



EcoAction Arlington's

ECOEXTRAVAGANZA
2024

protecting our most precious resource—water

Thursday April 25, 2024 | Clare and Don's Beach Shack



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TONIGHT'S events

6:30 p.m. PRE-EVENT RECEPTION

- Remarks — Terry Presmont, General Manager, River Place
- Welcoming Toast with Signature Cocktail

7:00 p.m. WELCOME

- Find Your Watershed Station — Using our map or computer, look up your personal watershed address and add to your nametag. For our icebreaker, please 1) find someone else who lives in your watershed and/or 2) find a watershed you've never heard of and learn where it's located.
- Dinner and Drinks
 - > Please redeem your drink ticket at the bar for beer and wine. After using your drink ticket additional drinks will be available for cash/credit. Our signature cocktail is available for \$15.
 - > Please enjoy our vegetarian buffet. For guests with allergies or other dietary restrictions/needs, you are welcome to order any other food items from the Clare & Don's menu. The wait staff can assist with food orders.
- Art Installation by Lynn Westergren, teacher, Glebe Elementary School.

7:40 p.m. PROGRAM

- Master of Ceremonies, Mike Lowe, EcoAction Arlington Board Chair
- Welcome, Elenor Hodges, EcoAction Arlington Executive Director
- Presenting Sponsor, Patrick Phillippi, Amazon Senior Manager, Community Engagement
- Presentation of EcoAction Arlington 2024 Impact Awards
- Featured Presentation
 - Weyessa McAlister, Director of Community Conservation, Potomac Conservancy
- Closing Remarks, Virginia Delegate Adele McClure (2nd District)

9:00 p.m. Event Ends

FREE RAFFLE!

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- Boating in DC - Thompson Boat Center
- Casual Adventure
- MOM's Organic Market
- Trade Roots

ABOUT OUR PRESENTER

Weyessa McAlister

is a dedicated advocate for clean water and community development, currently serving as the Director of Community Conservation at Potomac Conservancy. In this role, he plays a pivotal part in safeguarding the lands and waters of the Potomac region while fostering connections between people and this national treasure. He was born and raised in southern Ethiopia before he was adopted by an American family in 2013. He received his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Trinity College (CT), where he excelled both academically and athletically, earning the title of an all-American in cross country and track. In addition to his work with Potomac Conservancy, Weyessa is the founder and executive director of Bridge H2OPE (Hope), a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing clean and safe drinking water to Ethiopian rural communities. His tireless efforts in both local and international contexts have garnered recognition, including the Hartford Healthcare Courage Award and the Young, Gifted, and Green 40 Under 40 Award presented by Black Millennials 4 Flint. Weyessa's leadership and commitment to creating a more sustainable and equitable future serve as a beacon of inspiration for individuals and communities alike.



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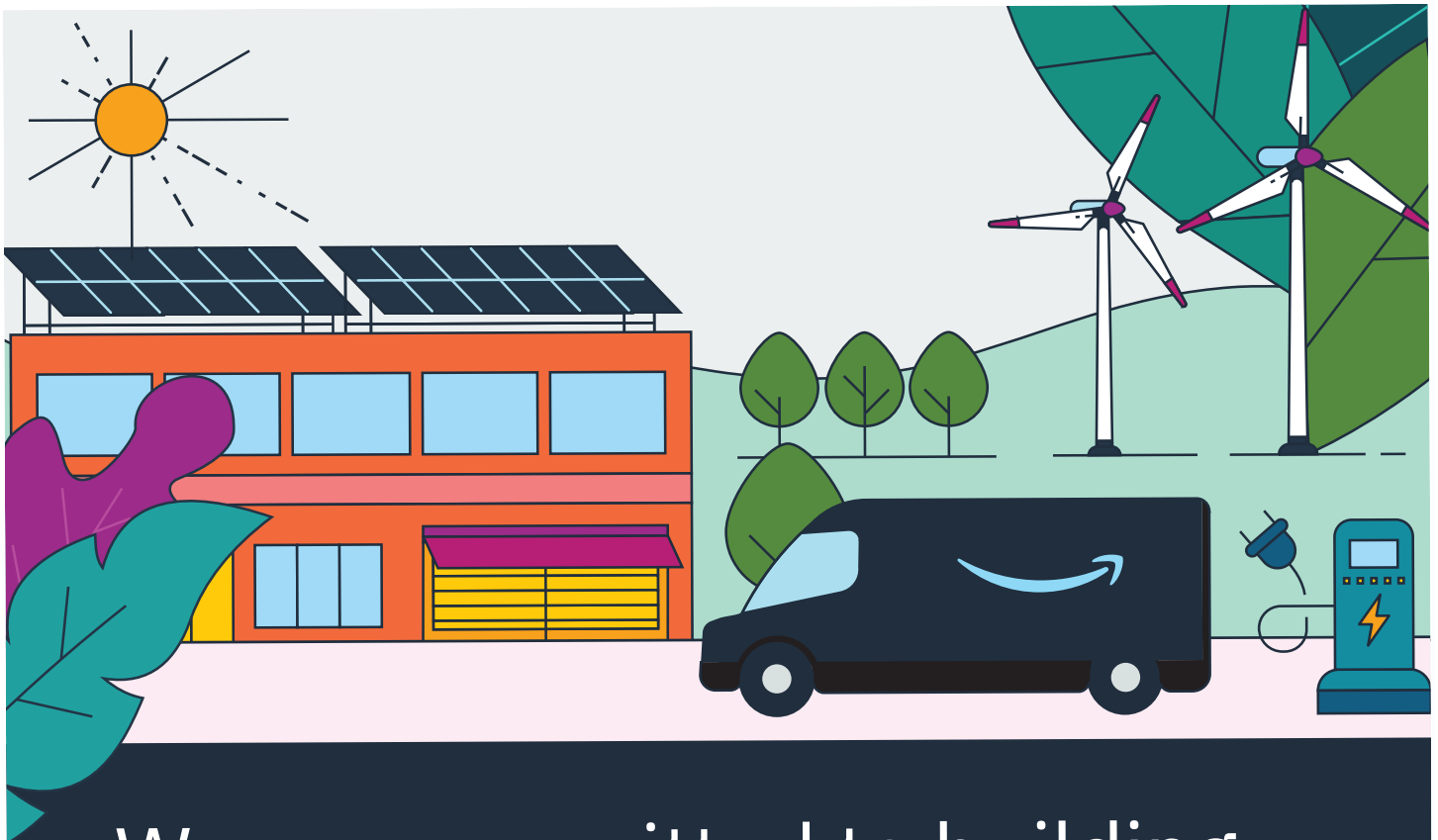
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