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**BURLEY OAK
CHARITY NIGHT**

GUEST BARTENDERS:

SHELLY MESSICK & AMBER SANTOR
FROM WEST O BAD MONKEY FROM OC WASABI

MONDAY, JANUARY 27 6-9PM

We hope to see everyone out at our annual charity night on Monday, January 27th from 6-9 pm! This year's festivities include guest bartenders Shelly Messick (Bad Monkey) and Amber Santor (OC Wasabi), Coastal Bays trivia hosted by Tom Simon, and a silent auction featuring local artists. We are also thrilled to announcement that we will have live music by Das Buut.

Welcome to MCBP's New Executive Director, Kevin Smith!

Welcome to the Coastal Bays!

Kevin recently retired from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources after 34 years. He spent most of his career in the field of aquatic and habitat restoration - much of it on Maryland's eastern shore. He hopes to continue that work as part of his new role in Maryland's Coastal Bays. Kevin graduated from the University of Maryland with degrees in Resource Conservation and Fish and Wildlife Management. Having spent much of his free time paddling, hunting and fishing in the Coastal Bay areas of Maryland and Virginia, Kevin is excited to begin his new role as Executive Director to help preserve and enhance the "national treasure" that is Maryland's Coastal Bays.

Come enjoy some tasty beers and help us celebrate our beautiful watershed!

Growing Up Wild and Flying Wild Educator Trainings



Join DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service and MCBP staff for an engaging and hands-on professional development workshop. Through activities involving language arts, science and math experiences, Growing UP WILD and Flying WILD offer an interdisciplinary approach to environmental education. Free workshops geared for educators teaching k-8. Click [here](#) for more information and to register click [here](#).

Save the Date for Bay Day!



Join us for the 3rd Annual Ocean Pines Bay Day on Sunday, **May 17th** from **11:30 to 3:30** for a day of fun, hands-on activities.



MCBP Bids a Fond Farewell to Amanda Poskaitis

Goodbye and good luck Amanda!

After an amazing 5 years at Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Environmental Scientist Amanda Poskaitis has accepted a new position at the National Wildlife Federation in Annapolis. During her time at MCBP, Amanda successfully lead hundreds of volunteers through the oyster gardening program, water quality program, and 10 Days for the Bays/Discover Your Watershed. She also had an integral management role on few of our restoration sites including the Assateague Living Shoreline and Ilia Fehrer Nature Preserve. Most of all, we are going to miss Amanda's undeniable passion and love for the Coastal Bays watershed. We cannot wait for her and Mufasa to come back and visit!



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