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KEYLARGO, FLORIDA

Established in 1979, Dolphins Plus Bayside is a marine mammal research and education center. It was the first in the world to offer a swim-with-the-dolphin experience and pioneered working with adults and children with special needs in 1987. The unique and intimate educational in-water experience for the public is only part of their work. They also perform a wide array of research projects on graduate and postgraduate levels.

"We take our passion for marine conservation and use it to provide world-class, impactful educational experiences to school kids and the public," said Art Cooper, vice president and director of operations. "We aim to inspire them to become stewards of the environment."

In memory of Ann Marie Borguss, the family matriarch, Dolphins Plus provides free interactions with dolphins to cancer patients and survivors via the Oma Program.



Community involvement extends beyond the Key Largo Chamber to include support for the Good Health Clinic and Dolphins Plus Marine Mammal Responder, as well as hosting an annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Family-owned and operated with 25 employees, Dolphins Plus is located at 101900 Overseas Highway, Key Largo. Contact them by phone at 305-451-1990 or via email at info@dolphinsplus.com.

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FACTS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

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MARCH

- All unpaid 2021 property tax must be paid by March 31 in order to avoid delinquent penalties on April 1
- The fourth and final 2021 installment property tax bill is due by March 31
- A property that is being rented out for six months or less must have a tourist development tax account
- As a reminder, online rental platforms (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.) DO NOT remit the 5% tourist development

- tax to our office. It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure the tax has been remitted
- A local business tax is required for ALL property rentals, regardless of how long they are being rented
- We now accept Apple Pay in all of our office lobbies, and we also accept PayPal for online transactions.
- Please visit our website for helpful information, forms, applications, and important announcements

Follow us on for more important tax information.



MONROE COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Monroe County Tourist Development Council has funding available to governmental entities and non-profit organizations for capital projects.

The facility must have the primary purpose of promoting tourism and must fall into one of the following categories:

Convention Center, Sports Stadium, Sports Arena, Coliseum, Auditorium, Aquarium, Museum, Zoological Park, Nature Center, Fishing Pier, Beach or Beach Park Facility, Channel, Estuary or Lagoon, Public Facilities in Accordance with Conditions Set Forth in the Florida Statute

The deadline for receipt of applications is **April 27**, **2022** and applications must be downloaded from Demandstar (www.monroecountybids.com)

For more information please call the TDC Administrative Office at 305-96-1552 and ask to speak with Ammie or Maxine.