



News from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus

An urban wilderness conservation area.

A Monthly Newsletter

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January Open Hours

The Conservation Area is open

Mon-Fri
11am-4pm

Sat 9am-1pm

Closed Sunday

1/1, Campus Closed for New Year's Day

1/20, Campus Closed for Martin Luther King Day



Free Saturday Programming for Preschoolers & Families

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

1/4 10-11am Science Alive Kids <5-Worms!;

11:30am-12:30pm Family Fun-Fish Printing!

1/11 10-11am Science Alive Kids <5-Hibernation!;

11:30am-12:30pm Family Fun-Owl Investigations!

1/25 10-11:30am Budding Biologists(ages 5-7): All about Birds

Other Free Programming

1/3 1-2pm Guided Nature Walk with Maryland Master Naturalists.

1/11 12-3pm Dumpster Days in Brooklyn & Curtis Bay.

1/15 11:30am-12:30pm Guided Nature Walk with a MD Master Naturalist.

1/18 11:30am-12:30pm Guided Nature Walk with a MD Master Naturalist.

1/29 6-7pm Masonville Cove's Transformation from trash to treasure.



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Masonville Cove goes global! ~by Christine Schmidt Redline, Living Classrooms Foundation

A highlight for staff at Masonville Cove this month was to be able to welcome an international friend, Kathie diStefano from the Netherlands. During her stay, Kathie held a variety of workshops for kids and adults at area schools as well as here at the Cove. On the evening of Wednesday, December 11th Kathie led environmental education activities with a theatrical twist during our professional development for teachers. Some Living Classrooms staff at Masonville Cove also had the opportunity to share stories with Kathie, and discovered remarkable similarities

between the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay and Rotterdam communities. In fact, Baltimore and Rotterdam are considered "Sister-Cities", which means that there is an ongoing exchange of culture, economics, and arts between the two.



On December 17th, a reception was held in honor of the work of Kathie and the Baltimore-Rotterdam Sister City committee, during which, two distinct speeches were given. Mayor Rawlings-Blake gave closing remarks and commented that she really appreciates the unique history of Brooklyn-Curtis Bay and hopes it will continue to receive attention.

Steve Bradley, a Baltimore artist, thanked everyone who supported the project. We would like to thank Steve for connecting us with Kathie and for all of his hard work, which is really what brought Kathie's trip to fruition! Masonville Cove is excited to continue sharing stories with Kathie, and we hope to start a pen-pal program with students from Rotterdam.



Winter scenes at Masonville Cove~ Conservation area with Baltimore skyline, animal tracks and a Baltimore Oriole nest

At Masonville Cove you can get involved and make a difference

- Volunteers needed and appreciated. For more information about volunteer opportunities weekdays or Saturdays, please stop by, call 246-0669 x105 or email friends@masonvillecove.org.
- Visitors welcomed. The building and conservation area are open to the public weekdays 11am-4pm. Tour the building, explore the outdoors.
- Participate at Saturday mornings FREE Nature-themed Programs for Children and Families. Check the calendar on the front page. Visit www.masonvillecove.org or call 410-246-0669, x105 to reserve your spot.
- Explore natural treasures at the Cove. Guided one-hour nature walks led by a Maryland Master Naturalist. The waterfowl are abundant now. Bracingly fun! Check the calendar on the front page or visit www.masonvillecove.org for dates and times.

Happy New Year! from the Living Classrooms Foundation team at Masonville Cove



SECOND Dumpster Day in Curtis Bay and Brooklyn: Saturday January 11th, Noon-3pm

Dispose of large trash items and pitch in for cleaner neighborhoods and waterways! Dumpsters will be sited at Edwight Court in Farring Baybrook Park and at Garret Park behind the Boys and Girls Club at Patapsco Ave & 3rd Street.

In addition, staff from the National Aquarium and Living Classrooms Foundation will be available to talk with neighbors from Noon until 3pm.

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 Brooklyn and Curtis Bay Coalition (BayBrook), 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**