

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**.

Visit us to 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



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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!



Winter Programs @ The Dewitt



After School Arts Program

We're thrilled to announce the newest addition to the Dewitt Center, the "After School Arts Program" led by Dominga Martin! This exciting program focuses on film creation, offering students a fun and engaging opportunity to explore their creativity and develop their skills in filmmaking. We're proud to host this innovative program and can't wait to see the amazing projects that will come to life right here at The Dewitt Center!

When: Thursdays and Fridays
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Age Range: 18+
Category: Health & Wellness



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 1/9 - 3/31
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Age Range: All ages
Category: Health and Wellness



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 University'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: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Age Range: 21+
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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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.

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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, 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: 10:00 am - 7:45 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 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 friends online!**

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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 - 7:45 pm

Age Range: 13-19

Category: Health, Wellness, Social & Education



Next Generation

The Next Generation program at The Dewitt Center is an exciting new initiative aimed at cultivating future leaders within our community. Divided into two distinct groups—one for boys and one for girls—the program provides a supportive and empowering environment where young people can develop essential leadership skills. Under the guidance of our dedicated Program Coordinator, Taquari Milton, participants engage in a variety of activities that focus on personal growth, teamwork, and civic responsibility. The Next Generation program not only equips these young leaders with the tools they need to succeed, but also fosters a sense of confidence, responsibility, and community engagement that will benefit them for years to come.

When: Every Friday
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Age Range: 13-19

Category: Health, Wellness, Social & Education

Winter Programs @ The Dewitt



Capoeira MDP Roxbury

Join us every Saturday for an exciting and energetic Capoeira class led by the talented instructor, Bambu! Capoeira is a dynamic Brazilian martial art that blends dance, acrobatics, and music. Whether you're a beginner or experienced, this class is designed for everyone who wants to learn new skills, improve flexibility, and have fun. Come experience the rhythm, movement, and cultural heritage of Capoeira in a welcoming and vibrant community setting.

When: Every Saturday
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Age Range: 13+

Category: Health and Wellness



Islamic Multi-Service Organization Food Pantry

The Dewitt Center has partnered with the Islamic Multi-Service Organization (IMSO) for a monthly food 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
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

#DoltAtTheDewitt
#ThisIsHowWeDewitt

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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
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Age Range: 5 - 20

Category: Education



The F.O.R.G.E

The Dewitt Center is excited to announce the launch of "The Forge," a new men's empowerment and mental health group specifically designed for men of color. This program aims to create a supportive space where men can connect, share experiences, and offer helpful advice to one another. Focused on fostering mental well-being, resilience, and personal growth, "The Forge" provides a platform for men to engage in open discussions about challenges they face and empower each other with practical tools for navigating life's obstacles. It's a space for strength, solidarity, and healing.

When: Second Friday of Every Month
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Age Range: 18+

Category: Martial Arts

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

Winter Events @ The Dewitt



Black History Month Program

The Dewitt Center is hosting a special Black History Celebration, hosted by MPDC's Community Planning Manager Tahara Samuel. It will be a fun time with refreshments, games and music to honor the rich legacy of Black culture, history, The Dewitt Center is proud to host a Black History Month celebration in our gymnasium. This special event will feature performances, guest speakers, and opportunities for reflection, providing a vibrant space for education and unity. Join us as we celebrate Black history and continue to inspire future generations.

When: Saturday, February 8, 2025

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Age Range: All Ages

Category: Community



Love, Sweets and Heartbeats

Join us for a fun and festive Valentine's Day celebration on February 14th, hosted by The Dewitt Center's Program Coordinator Taquari Milton! This exciting event will feature games, goodie bags, delicious sweets, music, and a variety of other activities to spread the love and joy of the holiday. Whether you're celebrating with friends, family, or a special someone, it's sure to be a day full of laughter, fun, and sweet memories!

When: Friday, February 14, 2025

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Age Range: All Ages

Category: Community

COMMUNITY CAPOEIRA CLASS ROXBURY WEEKLY CLASSES



Every Saturday from 1:30-3PM

at the Dewitt Center

122 Dewitt Dr, Boston MA 02120

Meet The Dewitt Team



Left to Right Taquari Milton, Erica Davis, Willa Mae Burnett, PJ Tucker

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Teen Night @ The Dewitt

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



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at The Dewitt Center
4:30 pm

AGES: 13-19



For More Information, contact:
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Black History Month Program

In February, the Dewitt Center will host a special Black History Program, curated by Anita Handy, to honor and celebrate the rich legacy of Black culture, history, and contributions. The event will feature dynamic discussions, performances, and activities, highlighting the achievements of influential Black figures and fostering a deeper understanding of the struggles and triumphs within the African American community. Anita Handy, known for her dedication to promoting cultural awareness and inclusion, will guide attendees through this enlightening and impactful celebration of Black history.

When: Saturday, February 22, 2025
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Age Range: All Ages
Category: Community

'80s and '90s Theme Party

Get ready to travel back in time at The Dewitt Center this upcoming March for an epic '80s and '90s Party! We're turning up the nostalgia with classic hits, throwback fashion, and plenty of fun vibes. Whether you're rocking neon, denim, or flannel, this event will have something for everyone. Come dance to the best tunes from two unforgettable decades, enjoy retro games, and relive your favorite memories. Don't miss out on the ultimate throwback celebration at The Dewitt Center - it's going to be a blast!

When: Friday, March 21, 2025
4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Age Range: 18+
Category: Community

