

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**, an **after school program**, 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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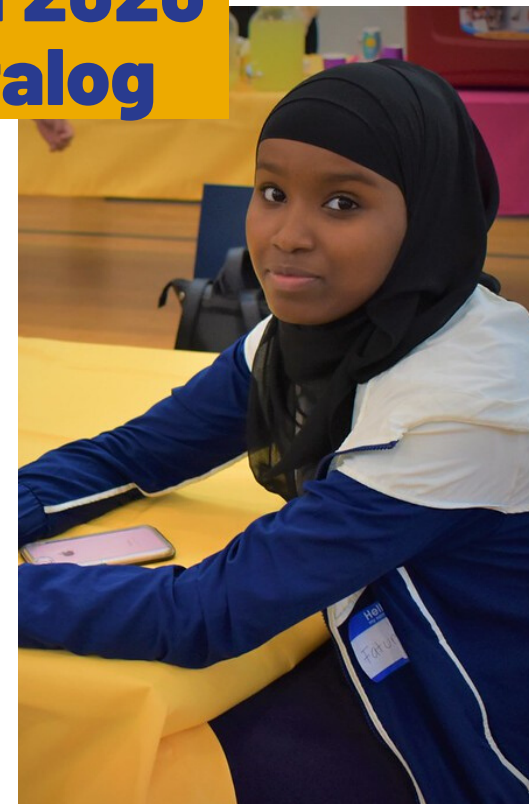
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The Dewitt Center



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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 WINTER 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 or Eva Ackerman at eackerman@madison-park.org



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Delta Gems



The Boston Alumnae Chapter Delta GEMS program further 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: March 28 & May 2: 11:00 am - 1:15 pm

EV Kids



EV Kids empowers Boston youth with the skills and confidence to succeed in school and life through its tutoring and summer camp programs. We 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 - 6:00 pm

The DREAM Program, Inc.

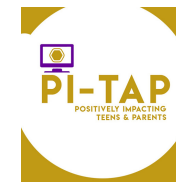


DREAM aspires to help close the opportunity gap by pairing college mentors with young people from low-income housing developments. DREAM's focus on village mentoring aims at giving youth the opportunity to experience a college campus, develop lasting relationships, and have access to more resources within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

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.com, (Positively Impacting Teens & Parents) program where mothers, their teens, and adults in transition learn Salesforce, and other software, to complete 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



After School Youth Enrichment Program focuses on sports, regular physical activity, nutrition, and academic success. After School Youth Employment 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: 5:00 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 essay, improve SAT and academic scores, apply for the financial aid needed, and complete college applications. Support is provided to students throughout high school and college years.

Age Range: Grades 9 - 12
Saturdays: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority What I Didn't Know About College Series



The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Delta Omicron Zeta Chapter presents the What I Didn't Know About College Series. The three part series is designed to prepare students to have a successful first year. Topics will include FAFSA & financial aid, the college application process, and a first year college forum.

Age Range: High School Juniors & Seniors
Wednesday, February 26: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE @ THE DEWITT CENTER

The Dewitt Center will be closed on:

Monday, April 20

Friday, May 22 (closes at 2PM)

Monday, May 25



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

Fitness with Allison



Fitness with Allison is back! Allison welcomes you to come to enjoy benefits of working out together. Her exercises are designed to help seniors & older adults maintain their cardiovascular health, strength and flexibility. Whether you're a veteran gym member or a newcomer.

Age Range: Seniors

Wednesdays, March thru May: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

d2R_Kidz



Do you know someone aged 5-13? Are you? Spread the word! dreams 2 Reality is bringing d2R_KidZ to The Dewitt Center. It's a fun inspirational fitness program that kids love!

Cost: \$35 per month (each sibling add additional \$10 per month)

Free to MPDC Residents

Age Range: 5 - 13

Mondays & Wednesdays: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

The Transformative Action Project (TAP)



TAP offers artist-led workshops focusing on the impact and recovery from traumatic events. Workshops will be resiliency-based, playful, and interactive. This is not a therapy group but rather a trauma-informed group experience that is guided by the principles of trauma recovery. These workshops are funded by the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance and are free.

Age Range: Young Adults & Adults

Tuesdays: March 10, April 14, May 12, June 16: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Collective Impact Basketball Training Camp



Collective Impact Basketball Training Camp is focused on educating youth on life skills, through training drills and technique on the Basketball Court. Youth will be coached and mentored by men and women who are actively engaged in their community. To register contact James Mackey at mrjamesmackey@gmail.com

Age Range: 8 - 13

Thursdays: 5:00 pm - 7:45 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

The Economic Development Center Business 101: Commercial Space



Series of free workshops for residents of Boston designed to help entrepreneurs on their journey to starting their small business. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/business-101-commercial-space-tickets-90169705015

Mondays: March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

City of Boston Election Department



Get out and vote this election season at the Dewitt Center! On March 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m vote in the Presidential Primary. Find your location at www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema//bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx

Age Range: Adults 18+

March 3: 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

My Sisters Back (MSB)



MSB was created to support women through mentoring and community support with the efforts to enhance one's ability to achieve goals, hash out decisions, recognize core hurts in order to let go of past perceptions creating positive core beliefs of oneself.

Age Range: Adults

Wednesday, March 25: 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Comics in Color Opening Reception



Comics in Color produces free and accessible events in Boston for creators of color that are currently producing comics & visuals stories. They encourage creators of color to tell their stories, create their comic projects and contribute to the cultural ecosystem. Visit comicsincolor.org for more information on how to register.

Age Range: Adults | Friday, April 3: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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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 2:00 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

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 Winter & Spring!

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

SPECIAL EVENTS @ The Dewitt Center

Department of Youth & Engagement Mental Health Awareness Event



Join the Mayor's Youth Council's Education Committee for a mental health awareness event, specifically catered to youth living in Boston. The event will feature panelists and multiple resources available to Boston youth.

Age Range: Youth

Saturday, April 4: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Age Strong Commission Conference

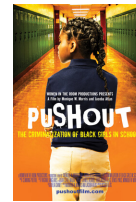
AGE+

The Age Strong Commission welcomes housing providers in the city of Boston to learn more about dementia and how memory loss may be affecting some of their residents. Please join them for their housing mini-conference to learn the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, communication tactics, and how to better work with residents living with dementia.

Age Range: Housing Providers

Wednesday, April 8: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Pushout Movie Screening & Discussion



Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools takes a deep dive into the lives of Black girls and the practices, cultural beliefs and policies that disrupts one of the most important factors in their lives - education. Experts give context to the crisis and provide a roadmap for how our educational system and those who interact with Black girls can provide a positive rather than punitive response to behaviors that are often misunderstood or misrepresented.

Wednesday, April 8: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Brothers Building Men's Wellness Conference



The Male Engagement Network (MEN) will host its second annual Mental Wellness Summit. The MEN network believes that mental health and wellness should be addressed in a comprehensive manner. The summit will incorporate discussions, activities and share resources around mental wellness as a whole as it relates to Black and Brown males in Boston.

Age Range: Adults

Saturday, April 25: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Dewitt Center Tech Lab

IncluDe is a digital design and development agency that helps social impact organizations tell their stories digitally through Web Design, Graphic Design, User Interface/User Experience design. They have partnered with the Dewitt Center to provide tech classes for all ages.

OPEN ACCESS

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 3 pm to 5 pm

CLASSES

IncluDe Heart. IncluDe Wellness.

March 15 - June | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm *Thursdays*

Senior Android Basics (55+ Only)

January - April | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm *Wednesdays & Fridays*

Building a Microsite / Web Design

January - April | 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm *Wednesdays*

Business Book Club

April 4 - May 9 | 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm *Saturdays*

Toddler Engineering Club

February - March | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm *Saturdays*

EVENTS / WORKSHOPS (tentative)

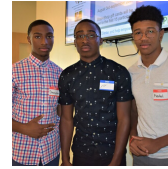
IncluDe Tech Meetup - Hidden Figures

February 28 | 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm



Dewitt Center HOSTED EVENTS

Teen Night



Join The Dewitt Center, MPDC's Youth Workforce Program, and Madison Park Village (MPV) Resident Service Coordinators for a monthly Teen Night. Must be a Dewitt Center Member or MPV resident to attend. Visit The Dewitt Center front desk to sign up.

Age Range: 13 - 19 years ONLY

Thursday, February 20: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm;

Thursday, March 19: 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm;

Thursday, April 23: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Senior Beauty Day



The Dewitt Center is treating seniors to a fun-filled beauty day at Madison Park High School. Seniors can choose from a wash, blow and curl, wash and set or a manicure or pedicure. Space is limited RSVP at the Dewitt Center front desk.

Age Range: Seniors | Friday, May 8: 8:00 am

Madison Park Village Events @ The Dewitt Center

Resident Services Coordinator Led April Vacation Activities

Join the MPV Resident Service Coordinators for a week of fun activities for April vacation!

- 4/21 - Afternoon Movie 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
- 4/22 - Intergenerational Bingo 1:00 pm -3:00 pm
- 4/23 - Health & Wellness Activity 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 4/24 - TAP Program 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Contact Marcus mkohlman@winnco.com or Etai ebelinky@winnco.com to register

Age Range: All Ages

Tuesday, April 21 thru Friday, April 24: 1:00 pm - 3:00 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!



In Remembrance of Chuck Turner 1940 - 2019

MPDC mourns the loss of Roxbury advocate Chuck Turner, who died on Christmas Day. Many of our important early struggles would not have succeeded without the grassroots support organized in part by Chuck Turner, a committed Roxbury activist. Chuck Turner, who served ten years (2000-2010) as District 7 City Councilor representing Roxbury, first worked as an organizer for South End Neighborhood Action Program (SNAP) and was in Lower Roxbury in 1966 when Roxbury residents burned trash in Madison Park to protest the city's disregard for the neighborhood. Thanks to Chuck and other community activists, this event elicited a massive gathering of local residents, signaling that Lower Roxbury bore significant grassroots power and scaring the city into cleaning up the park.

Also, in the 1960s and early 1970s, Chuck helped MPDC fight urban renewal plans, gaining Boston Redevelopment Authority approvals to build housing at Madison Park Village. He was key to successful efforts to stop Interstate 95.

He was founding director of Northeastern University's African-American Institute and actively involved in the Boston Black United Front, among many other social justice endeavors. As a steering committee member of the Boston Jobs Coalition, he worked to oversee diversity compliance on city-owned projects. In that role, Chuck has worked alongside MPDC staff since 2015. He pushed to establish the Boston Residents Jobs Policy in 1983, a city ordinance requiring construction hiring percentages for residents, people of color, and women; in 2016, his continued advocacy helped revise the ordinance, significantly increasing the city requirements. Chuck Turner was not afraid; he led an exceptional life working for equity, empowerment, and social justice.



Hiring interns in 2020? Host MPDC youth to work at your site!

Over 70 MPDC youth employed by local businesses in 2018!

MPDC's Youth Development Programs prepare youth to be self-sufficient, professional, and confident.
MPDC youth work alongside our staff and our partner agencies to learn the "hard" and "soft" skills necessary to succeed in the workforce.

Become a partner today!

For more information contact Yhinny Matos

ymatos@madison-park.org

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Learn more @
madison-park.org



Apply for Madison Park Development Corporation's 2020 Scholarship Program today!

\$50,000 available for continuing your education!

Scholarships intended for high school seniors or MPDC participants graduating in Spring/Summer 2020 who have been accepted into a college or are pursuing post-secondary education, degree, certification, trade or participating in training programs.

Application deadline: June 15, 2020 at 5 pm

Some eligibility requirements apply.

For more information contact Yhinny Matos

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Apply online!
madison-park.org

