

# 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 various **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: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**  
**Sunday: Closed**

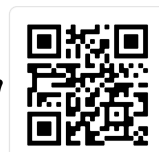
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### The Dewitt Center

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# THE DEWITT CENTER



## Summer 2024 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, 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!



# Summer Programs @The Dewitt



## Red Velvet Steppers

The Red Velvet Steppers dance group strictly focuses on Chicago Stepping, an African American partner dance that originated in Chicago during the 1970s. The wing dancing movement evolved from the Bop, Lindy Hop, and Jitterbug dances. 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

## TENACITY Tenacity

Tenacity Tennis and Academic Camp is designed for rising 4th and 5th graders to combine the thrill of tennis with enriching academic learning. This camp offers a balanced mix of sports and education, ensuring a fun and productive summer experience for all participants.

**When:** Mondays - Friday

**Age Range:** 8 yrs old - 10 yrs old

**Category:** Health and Wellness



## FREE Gentle Yoga Class

Join us this summer at The Dewitt Center for a Free in-person summer yoga series. Beginners are welcome for a gentle workout class instructed by certified Yoga Instructor and Wellness Coach Sheila Pail. Space is limited, so please bring your own mat or use one of ours.

**When:** Until August 26th Mondays

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

**Age Range:** Adults Only

**Category:** Health, Wellness, Social & 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.

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, 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, 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**

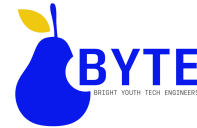


Teens can play games such as **FIFA 18, NBA 2K, NFL, Grand Turismo, and Fortnite** on the Dewitt Center's Playstation console.



Teens can **enjoy playing & working on the computers** at the Dewitt Center or **hanging out with their firends online!**

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## BYTE

Summer Coding Bootcamp is an exciting and dynamic program designed to introduce young people between the ages of 8 and 12 to the world of computer coding, robotics, game design, and teachable AI. This immersive experience provides a hands-on approach to learning, fostering creativity, problem-solving skills, and a passion for technology.

**When:** Starting July 15th to August 9th  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
**Age Range:** 8yrs - 12 yrs  
**Category:** Education



## 4 X 4 Summer Basketball Tournament

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

**When:** Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursday  
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Age Range:** 13-25 yrs old  
**Category:** Recreation



## Dewitt Center Boys' Group

The Dewitt Center Boys' Group is a safe space to empower young boys through collaborative activities and educational programming. The Dewitt Center boy's group offers role modeling, new experiences, and the opportunity to connect with leaders in the community.

**When:** 2nd & 3rd Fridays  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Age Range:** 13-19  
**Category:** Health, Wellness & Education

# Summer Programs @ The Dewitt



## 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. It offers role modeling, new experiences, and the opportunity to connect with community leaders.

**When:** Monthly on Fridays (dates may vary)  
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
**Age Range:** 13-21  
**Category:** Health, Wellness & Education



## Teen Night

On the last Friday of every month, The Dewitt Center hosts Teen Night in collaboration with Village In Progress 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 to 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

**#DoltAtTheDewitt**  
**#ThisIsHowWeDewitt**

# Summer Programs @ The Dewitt



## Dewitt Senior BINGO

Come play bingo at The Dewitt Center and win prizes! Bring your friends and neighbors for a fun day of BINGO!

**When:** 3rd Wednesday of every month  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Age Range:** 60+



## 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:** Tuesday and Thursday  
10:00 am - 3:30 pm  
**Age Range:** 5 - 14  
**Category:** Education & Mentoring Every other Friday

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

# Events @ The Dewitt



## Multicultural Festival

Multicultural Festival is a vibrant celebration of diversity, featuring traditional music, dance, cuisine, arts and crafts, cultural exhibits, and interactive activities for all ages. It's a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, learn about different cultures, and celebrate our multicultural heritage.

**When:** Saturday, August 10, 2024  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm



## Back to School Celebration MPV Residents

This is an RSVP required event for MPV residents. Please join us in celebrating back to school. Children will receive school supplies, back packs, and resources for the upcoming school year, so please stop by and have some fun!

**When:** Thursday, August 29th  
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm



## Jazz Event at Dewitt Makanda Projects

Join us for an enchanting evening of live jazz music at the Dewitt Center! Experience the magic of soulful melodies and rhythmic beats as Makanda Project take the stage to deliver a captivating performance. Enjoy a night out with good company, light refreshments, and the perfect ambiance, making this a highlight of the summer.

**When:** August 1st  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

# Events @ The Dewitt



## 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**

## Events @ The Dewitt



### CurbFest

Boston CurbFest where community members, elders, students, and leaders come together to learn about and celebrate freedom fighters. Enjoy a vibrant day filled with delicious food, music by a DJ, youth activities, and exciting giveaways. Don't miss this opportunity to unite, educate, and have fun with your community!

**When:** August 31st  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Age Range:** All Ages



### Islamic Multi-Service Organization 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

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

## 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**



**For More Information, contact:**  
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# You can Do it at The Dewitt!



# VOTE & VOLUNTEER

**WHY?** *TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES*



**WELLNESS  
& PROSPERITY**



**EXPRESSION & CULTURE**



**FUTURE**

Roxbury Residents,  
volunteer to  
**Get Out the Vote**  
this 2024 Election Cycle  
**State Primary**  
on Tuesday, September 3rd  
Register to vote by Saturday,  
August 24th

**General Election**  
Tuesday, November 5th  
Register by Saturday, October 26th

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**STIPENDS AVAILABLE!!**  
**#RAISETHEWAGE**