



News from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus

An urban wilderness conservation area.

A Monthly Newsletter

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July Open Hours

The Conservation Area is open on

Wed-Fri 11am-4pm

Sat 9am-1pm

Closed Sun-Tues.



Saturday Programming for Pre-Schoolers & Families (Reservations necessary)

7/6 10-11am Science Alive Kids <5- Seeds!; **11:30am-12:30pm** Family Fun-Fish Printing Fun (for the whole family).

7/13 10-11am Science Alive Kids <5-Water, Water Everywhere!; **11:30am-12:30pm** Family Fun-Worms Eat Our Garbage.

Other Programming

7/20 7am-9:30am Breakfast with the Birds (Pre-Register)

7/27 9am-1:30pm Garden Day & Social



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Field Day

The Field Day held at Masonville Cove on Saturday June 22nd was an outstanding event. Organized by the Conservation team of the National Aquarium, a MCEEC partner, with support from other partners including the Maryland Port Administration, Maryland Environmental Service and Living Classrooms Foundation, the mission was to improve aquatic habitat at the shoreline and wildlife



Shoreline Planting at Masonville Cove Field Day. photo by National Aquarium

habitat in the conservation area. The 71 volunteers arrived by car and by kayak and ready to work. They planted 4000 plugs of wetland grasses along the shoreline and removed storm-strewn debris from the stream fed by the storm drain culvert and from the shoreline. In addition, ten bird boxes were installed in the

conservation area to shelter native birds. Maryland Congressman John Sarbanes paid a return visit to Masonville Cove to reiterate his commitment to outdoor and environmental education for children. Hope you will enjoy these few photos provided by the National Aquarium; check out their website to see more photos:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/nationalaquarium/sets/72157634301374623/> and have a look at the blog: <http://nationalaquarium.wordpress.com/category/conservation/>.



Other News

Upcoming Events:

Breakfast with the Birds(Pre-Register)

Saturday July 20
7- 9:30 am
Masonville Cove Campus

Interested in birds and always wanted a guide to get you started? This event is for you!

Join us along with Brent Byers and Bob Rineer of Marshy Point Nature Center who will guide an early morning birdwatching session followed by breakfast. Limited to 12 people. Pre-registration required,

Email friends@masonvillecove.org or call the Front Desk 410-246-0669, ext 105.

Garden Days followed by Lemonade & Ice Cream Social

Saturday July 27
9am-1:30pm
Masonville Cove Campus

No reservations required but it would really help us, if you could let us know whether you plan to attend. Email friends@masonvillecove.org or call 410-246-0669, ext 105.

'In her own words' Rebecca Jones, Masonville Cove Intern

I am an intern at the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center. At first, I wasn't too sure why I would work at an environmental center; I am severely allergic to grass and



extremely afraid of bugs, but after weeks of working, I learned there is so much more to the environment than just that. Of course, I already knew the basics: Recycling, Reducing, Reusing, but what I didn't know was, how passionate one could be about their environment and community. I've observed class after class being taught about the environment and thought, to myself, "How do they do it?" Now I know, passion. I've learned and enjoyed a lot more here too, but I think this is the biggest take away, for me.

Fishing at the Pier

You can fish at our pier on days when the Campus is open.



While Masonville Cove will be closed for the Independence Day Holiday, you can fish at other spots. Children under 16 years of age may fish without a license. Adults need a license. **Reminder that July 4th is a DNR Free Fishing Day. Visit the DNR website for details <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/rec/freebayfish.asp>.

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

US Fish & Wildlife Service