

# SHARK BITES

*Slicing and dicing info into "bite" sized pieces!*

## OUR TOP PICKS

We are striving to excite, engage, and enrich your understanding of YOUR connection to local waterways, no matter where you live.

At the core of all that we do is a passion to inspire others to help leave this world a better place, be the change to protect our planet, and instill a love and wonder of the natural world in you and future generations.



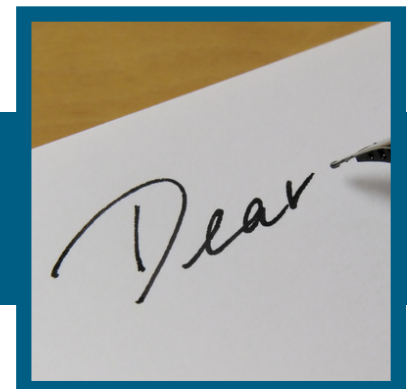
### SHARING PERSPECTIVES

Are environmental practices relatively the same everywhere? What are the differences?



### SHOP GREEN WITH YOUR GREEN!

Where you shop and spend your hard-earned money matters. Spend it wisely!



### DEAR SHARK: RESILIENCE

You have questions, we have answers! We will reply to your most pressing queries about our local waterways!

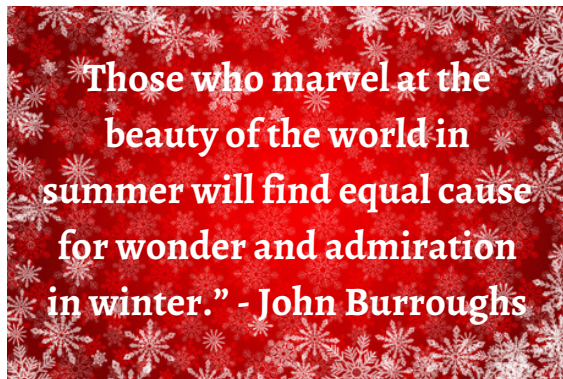


## SHARING PERSPECTIVES: THE ENVIRONMENT ABROAD

BY JOSALYN BONNEY, EDITOR

This December will mark my one-year anniversary of working as an intern for ClearShark H2O. Outside of my own family business, this is the longest I've held a "resume-worthy" job. While I don't feel that I've personally changed much within this time, things around me have. I held my first corporate internship this past summer at Perdue Farms, LLC. I'm almost certainly going to graduate college next semester. And, perhaps most importantly, I'm currently studying abroad in the country that I've always claimed was my favorite— Ireland.

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## Supporter Spotlight

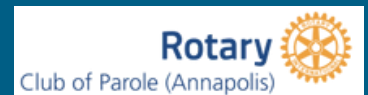
**ARCHIE CARR - DIAMOND SPORTSWEAR**

**In what way did CSH2O's mission prompt you to become partners?**  
I live on a Maryland Waterway, and I appreciate the work that CSH2O does within the community. I think that educating the public, especially youth, to respect our waterways is a great program. Diamond Sportswear strives to have a positive impact on our environment in our daily activities as well.

**What have been the biggest rewards and benefits to supporting a local non-profit?**

Diamond Sportswear has enjoyed supporting CSH2O. We appreciate the hard work and effort. Attending fundraising events for CSH2O not only helps raise funds for CSH2O but also helps Diamond Sportswear. We have had opportunities to meet other members of our community, business owners in the area and also potential new customers.

### 2022 GRANTS RECEIVED





## SHOP GREEN WITH YOUR GREEN!

BY JEN AIKEN, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR

We often don't think about what happens to our money after it's spent...and a lot of us think that our voice doesn't matter as consumers. Well, I'm here to tell you that it does MATTER! Consumer spending drives what is made; and research has proven that, when consumers speak up and take collective action about a company's damaging environmental practices or questionable work conditions, big changes can happen. This season is known for A LOT of spending; but did you know that, from Thanksgiving to New Year's, Americans will generate **25%** more waste due to all of the shopping, parties, decorations, wrapping, giving, receiving and feasting.

With the holiday season in full swing, are you looking for the "perfect" gifts for those on your list? This year, try to really think about what would be sustainable and meaningful to give your loved ones. Think about your family and friends with appreciation for who they are.

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[You can Give by Shopping our CSH2O Amazon Wish List](#)



Feel the Chill  
of

DECEMBER

### ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS FOR WINTER WEATHER

#### Snow Removal Ideas

For your icy walkways, use natural, non-clumping cat litter or sand. They are great alternatives to salt and are pet friendly.

#### Electric Snow Blowers

Invest in gas free, battery powered snow blowers.

#### Stay Warm

Programmable thermostats, layering up and more.

#### Energy Efficient Space Heaters

Be sure to follow safety guidelines.

#### Winter Car Emergency Kit

Don't get stuck without one.

SAVE THE

date

9th Annual CSH2O Brunch

February 26, 2023



## Dear Shark,

"It's been a trying 2.5 years with the Global pandemic and everything that has happened related to it. We learned social distancing, wondered where all the toilet paper went, and started to work from home and go to school online. So much has happened and, now, as we get back to "normal" and as we learn to live with COVID long term ...what have we learned and where do we go from here?" -Sincerely, Floundering

*Answer provided by: Bryan Kent Gomes, CSH2O Education Coordinator*

Dear Floundering,

Well, it certainly has been a wonky time to be living on planet Earth. There are always struggles and challenges, but this global pandemic isolated us even more in a time of need and will definitely have some long ranging effects. We have heard the expression "What doesn't kill us makes us stronger". This statement seems to ring true as we move forward post pandemic.

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Keeping  
Up  
WITH THE  
CLEARSHARKIANS



Your support means everything to us! This year, Giving Tuesday raised \$5,450! Your generosity goes directly to providing Environmental Education programs to schools and community groups. Thank You!

### Program Update

This Fall, the team has hit the ground running! Our Educators have presented to nearly 1,700 students & community groups already and were part of the Himmel's Fall Fest and Chesapeake Cluster's Trunk or Treat event. It's been a fun & busy start to the '22-'23 school year!





## KIDS KORNER



SHARE YOUR  
PICTURE WITH US

## LET'S PLAY TRIVIA

Test your knowledge  
about Oysters!

1. Oysters are a type of:
  - a. Mammal
  - b. Reptile
  - c. Mollusk
2. Oysters can filter:
  - a. 50 gallons a day
  - b. 6 gallons a day
  - c. 100 gallons a day
3. Oysters eat:
  - a. Pizza
  - b. Phytoplankton
  - c. Fish



Answers: 1-c, 2-a, 3-b