

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

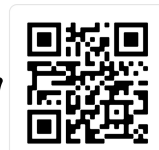
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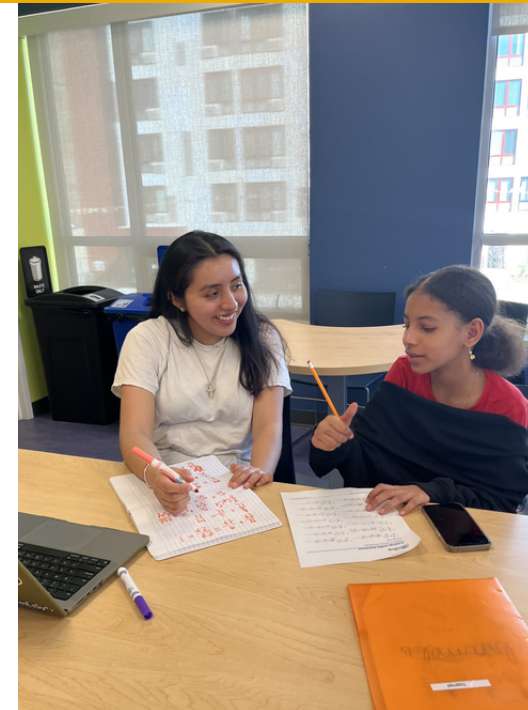


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The Dewitt Center

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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 youth development programs, health and community wellness, community support, 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!



Spring Programs @The Dewitt

EVkids

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EVkids is a tutoring and mentoring program where each student is matched with a one on one 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.



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, 10 am - 7:45 pm
Saturdays, 10 am- 5:45 pm

Open Gym Age Group Hours

Under 18

Monday: 2 pm-7:45 pm
Tuesday: 2 pm-7:45 pm
Thursday: 2 pm-7:45 pm
Friday: 12 pm-3 pm

18+

Monday: 10 am-2 pm
Tuesday: 10 am- 2pm
Wednesday: 10 am-7:45 pm
Thursday: 10 am- 2 pm
Friday: 10 am-12 pm and 3 pm-7:45 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



4 X 4 Pick Up Basketball

The Dewitt Center will be hosting a 4x4 organized pick-up for MPDC residents and Dewitt Center members.

When: Mondays and Wednesdays
Age Range: Monday Under 18
Wednesday 18+
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+

Spring Programs @ The Dewitt



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 4/1-6/17

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Age Range: All Ages

Category: Health & Wellness

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

Spring 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: Monthly on Fridays (dates may vary)

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Age Range: 13-21

Category: Health, Wellness & Education

Spring Programs @ The Dewitt



Modern Mentor

Modern Mentors' mission is to create a safe space for young ladies in our communities in person and virtually. The wonderful mentors empower 40 participants ages 13-24 to avoid negativity, build self-confidence, and pursue their goals through perseverance, courage, and creativity. The 12-month mentorship will consist of workshops that include self-care, financial literacy, violence prevention, and leadership skills. An amazing component of Modern Mentor is the opportunity for their participants to be paired with a mentor from their community.

When: Second and Third Thursday of the month
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Age Range: 13-24
Category: Education

Teen Night

On the last Friday of every month, the Dewitt Center hosts Teen Night in collaboration with VIP and many other MPDC departments. Together, we provide a safe space for MPDC teen residents, Dewitt Center members, and other community members to participate in fun activities, socialize with their peers, and enjoy refreshments. Teen night activities range from game nights video game tournaments and gym activities. Teen nights are open to all MPDC residents and Dewitt Center members ages 13-19.

When: Last Friday of the Month
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Age Range: 13-19
Category: Health, Wellness, Social & Education

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#ThisIsHowWeDewitt

Spring Programs @ The Dewitt



Marcus Anthony Hall Educational Institute

MAHEI is a program dedicated to serving economically and socially under-served communities in Boston through educational programs, practical seminars, and leadership initiatives. MAHEI aims to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge necessary to secure well-paying jobs and influence decisions that impact their lives.

When: Saturdays
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Age Range: 14-18
Category: Education



Dewitt Center 4 v 4 league

The Dewitt Center will host a 4x4 Spring league for members, MPDC residents, and community members. The youth will participate in competitive weekly games throughout spring and into the start of summer.

When: Tuesdays
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Age Range: 13-18
Category: Health & Wellness



Events @ The Dewitt



BYTE Ventures Inc Coding Pilot

BYTE Ventures Inc. is hosting a four-day coding pilot teaching AI/Machine learning, game design, Art, & Animation for ages 8-11.

When: April 16-19
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Dress For Success Spring Sale

Dress for Success Boston will host its annual spring sale so that community members can shop for professional attire at a discounted price.

When: Saturday April 27th
10:30 am - 4:00 pm



Cystic Fibrosis Awareness

Love Yourself Productions & Whittier St Health Center are hosting a 2024 Women's Medical Health Awareness event. The event will consist of workshops, vendors, food, and entertainment.

When: Saturday May 4th
11:00 am - 5:00 pm



Homebuying Discrimination In Roxbury

OppCo. is hosting the 2nd meeting to discuss stories of homebuying discrimination in Roxbury.

When: Thursday, May 23rd
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Spring Programs @ The Dewitt



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
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.



#MPDCNorthStar
#MPDCRox

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Teen Night @ The Dewitt

**JOIN US FOR FUN ACTIVITIES,
SOCIALIZING, FOOD & MORE.**



**The Last Friday of Every
Month at The Dewitt Center
4:30 pm**

AGES: 13-19



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