



News from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus

An urban refuge partnership

A Monthly Newsletter

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September Open Hours

The Conservation Area is open to the public:

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Sat 9am-1pm

Closed Sundays,

CLOSED for LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, 9/7



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, 9/19 9:30-10:30am, 11-Noon Science Alive Kids Under 5-My 5 Senses in Nature!

Sat, 9/26 9:30-10:30am, 11-Noon Science Alive Kids Under 5-Deer!

Other [FREE] Opportunities to Connect with Nature

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

Sat, 9/12 9:30am-1pm 2nd Annual Masonville Cove BioBlitz, Please pre-register at National Aquarium website at conserve@aqua.org

Tues, 9/15 11am-Noon Guided Nature Walk~ Butterflies

Wed, 9/30 8:15-12:15 MC Stewards ~ Citizen Science-Scientific Monitoring

Sat, 10/3 MCEEC Fall Festival

MCEEC Contact Information

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www.masonvillecove.org

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For inquiries related to educational programs, info@masonvillecove.org

For inquiries related to volunteering, friends@masonvillecove.org

Get involved! Plan to Participate in one event at Masonville Cove during September

Fall is a time for making a plan and embracing new challenges. Here at

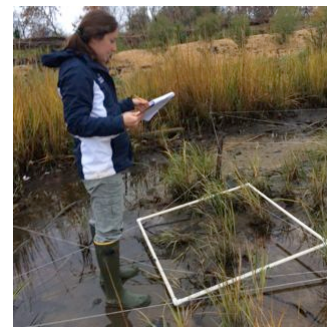
Masonville Cove we are seeking volunteers to help with community programming and to implement habitat monitoring by citizen scientists. We have a short initial training program for volunteers. It's a fun and meaningful way to engage with fellow volunteers and the plants and animals in this



urban wildlife refuge. You'll be surprised.

If you want to learn more about the biodiversity at Masonville Cove, come to the BIOBLITZ, Saturday 9/12. A BioBlitz is a concentrated biological survey of a given area. Wildlife experts and community volunteers work together to find, identify, and record as many living species as they can in a set amount of time. We'll use iNaturalist to record biodiversity.

Pre- registration required. Please contact the National Aquarium Conservation team at 410-576-1014 or conserve@aqua.org .



Become a Citizen Scientist-join in Monitoring the Urban Habitat on Wednesday 9/30. Training required.

Bring your friends and young

children for a Guided Nature Walk focused on Butterflies on 9/15 at 11am.

Volunteer on a Saturday morning to help orient visitors and support community programs. Training required.



Scenes at Masonville Cove: *Spotted Bee Balm in bloom; Ethan enjoys the parachute in the Bay Buddies program; Autumn discovers a fish caught on a boat ride; Praying Mantis with her mate.*

BAY BUDDIES at Masonville Cove

For the 15th year, Living Classrooms educators have teamed up with staff of The Arc Baltimore to offer 2 sessions of a weeklong camp for special needs children. The Bay Buddies program is a partnership among The Arc Baltimore, Living Classrooms Foundation, Baltimore City Public Schools and Baltimore County Public Schools.

Students spent active days at Masonville Cove engaged in varied activities including catching and releasing butterflies, nature walks, discovering our resident reptiles and exploring their 5 senses. They also went on exciting field trips including horseback riding and sailing on LCF's skipjack Sigsbee, swimming and bowling.

It is marvelous to see the children progressing in their skills from year-to-year. Both staff and students have a wonderful



time at Bay Buddies

Mark your fall calendar: Saturday Oct 3, MC Fall Festival.

Come to Masonville Cove to enjoy nature, explore and join in fun, free activities. Hosted by MD Port Administration and Masonville Cove Partners.

Watch for flyers or call 410-246-0669 x100 for information.

Register to participate in Breakfast with the Birds 7-9:15 am 10/3. Space is limited to 15, sign up with Tim Carney TCARN@menv.com.

Upcoming Celestial Phenomenon



On Sunday 9/27 there will be a total eclipse of the full moon. This happens when the sun, earth and moon are aligned and as the moon passes through the shadow cast by the earth. The moon will be partially eclipsed shortly after 9pm EDT. The total eclipse will be centered on 10:47pm EDT. There is a nice animation that anticipates stages of the eclipse at <http://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/baltimore>.

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