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*Head to Epcot®
for fresh flowers,
flavors and fun.*



Walt Disney World.

In this Issue

Great news, Passholder! Springtime is the perfect time to enjoy all the endless magic of Walt Disney World Resort. For starters, this year's 24th annual Epcot® International Flower & Garden Festival is filled with more flowery fun and tasty goodies than ever before. Plus, keep an eye out for exciting spring-tacular festivities and events budding all around. We can't wait for you to join us.

See ya real soon!

A Growing Sensation

More than 500,000 plants, trees and shrubs have been planted just for this year's Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival.

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Urban Mary



Shrimp and Stone-ground Grits with Andouille Sausage, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes and Cilantro

NEW OUTDOOR KITCHENS COOK UP FESTIVAL FUN

The 24th annual Epcot® International Flower & Garden Festival is almost in bloom

Passholders, prepare for a springtime feast of flavors! At this year's festival you'll have the chance to taste 15 new menu items, many of which can be enjoyed at two all-new Outdoor Kitchens. "Guests want to try new things," says Epcot® Culinary Director Chef Gregg Hannon. And along with a cast of hundreds, he works hard to give them exactly that.

"When designing the menu, we like to include things that you'd find at a spring festival in that region," Chef Gregg explains.

SMALL PLATES, BIG FLAVORS

The first new Outdoor Kitchen features some seriously succulent options. Like seared scallops with French green beans, butter potatoes, brown butter vinaigrette and applewood-smoked bacon.

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The other new Outdoor Kitchen has a theme that couldn't feel more perfect for a springtime celebration. It's everything berries! Imagine this—lamb chop with quinoa salad and blackberry gastrique.

And save room for the warm wild berry buckle with pepper berry ice cream.

KID FAVORITES ALSO ON THE MENU

Since the Epcot® International Flower & Garden Festival is very much a kid-friendly event, Chef Gregg and his team have designed menu items to tantalize tinier taste buds as well. Some kid faves? The key lime tart with toasted meringue at the Florida Fresh Outdoor Kitchen, and the potato pancakes with house-made applesauce at the Bauernmarkt Farmers Market.

To Chef Gregg, introducing new menu items at the festival is part of what Epcot® is all about. "Exposing Guests to different cultures, different foods. Letting them travel the world."



SPRING MEANS FAMILY-FRIENDLY EPCOT® FUN

Celebrate spring at the Epcot® International Flower & Garden Festival

From all-new topiaries and Outdoor Kitchens to all-time festival favorites, Passholders are in for a fun-filled springtime celebration at the Epcot® International Flower & Garden Festival. Look for a brand-new Belle topiary with stunning facial features, a new Character topiary from the forthcoming Pixar film *Cars 3*, and just wait until you see the Figment topiary that stands a whopping six feet tall!

Kids will especially love the new additions coming to the Music Garden Melodies interactive play garden. And the always-popular Butterflies on the Go garden will be back as well.

NEW FESTIVAL FLAVORS

Food is always a big part of the festival fun, and Passholders will discover two all-new Outdoor Kitchens with many new

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food items to taste. The Garden Rocks™ Concert Series expands to four nights each week. So a Garden Rocks Dining Package is an extra-special way to enjoy the festival.

For more information on the 24th annual Epcot® International Flower & Garden Festival, call 407-560-PASS (7277).

More Flowering Passholder Exclusives

Save 20% on Disney merchandise.



PASSHOLDER TEE

For a limited time, spring into a colorful assortment of official festival clothing.



LIMITED-EDITION PIN

Show everyone you made it to the Epcot® International Flower & Garden Festival with this Passholder-exclusive pin.





Do you believe in floating mountains? You will.

DISPATCH TO PANDORA

The magic of nature comes alive in this otherworldly adventure

This summer, Walt Disney Imagineers are making it possible to transport Guests to visit Pandora—*The World of AVATAR*.

We wanted to know more about what to expect on Pandora, so we caught up with three of the people who helped make this amazing journey to Pandora possible: Joe Rohde, Jon Landau and James Cameron. We asked them one question: “What excites you most about *Pandora—The World of AVATAR*?”

JON LANDAU (Producer, *AVATAR*) The land is so alive. Nowhere else in the world

can you go up to an exotic plant from another planet and touch it. Nowhere else in the world can you go and walk on ground and that ground reacts and has a bioluminescent reaction to what you have done.

JOE ROHDE (Creative Executive, Walt Disney Imagineering) To have these gigantic mountains suspended overhead, over the middle of the land. You walk right under these things. They’re office-stories tall, and office-stories big. And the Na’vi

River Journey...it’s a very sweet, lyrical, beautiful ride through a spectacular visual environment that just becomes more and more spectacular as you go on.

JAMES CAMERON (Writer/Director/Producer, *AVATAR*) Of course, there are flying banshees. On your first flight you can ride the Ikran—humans call it a banshee—and you get on that. You’ll have an experienced Na’vi guide flying on an Ikran ahead of you and leading you through the wonders of the world. On my particular flight, the toruk came pretty close—a little scary there for a minute, but we all got through it okay.

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Don’t miss your chance to be a pioneer to an all-new, and otherworldly, destination! *Pandora—The World of AVATAR*. Departures starting summer 2017 from *Disney’s Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park!



BRING YOUR LITTLE TROOPERS

The power of the Force meets the magic of Disney

As the *Star Wars*™ universe continues to grow, so do the opportunities to celebrate this epic saga. Lucky for you, they happen all day, every day at *Disney's Hollywood Studios*®. From a cosmos of memorabilia housed in *Star Wars* Launch Bay to a First Order Stormtrooper march up Hollywood Boulevard, you'll find galaxies of fun all around.



a delicious *Star Wars* dinner and dessert party. This is an experience your family will remember for light-years to come.

BLAST OFF FOR FUN

Tours blast off Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Reservations are limited, so visit [DisneyWorld.com/EnchantingExtrasCollection](https://www.disneyworld.com/enchantingextras) or call 407-WDW-PLAY (939-7529) for more

...young Padawans can test their Lightsaber skills battling real villains from the dark side—and that's just the beginning.

information and to purchase yours today. Enjoy these and even more *Star Wars* adventures every day at *Disney's Hollywood Studios*® with your annual pass, or experience *Star Wars* Guided Tour for incredible VIP treatment.

STAR WARS GUIDED TOUR

Are you ready for a new guided tour that's out of this world? How about a new 7-hour *Star Wars* experience that will blow your mind? First, you can witness the March of the First Order, led by Captain Phasma. Then, relive iconic *Star Wars* moments during an incredible live stage show. Plus, young Padawans can test their Lightsaber skills battling real villains from the dark side. There's even



EXPERIENCE CINDERELLA CASTLE IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT

Behold the new nighttime projection show *Once Upon A Time*

Every great story starts with the iconic line “Once upon a time,” and this spectacular show is no exception. Join Mrs. Potts and Chip as they take Guests on an enchanting journey through some of the most beloved Disney tales in this new nighttime projection show.

AN ENCHANTING PRODUCTION

Once Upon A Time transforms Cinderella Castle into a three-dimensional storybook. The show not

...this show is truly a visual experience you won't want to miss.

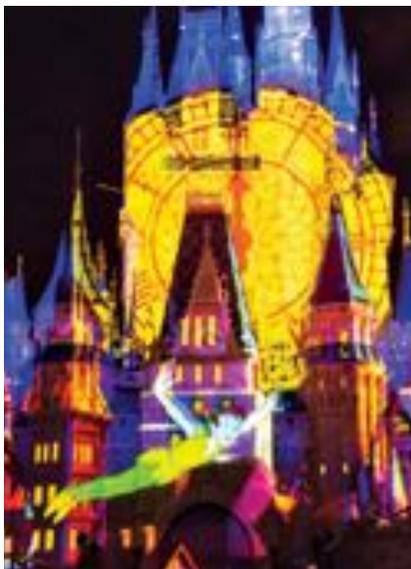
only utilizes projection mapping technology—it takes it to a whole new level, covering every nook and cranny of the castle. From a daring duel between Gaston and the Beast to an unbelievable flight with Peter Pan, this show is truly a visual experience you won't want to miss.

SPELLBINDING STORIES COME TO LIFE

The show opens with Mrs. Potts sharing bedtime stories with her son Chip. During the show, they explore classic scenes from *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cinderella*, *Peter Pan*, *Frozen* and more. The show ends with the sentiment that stories can take us anywhere

before closing out with a spectacular grand finale.

Light up your night with *Once Upon A Time*—be sure to check the *My Disney Experience* app for show times at *Magic Kingdom*® Park.



In Disney History

The Magic, The Memories and You! which premiered in 2011, was the very first projection show to transform Cinderella Castle.

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Gaston's Tavern at Magic Kingdom Park



Enchanted Tales with Belle at Magic Kingdom Park



Meet Belle at the France Pavilion at Epcot®



Be Our Guest Restaurant at Magic Kingdom® Park

A TALE AS OLD AS TIME

Excitement is building for the new film

In celebration of Disney's live-action adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast*, we've put together this handy little guide. It'll help you discover some of the most enchanting *Beauty and the Beast* experiences across Walt Disney World® Resort.

PUT OUR SERVICE TO THE TEST

You're invited to make a reservation to dine on delectable French fare in Beast's Castle at Be Our Guest Restaurant in Magic Kingdom® Park. Make sure to try the Grey Stuff; we hear it's delicious! Then head into the village for a refreshing (nonalcoholic) pint of LeFou's Brew at

Gaston's Tavern before stopping into Bonjour! Village Gifts where you can use your 20% Passholder discount on *Beauty and the Beast*-inspired wares. And don't forget to stop by Enchanted Tales with Belle, where the princess herself shares her timeless stories.

THE FAIRY TALE CONTINUES

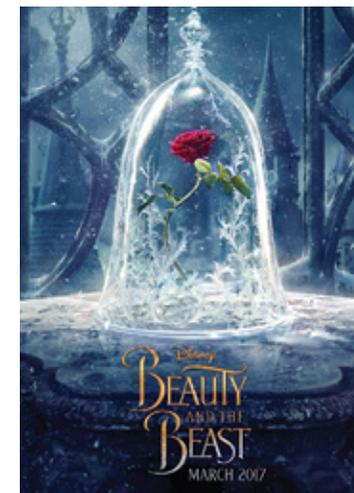
Head to the France Pavilion in Epcot® and say "fromage!" as you snap a picture with Belle. Then make your way to Disney's Hollywood Studios® to relive your favorite scenes and songs at *Beauty and the Beast—Live on Stage*.

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This Broadway-style show will have you singing with the dishes in no time.

Be our Guest, and enjoy all of these magical experiences in anticipation of Disney's new film *Beauty and the Beast*, in U.S. theaters on March 17.

For reservations, visit DisneyWorld.com/dining or call 407-WDW-DINE (939-3463).



See Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* at AMC® Disney Springs® 24 when it releases in U.S. theaters on March 17.



Bacon Mac-n-Cheese Burger at Planet Hollywood Observatory™

HERE'S A TASTE OF WHAT'S NEW AT DISNEY SPRINGS®

The newly redesigned Planet Hollywood Observatory™

A Hollywood makeover is nothing new, but for the iconic Planet Hollywood® venue at *Disney Springs*®, the transformation is nothing short of remarkable! Get ready for a jaw-dropping, 4,500-square-foot video wall, a brand-new Stargazer Lounge and a second floor dining terrace with fantastic views of *Disney Springs*®.

What's more, the restaurant itself is modeled after a turn-of-the-century observatory—perfect for viewing all the stars. The location also showcases an impressive lobby with a grand staircase fit for VIPs, rare Hollywood memorabilia and so much more.

As for the menu, founder and CEO of Planet Hollywood® Robert Earl is especially eager for Guests to try some of the newest food offerings. He shares,

...the restaurant itself is modeled after a turn-of-the-century observatory...

“Celebrity Chef Guy Fieri has created some complex burgers and sandwiches that are truly amazing. We’ll feature outstanding steak and seafood dishes that are a first for any Planet Hollywood® menu. And as someone with a sweet tooth, I’m particularly excited by the new decadent desserts!”

THE DELISH NEW PADDLEFISH

Perhaps you recall Fulton’s Crab House, occupying the stately steamship on the banks of Lake Buena Vista. But now, there’s a scrumptious new eatery that brings forth its own brand of tasty temptations: Paddlefish.

The savory new restaurant comes with a fantastic menu—and even includes some previous Fulton’s Crab House favorites (think crab cakes, lobster corn dogs and crab legs) but with an even

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Nachos Grande at Planet Hollywood Observatory™



New Planet Hollywood Observatory™

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bigger seafood-centric focus. With fresh deliveries expected six days a week, Executive Chef Mark Boor can't wait for Guests to sample the seafood boil and new tableside presentations. The lobster guacamole appetizer is a standout.

Paddlefish General Manager Jimmy Kraus believes that Paddlefish is for everyone. "We offer a lot of diversity, not only on the menu, but in the types of experiences. If you're shopping, stop in to enjoy a nice lunch with a great view; late night, join us for cocktails on the top deck. We offer options for foodies and casual diners alike, and at *Disney Springs*®, we know Guests are equally likely to be enjoying a date night or a family affair—everyone is welcome here!"



Scrumptious Savings

Passholders enjoy a delicious 10% discount at Paddlefish—located at *Disney Springs*® The Landing.



HEARD THE LATEST?

New Passholder Website—Coming Soon!

Be on the lookout for the new Passholder website (with a brand-new look, feel and mobile-friendly access) coming your way! Not only will it be easier to use—both at home and on the go—it will feature everything from a quick-glance block-out calendar to a simplified way to sort your discounts. Find it soon at DisneyWorld.com/Passholder.

Dedicated Theme
Park entry lanes

We're excited to announce we're keeping the Passholder-dedicated entry lanes at all four Theme Park entrances through May.

Limited-time
renewal offer

Don't forget! In celebration of the 45th anniversary of *Walt Disney World*® Resort, when you renew a pass before it expires with an original anniversary date on or before October 1, 2017, you'll receive a 13-month pass*.

So log on, roll through and renew. As always, it's great to be a Passholder!

*Offer not valid for Water Park passes. Renewal pass valid for 13 consecutive months by extending pass anniversary date by 30 days. Block-out dates apply to certain pass types. Passes are nontransferable and nonrefundable.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE NEW MISS ADVENTURE FALLS

Opening this spring at *Disney's Typhoon Lagoon* Water Park

Treasure, jewels and gold doubloons await at *Disney's Typhoon Lagoon* Water Park's newest attraction, Miss Adventure Falls. Here, you'll board

Here, you'll board treasure rafts and embark on an exciting waterslide journey.

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witness everything from Captain Mary Oceaneer's priceless bounty to her old diving partner parrot, who's still hunting for new treasures to this day!

As part of the 45th anniversary celebration, Passholders can visit *Disney Water Parks* for \$45 plus tax. Specially priced 1-Day Water Park Tickets are available for Passholders and up to three Guests per visit. Valid through October 1, 2017. Check DisneyWorld.com/PassholderOffers for details.

Water Parks are subject to rehabilitation, seasonal and weather closures.

ENCHANTING EXTRAS COLLECTION

Enjoy special Passholder discounts on extra-special fun

Enhance your *Walt Disney World*® experience in a myriad of unique and exciting ways with this incredible collection of can't-miss wonders. And whether you're looking for a new way to celebrate a special occasion or an exhilarating activity you've never tried before, you'll find something fun for everyone to explore. And as a Passholder, you can enjoy great discounts on many of these offerings, including:

SENSES—A DISNEY SPA

Indulge in 15% off the regular price of any salon treatment valued at \$45 or greater, or any 50-minute or longer spa service, per each Passholder visit.

WORLD SHOWCASE: DESTINATIONS DISCOVERED

Explore and save 15% on a fascinating 5-hour walking tour through the 11 countries of *Epcot*® and be immersed in 4,000 years of history, culture and food.

EPCOT® SEAS ADVENTURES —AQUA TOUR

Soak up a 15% discount on an amazing 2.5-hour snorkeling experience in a 5.7-million-gallon saltwater wonderland at *Epcot*®.



DISNEY AFTER HOURS IN MAGIC KINGDOM® PARK*

Enjoy more enchantment and save on being one of the limited number of Guests who get to enjoy 25 of the Park's most popular attractions for three hours after it closes with little to no wait! Tickets are just \$89 plus tax per Passholder.

SAVOR THE SAVANNA: EVENING SAFARI EXPERIENCE**

Safari and save 15% on a privately guided journey through Harambe Wildlife Reserve at *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park, complete with special access to the savanna, premium eats, drinks and more.

**Magic Kingdom* Park closing times vary. Admission to this event requires a separately priced ticket valid only during specific event dates and hours. Attractions, entertainment and experiences are subject to change without notice.

**Valid Theme Park admission required. Participants must be 8 years of age or older. Each experience is limited to a maximum of 12 Guests. Inclement weather conditions may affect schedules. Offerings subject to change without notice.

Learn more about these and other amazing offerings at DisneyWorld.com/EnchantingExtrasCollection today.



Lobster Eggs Benedict at *Narcoossee's*

BRUNCH IS IN FULL BLOOM

Enjoy these scrumptious savings

Spring has sprung at *Walt Disney World*® Resort. And what better time to take advantage of your incredible Passholder discounts on savory brunch offerings. Why not give Mom a Mother's Day she'll never forget? Or enjoy a flavorful gathering among family and friends for Easter. Better yet, why not just treat yourself to something delicious!

Best of all, *Walt Disney World* Resort is celebrating its 45th anniversary—and that means your annual pass is now good for up to 20% off meals and nonalcoholic beverages at 45 different dining locations throughout the Resort now through September 30, 2017.

TIME TO INDULGE

Make your brunch reservations today using *My Disney Experience*, or call 407-WDW-DINE (939-3463), and catch these great brunch offers while they, like spring, are in full bloom!

A World of Delicious Dining Discounts

As a *Walt Disney World* Resort Passholder, you can enjoy exclusive discounts on these delightful brunch offerings, ranging from Character meals to waterfront dining.

10%

California Grill
Disney's Contemporary Resort

20%

Trail's End Restaurant
Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort

10%

Chef Mickey's Fun Time Buffet
Disney's Contemporary Resort

10%

1900 Park Fare
Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa

20%

Narcoossee's
Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa

Epcot®
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Flower &
Garden Festival*

Epcot®

Mar 1 - May 29

New
Miss Adventure Falls

Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park

March 2017

Atlanta Braves
Spring Training

ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex

Feb 25 - Mar 29

Garden Rocks™
Concert Series

America Gardens Theatre

Fri., Sat., Sun. & Mon. – 5:30 p.m.,
6:45 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Mar 3, 4	Jon Secada
Mar 5, 6	Dennis DeYoung: The music of STYX
Mar 10, 11, 12, 13	Pointer Sisters
Mar 17, 18	Simple Plan NEW
Mar 19, 20	Plain White T's NEW
Mar 24, 25, 26, 27	Night Ranger
Mar 31, Apr 1, 2, 3	Little River Band
Apr 7, 8, 9, 10	Blood, Sweat & Tears featuring Bo Bice
Apr 14, 15, 16, 17	Gin Blossoms
Apr 21, 22, 23, 24	The Orchestra starring former members of ELO
Apr 28, 29	Exposé NEW
Apr 30, May 1	Berlin featuring Terri Nunn NEW
May 5, 6, 7, 8	STARSHIP starring Mickey Thomas
May 12, 13, 14, 15	The Guess Who
May 19, 20, 21, 22	Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone
May 26, 27, 28, 29	The Spinners

Entertainment subject to change without notice.

Don't Forget!

Early registration for the Disney Princess Half Marathon Weekend presented by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals starts April 27, and on May 18 for the Star Wars Half Marathon—the Dark Side. Visit **PassholderCalendar.com** to download a complete calendar of events. For more about the festival visit **DisneyWorld.com/Flower&Garden**.



Passholders! *Spring into 2017 with sensational Walt Disney World Resort hotel offers*

Make it a getaway with great rates now available at select Walt Disney World® Resort hotels this spring.

As a Guest of a select Disney Resort hotel, you get first access to reserve select Disney FastPass+* attractions, shows and more before you arrive. Also, get Extra Magic Hours at a Theme Park each day to experience select attractions (valid Theme Park admission and Resort ID required).

For reservations, visit DisneyWorld.com/passholder or call 407-560-PASS (7277).

*Valid Theme Park admission and online registration required. Disney FastPass+ attractions and entertainment experiences, the number of selections you can make and available arrival windows are limited.

PAMPER THE MAMA OF YOUR 'OHANA

Mahalo Mama Month savings at Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa

May is about admiration for mothers the world over—and the same is true in Hawai'i. Aulani Resort is the perfect retreat for moms, grandmas and aunties alike, with special indulgences like spa treatments, hula lessons and so much more. Because nothing shows love for your makuahine (mother) like breakfast in bed, in paradise!

SAVE ON SPRING STAYS

With an exclusive Passholder offer, you'll save up to 30% on select stays of 3+ consecutive nights in an Ocean View room and receive a \$50 nightly Resort credit for extra motherly pampering*.

Visit DisneyAulani.com/MahaloMama to learn more about Mahalo Mama Month or DisneyWorld.com/MahaloMama to learn about this special offer and to book your stay.

Booking Dates: now–5/4/17
Travel Dates: 4/13–6/12/17

*Offers subject to change. Savings based on the non-discounted price a non-Passholder pays for the same room. The number of rooms allocated for this offer may be limited. Resort credits may not be redeemed for cash in whole or in part, sold separately, transferred or refunded, and expire at 11:59 p.m. on package departure date. Limit 2 rooms per reservation. Excludes suites and 3-bedroom Grand Villas. Additional charges may apply if more than 2 adults per room. Cannot be combined with other discounts or promotions. Advance reservations required.

