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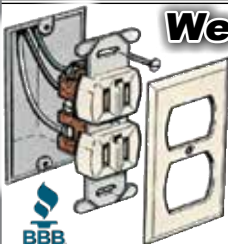
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# Paradise Island Cooperative

By Paul Snellenberger, President

**3** Committees of the Board have organized and are working on their respective tasks. Committees are comprised of Board Members, Shareholders and Leaseholders depending on the tasks.

Our community is blessed with a wealth of experiences and backgrounds represented by our residents and we are drawing from them for a variety of committee tasks.

**UNIFICATION COMMITTEE** – Their function is to brainstorm ways to unify our community through the Co-Op and HOA organizations as well as increase communication for all residents.

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE** – Their function is to audit all contracts, financial policies, procedures, and records including a review of the office operations, forms, and functions.

**COMMUNITY OPERATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE** – Their function is to review the daily maintenance operations such as emergency responses, the cleaning of our common areas, care for the pool as well as day-to-day operations that take place outside of the office. This would include the areas of safety, security, infrastructure, as well as the review of the rules that govern our community.

The purpose of these committees is to bring recommendations for improvements from the grass roots of our community to the Board for public discussion and adoption as appropriate for the benefit of our community.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and how each one of us will contribute in a positive way toward the common goal of bringing peace and progress to Paradise Island. Never underestimate the difference you can make.

NO ACT OF KINDNESS NO MATTER HOW SMALL IS EVER WASTED. ~Aesop

## Hurricane Information

By Paul Snellenberger, President

**H**urricane emergency information can be found on our website on the 'Home' Page under the Emergency Info tab. The web address is: [www.paradiseislandlargo.com](http://www.paradiseislandlargo.com)

- MPH Community Hurricane Guide
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#### Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

- Fill up gas tank.
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- Lower awnings if available and lock them down.
- Turn off water and shut off hot water heater.
- Shut all doors inside the house. (bedroom and bathroom)
- Advise friends and relatives of where you are going.

If you are evacuating to a public shelter Pack your essentials, but pack light as space is limited. It is possible you may only have a space that measures 6 feet by 2 feet. Remember, a public shelter is not a cruise ship, it is a life boat with the mission to save lives.

#### Suggested items for a “Go Bag”

- Medications and copies of prescriptions
- Nonperishable food
- Special dietary food that is nonperishable
- Drinking water to keep in your vehicle. A minimum of one gallon per person.
- Bedding for a small space
- Personal hygiene items
- Change of clothes
- Eyeglasses
- Quiet games, or reading materials
- Important papers and valid ID
- Cash and a phone list



## Brush & Trash

By Paul Snellenberger, President

### Brush and Trash Disposal Reminders

Trash is picked up on Mondays and Thursdays between 8am and 3pm. If a holiday falls on a scheduled pickup day, trash will be picked up the following day.

- Household trash should be placed in white bags and tied shut.
- Yard waste, small cuttings and leaves should be placed in heavy duty black bags and tied shut.
- Please do not overfill bags. Our sanitation engineers must throw the bags sometimes up to 8 feet high so please be considerate and do not make them too heavy.
- Please do not put sticks in bags as they make holes and the holes will only get bigger and make a mess.
- As a general guideline, up to 5 yard waste bags will be taken per day. Our compactor does not have unlimited capacity. If capacity is available more will be taken.
- Brush / tree trimmings and sticks should be bundled and tied not longer than 4 feet in length.



Thank you for doing your part to help make our community a beautiful place to live.

## The Paradise Island Homeowners Association

By Dianna Gilmore

Spring is here and with it comes change. We have already changed our clocks and the days are growing longer. The weather is warming up and



we are enjoying the sunshine. The change continues with the HOA. Both Mary Ross and Ruth Charron have resigned from the Board of Directors and we thank them for their good works and wish them well. Your new Board of Directors is comprised of Dianna Gilmore - President, Dawn Foss - Vice President, Carlene Hackett - Treasurer, Cindy Maciejewski - Secretary, and Directors - Rose Petito, Mike Troutner and Tinker May. Know that we are hard at work. Committees are forming to look at community outreach, efficient ways to get information to residents, what the kitchen and bingo will look like when we are able to reopen, and our by-laws. We are working in collaboration with the Co-Op on some of these ventures where residents needs and concerns come together. We encourage your participation in things happening here in the community, so contact someone on the Board to let us know where you would like to volunteer.

Board meetings are being held in the Pavilion and general resident meetings are being done on Zoom at this time. Our next residents meeting is on April 7th at 7pm. If you are an HOA

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It has certainly been a year full of change. Let us hope and pray that the changes we will encounter in the upcoming weeks and months will be good ones. Ones where we can recover from the pandemic and begin to socialize in the ways we took for granted before. Ones where neighbors can assist neighbors face to face and we can meet in person without risking anyone's health.

Be sure to check out the information in this newsletter on Hurricane preparedness as the season is fast upon us.

*Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.*  
- James Baldwin

## FLEA MARKET UPDATE

By KEN HOPKINS

We continue to pick up for the flea market every other Friday. I would like to thank those who have patiently waited for the next pickup which we could not due to covid issues as well as space. We are happy to announce that another shed has been approved by the Board and we should see this completed by the end of April. This will help up tremendously in storing the wonderful items that are continually being donated by our residents. A big thank you goes out to all for your generosity.



## FLEA MARKET SCHEDULE

By KEN HOPKINS

The pickup schedule for the next few months is as follows: March 19, April 2, April 16, April 30, May 14, and May 28. This is weather permitting of course. To arrange a pickup, please contact Ken or Mary Ann at 727.303.3417 to get on the calendar.



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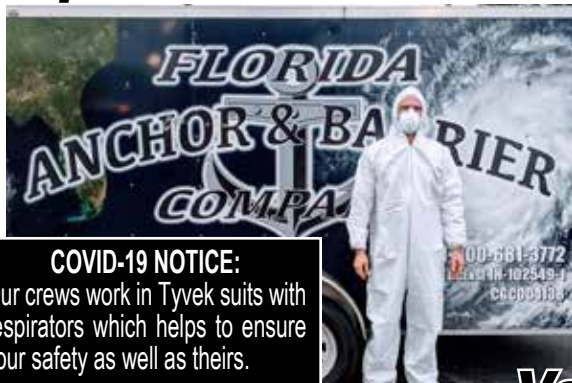
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## SOME WELL EARNED THANK YOU'S

By KEN HOPKINS

Many of you knew Keith Barr, a longtime resident and active member of our community. It was my pleasure to have known him and to have worked and played alongside this gentleman. A big thank you goes out to several people who were there to help his family sort through his belongings and for the donations that he would have wanted to come to the park. So, Thanks to Brenda Van Houten, Bruce Carter, Ken Jonas, Jim Shumaker and Nadine Peters for all your help in coordinating the donations. Thank you Keith---May you RIP.



## Feral Cats in Paradise Island

By Janice Buchko (a MeowNow volunteer)

Early in March we formed a Facebook group of concerned neighbors called Ferals in Paradise. Let's face it, we have undomesticated cats living all over our community. These cats did not choose this lifestyle, but are the result of irresponsible pet owners who neglect to spay or neuter their pets and/or leave them behind when they relocate.

In an effort to reduce the population of free-roaming cats, this group of concerned neighbors began to identify areas in our community where the cats are living and breeding and started a trapping effort. As of 03/10/2021, we have trapped 4 cats on Aruba, rehomed 2 of those 4 who are now indoor pets, and trapped an additional 4 cats on Nassau.

Once trapped these cats are transported to the MeowNow facility for TNVR, which stands for Trap Neuter Vaccinate Return. All TNVR cats have their left ear clipped so they can be identified. Spaying and neutering breaks the breeding cycle thereby reducing the number of free-roaming cats. They are checked by a veterinarian, vaccinated, treated for any illness or disease, and then returned. The TNVR process also reduces or eliminates nuisance behavior, such as yowling, fighting, and marking of territory. But really it's all about population control.

If you have a feral colony living near you and want to coordinate a trapping effort, or want additional information, please contact Denise Werner-Hansen via email at [denisewh@aol.com](mailto:denisewh@aol.com). Please only feed free-roaming cats on your property and not on your neighbor's property or in common areas. Uncontrolled piles of food attracts other animals such as opossums, raccoons, and rats, and really irritates our neighbors.

It costs MeowNow \$25 per cat that is TNVR processed. While this organization has loaned us the needed traps and have transported cats to/from Paradise Island, they have not asked for funds. I am requesting that any and all appreciative neighbors send a donation to MeowNow. Check out their mission at [www.MeowNowFL.org](http://www.MeowNowFL.org). They are doing a lot of good throughout all of Pinellas County. Their address is 6822 22nd Ave N #195 St Petersburg FL 33710. Thank you for your consideration, understanding, and support.







## Social Committee Update

*By Marcia White*

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**H**appy Easter to Everyone! It hardly seems possible that a year has passed and we haven't been able to see any of our friends and neighbors at any events. There seems to be a light at the end of this long tunnel heading our way.

With the CDC relaxing some of the guidelines and the availability of vaccines, we are hoping to be able to fully open all of our events by fall. We have set up our schedule of events and our entertainment has been confirmed so fun times are heading our way. We will keep you updated if we have to change our plans.

If all goes well we may even be able to host a pool party by June. If we have to push it out to July we will but it appears that we should all have access to a vaccine by May. That's the best news we have heard in a year and I for one am excited to be able to start planning again.

The Social Committee is currently on summer hiatus since we don't have enough support for many events during the summer. Nancy and Steve will be up and ready to host the pool parties and we may even be able to add a dance or two depending on the progress of the vaccines. We are not promising anything but we are working on trying to make these things happen.

We want to thank all of you for your patience and understanding during this crisis. Your safety is still our number one concern and will always be so.

We wish to Thank Leslie Cowley for her volunteerism on chairing the Pavilion. Due to illness she has had to step down and we want to welcome Al Noeller to this position. He has generously stepped up to volunteer to be the new chairperson for the pavilion. His phone number will be found on the inside cover of the media. We are aiming for reopening the pavilion in July. Anyone wishing to reserve the use of the pavilion for private use will contact Al for the reservation.( 803-577-9339) As a refresher, there is a \$50 deposit required to reserve the pavilion. If it is left clean after the event we will return your deposit. Al will be responsible for scheduling the event on the office calendar when you make your reservation so you will no longer need to do that step.

Continue to stay safe and hopefully you have already been able to be vaccinated, and if not that you will be soon with the new age limits.

Warm Regards, Marcia White

## Dart League

*By Anne Elkins, Kay Sanborn*

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**T**he dart league was suspended in November due to COVID.

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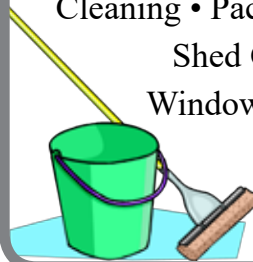
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## The Midwest lunch

By Marge Murray

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Please RSVP to Sharona at; [shar4u68@gmail.com](mailto:shar4u68@gmail.com)

## Ladies Luncheon

By Beth Pieckiel

Well spring is here and hopefully most of us are getting our vaccinations. Hopefully as more of us do get our vaccine we will have more of our ladies rejoining us for our monthly Ladies Luncheon. For April I have book our luncheon at:



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As always the signup sheet will be in the clubhouse. If you do sign up and then find you are unable to make it to the luncheon, PLEASE remove your name from the list so that your hostess(es) can give their restaurant an accurate headcount. Also there are several months coming up this summer and fall that don't have a hostess. You can sign up for these months at our upcoming luncheons.

If anyone should have any questions regarding the luncheons, please contact me, Beth Pieckiel at (214) 538-7094. Hope to see you all soon!





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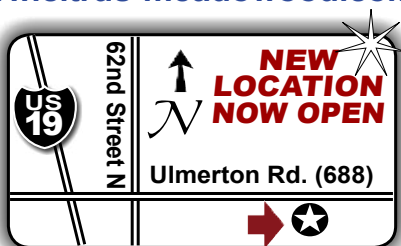
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## Thursday Co-Ed Bowling

By Shirley Pultorak

The new season for the Paradise Island Bowling League will hopefully begin in October. We will be needing new bowlers as well as subs. Our league provides a little exercise and tons of fun, not to mention lots of laughter with friends. If you are interested in joining us as a new bowler or as a sub, there are several ways to get in touch with me.

1. Sign up on the yellow sheet on the clubhouse bulletin board
2. Call or text Shirley Pultorak at (315) 796-2110
3. Email me at [spny@hotmail.com](mailto:spny@hotmail.com)

I look forward to bowling with you. See you in October. Keep checking the media for possible updates.



## Men's Club

By Art Yeo

It has been a long time since we have had large group activities in Paradise Island. Hopefully with vaccines being distributed we can all return to normal sooner rather than later.

The Men's Club has its list of entertainment booked for the fall/winter season of 2021/2022 and the Social Committee is slowly starting to get more active with its activities.

It has been a long haul but thanks to your patience and understanding we can now see light at the end of the tunnel.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to the Men's Club you can email me at: [yeoart47@yahoo.ca](mailto:yeoart47@yahoo.ca) Notice that it is .ca not .com

In the park you can check with Bob "Coach" Pultorak or Dave De Yong and they will be glad to be of assistance.

The Men's club remains a vibrant part of the Paradise Island community.

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# Paradise Island Church in The Park

By Serena Johnson

**H**appy Easter!

As we approach Easter, let us be reminded of what Christ did for us! He was crucified. He died and was buried. He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven. He is alive!

Let us all take a good look at our lives. Are you satisfied with the way in which you are living? Do you think the Lord is pleased with the things you say and do? Renew your life! Turn to God for strength and help to live in His image. Seek God's guidance for what you can do through Him to make the world as He would want. If everyone did their part, we all could have a better world in which to live. Find inner peace by doing for others and sacrificing some of your time and talents for Him. Let us be inspired by the meaning of Easter and what Jesus has done for each of us and not just think but ACT!

You are all welcome to join us in the Clubhouse on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for an hour of worship and fellowship. Please note: We as a church are following all the CO-OP's and CDC guidelines regarding Covid 19, so please feel free to come join us in safety. We are a Non-Denominational Church as many denominations are represented. We would love to have you stop by and be a part of the body of Christ worshipping here. If unable to attend, you can tune in to Spectrum Cable Channel 732 at the above time on Sunday mornings.

Bible Study is on Thursdays in the Clubhouse at 9:30 AM led by Pastor Bill Ogburn. We are studying the book of Daniel. Hopefully, sometime in the next few months we are able to begin again. All are welcome, come join us!

If you know of someone in the Park that has a need, please let us know. All requests are confidential. We would like to help if we can. Please call one of the numbers below and we will look into what we can do to help.

If you have a prayer request or would like a visit, please contact: Pastor Bill Ogburn (727) 474-2722 or Serena Johnson (727) 530-5905.

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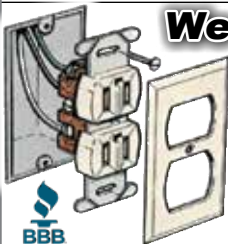
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## Editor's Corner

By Harold Noeller

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Also, there are 5 places to look for an activities date and time either in the current month or in future months. They are:

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## Letter(s) to the Editor

### MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

By Pam Stover

As monarch butterflies make their transcontinental migration this month across North America, they will depend on milkweed plants to produce the next generation of this



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iconic butterfly species, which has seen declines of more than 80% in its eastern population and 99% in its western population. However, a new University of Florida study suggests that adding other flowering plants to the mix may help monarchs more than milkweed alone. The study found that monarch butterflies laid 22% more eggs on milkweed in plots with a mix of milkweed and other flowering plants than they did in plots with a single milkweed species. According to the study's authors, most monarch conservation efforts have focused on planting milkweed because of its critical role in the insect's life cycle: monarchs only lay their eggs on milkweed, and the caterpillars that emerge eat only milkweed. However, monarchs need more than milkweed to perpetuate the species, the study's authors point out, and this may be why they are drawn to more diverse plantings. As adults, monarchs require nectar resources to refuel for flight and reproduction, so it makes sense that they would potentially colonize diverse wildflower plantings over plantings of just milkweed.

## ZEBRA LONGWING BUTTERFLY

*By Pam Stover*



The iconic Zebra Longwing (or Zebra Heliconian) butterfly is a common sight across the state of Florida, with its unmistakable black and pale-yellow flashes as it flutters lazily through forested landscapes or among suburban yards and parks. It is widespread and familiar enough to be an excellent choice for our state butterfly. Adult Zebra Longwings have several interesting traits that set them apart from other butterflies. While most species only live for a few weeks after metamorphosis, this species can live for several months. At night, they can be found roosting in communal groups of up to 60 individuals.

Like many butterfly species, Zebra Longwings only lay eggs on specific host plants – in their case, the purple passionflower (also known as maypop). Their small yellow eggs hatch into white caterpillars with black spots and lots of black spines. As the caterpillars feed on the plant, they incorporate some of the passionflower's naturally produced toxins, which makes them taste awful to potential predators. Passionflower is a very easy to grow native plant with stunning purple flowers, so planting some in your garden is an excellent way to attract Zebra Longwings to your yard.



## VETERAN'S CORNER

By ROBERT BEHM, President

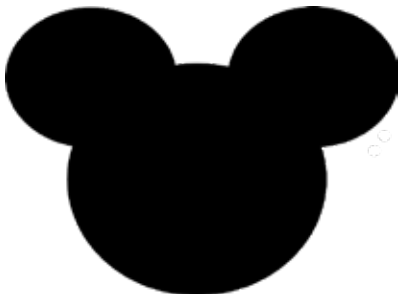
How many of you know who Retired Army General Joe Potter is? The tourists at Disney World are too preoccupied with the majestic Cinderella Castle ahead and the marching band playing “Let It Go” to notice the words in the second-floor window above the candy store. “General Joe’s Building Permits, licensed in Florida since ’66,” it says over the fake business on the Magic Kingdom’s Main Street USA. “If you ask anybody that goes to Walt Disney World, who is Joe Potter? ... They won’t know much about him,” said Disney author and historian Christopher Lucas.” Without him, there’d be no Disney World.” Missing Walt Disney’s star name recognition, Gen. William “Joe” Potter was the force that turned a swampy Florida wetland into the Magic Kingdom. Potter was the architect of Disney World’s government, the mastermind behind the hidden tunnel system at the park and the reason why Disney has no mosquito problem today, Lucas said.

Potter died at age 83 in 1988 after remaining in Central Florida for the rest of his life post-Disney retirement, but the memories still run deep with his daughter and grandson who live in Orlando today. In his early 60s, the graying retired U.S. Army general led the massive construction project to get Disney’s land ready to build a theme park. The bulldozers tore through, uprooting trees, and crews tamed what was an alligator- and snake-infested swamp of Central Florida in the late 1960s. This was an old Florida back then, more rugged, wild and so far away from the well-manicured Disney grounds known today. On a boat ride through the canal, Potter and his team brought a gun because snakes hung from the trees, his daughter recounted. To make Disney World, something had to be done about Bay Lake.

The water was “a dark-brown color which would not be used for swimming because it would turn bleached blond hair brown and white swimming suits would be grey,” Potter recalled in his oral history recorded by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. His men pumped out 5 million cubic yards of the sand, added well water and cleaned the lake’s bottom to turn into a pristine lake. Potter’s team also built the 200-acre lagoon by the Polynesian Hotel. Like a good military man, Potter had listened to his commander, Walt Disney. He complained how hard it was to maintain the fantasy in Disneyland when realities like garbage dumpsters or employee areas couldn’t be completely hidden away, Lucas said. Potter’s workaround: Build an underground tunnel system at Florida’s Magic Kingdom.

And to govern this new kingdom — or at least run its sewage system and utilities — Potter established the plan for Reedy Creek Improvement District. By 1967, the state officially approved Reedy Creek as its own government, so Disney could have control of building roads, zoning code, and build a power plant, even its own airport if Disney desired one. Potter eventually served as the district’s first leader. “We think today

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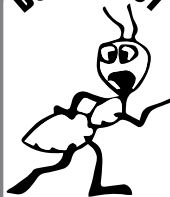
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Disney is its own self-sufficient community, but that didn't happen overnight, and it certainly didn't happen by itself. Walt, again, had to sign off on all of this, but Joe Potter was the man that he trusted. He let him take care of all that," said Lucas, author of the book 'Top Disney.'

Along the way, there were political landmines that could implode at any time. A few holdout landowners unwilling to sell. Labor strikes. Skeptical government officials. Orlando didn't have a major airport as it was about to become a tourism hotspot. Again, it was Potter who went on the public relations offensive, negotiating and cajoling and earning himself the nickname "Mr. Disney" in Orlando as he became the liaison for the company.

In the 1960s, Potter's was helping to build New York's World's Fair of 1964, putting him in direct contact with Walt Disney who debuted "It's A Small World," and the Abraham Lincoln animatronic from the future Hall of Presidents. In 1965, as the fair wound down, Walt Disney was quietly acquiring 28,000 acres for something big in Central Florida. He invited Potter to join him. Potter was on board. Disney World hadn't been officially announced yet, so his family kept his new job as a vice president for Walt Disney Productions a secret. "He told us that he had been offered a position by Walt, but he said we can't tell anybody," Potter's daughter said.

On Potter's early visit to Orlando, he checked into a Lake Eola hotel under a fake name so not to draw any attention to himself. He looked down to see what lay in front of him as he rode a helicopter to Disney's property. "I was one of the first people to put their feet on that 27,000 acres and was greatly impressed," Potter said in his oral history. Soon, the public caught wind that a mysterious landowner had acquired a small empire of land. An Orlando Sentinel "girl" reporter famously speculated it was Disney, which led to Walt's "No comment" — "a very bad thing to say," Potter recalled years later. "So, on Saturday morning ... I got up, came downstairs and the headline was, 'We Say It's Disney,'" Potter said. "And the secret was out."

Walt Disney's dream was not just to build Florida's version of the Magic Kingdom but also Epcot, a city of the future. Potter worked with him and the architect who designed Disneyland to develop a masterplan for Disney World. He also traveled to speak with industry leaders to draw up their support for Epcot. The general called Walt Disney a genius, but his boss's health was failing. Potter visited him in the hospital in the final days and remembered Walt Disney laying in his bed pointing up at the hospital ceiling tiles as a blank canvas to explain his vision for Epcot, said Potter's grandson.

After Walt Disney's death in 1966, the Magic Kingdom's plans forged ahead. Epcot would come later. Potter, who became the first Disney official to move to Florida in 1968, would have plenty to do. Potter's resume made him the right man for the job.

His inspiration to build the Magic Kingdom's underground tunnels drew from the locks and dams in the Panama Canal. Potter also knew all about battling pesky mosquitos. "One of his things that he learned from the Panama Canal where people were dying of malaria was if you let water just sit there, you're going to have a problem," Lucas said. "He insisted to Walt, whatever we do, wherever there's water, we got to make sure it's either running off, moving or it's just not sitting there or you're going to have a lot of mosquitoes." Potter made sure that water was always in motion and engineered the buildings' roofs at the Magic Kingdom so water never piled up. His anti-mosquito efforts were natural, too, as he had a say in planting the right

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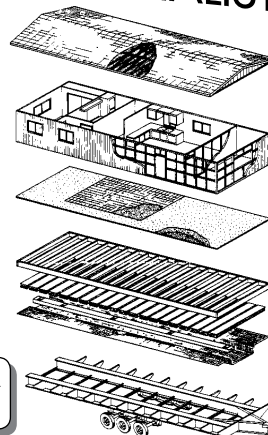
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flowers that wouldn't collect water and using a garlic spray, undetectable to humans, to repel the bugs. What seemed impossible, building a kingdom in the swamp, was becoming a reality.

Potter's wife, Ruth, and a group of her high society friends went on a tour of the Magic Kingdom construction site dressed in their Sunday best, in April 1971. Six months later, the Magic Kingdom opened.

Remembering the General. Potter wasn't interested in taking any credit for what he did at Disney World. "He clearly could have been a guy who was all about himself, but he was the exact opposite," his grandson said. Potter's mindset: Just get the job done, a can-do attitude that drew Walt to recruit from the military, Lucas said.

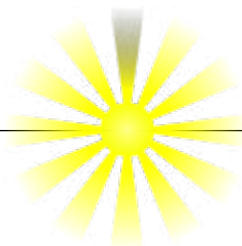
Disney has slipped in tributes to Potter over the years. Perhaps the grandest, Disney rechristened one of its twthree ferries the "Gen. Joe Potter" in 1997. That same year, the Walt Disney Co. inducted Potter posthumously into its Disney Legends hall of fame. And since the Magic Kingdom's opening day, there has always been a General Joe's Building Permits in the window on Main Street USA. Look up above the Main Street Confectionery, on the side facing the flagpole.

Bob Behm, LTC (RET) Army

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By Dianna Gilmore

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606	Dorothy Cummings	April	2	186	Mildred Little	April	16
162	Sandy Foresta	April	3	236	Hillary Davidson	April	17
51	Bob Sorrell	April	4	343	Darlene Stubbendick	April	17
88	Ken Hopkins	April	4	624	Patrick Kilcoyne	April	17
288	Renee Darcy	April	4	800	Sandy Pariseau	April	17
430	Jay Powell	April	4	469	Yvan Poire'	April	19
474	John Metzger	April	4	68	Dawn Maclean	April	20
626	Lyman Woods	April	4	446	Dick Fournier	April	20
648	Gloria Lyons	April	5	444	Peggy Dumas	April	21
750	Gary Macdonald	April	5	741	Hershell Carter	April	21
369	Richard Burke	April	6	238	Eva Mushow	April	22
200	Jane Griffin	April	8	601	Carol Enos	April	25
584	Sheila Leyva	April	8	699	Mary Ellen Fournier	April	25
388	Eddie Walas	April	9	98	Carol L. Capuano	April	26
245	Ron Grant	April	10	429	Patrica Hahn	April	26
348	Jose Bayron	April	10	568	Linda Carter	April	26
705	Donna Fabbro	April	10	640	Al Noeller	April	26
809	Gary Jira	April	10	684	Bill McNally	April	26
361	Rupert (Tony) Annis	April	11	383	Keith Fernandez	April	27
565	Ralph Kennedy	April	11	489	Kathy Richardson	April	27
549	Richard Ross	April	12	565	Sharon Kennedy	April	27
434	Ray Gaddy	April	13	602	Curt Payonk	April	27
646	Rena Fowler	April	13	653	Terrol Getson	April	27
815	Jacques Heneault	April	13	630	Sandra Goodwin	April	28
443	Lou Cox	April	14	224	Pamela Chance	April	29
721	Eugene Merkle	April	14	371	Jeff Hanson	April	30
660	Thomas Donohue	April	15	510	Jackie Mccarty	April	30

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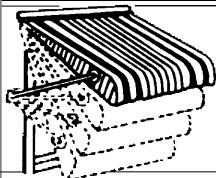
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744	Douglas & Darlene Blair	April 2	1977
98	Fred & Carol Capuano	April 4	1990
814	Jeffery & Cathy Hickman	April 6	1984
602	Curt & Dena Payonk	April 6	1991
189	Erictoft & Bonnie Fulle	April 6	2018
520	Robert & Wikki Pyne	April 7	1983
761	Robert & Phyllis Risi	April 8	1977
827	Richard & Mary Desjardin	April 9	1981
159	Steve & Beth Pieckiel	April 10	2004
356	James & Beverly Spikes	April 11	1981
650	Herb & Vicky Swinden	April 12	1980
648	Joseph & Gloria Lyons	April 13	1959
166	Walter & Cindy Peifer	April 13	2019
295	Joe & Cindy Maciejewski	April 15	1989
549	Richard & Mary Ross	April 17	1977
261	John (Gene) & Sherry Wells	April 18	1981
699	George & Mary Ellen Fournier	April 20	1974
35	Rollie & Evelyn Forward	April 21	1989
704	Frank & Brenda Pittman	April 23	1977
548	Randy & Jane Reitz	April 23	2005
665	Ronald & Jeanne Czikowsky	April 26	1969
238	Ronald & Eva Mushow	April 26	1996
168	Anita & Ted Feinman	April 28	2001
480	Ken & Sue Stagner	April 28	

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