about the market.

DJ Rock'n'Beau and Will's Jams supplied live music throughout the fair, with additional performances from the NRP school choir, dance teams, and bands.

With the fair being so busy, students shared their insights.

"My favourite thing was the bouncy castle," a kindergarten student said, as other students took their turns on the

climbing wall and on some of the amusement rides that were set up nearby.

One high school student who had previously attended the fair was impressed at how the event has grown over the years.

"It used to be really small, but now it has more rides and stuff. I also like how you used to have to use cash a lot, but now most purchases are ticket-based," the student said.

The event also featured information stalls from the UNA, Oxford Learning, local football team B.C. Lions, and others.

"We always come to events like these and give out free stuff. We really want to spread awareness of our football team," said a member of the B.C. Lions community outreach team.

Tickets could be purchased for \$1 each, \$10 for 10, or \$20 for 25. NRP students were given three free tickets, but entry was free and anyone could join in for this annual event, making it very fun and accessible.

All in all, it was an exciting day for everyone who attended, and we look forward to the next one!

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DJ Rock 'n' Beau getting the crowd moving. (Photo: Scott Andrews)



NRP students at the fair's Kids' Market, where goods made by students were available for sale. (Photo: Supplied)

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Multiple camps each week at the Wesbrook and Old Barn Community Centres from Jul. 6 to Aug. 28.

Give your child a summer to remember by joining one of our summer camps! Each camp is filled with exciting activities — from sports and arts and crafts to filmmaking, robotics, and more. Campers will stay active, explore their creativity, build confidence, and make new friends along the way. It's the perfect place for kids to learn, play, and enjoy a summer full of fun and discovery.

Spaces are filling up fast. Register your kids now and let the adventures begin!

For details on each camp and registration visit myuna.ca/camps



Welcome to *The Campus Resident's Arts & Culture* section, where community members of all ages can share their creativity, including: paintings, comics, poems, stories and songwriting.

Thank you for sharing your work and cheering on your fellow residents. To be featured in an upcoming issue, send in your submission to editor@thecampusresident.ca. and don't forget to include your full name, address, a title and brief description of the work, and a short bio!

— The Campus Resident Arts & Culture team



▲ Salmon Freedom

Salmon are iconic to the West Coast. We all have a lifecycle, some more colourful than others.

A Windy Day ▼

Tulip flying in the wind at Jim Everett Memorial Park.

BY VERITY LIVINGSTONE

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BY ROBERT SHOOFEEY

As someone who remembers turning 13 (and who now owns a car with more horsepower than wisdom), I thought it might be nice to share this lighthearted but sincere message for any 12-year-old boy approaching this milestone.

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Now That You're a Man... (Almost)

A message for any young man turning 13.

Well... almost.

You're 13 now. That's the doorway.

You're not expected to have all the answers yet — just to start asking better questions.

People will tell you that being a man is about being strong.

And sometimes, yes, it's about lifting heavy things.

But more often, it's about knowing when to speak, when to listen, when to apologize, and when to keep going even when it's hard.

A man knows how to shake hands, how to look people in the eye, how to say "thank you" — and mean it.

A man keeps his word, respects his parents, and understands that his reputation is built one choice at a time.

You'll make mistakes. That's part of the journey.

Just don't be afraid to laugh at them, learn from them, and try again.

Final Advice: Life, like driving, rewards patience, attention, and respect.

The people you meet, the choices you make, and the roads you take — these will shape the man you become more than any engine ever will.

But between you and me... horsepower doesn't hurt.

Happy 13th Birthday.

You've just started the best road of all.

Enjoy every mile.