

# 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 & and classes, including financial literacy, workforce development, tutoring, mentorship, college preparation, after-school youth development, and more.

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

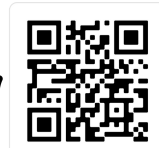
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# The Dewitt Center



## Winter 2023-24 Catalog





# 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 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)**



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



**Adults  
(21+)**



**Seniors  
(60+)**

# You can Do it at The Dewitt!





# Winter Programs @The Dewitt

## EVkids

### EVkids

EVkids is a tutoring and mentoring program where each student is matched with a 1 on 1 volunteer college mentor for weekly tutoring and academic enrichment sessions. EVkids empowers underserved Boston youth with the skills and confidence to realize their potential. Tutoring sessions take place after school from October to April. Tutors meet with their tutee one designated day each week

**When:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Age Range:** 5-20

**Category:** Education



### 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

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Age Range:** 13 - 60+

**Category:** Education



New England

### Red Velvet Steppers

The Red Velvet Steppers dance group strictly focuses on Chicago Stepping, an African American Dance. Chicago Stepping is a partner dance that originated in Chicago during the 1970s. The wing dancing movement evolved from the Bop, Lindy Hop, and Jitterbug dance. The group aims to expand African-American Dance knowledge and promote community fellowship through dance and music.

**When:** Wednesdays

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

**Age Range:** 18 - 60+

**Category:** Health & Wellness

# 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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The Dewitt Center also features a state-of-the-art technology lab, an after-school program, a summer camp, and health and wellness programs, including sports and fitness activities in the gym.

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

For more info or to schedule a tour, contact Erica Davis at 617.541.3900 or fill out an inquiry form at [madison-park.org](http://madison-park.org).



# Teen Programs & Open Gym

The teen center, named **"The Zone"** by the Dewitt Center youth, is 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 can 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 **hanging out with their firends online!**

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## Somali Development Center ESOL Classes

Somali Development Center is hosting weekly ESOL classes for adult student learners this Fall. A partnership has been established with Boston Univeristy's Wheelock College of Education and Human Development, which provides graduate-level student teachers. This is a free class for those who participate and is open to those in need. Students will be provided with materials such as Chromebooks to complete their coursework on the journey to learning their second language.

**When:** Monday-Thursday

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Age Range:** 18+

**Category:** Education



## 4X4 Pick Up Basketball

The Dewitt Center will be hosting a 4x4 tournament for the MPDC residents and The Dewitt Center members. The youth will participate in weekly games.

**When:** Mondays and Wednesdays

**Age Range:** 13 - 20

**Category:** Recreation



## Dewitt Senior BINGO

Come play bingo at The Dewitt Center and win prizes!

**When:** 3rd Wednesday of every month  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Age Range:** 60+



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## Delta Academy

Delta Academy is a program that provides a safe and nurturing instructional environment in which students from various backgrounds expand their knowledge base to fulfill academic and personal goals through differentiated instruction and reinforcement of positive character traits for girls aged 11-14 or grades 6-8.

**When:** First Saturday of every month until June  
10:30 pm - 2:00 pm

**Age Range:** 11 -14

**Category:** Education



## Jean Appolon Expressions

In this hour-long class, you will get a great cardio warm-up through African dance movements and be guided through stretches and strength-building exercises. Dancers will travel across the floor, moving in progressions, and the class will finish with a combination for all to learn and dance together to live drumming.

**When:** Mondays Starting 1/8-3/25  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Age Range:** All Ages

**Category:** Health & Wellness

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

# Winter Programs @ The Dewitt



## Delta Gems

The Delta GEMS program aims to encourage girls in grades 9-12 to actualize dreams and assist with planning for life after high school through goal setting, mentoring, and guidance.

**When:** First Saturday of every month  
10:30 pm - 2:00 pm

**Age Range:** 14-18

**Category:** Education



## Dewitt Center Skills and Drills

The Dewitt Center is offering our members, residents, and community members the opportunity to enhance their basketball skills. Join us monthly with a sports performance coach to work on basketball skills and overall sports performance.

**When:** Monthly on Thursdays dates may vary  
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**Age Range:** 10+

**Category:** Health & Wellness



## Dewitt Center Girls Group

The Dewitt Center girls' group is a safe space to boost self-esteem and empower young girls through collaborative activities and educational programming. The Dewitt Center girls group offers role modeling, new experiences, and the opportunity to connect with leaders in the community.

**When:** 3rd Friday of the Month  
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**Age Range:** 13-19

**Category:** Health, Wellness, & Education



# Events @ The Dewitt



## Tax Education Seminar

**When:** Saturday, January 20th  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm



## Dewitt Center Teen Night

**When:** Friday, January 26th  
5:30pm-7:30pm



## Senior Valentines Day Paint Night

**When:** Wednesday, February 14th  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



## Dewitt Center Black History Month Event

**When:** February TBD

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## DREAM Mentoring Program

The DREAM Program uses a village mentoring model wherein mentees can meet one-on-one with their paired mentor and participate in fun group mentoring activities. Village mentoring is like a community garden! DREAM's youngest mentees have the chance to grow and help others grow just as much as our adult volunteers. Every DREAMer benefits from our shared programming and opportunities to grow together!

**When:** Every other Friday starting 1/19/24  
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Age Range:** 5 - 14

**Category:** Education & Mentoring Every other Friday



## 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 Wednesday of each month at the Center. Everybody is welcome!

**When:** First and third Wednesday of every month  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

## Stay connected!

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.



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