



News from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus

An urban refuge partnership

A Monthly Newsletter

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February Open Hours

The Conservation Area is open to the public:

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Sat
9am-1pm

Closed
Sundays,

Closed for
President's
Day, Monday 2/15



Free Programming for Young Children & Families

To reserve your spot, go to www.masonvillecove.org then follow the link and instructions in right column under Pre-K programs.

Sat, 2/20 9:30-10:30am, 11am-Noon Science Alive Kids Under 5-Winter Nature Wonders!

Other [FREE] Opportunities to Connect with Nature

events@masonvillecove.org for more information or pre-register or call 410-246-0669, x100.

Fri 2/12 2-3pm, Guided Nature Walk

Fri 2/19 10am-Noon MC Stewards, Citizen Science, Scientific Monitoring. Pre-register, please

Sat 2/27 10:30am-Noon Community Program ~ Descubre su cuenca local / Know your local watershed. This will be a bilingual program.

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Science Alive Continues under New Leadership

Masonville Cove has been lucky to have Kristin McCreery lead our Saturday morning programming for wee scientists for many years. Her hard work built this highly successful weekend program.

Kristin officially passed along the programming duties for Science Alive for Kids Under 5 to Shelby Taylor, a recent addition to our weekend staff. While we are sad to lose a familiar face, we are excited to welcome a creative and enthusiastic educator like Ms. Shelby.

During the week she works for the Baltimore City Department of Public



Works in the Recycling Program. Other educator experience includes working with horseshoe crabs, her favorite Chesapeake Bay animal, for classroom outreaches under the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Come on out with your curious little one[s] on the 1st or 3rd Saturday of the month and spend a morning with Ms. Shelby.

Urban Conservation & Education Internship: Seeking College Students

The partners at Masonville Cove are collaborating to create a field-based summer experience for college students. Now in its third year, the internship engages college students from the Baltimore region in career opportunities and collaborations in the areas of conservation and environmental education.

A field-based program means most of the work will require getting

your hands dirty outside. Some of last summer's projects included: osprey banding, wetland planting, shark tagging, and providing outreach programs for Baltimore City youth on a variety of environmental topics. This internship encourages not only learning about the natural world, but also sharing that knowledge with others.



If you know a college student in the Baltimore region who may be interested in this type of experience, check out the Masonville Cove website for more

information about the program and how to apply. Applications are due by Monday, February 29th. Please contact Curtis Bennett at cbennett@aqua.org or 410-576-1508 with questions.



Scenes at Masonville Cove: Three Great Blue Herons in the stream; Volunteers at former Project Clean Stream event; Animal tracks in the post-blizzard snowfall; Citizen scientists during January monitoring-an ice-breaking experience!

Meet Nia Edwards, Latino Community Outreach Liaison at Masonville Cove

Hello, my name is Nia Edwards and I am happy to be serving as Community Outreach Liaison for the Hispanic Access

Foundation and Living Classrooms Foundation. I am currently a second-semester senior at Towson University, double majoring in International Studies and Spanish.



Apart from studying one semester in Buenos Aires Argentina for 4 months, I also come from a Latino background from Honduras. My background coupled with my extensive research and traveling throughout Latin America, have developed my understanding of Latino culture and allows me to communicate with the community more efficiently.

My hope as a Liaison is to build a bridge between environmental education resources at Masonville Cove and local Latino communities. By translating resources to Spanish and offering events in both languages, I will help open up the lines of communication and

accessibility between Masonville Cove resources and members of the local Latino communities. Specifically, I will be focusing on watershed issues of the Patapsco River and Chesapeake Bay, as well the improvement and characteristics of Monarch butterfly habitats and other pollinator insects. I look forward to participating in community and Masonville Cove events and serving the community.

I will offer a community program on watersheds, in spanish, in late February. Check the calendar, above!

Save the Date: Saturday April 2nd from 9am-1pm

Living Classrooms Educators and National Aquarium Conservation staff will join forces for a fun day focused on impacts of urban debris on our watersheds and how to get a handle on our trash. This event is family-friendly with a variety of age-appropriate activities. Youth and adults can participate in **Project Clean Stream**, a Maryland-wide initiative to tackle trash in and around state waterways. We'll be working along the living shoreline and outfall stream. Younger children will learn about urban debris, healthy choices for our waterways and how critters are impacted by urban debris.

It's Snow Season: Check the website or phone us, if you have questions about weather-related changes in our programs.

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**