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, tutoring, mentorship, college preparation, 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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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 multidimensional approach to community development by offering impactful youth development programs, 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)



Adults (21+)



Youth/Teens (13-20)



Seniors (60+)

You can Do it at The Dewitt!



Fall Programs @The Dewitt



Boston Showstoppers Girls Academic & Athletic Enrichment Program

The Boston Showstoppers is a girls' academic and athletic enrichment program whose mission is to develop elite female studentathletes by offering a highly competitive basketball experience, encouraging and supporting academic excellence, and nurturing a culture of sisterhood, service, and well-being.

When: Mondays, Oct. 3rd to Nov. 21st 6:45 pm - 8 pm Age Range: Youth (girls) in grades 3-8 Category: Education & Health

Civil Air Patrol



Part of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol provides opportunities for teens and adults to explore and experience aerospace, STEM, and leadership through various activities and resources, both in and out of the classroom. When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Sept. '22 - Jan. 2023 5 pm - 7 pm Age Range: 13 - 60+

Category: Education



Crowned For Excellence

To develop personal, professional, and socialemotional skills that will prepare participants to develop competencies that will shape them into compassionate, confident, and dynamic servant leaders and world changers. Through expert training, participants will participate in and graduate from an accelerated leadership program that will provide them with a certificate of completion, a comprehensive professional portfolio, lifelong learning, and tangible leadership skills.

When: Saturdays, Nov. 12th - Dec. 17th 10 am - 12 pm Age Range: 13 - 20 Category: Education

Reserve space @ The Dewitt!

Host your program or event at The Dewitt Center!

The Dewitt Center is a 21,374-square-foot building that serves as a community resource. It is located at 122 Dewitt Drive in the center of Madison Park Village. The facility includes a technology center, classrooms, a large multi-purpose recreation room, an out-of-school program, wellness programs, management offices, and outdoor programming space. The Dewitt Center allows for expanded services and programs for Madison Park Village residents and the greater Lower Roxbury community.

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Teen Programs & Open Gym

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!

Open Gym is Monday - Friday, 4 pm - 7 pm



Teens are invited to join us for Open Gym every Monday through Friday from 4 pm to 7 pm.



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!

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DREAM Mentoring 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 villagementoring aims to allow youth to experience a college campus, develop lasting relationships, and access more resources within the community.

When: Every first & third Friday until Dec. 2nd 5 pm - 7:30 pm Age Range: 5 - 18 Category: Arts & Education

EVkids

EVkids is a tutoring and mentoring program where each student is matched with a one-onone volunteer college mentor for weekly tutoring and academic enrichment sessions. EVkids empowers underserved Boston youth with the skills and confidence needed to realize their potential. Tutoring sessions take place after school from October to April. Tutors meet with their tutee one designated day each week (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) from 4:15 to 6 at the Dewitt Center.

When: Mondays until the end of April '23 with breaks for holidays & school vacations 4 pm - 6 pm Age Range: 5 - 20 Category: Education

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One Love Sports Academy

Academic and Enrichment Support/Tutoring Students will receive support in math, reading, English, science, and health to grades 4-8. The program also includes a monthly book club. When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Nov 7th -Apr. 21 '23 4 pm - 7 pm Age Range: 5 - 12 Category: Education, Health & Wellness



Not On My Watch Mentoring Program

Not On My Watch Mentoring, INC is a 501 C3 nonprofit youth mentoring organization. This organization provided mentorship, guidance, encouragement, confidence, education, and responsibility to at-risk youth. We are here for the children running astray, being bullied, suffering from peer pressure, or needing a listening ear. We, as mentors, lead by example and encourage all youth to turn away from criminal thoughts and activities. The organization calls for youth to take pride in themselves and their community.

When: Monday and Wednesday, Nov 20th - Feb. 4'23 3 pm - 6 pm Age Range: 13 - 20 Category: Education & Mentoring



Senior BINGO

Come play bingo at The Dewitt Center and win prizes! When: Every third Wednesday until Jan. '23 2 pm - 4 pm Age Range: 60+

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

Events @ The Dewitt



Islamic Multi-Service Organization Monthly Food Pantry

The Dewitt Center has partnered with the Islamic Multi-Service Organization (IMSO) for a monthly food pantry! Rice, beans, canned goods, fruit, spaghetti sauce, and more are available at the pantry. Come early, as supplies are limited. The pantry will happen every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the Center. Everybody is welcome!

1st & 3rd Saturday of every month 10 am - 1 pm



Boston Curb Fest

CurbFest unpacks complex stories about those locked away for their involvement in liberation movements, featuring a DJ, local performers, resources, self-defense clinics, and artists, with talks from Sekou Odinga, those who have since been exonerated from wrongful convictions, veteran Black Panthers and Lupe Fiasco. While there will be music and a youth corner, attendees will be encouraged to embody selfdetermination by working collaboratively to normalize the prevention of violence, and wrongful imprisonment, through community organizing and exchanging resources and helpful information.

Saturday, November 5, 2022 12 pm - 5:30 pm Age range: 13+



Winn Residential Thanksgiving Dinner

Celebrate Thanksgiving with Madison Park Residents with holiday dinners, music, and activities. Wednesday, November 16th, 2022 4 pm - 8 pm Age range: 5 - 60+



Thanksgiving Grocery Bag Giveaway

The Church of Christ in Roxbury has a new monthly giveaway for the neighbors and residents of Roxbury. So far, the Church has distributed 100 bags of groceries to residents in the Roxbury community.

Saturday, November 19th, 2022 11:30 am - 12 pm

Events @ The Dewitt

Lower Roxbury and Wellness Coalition Initiative 2nd Annual Resouce Fair

Lower Roxbury and Wellness Coalition Initiative are collaborating with various nonprofits to provide free food, clothes, mask, diapers, and other resources to all who attend the fair, explicitly focusing on families in need and the underserved population. **Saturday, November 19th, 2022 11 am - 4 pm**



LOWER ROXBURY COALITION

Roxbury Open Studios Holiday Pop-Up Shop

Roxbury Open Studios Collaborative is an artist-run collaborative focused on Roxbury Open Studios and providing vehicles for artists of Roxbury information to exhibitions, economic and skills advancement workshops, and other services that help elevate the rich artistic and cultural assets of Roxbury. On December 10th, artists part of the ROSC (Roxbury Open Studios Collaborative) will showcase their work and sell their work. Saturday, December 10th, 2022 11 am - 6 pm



Winn Residential - Winter Wonderland Dinner & Show Celebrate the wonders of Winter with Madison Park Residents featuring delicious treats, a holiday show, music, and food! Thursday, December 15th, 2022 4 pm - 8 pm



Winn Residential-Toys for Tots Distribution

Distributing toys to the children of the Madison Park Residents.

Saturday, December 17th, 2022 9 am - 4 pm

Holiday Schedule @ The Dewitt

Veteran's Day Friday 11/11/2022 - Closed

Thanksgiving Break 11/23/2022 - Dewitt Center will close at 2 pm 11/24/2022 - 11/26/2022 - Closed The Dewitt Center will be open on Monday 11/28/2022

Winter break

12/23/22 The Dewitt Center will close at 2 pm The Dewitt Center will be reopened Tuesday 12/27/2022 12/30/2022 The Dewitt Center will close at 2 pm The Dewitt Center will be open on Tuesday 1/2/2023



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

