



News from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus

An urban wilderness conservation area.

A Monthly Newsletter

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April Open Hours

The Conservation Area is open

Mon-Fri 11am-4pm

Sat 9am-1pm

Closed Sunday



Free Saturday Programming for Preschoolers & Families

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

4/5 9:30-10:30am & 11am-Noon. Science Alive Kids <5-Life Under a Rock!

4/12 9:30-10:30am & 11am-Noon. Science Alive Kids <5-How does your Garden Grow?

4/26 10-11:30 am Budding Biologists(ages 5-7)-Frogs!

Other Free Programming

4/4 2-3pm Guided Nature Walk with Maryland Master Naturalists.



4/5 9am-Noon Project Clean Stream-Pre-Register, please at www.masonvillecove.org

4/9 3-5pm Rats and Trash-Breaking the Connection

4/25 3-4pm Guided Nature Walk

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VOLUNTEER at MASONVILLE COVE!

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

Get your hands dirty: Project Clean Stream at Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus.

April 5th, 9am-noon

Come to the Masonville Cove Campus for a service project. Join your neighbors to clean up the waterway that connects Brooklyn and Curtis Bay to Masonville Cove. We'll also do a bit of garden maintenance. Gloves and boots provided. Light refreshments will be available.

Participate by signing up on our website www.masonvillecove.org or contacting the Center (Contact Information, above).



Environmental Education Festival

May 20-22, 8:30-2:30pm

We need volunteers to assist with programming at stations and with logistics. Contact the Center.

MC Citizen's Advisory Committee in the Great Room at the Environmental Education Center

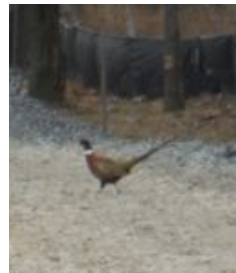
April 8th, 5:30-7:30

Find out more about what's going on at Masonville Cove by attending this informative meeting. Get updates on what's going on now and what's in the works for the summer. Light meal provided.

Citizen Science at Masonville Cove

April 17th, 8:30-11:30 am

Learn about water quality in the Cove, shoreline plants and wildlife in the conservation area. Join volunteers and the National Aquarium Conservation Team as they monitor conditions on the site.



Scenes from Masonville Cove~Lt. Governor Anthony Brown addresses community trainees for Small Watershed Action Plan, a pair of deer bedding down along the MC creek, male pheasant in conservation area, a nest of baby bunnies.

More News

- Master Naturalist classes organizing for June and July The National Aquarium, Masonville Cove and Irvine Nature Center are joining together to recruit and train adults interested in becoming Maryland Master Naturalists. Classes will run on Fridays from June 6- Aug 1 at each of the cooperating institutions. For general information on the program go to <https://extension.umd.edu/masternaturalist> . Contact Masonville Cove Center for more details.
- March 13th Training for Small Watershed Action Plan and visit by Lt. Governor Anthony Brown The Center for Watershed Protection held a training session at Masonville Cove to teach community members and students from Benjamin Franklin High School the skills to collect and document litter. Maryland Lt. Governor Anthony Brown spoke at the session, expressing his support for Masonville Cove and the community that it serves and describing a great model of ways to engage people in the environmental priorities of our City and State. The National Aquarium Conservation Team leads the Small Watershed Action Plan.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert N. Johnson, 1932-2014

Longtime supporter and friend of Masonville Cove will be missed



The family of Mr. Johnson gathered recently to celebrate the life of this generous, compassionate person. He grew up on Matson Street in the community of Masonville. From June to October young Mr. Johnson, his brother, his dog, and his buddies would beat a path to the water's edge to cool off or do a little fishing in the Patapsco River at Masonville Cove. Later he devoted his love and energies toward raising a family of 3 children in the south Baltimore area and to a career spanning over 30 years at WR Grace. In recent years Mr. Johnson reconnected with Masonville Cove, attending the dedication of the conservation area in 2012 and Open House in 2013. Many times he and his wife Marihelen would swing by the Masonville Cove Center to take in the sights along the banks of the Patapsco River.

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**