



News from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus

An urban refuge partnership

A Monthly Newsletter

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September Open Hours

The Conservation Area is open

Mon-Fri 11am-4pm

Sat 9am-1pm

Closed Sundays

Closed Sept. 11-14

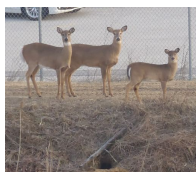
Free Programming for Young Children & Families

To reserve your spot, go to www.masonvillecove.org.

Sat, 9/20 9:30-10:30am & 11-Noon Science Alive Kids <5- Snakes!

Sat 9/24 5:30-6:30pm Family Nature Night - Owl Investigations

Sat, 9/27 9:30-10:30am & 11-Noon Science Alive Kids <5-Deer!



Other Opportunities to Connect with Nature

9/4, 9am-12pm Scientific Monitoring, Conservation Area

9/10, 12:30-1:30pm Guided Nature Walk

9/10, 2-4pm Garden Clean Up

9/17, 2-4pm Know your Natives (plants)

9/25, 6-8pm Fall Flower Wreath Making

9/30 11am-Noon Guided Nature Walk

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and the Baltimore City and County Public School Systems, along with grants from local



organizations. This program is designed to serve special needs students and help them maintain skills during the summer months.

This summer, students sailed aboard the Lady Maryland and

participated in programs at the Maryland Science Center, Glen Burnie Bowl, Druid Hill pool and Maryland Council for Special Equestrians.

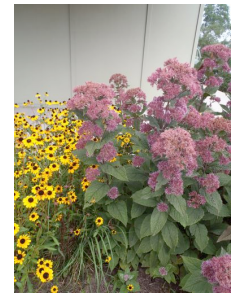


SAVE the DATE! SATURDAY OCTOBER 18 2nd ANNUAL MASONVILLE COVE OPEN HOUSE

7-9 am: Breakfast with the Birds
10am-2pm: Driving tours of the Dredge Material Containment Facility, nature crafts, green building tours, giveaways and more!

Masonville Cove Campus is the home base for Bay Buddies Camps

Bay Buddies is a collaborative project supported jointly by The Arc Baltimore, Living Classrooms



Summer Scenes from the Cove: A Baltimore Oriole photographed by Wendy Alexander, Bee Balm, White Turtlehead-host plant for Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly, Black-eyed Susan and Joe Pye Weed in bloom

VOLUNTEER at MASONVILLE COVE!

There are several ways you can have fun and contribute positively to the Masonville Cove Campus.

We love volunteers! Call or visit Masonville Cove to participate in a community program, scientific monitoring, a guided nature walk or garden clean up(see calendar, above). Also, we'll need trained volunteers to assist with environmental education.

Do you have a talent related to the natural world or environmental education? Let us know.

Training is FREE and you'll receive a Masonville Cove T-shirt. You'll get previews of upcoming events and enjoy working with staff and other volunteers. See Contact Info, above.

MD Master Naturalist Training Program hosted by Irvine Nature Center, Masonville Cove and the National Aquarium:

Starting Tuesday September 9th, a seven-week course taught by local environmental specialists. For details, go to <https://extension.umd.edu/masternaturalist> or contact Program Facilitator at CourtneySagal@ExploreNature.org or 443-738-9224.



Activities may include: debris cleanup, construction of insect hotel, small wetland grasses planting, maintenance of bluebird boxes, other fun activities that will help enhance the Cove!

To register: http://aqua.org/care/conservation-initiatives-old/masonville-cove?_ga=1.43840417.567717062.1400588846

Monarch caterpillar on milkweed leaf

Environmental Stewardship and Fun at Upcoming FIELD DAY hosted by MC partner, National Aquarium Conservation Team, Saturday October 11th, 12:00-3:00 pm



Shoreline Debris Clean Up

About Masonville Cove and the Campus...

Masonville Cove is located on 70 acres of water and 54 acres of cleaned-up land including wetlands, nature trails, and a protected bird sanctuary. The Masonville project developed from mitigation tied to the creation of a Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF) by the Maryland Port Administration (MPA). This created an opportunity for the local residents and schoolchildren (from Brooklyn, Curtis Bay, and Cherry Hill) to connect with their natural environment and participate in meaningful stewardship projects related to Masonville Cove and their communities.

MPA worked with the community associations from Brooklyn and Curtis Bay, the Living Classrooms Foundation, and the National Aquarium to create the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus (MCEEC). Maryland Environmental Service coordinates the mitigation project. The MCEEC has been a model for community involvement and environmental awareness from its inception to its opening as a landmark urban environmental education center. The sustainable growth of this urban wilderness conservation area and its wetlands will remind the community that they are a part of something positive for generations to come.



A Partnership among:

- Maryland Port Administration**
- Living Classrooms Foundation**
- National Aquarium**
- Maryland Environmental Service**
- US Fish & Wildlife Service**