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News from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus

An Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership

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FREE Programming & Opportunities to Connect with Nature

Email events@masonvillecove.org for more information or visit

[Masonvillecove.org/events](https://masonvillecove.org/events) to pre-register.



MASONVILLE COVE PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS OCTOBER 2026 FREE AND OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC

10/2
**FIRST FRIDAY:
NATUREWORX MEDITATION WALK
5:30-7PM**

Join us for an easy, mindful walk in which we will slow down, pay attention using all of our senses and notice all that nature has to offer us. In the process, we will become more fully present in the moment, giving us a respite and reboot from our fast-paced, screen-focused lifestyles.

10/3
GUIDED NATURE WALK 10-11:30AM

Join for a guided walk around campus! There is always something new to see and learn about as seasons change. Registration required.

10/10
SHORELINE CLEAN UP 1:30-2:30PM

Community Shoreline Clean-Up Make Captain Trash Wheel proud and help clean up the shoreline at Masonville

10/17
NATURE FOR KIDS 10AM-11AM

Join us for a fun program with a craft inspired by nature! Registration required.

10/24
**WATER QUALITY/CLIMATE CHANGE
SCIENCE 1:30-3PM**

Join us in becoming a water scientist for a day! Learn what it takes to be a water scientist and help with climate change impact data collection! Registration required.

VISIT [MASONVILLECOVE.ORG/EVENTS](https://masonvillecove.org/events)
FOR MORE INFO AND FREE REGISTRATION



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COME HANG WITH THE BATS

EVENING BAT WALK



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

@ FILBERT STREET GARDEN

7:45PM - 8:30PM

1321 FILBERT ST, BALTIMORE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

@ MASONVILLE COVE

WITH BALTIMORE GREENSPACE

6:00PM - 7:15PM

1000 FRANKFURST AVE, BALTIMORE

**DID YOU KNOW INSECT-EATING
BATS ARE ESTIMATED TO SAVE U.S.
FARMERS OVER \$300 BILLION EACH
YEAR? COME HANG OUT WITH THE
BATS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR
NOCTURNAL FRIENDS & HOW WE
CAN HELP THEM**



**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
FOR THESE FREE PROGRAMS
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REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE

Join the Farm Alliance of Baltimore
for hands-on, seasonally guided
urban agriculture classes at the
Black Butterfly Teaching Farm.



LEARN THE
FUNDAMENTALS OF
URBAN FARMING —
NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED.

2 HOUR
CLASSES
2X A MONTH

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BBUFA FIELD SCHOOL

First Friday October: Sunset Saunter with NatureWorx



First Fridays At Masonville Cove

Date: October 2, 2026
Time: 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM
Location: Masonville Cove
Environmental Education Center
1000 Frankfurst Ave
Baltimore, MD 21226



Sunset Saunter

Join us for an easy, mindful walk in which we will slow down, pay attention using all of our senses and notice all that nature has to offer us. In the process, we will become more fully present in the moment, giving us a respite and reboot from our fast-paced, screen-focused lifestyles.



For free registration, visit:
<https://www.masonvillecove.org/events>

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When: Friday, October 2nd, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Masonville Cove, 1000 Frankfurst Ave, Baltimore, MD 21226, USA

Join NatureWorx and their expert guides on Friday, Oct 2nd for an easy, mindful walk around the beautiful trails at Masonville Cove. Slow down and pay attention using all of your senses and notice all that nature has to offer. Become

more fully present in the moment, take a respite, and reboot from our fast-paced, screen-focused lifestyles.

Registration is free at the link below. We will see you there!

<https://www.masonvillecove.org/event-info/first-friday-nature-worx-sunset-saunter>

Another Successful Urban Wildlife Conservation Day at Masonville Cove!



Photos by Bill McAllen (Maryland Port Administration)

The 2026 summer season ended with a bang at Masonville Cove's Urban Wildlife Conservation Day (UWCD), held on Saturday, September 19th. With approximately 200 visitors, about half of them being first-time visitors to the site, and 17 partner exhibitors, the day was filled with fun experiences to connect residents with nature in their Baltimore backyard. Visitors engaged in numerous activities, including bird banding, monarch tagging, fishing, and boat rides!

A special program during UWCD celebrated a historic milestone for the Friends of Masonville Cove – the achievement of 501(c)(3) status. The program recognized this important step in the Friends of Masonville Cove's continued growth and commitment to Masonville Cove and the surrounding community. Special appreciation was also extended to Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. for its generous pro-bono legal support, which helped make this achievement

possible. The celebration provided an opportunity to highlight the many ways community members can support Masonville Cove through volunteerism, fundraising, environmental stewardship, and community engagement.

The program also showcased the ongoing sustainability efforts taking place at Masonville Cove and throughout surrounding communities. A highlight of the celebration was the dedication and showcase of the Nature-Based Playground, a visible investment in environmental education, outdoor learning, and sustainable community development. The Nature-Based Playground provides an engaging space where families can connect with nature while learning about the importance of health, ecosystems, and environmental stewardship.



Photos by Bill McAllen (Maryland Port Administration)

The Masonville Cove Partnership-run event helped bring together partners, exhibitors, and activities that make this annual event possible. Around 43% of guests came from neighboring areas in Brooklyn and Baltimore to see what Masonville Cove has to offer, taking advantage of this urban oasis. City life is vibrant and lively, but many residents lack access to nature and green spaces. Masonville Cove and the UWCD event provide much-needed entry to natural areas, where people can come to find peace, observe wildlife, and build community connections.

Thanks to the strong partnerships among state and federal agencies, non-profits, and community groups, UWCD continues to thrive year after year. The 2026 event not only celebrated another successful season of connecting people with nature, but also highlighted the growing network of individuals and organizations working together to advance conservation, sustainability, environmental education, and community stewardship at Masonville Cove and beyond. Looking to the future, the event is sure to continue inspiring the next generation of conservationists, spread environmental awareness and education, and bolster community ties to nature.

- Mackenzie B., MES

Bat Week 2026 at Masonville!



Photo Credit: USFWS

Happy autumn! Lately, Masonville Cove's local wildlife has been preparing for the cooler weather. Monarchs and songbirds are fueling up for their long journeys south, our wild turkeys are foraging for seeds and insects on campus, and our local bald eagles are making occasional visits to their nests ahead of nesting season. I was also lucky enough to see an Eastern red bat napping in a tree on the Upland Trail! Similar to other wildlife, some bat species are getting ready to migrate, while others are busy foraging to prepare for winter hibernation.

Bat Week is celebrated by a variety of conservation organizations across North America every year from October 24th - 31st. This weeklong event highlights the importance of bats in our lives and how we can support them. Did you know bats save farmers (and us) billions of dollars each year just by eating bugs around farmland? Did you know some bats pollinate plants that give us things like mangoes and agave syrup? Some of our local bat species are declining, but we can help them by planting native plants and trees, and sharing bat facts with others.

Want to learn more about bats? Attend one of our upcoming bat walks! We will use special devices to hear bat calls as they head out for the night, and chat about bats under the night sky. Join us **Tuesday, October 27th at Filbert Street Garden** or **Thursday, October 29th at Masonville Cove**. Costumes are optional and registration is free!

- Ela C., USFWS

Green Tips from Your Green Center



Photo credit: [Britannica](#)

Football season is in full swing and there's nothing like spending time with friends and family, gathered together to cheer on your favorite team! Whether you plan on tailgating, filling up the stadium, or simply enjoying each game from home, here are a few tips to keep your sports party as green and sustainable as possible!

- Are you looking for some new fan gear? Try checking out a few thrift shops, especially if you live in the same area as your team! Not only will you score lower prices and the occasional vintage find, you'll also be keeping those lightly used items from ending up forever unused and in landfills (**Do Something**)! At some thrift shops, you can even receive discounts for donating your own outgrown or lightly used gear!
- At the stadium, skipping out on single-use straws and bringing your own reusable one is a great way you can reduce waste! Try out some of the local concession stands to enjoy unique food that didn't have to travel as far to make it to the fans (**Sourgum**)! Did you know that, according to a **list compiled by 24/7 Wall Street**, the Baltimore Ravens stadium is one of the most sustainable stadiums in the NFL? Whether they are conserving water through low-flow fixtures and no-flush urinals or encouraging fans to use public transportation to get to the game, they have done a great job as green leaders within the league!
- If you're serving food at a tailgate or at a watch party at home, consider having reusable utensils and plates as part of the package. You could

even have a “wash party” after the watch party! Serving “finger foods” can help you avoid utensils in the first place, saving you the extra step of washing at the end of your day. If anything needs to be discarded, make sure that you and your crew have clearly labeled recycling and trash bins!

- Are you planning on grilling out for your tailgate party? Try out a gas grill if you haven't yet! About 61% of grill owners use propane for their outdoor cooking and for good reason! Gas grills start up quickly and provide a constant temperature throughout the entire process as opposed to charcoal grills (**NBC News**). Gas grills also help save energy and produce less harmful pollutants, especially when using the natural gas option that many have as a feature (**The Spruce Eats**).

- Nathanael H., Living Classrooms

Help Shape the Port of Baltimore's Clean Air Future

Please take a brief survey & share your feedback to improve air quality by decarbonizing the Port of Baltimore.



<https://bit.ly/MPAengage>



CLEAN PORTS PROGRAM



The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) is working to reduce air emissions, strengthen energy resiliency, and lessen impacts on nearby communities.

Maryland has set ambitious climate goals: a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2031 and net-zero emissions by 2045. To help meet these targets, MPA is partnering with a wide range of organizations to improve air

quality, expand electrification, and build climate resilience across the Port of Baltimore.

In 2024, MPA received **\$147 million** through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Ports Program. Combined with more than **\$36 million** in State and partner contributions, this **\$182 million** investment will drive major progress in climate planning and the electrification of port infrastructure and equipment. Funding also supports a workforce impact analysis and new career development opportunities to promote job equity as the Port transitions to cleaner technologies.

These efforts will help ensure that the Port—and the communities and region it supports—continue to grow and thrive. MPA remains committed to advancing sustainable, forward-looking initiatives that benefit all Marylanders, and **we want your voice in this process.**

Share Your Input: Take a few minutes to complete our [confidential survey](https://bit.ly/MPAengage). [<https://bit.ly/MPAengage>].

Thank you for helping make the Port of Baltimore a cleaner, healthier place to live and work.

If you have questions or additional feedback, please contact us at mpacleanports@mdotgov.onmicrosoft.com

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 bird sanctuary. The Masonville project developed from mitigation tied to the creation of a Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF) by the MDOT 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.



MDOT 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.



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