



News from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus

An urban wilderness conservation area.

A Monthly Newsletter

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October Open Hours

The Conservation Area is open on

Wed-Fri 11am-4pm

Sat 9am-1pm

Closed Sun-Tues.



Saturday Programming for PreSchoolers & Families

Reserve your spot, email kmccreery@livingclassrooms.org

10/12 10-11am Science Alive Kids <5- Oysters!; **11:30am-12:30pm** Family Fun-Terrarium Workshop

10/26 10-11am Science Alive Kids <5- Creepy Crawlies!; **11:30am-12:30pm** Family Fun-Spooky Halloween Fun



Other Programming

10/19 7am-9am Breakfast with the Birds (Reserve your spot-call 410-246-0669, ext 105 or email events@masonvillecove.org)

10/19 10am-2pm Masonville Cove OPEN HOUSE.

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Coming Events at Masonville Cove

OPEN HOUSE hosted by Maryland Port Administration, Saturday October 19th, 10am-2pm

Join us for free family friendly activities, a tour of the dredged material containment facility and give aways. Parking available. For more information, contact Katrina Jones kjones1@marylandports.com or 410-385-4438.

Breakfast with the Birds, Saturday October 19th, 7-9am

Are you a bird-lover or always wanted to learn more about birds? Come to Masonville Cove for a bird walk led by bird experts Bob and Mary Brent of Marshy Point Nature Center. There will be a breakfast following the walk.

Call to reserve your spot: 410.246.0669, x105 or email events@masonvillecove.org.

Help provide for songbirds and provide engaging spaces for schoolchildren exploring nature. We hope for DONATIONS of sturdy BIRD FEEDERS, black oil sunflower seed and niger thistle seed for our back deck. Contact us at friends@masonvillecove.org or 410.246.0669, x105, if you'd like to make a donation.

Community Events

Our neighbors at **Filbert Street Garden** in Curtis Bay invite you to a Haunted Harvest Celebration, Saturday Oct 26th, 3-7pm, Call 410.209.7793 or email filbertstreetgarden@gmail.com.

Mark the date: **November 9th ~ Dumpster Days** in Curtis Bay-Brooklyn area. Watch for details.

Big Success for Habitat Improvement & Community Engagement - Thank You to all!

The Wetland Restoration Event hosted by the Conservation Team of the National Aquarium on 19-21 September at Masonville Cove involved 87 volunteers including 5 school groups, 25 employees from Cristal USA and Den 1 Webelos II, Pack 412.



Steadfast Members from Den 1 Webelos II Pack 412

Over the 3-day restoration more than 10,000 native wetland grasses were planted and 22,000 pieces of debris were removed along the shoreline!



Ms. Amberger's 4th-grade class from Curtis Bay Elementary helped unveil the new sign.



John Thies, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intern, designed this kiosk, which was built by Maryland Environmental Service.



The Chesapeake Bay Trust and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation presented Masonville Cove with gifts to support student and citizen engagement as well as restoration and watershed planning.

Masonville Cove designated nation's first Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership

On the clear, mild morning of Thursday, September 26, Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus became the nation's first Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership in a ceremony attended by over 100 local community members and government officials.

Speakers from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, and the National Aquarium filled the celebration with thanks and congratulations to all parties involved in what was hailed as a milestone collaborative achievement for Masonville Cove, an institution that, while young, seems already to have made a clean, green mark on the

neighborhoods, waters, and shoreline around it.

"We're creating an outdoor classroom," said Maryland Congressman John Sarbanes in his brief address. "And by having the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service...designate this as the first Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership in the country is a declaration that we're going to make sure that students, anywhere they live and anywhere they go to school, are going to have access to these sorts of outdoor opportunities."

The creation of Urban Wildlife Refuges is part of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service initiative that aims to make nature and conservation issues more relevant for city-dwelling Americans.

James Bond, President and CEO of the Living Classrooms Foundation, which oversees Masonville Cove, said connecting Baltimore's urban youth to nature is central to Masonville Cove's mission.

"Learning to have a true stewardship and appreciation for the environment — that's what it's all about," he said.

Masonville Cove in the News!

Please read the informative article about Masonville Cove written by Rona Kobell in the Sept. 29 2013 issue of the Bay Journal: http://www.bayjournal.com/article/once_it_was_trash_but_now_masonville_is_a_natural_treasure

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.



A Partnership among:

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