

WHO WE ARE

Madison Park Development Corporation's community center, The Dewitt Center, opened its doors in Madison Park Village in July 2018 to serve as a **welcoming home** for many MPDC programs for people of **all ages**.

The Dewitt Center features daily programs & classes including **financial literacy, workforce development, Zumba, knitting, after-school youth development**, and much more.

The Dewitt Center also features a **state-of-the-art technology lab**, a **summer camp**, and health & wellness programs including **sports & fitness activities in the gym**.

The Dewitt Center is also home to an array of **arts activities** with art classes, events, and a **gallery featuring** exhibitions by **Roxbury artists**.

Come visit us and learn more!

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Friday: 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

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The Dewitt Center

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ABOUT MPDC

At **Madison Park Development Corporation**, we are building healthy communities. **MPDC** is a leading developer of **affordable housing** and one of the largest community development corporations in Massachusetts. We take a multi-dimensional approach to community development by offering **impactful programming for youth development, health and community wellness, public safety, resident leadership, civic engagement, and arts & culture.**

Our mission today remains true to our history—
to foster a vibrant, healthy Roxbury
neighborhood that **supports the well-being** and
advancement of the community.

The Dewitt Center is for all ages!



School Aged Children
(5-13)



Youth/Teens
(13-20)



Adults
(21+)



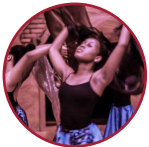
Seniors
(60+)

PHOTOS FROM WINTER/SPRING 2019 @ THE DEWITT CENTER



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Your gift will strengthen the Roxbury Community and improve the lives of residents by:



Providing affordable access to the arts & supporting local artists



Building grassroots leaders



Developing healthier neighborhoods



Fostering a vibrant community

Madison Park Development Corporation is able to offer a special tax rebate to our donors. Your investment in our work is a great way to stretch your philanthropic dollars. The Massachusetts Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) provides a 50% state tax rebate for donations of \$1,000 or more. If the credit exceeds your liability, the state refunds the balance of the credit.

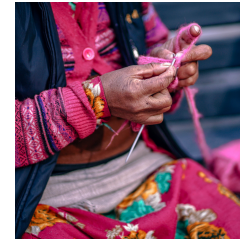
Madison Park Development Corporation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. You may donate online at: madison-park.org/get-involved/give or contact us for more information about the Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

We hope you will make a contribution, and in turn make a difference in the lives of people who live & work in the Roxbury Community.

For more information, please contact Kay Mathew, Resource Development Manager at kmathew@madison-park.org / 617.849.6335

ART PROGRAMS

Knitting with Amy



Learn the basics of knitting: casting on and off, choosing needles and yarns, knit and purl stitches, and how to read a pattern. Build skills quickly as you complete at least one project, a wallet or a multi-colored hat.

Age Range: Seniors

Tuesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

Boston Pulse Poetry



Boston Pulse is an in school and after-school affirming arts and literacy program. They aim to empower youth through spoken word poetry and public speaking

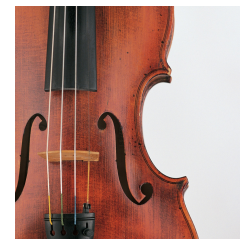
Age Range: 12-19

Thursdays 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Fridays 3:00pm - 6:00pm



Vibrant Boston Violin Classes



Learn to play a stringed instrument with Vibrant Boston (Cello, Bass, Violin). All instruments are provided.

Cost: One time Registration fee \$50

Age Range: 6+

Wednesday, Thursday, Fridays 4:00pm - 6:00pm

HEALTH, WELLNESS, & SPORTS PROGRAMS

Awaken Christian Church Health & Wellness Program

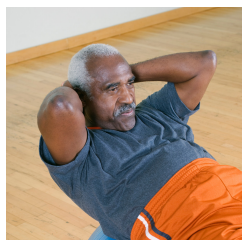


This program is designed to help prepare, provide and demonstrate sound mental health, body, & spirit to transform individual lives and transform inner-city communities

Age Range: Adults

Monthly on 5/18 & 6/8 11:00am - 1:00pm

Fitness with Allison



These exercise are designed to help seniors and older adults maintain their cardiovascular health, strength & flexibility. Whether you're a veteran gym member or a newcomer, Allison welcomes you to come to enjoy benefits of working out together.

Age Range: Seniors

Wednesdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Teach 1 Basketball



Teach 1 Basketball is geared towards youth who do not have direct access to personal trainers. Together they work to improve their basketball skills, knowledge, endurance, health, and nutrition.

Age Range: 12-19

Thursdays 6:30pm - 8:00pm

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE @ THE DEWITT CENTER

The Dewitt Center will be closed on the following date:

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27, 2019

Stay connected!

Follow the Dewitt Center on Facebook & Instagram (@TheDewittCenter) and be sure to check out MPDC's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & website for up to date information on classes and events.



#DoltAtTheDewitt
#MPDCRox

Are you a teen living in Madison Park Village?

Don't miss out on Teen Night!

Every last Friday of the month

5:00pm - 8:00pm

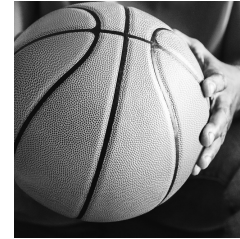
Teens of MPV ages 12 - 18 years old get together for
food, socializing, games, and fun!

Residents of Madison Park Village only. In order to
attend, teens' parents/guardians must submit their
Teen Night form to
Marcus @ 617-238-2313 or Etai @ 617-427-9242.



HEALTH, WELLNESS, & SPORTS PROGRAMS

Collective Impact Open Gym



Join the Collective Impact as
they work to build a co-ed 3-
on-3 basketball league in
Roxbury.

Age Range: 12+

Every first & third Saturday 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Temple of Martial Arts



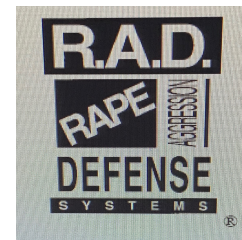
The Temple of Martial Arts focuses on physical
training and works with parents and teachers
to mentor young men on anti-bullying, anti-
violence, and anti-misogyny.

Age Range: 6 - 17

Mondays 6:00pm - 7:45pm

Saturdays 2:00pm - 3:30pm

R.A.D (Rape Aggression Defense)



The R.A.D. Systems of Self Defense is taught
by the Bureau of Community Education
offers a holistic approach to self-defense
education. This four-week session includes
education, lecture, discussion, and physical
defense strategies.

Age Range: 18+

5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 6/3 5:00pm - 7:45pm

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

LIPGLOSS! (Ladies Involved in Protecting Girls Lives On Serious Subjects)



LIPGLOSS! works with young women to help them to become empowered people with the tools needed to be strong, productive leaders in their communities.

Age Range: 11 - 15

Saturdays 11:00am - 1:00pm

Be sure to check madison-park.org for up-to-date events and activities happening at The Dewitt Center!

Francis O'Bryant Mentorship Program



The FOB Mentorship Program's goal is to build positive, authentic, and lasting relationships while serving as positive role models to youth. They assist & support youth as they navigate the transition from being young boys to becoming young men.

Age Range: 8 - 18

Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

The teen center, named **"The Zone"** by the Dewitt Center youth, is a place where teens can come together and **use the center's resources, play games, and meet new people.** Using the Dewitt Center as a hub, teens can explore new interests and **have a good time!**



Teens are invited to join us for movie night! Make recommendations and watch the latest movies at 'The Zone.'



Teens are welcome to play games such as Fifa 18, NBA 2K, NFL, Grand Turismo, and Fortnite on the Dewitt Center's Playstation console.



Teens can enjoy playing & working on the computers at the Dewitt Center or just hang out with their friends online!

Timothy Smith Network Technology Lab @ The Dewitt Center

The Timothy Smith Network, in partnership with various community organizations provides, **comprehensive technology education services to residents of the greater Roxbury community**. These organizations are located in a variety of social service agencies, health centers, community development corporations, standalone community technology centers, and faith-based organizations throughout the Greater Roxbury area.

People of all ages have access to **state of the art computer technology and to programs** as rich in diversity as the neighborhood the network serves. These programs build the capacity of the people of Roxbury as they acquire the knowledge and skills critical to success in our increasingly technology-driven world.

For more information or to register for a Timothy Smith Network course at The Dewitt Center contact
Leah Samura, Program Manager
Lsamura@timothysmithnetwork.org 617.708.1444



ELLIS @The Dewitt Center

The Ellis works to strengthen Boston's inner-city working families with high-quality education and care for children, youth, and vulnerable adults. The goal of the programs at the Ellis is to **engage, educate, and empower**.

Age Range: 5-13

Monday - Friday 2:00pm - 6:00 pm

ELLIS includes...

- Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided daily
- Field trips to museums, parks, pools, beaches, libraries, and much more!
- Partnerships with Haley House, Tenacity, Einc, and South End Library
- Enrichment opportunities including dance, cooking, STEM projects, visual arts, and sports and fitness

The cost for MPDC residents is \$50 - \$75 a week based on income and household size.

Non-resident: \$125 / week.

The Ellis Memorial also accepts vouchers.

For more information contact:

**Meisha Reece, meishareece@ellismemorial.org
617.426.2900**



SPECIAL EVENTS @ The Dewitt Center

Islamic Multi-Service Organization Monthly Food Pantry



Rice, beans, canned goods, fruit, spaghetti sauce, and more available at the pantry. Come early as supplies are limited. Everybody is welcome!

3rd Saturday of every month
10:00am - 1:00pm

Boston Pulse Poetry: Our Voices, Our Community Open Mic



Our Voices is a community open mic, open to the public. Free snacks and soft drinks will be served.

Thursday, May 2
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Annual MPV Mother's Day Dinner Celebration



Annual MPV Mother's Day Dinner Celebration for residents of Haynes House, Smith House, Madison Park III, Madison Park IV, Beryl Gardens, Ruggles Shawmut, Dudley Greenville, 9 Williams Street, and St. Botolph only.
Please RSVP by calling Marcus @ 617-238-2313 or Etai @ 617-427-9242

Thursday, May 23, 2019
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Timothy Smith Network
Technology Lab @ The Dewitt Center

APRIL - JUNE OPEN ACCESS SCHEDULE

Monday	1pm - 3pm & 5pm - 8pm
Tuesday	3pm - 6pm (Beginning 5/14)
Wednesday	12:30pm - 8pm
Thursday	3pm - 6pm
Friday	3pm - 8pm
Saturday	12pm - 5pm (Beginning 4/27)

To register, please contact

Leah Samura, Program Manager

Lsamura@timothysmithnetwork.org - 617.708.1444



Timothy Smith Network Technology Lab @ The Dewitt Center

**Introduction to MS Excel
2016** April 23 - May 21
Tues. & Thurs. 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Youth AstroNets April 23 - May 28
Middle School Tues. 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Android & Basic
Computers** May 1 - June 7
Weds. & Fri. 10:30am - 12:30pm

**Introduction to Amazon
Alexa Programming** May 7 - May 30
Tues. & Thurs. 10:30am - 12:00pm

**Introduction to Microsoft
PowerPoint 2016** June 4 - June 27
Tues. & Thurs. 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Space is limited - Registration is required

To register, please contact

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Lsamura@timothysmithnetwork.org - 617.708.1444



SPECIAL EVENTS @ The Dewitt Center

826 Boston Book Release Party + Open Mic



Student authors from 826 Boston have written a powerful book about identity, home, and self-love. This book release is to celebrate their art and invite others to the open mic. The event will feature Boston Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola. All ages welcome!

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Whittier Choice Community Open House



The Whittier Choice Neighborhood Initiative is a \$30 million HUD grant awarded to the Boston Housing Authority and its residents of the Whittier Street housing development. As part of the grant, the Choice initiative is focused on three strategies - Housing, Neighborhood, and People.

Friday, June 7, 2019

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Annual MPV Father's Day Dinner Celebration



Annual MPV Father's Day Dinner Celebration for residents of Haynes House, Smith House, Madison Park III, Madison Park IV, Beryl Gardens, Ruggles Shawmut, Dudley Greenville, 9 Williams Street, and St. Botolph only. First come, first serve!

Thursday, June 20, 2019

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Dewitt Center HOSTED EVENTS

Video Game Tournament



Do you think you're the best gamer? Come enjoy an evening of friendly competition between Dewitt Center members to find out who is the best video game player.

Age Range: 13+ Open to all Dewitt Center Members
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
5:00pm - 7:45pm

Senior Beauty Day



The Dewitt Center is treating seniors to a relaxing beauty-filled day at Madison Park High School. Seniors can choose from a wash, blow dry & curl, wash & set, manicure, or pedicure. Space is limited RSVP required. TO RSVP please contact: abaldwin@madison-park.org

Age Range: Seniors
Friday, May 10, 2019
9:00am

Jeopardy Night



Test your trivia knowledge, learn interesting facts, and win cool prizes.

Age Range: Teens 13+
Friday, May 17, 2019
4:30pm - 7:45pm

Movie Night



Watch 'Honey Rise Up & Dance' while enjoying popcorn & refreshments!

Age Range: All ages welcome
Friday, May 31, 2019
5:30pm - 8:00pm

Dewitt Center HOSTED EVENTS

Kickball at the Dewitt



Join us for an energetic evening of kickball at The Dewitt Center.

Age Range: 12+ Open to all Dewitt Center Members
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
4:00pm - 6:30pm

Karaoke Night



Do you think you have what it takes to be crowned The Dewitt Center Karaoke Champion? Join us for an exciting evening of karaoke to find out!

Age Range: 13+ Open to all Dewitt Center Members
Thursday, June 13, 2019
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Senior Paint Day



Join us for a creative day of painting - no experience needed! Everyone will leave with their own one of a kind masterpiece. Space is limited, first come first served.

Age Range: Seniors
Monday, June 17, 2019
12:00pm - 3:00pm