



News from Masonville Cove

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CALENDAR

June OPEN HOURS when the Campus is open to the public:

Wed-Fri 11am-4pm,

Sat 9am-1pm.

Closed Sun-Tue.

Sign in at the Front Desk for permission to access the Campus.

Volunteer Days

*Garden Care

6/12, 8:30am-12:30pm,

6/29, 8:30-11am

*Field Day

6/22, 10am-1pm; Pre-register, please

Saturday Programs for Pre-Schoolers and Families (Reservations Necessary). FREE!

***6/1** 10-11am Science

Alive Kids < 5- Life Cycles!

11:30am-12:30pm- What is Wildlife?

***6/15** 10-11am Science

Alive Kids <5- Ants & Other Insects!

11:30am-12:30pm -

Father's Day Fun

***6/29** 10-11am Science

Alive Kids <5-

Vertebrates!

11:30am-12:30pm-

Animal Tracks

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Masonville Cove 7th Annual Environmental Education Festival for 5th Graders

The Festival was big and fun. Mother Nature threw in frisky winds and a couple of downpours but everyone adapted and moved forward! About 450 students from 11 schools in South Baltimore, who participated in SLURRP programs during the school year, enjoyed the 4-day Environmental Festival. Each day of the festival, students rotated through 6 educational stations focused on composting, healthy food, planting grasses and shrubs along the shoreline, terrapins, native gardens, wild creatures, wetlands, horseshoe crabs, and much more. Thanks to our presenters who offered their talents: MD Environmental Service, National Aquarium, University of MD Extension Program, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Chesapeake Compost Works, Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, Marshy Point Nature Center, Friends of Masonville Cove, Dept. of Natural Resources, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, and Chesapeake Center for Youth Development. The Festival was possible thanks to funding from Maryland Port Administration, NOAA, the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland Environmental Trust.



NOAA Build a Buoy Station



Big Smile, New Friends



Composting



Green Thumb in Development



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**An Urban Wilderness
Conservation Area**
A Partnership among:

Maryland
Port Administration

Living Classrooms
Foundation

National Aquarium

Bay Brook: The Brooklyn
and Curtis Bay Coalition

Maryland Environmental
Service

US Fish & Wildlife Service

Upcoming Field Day at Masonville Cove Campus

On **Saturday June 22nd, 10am -1pm**, Masonville Cove will host a field day along the shoreline. Join the National Aquarium and Living Classrooms Foundation as they work in partnership with Maryland Port Administration and Maryland Environmental Service to plant 4,000 native shoreline grasses and collect countless pieces of debris from this urban wetland. Space is limited to the first 50 people who sign up. Please register at <http://www.aqua.org/care/conservation-initiatives/masonville-cove>, or you can call the MCEEC number at ext. 105 or email friends@masonvillecove.org to reserve your place.

Community Service Project by Maryland Chapter of NAIOP

A hearty round of applause goes to the more than 160 NAIOP Maryland members who volunteered their time at the Chapter's Community Service Project, held on May 3 at Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus. This group of commercial real estate professionals raised funds for building materials and spent the afternoon assembling benches and kayak racks, as well as creating a nature exploration area and new trails. Living Classrooms Foundation and the Masonville Cove Campus are very grateful for their generosity.

Fabulous Interns

Here at Masonville Cove, we have been blessed with the prodigious talents and generous spirits of three [3] high school interns: Rebecca Jones, John Thiess and Lindsay DeMuth. First, CONGRATULATIONS to interns Rebecca and John, who are the top two students graduating Ben Franklin High School, Class of 2013! Since February, Rebecca has been assisting Masonville Cove educators at school day and Saturday programming; and our critters benefit from all the TLC she showers on them. MPA funds her internship. Over the summer, John will develop several projects at the Masonville Cove. US Fish & Wildlife Service funds his internship. As a volunteer, John was a huge help at just about every station during the Environmental Festival. Lindsay is a senior at the Bryn Mawr School doing a 3-week internship with Living Classrooms Foundation at MCEEC. She has been an outstanding assistant with SLURRP school outreaches; and she worked various stations at the Environmental Festival.

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 in Baltimore 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.