

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 FALL 2019 @ THE DEWITT CENTER



Roxbury deserves
a fair count!

Census 2020: Roxbury Counts! Did you know?

- **Roxbury's Census return rate was 63%**
(Compared to 76% in other Boston neighborhoods in 2010)
- **An accurate count for the Census will ensure more than \$16B federal dollars go to support social services programs for those who need it most!**
(including SNAP, Section 8, and more)
- **The Dewitt Center will be an open community space to fill out the Census in 2020!**

To learn more contact MPDC's Community Engagement Manager, Beya Jimenez, at bjimenez@madison-park.org / 617.849.6334



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Delta Gems



The Boston Alumnae Chapter's Delta GEMS program empowers high school girls to prepare for college, build self-esteem, develop sisterhood community among other young women, and more. Delta Gems accomplish this through programming modules and community service activities that promote healthy discussion, hands-on activities, and meaningful community service projects throughout Boston.

Age Range: Girls Grades 9 - 12

Saturdays: January 25, February 22, March 28, May 2

11:00 am - 1:15 pm

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

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 3:30 pm - 6 pm

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 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Beacon Communities Lenox Camden Apartments After School Enrichment Program



This After School Youth Enrichment Program focuses on sports, regular physical activity, nutrition, and academic success. This program's mission is to assist and support youth with healthy habits, to be able to address current and past trauma history and encourage youth to make positive choices.

Age Range: Open to Lenox Camden Youth
Tuesdays: 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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 essays, 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 years.

Age Range: Grades 9 - 12
Saturdays: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

ARTS PROGRAMS

Boston City Wide String Orchestra



The Boston City-Wide String Orchestra is a multi-generational orchestra for string players who live in the Greater Boston area. Violins and cellos are available. The group presents four to five events per season which include music performances, community service events, and an end-of-the season awards party.

Age Range: All Ages
Cost: One time fee of \$20 for instrumental usage
Wednesdays & Fridays: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE @THE DEWITT CENTER

The Dewitt Center will be closed on:
Tuesday, December 24 (closing at 2pm)

Tuesday, December 31 (closing at 2pm)

Wednesday, December 25

Wednesday, January 1

Monday, January 20



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

BLVCK Flag Dance Crew



BLVCK Flag Dance Crew focuses on using dance as a platform to help young adults develop healthy relationships, build communication skills, and artistically express themselves. BLVCK Flag believes in trauma relief through the arts to encourage youth and young adults to engage in developing physically and mentally through dance.

Age Range: Youth & Young Adults

Bi-Weekly Wednesdays: 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Exhala Gentle Yoga



Exhala Yoga provides an inclusive and safe space for people of all colors, backgrounds, and body types to experience transformation and healing through yoga practice. Classes will include breathing and mindfulness techniques, warm-ups, and posture sequences. Open to all levels.

Age Range: Adults 18+

December 14, December 31, January 11, January 18, January 25: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Dreams 2 Reality



Dreams 2 Reality is bringing d2R_KidZ to The Dewitt Center! It's a fun inspirational fitness program that kids love!

Age Range: 5 - 13

Cost: \$35 per month (each sibling add additional \$10 per month). Free to MPDC Residents.

Wednesdays: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

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
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Intro To Yoga Class



Awaken Christian Church Health and Wellness creates a safe space for people to explore and practice mental health, spiritual health, medical/physical education and health and fitness. Join them for an introduction to yoga class.

Saturday, December 14
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Age Range: Adults 18+

MKI Training: Introduction to Census Data: Finding the Numbers You Need



This introductory-level, hands-on workshop will help you learn about some of the latest online tools available to help you assemble, analyze, and present data from the U.S. Census for your own community; special attention to descriptive data for nonprofits and community development organizations working on neighborhood-level planning projects, service delivery, grant-writing, and affordable housing development.

Wednesday, February 5
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Registration required. Please visit: <https://melkinginstitute.org/>

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

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 2:00 pm - 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
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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 Winter!**

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

Dewitt Center HOSTED EVENTS



Movie Night



Watch 'This Christmas,' a story of a middle-class African-American family that reunites for Christmas for the first time in several years. Popcorn & refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome!

Friday, December 13: 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Dewitt Center Teen Holiday Party



Please join us for a Dewitt Center Teen Holiday Party! The evening will include, games, prizes, activity stations, and food! Please visit the front desk to RSVP. You must be a member to attend.

**Wednesday, December 23
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Hot Chocolate Bar



Visit the Dewitt Center Hot Chocolate Bar for a warm beverage! Coco, marshmallows, peppermints, and cookies will be provided!

**Wednesday, January 15
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm**



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!

Madison Park Village Events @ The Dewitt Center

Winter Wonderland



Winn's Annual Winter Wonderland Celebration for Madison Park Village families! During this multi-generational event, pre-registered families will receive toys for their children and enjoy holiday festivities with food and music.

Registration required, MPV Families only. Please, visit the management office to register.

Thursday, December 19
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Senior Holiday Lunch



All Madison Park Village seniors are invited to celebrate the holidays and eat a delicious lunch alongside their neighbors! Registration required. MPV residents only. Please, visit the management office to register.

Thursday, December 19
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Age Range: Seniors