Parkgate Society

Community Newsletter

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A Space for Everyone

Equity, diversity, and inclusion are foundational principles for all the programs and services we offer at Parkgate Society. We celebrate the diverse identities and family structures that make our neighbourhood unique, and we strive to create an environment where every individual feels a genuine sense of belonging.

This month, as we observe Black History Month, Family Day, and Pink Shirt Day, we are reminded of the ongoing work of advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in everything we do. We continue to strengthen equity in our programs and services so that every individual who walks through our doors feels seen, supported, and connected, and is given every opportunity to "live life better."



Parkgate Society Scholarships — OPEN NOW!

Student Volunteer Scholarship – $1,000

- Eligibility: Open to graduating secondary or current post-secondary students who have provided unpaid service specifically to Parkgate Community Centre programs.
- Key Criteria: Focuses on students who show personal growth, practical talent development, and strong citizenship.
- Application Requirements: Candidates must submit a 700-word maximum letter about their work at Parkgate, a reference from a Parkgate supervisor, a certification letter from a school administrator, and an official transcript.

Community Spirit Scholarship – $500.

- Eligibility: This award is open to North Vancouver residents who have shown outstanding commitment to community service that helps others "live life better."
- Key Criteria: Candidates should demonstrate significant personal growth, resilience, and strong qualities of character and leadership.
- Application Requirements: Applicants must submit a 700-word maximum letter detailing their volunteer work and provide at least one reference from a mentor or supervisor.

Learn More

Youth Services

Preteen Dances

The Parkgate Society Youth Services Dance Crew is excited to highlight our spring preteen dance dates. These dances are for youth in grades 6 & 7 only. Our goal is to provide a fun, safe, and engaging environment where youth can socialize and showcase their dance moves while being supported by trained youth workers. These preteen dances are very popular, so we recommend purchasing your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

DnD Club

Embark on an epic adventure this Fall with Parkgate Youth Services' Dungeons & Dragons program! We have groups for both preteens and teens. These weekly campaigns are the perfect way to connect with others, explore creativity, and dive into a world of imagination and teamwork.

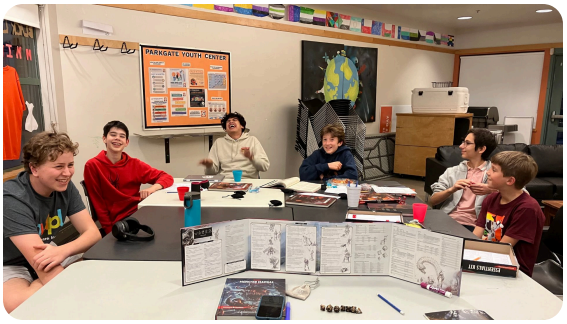


Winter Dance Dates:

When: Saturday, March 7, 2026, 7-10PM
Where: Parkgate Community Centre
Cost: $25
Event ID: 393025
Registration opens: Feb 9 at 9AM

Spring Dance Dates:
When: Saturday, April 4, 2026, 7-10PM
Where: Parkgate Community Centre
Cost: $25
Event ID: 408050
Registration opens: March 9 at 9AM

When: Saturday, May 9, 2026, 7-10PM
Where: Parkgate Community Centre
Cost: $25
Event ID: 408055
Registration opens: April 6 at 9AM



Spring DnD Club Dates:

When: Saturdays, April 11, 18 & 25, 2026, 2:30-4:30PM
Where: Parkgate Community Centre - Youth Centre
Cost: $90
Event ID: 408066
Age: 10 to 13
Registration opens: April 4 at 12PM

When: Saturdays, April 11, 18 & 25, 2026, 5:00-7:00PM
Where: Parkgate Community Centre - Youth Centre
Cost: $90
Event ID: 408107
Age: 13 to 18
Registration opens: April 4 at 12PM

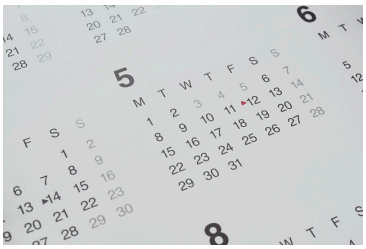
When: Saturdays, May 16 & 23, 2026, 2:30-4:30PM
Where: Parkgate Community Centre - Youth Centre
Cost: $60
Event ID: 408068
Age: 10 to 13
Registration opens: May 9 at 12PM

When: Saturdays, May 16 & 23, 2026, 5:00-7:00PM
Where: Parkgate Community Centre -

Youth Centre
Cost: $60
Event ID: 421911
Age: 13 to 18
Registration opens: May 9 at 12PM

Learn More Preteen Dance **Learn More DnD**

Seniors Services



Our March 2026 Seniors Program Calendar is here, and it is packed with opportunities to connect, move, and celebrate.

View Calendar



Congratulations Crafters!

Let's hear it for the Parkgate Crafters! In 2025, their weekly dedication to creating beautiful handmade scarves, hats, stuffed animals, blankets, cards, and more resulted in a staggering $11,000 raised for our seniors programs.

We are so lucky to have such a talented and generous group calling Parkgate home. Next time you see them at their weekly meetup, be sure to show your appreciation and consider picking up a gift!

Family Programs

Coming Soon: Intergenerational Mother Goose Program

We are excited to announce that our family programs team is organizing a special Intergenerational Mother Goose program this spring! It's a wonderful way to build connections and foster a sense of belonging across all ages.

Program Details:

- When: Wednesdays, April 29–May 27
- Time: 1:15 – 2:15 PM
- Where: Parkgate Community Centre

More information and registration details will be shared soon via our website.

Child Care News

B.C. Pauses $10-a-Day Child Care Expansion: What Our Families Need to Know

With the recent release of the 2026 provincial budget, many of you have asked how the changes to the $10-a-day child care program might affect our child care. A recent report by the Vancouver Sun highlights that while current $10-a-day spots are being protected, the province is pausing the expansion of the program for the next three years to "stabilize" the funding model.

Learn more by following the link below to the Vancouver Sun article featuring our Executive Director, Ellen Clague, and Holly Koda, Manager of School Age Care and Family Programs.

Read Full Article Here

Advertise in Our Program Guides



The Parkgate Society Program Guide is a biannual publication distributed in the Parkgate community of North Vancouver. It highlights programs, services, and events, making it a go-to resource for community members. We offer a limited set of ad spaces in our program guides. To learn more or to contact us regarding ad space for the spring and summer guide, please follow the link below.

Submission Deadline: Friday, March 13.

Advertise With Us

We're Hiring

School Age Care Leader (10h up to 30h/week)

In collaboration with the Child Care team and under the direction of the School Age Care & Families Programs Manager and Supervisors, school age care leaders actively engage and supervise children aged 5-12 years old. Each leader is responsible for ensuring the children's safety and well-being while cultivating an inclusive, welcoming, and stimulating environment.



Youth Centre Leaders Casual (1-5 shifts per week)

Are you interested in gaining experience working, connecting, and supporting youth in a safe environment? We are looking for engaging and proactive Youth Leaders to work at our Youth Centre Drop-Ins and Preteen Dances.The ages of our youth range from preteen (10-12 yrs) to teenagers (13-18 yrs).

Learn More

From Our Neighbours

NORTH VANCOUVER DISTRICT Public Library

Programs for Kids & Families

- Babytime & Toddlertime: Learn songs and rhymes for infants (Wednesdays) and active movement for toddlers (Fridays) at 10:30 a.m. Programs resume in April.
- Spring Break—Engineering Fun (Ages 6-12): Build pyramid launchers and hand cannons from recycled materials. Tuesday, March 17, 3:00–4:00 p.m.
- Spring Break—Dragon Party! (Ages 6-12): A magical evening of dragon-themed games, crafts, and snacks. Costumes welcome! Thursday, March 19, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- Parents' & Kids' Night Out: A self-compassion workshop for parents while children (Gr. 1-6) enjoy supervised activities. Saturday, March 14, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Taskmaster (Ages 9+): Teams of four compete in hilarious and creative challenges. Saturday, March 28, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Programs for Teens

- Teen Advisory Group (TAG): Earn volunteer hours and help shape library collections and policies. Monthly on Wednesdays (Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20) at 4:00 p.m.

Adults & Lifelong Learning

- English Corner: Practice conversational skills in a friendly group. Fridays: 10 a.m. (Beginners) or 11:30 a.m. (Advanced).

- Tech Café: Bring your device for 20 minutes of personalized tech support. Wednesdays, March 4 & April 1, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
- Celebrating Women—Film & History: A screening of The Nest followed by a talk on influential North Vancouver women. Sunday, March 8, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- Song & Lyric Writing Workshop: A four-week course to find your musical voice and write an original song. Thursdays, April 23–May 14, 6:30–7:45 p.m.
- Afternoon Book Club: Join fellow book lovers to discuss new titles on the first Wednesday of the month, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Social & Creative Groups

- Open Door Community HUB: A drop-in space for connection, refreshments, and care packages. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Pins and Needles: Bring your knitting, crochet, or fiber arts projects for a social evening. Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- Discussion Lounge: Share inspiring ideas or chat about local issues with neighbors. Wednesdays, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

To register online or to browse all of the NVDPL events, please follow the link: https://nvdpl.events.mylibrary.digital/

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