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### THE PENGUINS ARE HERE!

*Atlantis Marine World Celebrates Exhibit Opening with Black Tie and Fireworks.*

Atlantis Marine World is celebrating the opening of its newest exhibit, *Encounter*, at Penguin Pavilion with a Black Tie Celebration and fireworks show on Friday, July 1 at 7pm.

Construction began Winter 2005 on the habitat which features above- and underwater viewing, nesting and feeding areas, and open stadium seating. Featuring 14 African Penguins, the year-round exhibit will continue with the Lost City of Atlantis theme on which the Aquarium is built.

The penguins, who are now waiting behind-the-scenes for their new home, will be ready for their first visitors on Saturday, July 2, but members can get a sneak peek on Friday, July 1 during a special Black Tie Celebration, to be held at the Aquarium. A special fireworks show is being planned by Atlantis Marine World, along with the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce, Riverhead Building Supply, Peconic Paddler, Dinosaur Walk Museum, and Best Western East End. The public is invited to enjoy the show, which begins at 9:45pm on Friday, July 1, along the Peconic Riverfront.

“Building a penguin habitat has always been on the radar for Atlantis,” explains Aquarium Curator and Co-Founder Joe Yaiullo. “We’re excited that we were able to make a home for these ‘lost’ penguins in our ‘lost’ city of Atlantis.”

Atlantis Marine World, Long Island's newest Aquarium, is located in downtown Riverhead on 3.2 acres along the scenic Peconic River. By capturing our visitors' imaginations and emphasizing the importance of marine life and environmental conservation and preservation, Atlantis Marine World's mission is to provide visitors with an interactive and exciting educational experience. Atlantis Marine World is also the home of The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, New York's only authorized marine mammal and sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation center.

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