

Neptune's Roars Back to Life with Mardi Gras Benefit

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Neptune's Beach Club has been closed for almost two years. Last week it roared back to life with a benefit concert and Mardi Gras celebration in aid of St. Mary's and Calvert hospices.

It wasn't all smooth running for the organizers, however. For months they'd been trying to get the facility ready and the inspections in order. However, the club ran into some delays and completed the final inspection and received their liquor license at 4pm last Tuesday – a mere two hours before the Mardi Gras benefit was scheduled to begin.

"We had the beer trucks lined up and waiting to unload," Jimmy Zee told The Bay Net. "Then it was a rush to get them on ice and cold in time for the event."

The guests piled in unaware of the close call earlier that day. Tickets cost \$25 and included a New Orleans style buffet, donated by local restaurants. A huge crowd turned out to support the good cause and to check out the new Neptune's. Among the revelers was St. Mary's Commissioner Larry Jarboe.

Live bands performed, including Lloyd Dobler Effect, and Evick, with guest appearances from Hydra FX, Miles From Clever, The Anonymous, and Adinah and the Bad Dog. There were door prizes, contests and raffles, beads all round, and even Redskin Cheerleaders who showed up to sign autographs.

Neptunes is now planning a Grand Opening for March 25. For more information, check back with The Bay Net.

See more of the Mardi Gras Benefit event – view the slideshow below.

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