

## 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

## CONTACT US



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# The Dewitt Center

## Fall 2019 Catalog



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# Remembering Reverend Dr. Michael Haynes



The Roxbury community lost a giant with the recent passing of Rev. Dr. Michael Haynes on September 12th. He was the longtime pastor of the historic Twelfth Baptist Church on Warren Street and a well known spiritual leader, mentor, community activist, state representative, and Boston hero. His brother, C. Vincent Haynes, was a founding member of Madison Park Development Corporation formed in 1966 and continued to serve our board of directors through the 1990s. Haynes House is named after Vincent Haynes. To honor the family, and a few years ago, MPDC established The Haynes Family Scholarship Program for those seeking college or technical training.

## 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!



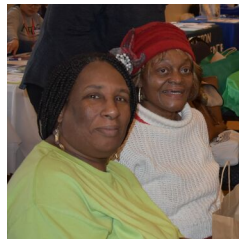
**School Aged Children  
(5-13)**



**Youth/Teens  
(13-20)**

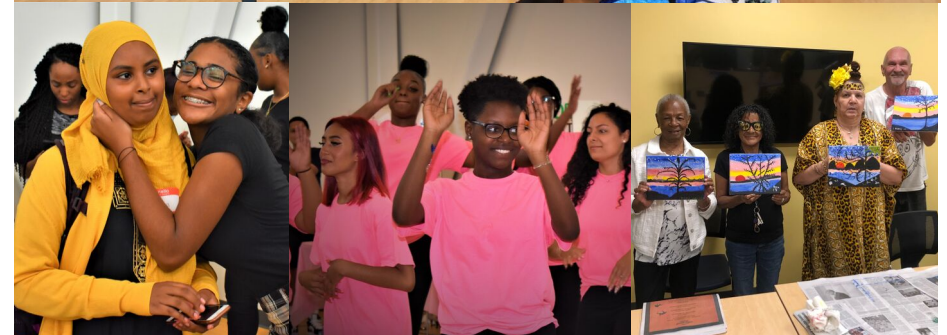


**Adults  
(21+)**



**Seniors  
(60+)**

# PHOTOS FROM SUMMER 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.

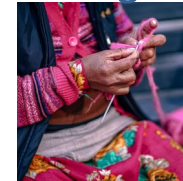
Madison Park Development Corporation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. You may donate online at [madison-park.org/get-involved/give](http://madison-park.org/get-involved/give) or contact us for more information about the Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

**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](mailto:kmathew@madison-park.org) / 617.849.6335

## ARTS & EDUCATION 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

### EVkids



EVkids empowers Boston youth with the skills and confidence to succeed in school and life through its tutoring and summer camp programs. They build a community of support with college volunteer tutors who provide multi-year after school 1-on-1 academic mentoring while professional staff provides school advocacy and family engagement.

**Age Range:** Grades 4-12  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:30pm-6pm

### DREAM Program



DREAM aspires to help close the opportunity gap by pairing college mentors with young people from low-income housing developments. DREAM's focus on village mentoring aims at giving youth the opportunity to experience a college campus, develop lasting relationships and have access to more resources within the community.

**Age Range:** 5 - 14  
Every first & third Friday 4:00pm - 6:30pm

### PI-TAP Positively Impacting Teens & Parents



Want to get into a fast-growing field, with high demand and good pay? Join the Pi-TaP (Positively Impacting Teens & Parents) program where mothers, their teens, and adults in transition learn Salesforce, and other software, with the goal of completing certification as Salesforce Administrators and/or Consultants. Students are assisted with internships and job placement.

**Age Range:** Teens & Parents  
Mondays: 5:00pm - 7:30pm  
Saturdays: 10:00am - 1:00pm

# EDUCATION & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

## Census Job Fair & Information Sessions



The Census is hiring! Visit our weekly job fair to receive assistance applying for a job. Positions include, supervisors, clerks and field operation. Wages range between \$20.00-\$27.50/HR flexible hours and weekly pay.

**Age Range:** 18+

September 10 - October 29

## Islamic Multi-Service Organization College Access Program

COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM



IMSO/CAP-College Access Program prepares students to get into the college of their choice. All students will complete their college essay, improve SAT and academic scores, apply for the financial aid needed, and complete college applications. Support is also provided to students throughout high school and college year.

**Age Range:** Grades 9-12

Saturdays 2:00pm - 6:00pm

September 7 - December 21

## Collaborative Parent Leadership Action Network Training Institute



A 25 hour interactive training for parents, professionals, providers, and educators to explore & co-design innovative family engagement practices. Join us to increase engagement efforts and strengthen the social/emotional and academic outcomes for our most vulnerable learners.

**Age Range:** Adults

September 28

10:00am - 6:00pm

## Leaders of Tomorrow



The Leaders of Tomorrow program helps aspiring youth achieve leadership roles in professional fields. LOT focuses on leadership, financial literacy, college preparation, and career preparation. The program offers participants resources, knowledge and opportunities in the way of mentoring relationships, scholarships, and internships.

**Age Range:** High School Students

4th Wednesday of every month

5:00pm - 7:00pm

# Tech Lab @ The Dewitt Center

The Dewitt Center gives people of all ages access to state of the art computer technology.

Visit The Dewitt Center during our open access hours for computer time, and computer support.

Open access hours at The Dewitt Center Tech Lab are **Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:30pm - 5:30pm**

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE @ THE DEWITT CENTER

The Dewitt Center will be closed on:

**Monday, October 14**

**Monday, November 11**

**Wednesday, November 27 (closing at 2pm)**

**Thursday, November 28**

**Friday, November 29**

**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**

# The Dewitt Center Art Gallery

Since 2018, The Dewitt Center has been filled with programming and events but also **fabulous art and photography** representing 110 years of imagery in Roxbury. Most of the pieces at the Center were taken or created within a half-mile of 122 Dewitt Drive and, **artists of color created 80% of the pieces.**



## Want to take a tour?

Stop by The Dewitt Center Monday through Friday from 10 am to 8 pm or Saturday 10 am to 6 pm and take a self-guided tour with one of our handy 'Self Guided Tour Companions.'

# HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

## Premium Fitness



Join Premium Fitness for an eighteen-week fitness program. Each segment will focus on specific muscle groups. All fitness levels are welcome. Each day is a new opportunity to improve yourself, take it and make the most of it.

**Age Range:** 18+

**Cost:** \$10 per class, free for MPDC Residents

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm

## 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 nights! 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!

# 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**

## The Dewitt Center is a Polling Location!



Get out and vote this election season at The Dewitt Center!  
September 24th 7:00am to 8:00pm: Preliminary Municipal Election  
November 5th 7:00am to 8:00pm: Municipal Election  
March 3rd 2020 7:00am to 8:00pm: Presidential Primary

**Tuesday, September 24: 7:00am - 8:00pm**

**Tuesday, November 5: 7:00am - 8:00pm**

## College Access Program Information Session

COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM



Come learn about the IMSO/CAP-  
College Access Program!

**Saturday, September 21**

**2:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Ages:** Grades 9-12

## Recovery Dance



STEPRox Recovery Support Center is based in the heart of Roxbury and provides a safe place for the recovery community, their family, friends and those interested in recovery to engage in activities beneficial to the individual and the community.

**Saturday, September 28**

**3:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Ages:** Adults

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# 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](mailto:meishareece@ellismemorial.org)**

**617.426.2900**



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# Room Rentals for MPDC Residents @ The Dewitt Center



**Room rentals for MPDC residents are available at  
The Dewitt Center on Saturdays throughout the fall!**

**For more information or to rent a room contact  
Arlene Baldwin  
abaldwin@madison-park.org / 617.488.9179**

## SPECIAL EVENTS @ The Dewitt Center

### Age Strong @ Work

**AGE+** Age Strong @ Work is an employment workshop series for people 50+. October 5th there will be a skills building workshop and on October 19th there will be a job fair.

**Saturday, October 5: 10:00am - 2:00pm**

**Saturday, October 19: 9:00am - 1:00pm**

**Ages: 50+**

### The Blue Rose Healing Through Art



Breaking the Silence on Violence focuses on the traumas and taboos around domestic and street violence, sexual abuse, and bullying as well as mental health such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder. While empowering others to find their voice, break their silence and heal through art.

**Saturday, October 19**

**2:00pm - 6:00pm**

### Boston Book Festival



The Boston Book Festival presents a full day of free activities and discussions celebrating books and book lovers! There's something for everyone including writing workshops for children and teens, a comic book tutorial, spoken word performances, and immigrant fiction panel discussions; as well as featured presentations by: romance writer Jasmine Guillory, poet Dwayne Betts, Newbery Medalist Erin Entrada Kelly and more!

**Sunday, October 20**

**12:00pm - 5:30pm**

### City of Boston At-Large Candidate Speed Dating Forum



Join MPDC before the Boston City Council election- to meet the candidates and ask questions! This event provides Boston residents an opportunity to ask questions, learn about each candidate and their priorities and pledge to vote!

**Tuesday, October 22**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

# SPECIAL EVENTS @ The Dewitt Center

## Halloween Party



Come celebrate Halloween at The Dewitt Center with Julia Mejia. Enjoy music, candy, free giveaways and a costume contest!

**Wednesday, October 30**  
**5:00pm - 8:00pm**

## CPLAN School Fair: Know As You Go



Know As You Go, is a resource fair with workshops for families to learn how to navigate the IEP process, ELL placement and processes. This event will bring together educators, parents, and community partners to a space of learning and collaboration to support our most vulnerable learners.

**Saturday, November 16**  
**11:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Registration Required**  
**Ages: 14-19**

## Dewitt Center HOSTED EVENTS

### 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.

**Monday, September 30**  
**12:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**Age Range: Seniors**

### Teen 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.

**Thursday, October 17**  
**4:30pm - 7:30pm**  
**Age Range: Teens**

# Dewitt Center HOSTED EVENTS

## Member Holiday Dinner



Please join us for a Dewitt Center member holiday dinner. RSVP required, please visit the front desk to register.

**Open to all Dewitt Center Members**  
**Tuesday, November 19**  
**5:30pm - 8:00pm**

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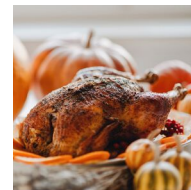


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**Open to all Dewitt Center Members**  
**Thursday, December 12**  
**5:30pm - 8:00pm**

# Madison Park Village Events @ The Dewitt Center

## MPV Thanksgiving Celebration



Annual MPV Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration for all residents of Madison Park Village. During this event residents of all ages gather for a night of feasting, raffles, dancing, and thanksgiving with their family and neighbors. Space is limited, please visit the management office to register.

**Thursday, November 21**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Be sure to check [madison-park.org](http://madison-park.org) for up-to-date events and activities happening at The Dewitt Center!