



## Council hears Transit Center testimony

City Council listened to more than two hours of public testimony regarding the potential relocation of the downtown Transit Center to a site near Kellogg Lake at its May 18<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled meeting. But with about 20 more people yet to testify, Council continued the hearing to May 25<sup>th</sup>.

At the time of print it was not known if Council decided to follow the Planning Commission recommendation to move the Transit Center to the Kellogg site or not. To learn the result, please call (503) 786-7503 or check Milwaukie's website at [www.cityofmilwaukie.org](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org).

At the May 18<sup>th</sup> hearing Council broke up the testimony into those who were in favor, those who were in opposition, and those who were neutral. Council was only able to get through the 23 people in favor of the Planning Commission recommendation before adjourning. Those in opposition spoke at the May 25<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Some of those who spoke in favor of the recommendation believe moving the Transit Center off of Downtown's streets to the 2-acre site lying between Kellogg Lake and McLoughlin Boulevard would invigorate the Downtown and bring in public money to finance improvement projects that otherwise would not take place. Those in opposition have voiced concern about additional traffic the facility might bring and converting existing greenspace to a transit facility. ■

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## Young residents taking action

Courtney Shrum, a recent graduate of Milwaukie High School, explains her work organizing a rummage sale to raise money for the Clackamas County Women's shelter wasn't always the most glamorous work, but that what she gained from the experience was immeasurable.

Courtney, who has aspirations of a career in event planning, put together the sale's publicity campaign, organized when and where the event would be held and coordinated the collection of sale items.

The sale raised \$400 for the shelter, a place that provides emergency and transitional housing for women and children, and provided Courtney with a feeling that she helped better the community she lives in.

Courtney explains her project was a product of her involvement with the Clackamas Youth Action Committee (YAC), a group of about 30 middle



Courtney Shrum

school and high schoolers who meet regularly to identify and organize community improvement projects.

"We brainstorm a lot of ideas, select the ones we think we can accomplish, and then write the grants, write the press releases, and make the phone calls," Courtney said. "They're all really good skills to learn."

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## First ever **RIVERFEST** event set

This year's Citywide summer celebration is going to be a little different. Actually, it's going to be a lot different.

First of all, it's no longer Festival Daze. This year, Providence Milwaukie Hospital presents **MILWAUKIE RIVERFEST!**

And rather than being held in June, it's going to be pushed back to July 23, 24 and 25 to better ensure some summer sunshine. And finally, and maybe most importantly, **MILWAUKIE RIVERFEST** will be held on Milwaukie's Riverfront, near the Jefferson Boat Ramp.

Along Milwaukie's shores of the Willamette River there will be a full slate of live music, kids entertainment, food, craft and community vendors, and a beer garden next to the sound stage.

Borrowing from last year's Riverfront BLAST, organizers are putting together a Dragon Boat Race competition, the second annual Toilet Seat Hurling Competition will be held and on Saturday night a spectacular fireworks display will be held.

New to this year's show is a \$15,000 Jackpot Putting Competition sponsored by The Milwaukie Rotary.

Those interested in putting together a team for the Dragon Boats Races are asked to call (503) 654-1007 and those interested in entering this year's parade, to be held Saturday morning at 10 a.m., should call (503) 654-9965.

For more information about this year's festivities, please call (503) 786-7503. ■

## Financial times make for tougher choices

To contact Councilor Susan Stone, call (503) 786-7512 or send an email to [stones@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:stones@ci.milwaukie.or.us).



As we bring the 2004-05 City of Milwaukie budget cycle to a close, I'm grateful for the good fortune we have had in avoiding employee layoffs and dramatically cutting program funding as occurred in Fiscal Year 03-04.

Providing services to the citizens of Milwaukie is a top priority. Ensuring that our streets and Neighborhoods are safe and livable, our water is clean and available, our sewer system is intact and operating and our roads are maintained are just some of the services your tax dollars buy. Funding for our library and our schools remain of utmost concern to all.

Voter support for tax levies continues to wane as most recently demonstrated by the overwhelming defeat of ballot measure #3-132, North Clackamas School District on May 18<sup>th</sup>. It leaves one to ponder the question of how will our libraries and schools sustain current levels of operation without additional revenue? Is the answer more taxes or could it lie in a paradigm shift of thinking and a reexamination of the resources currently and readily available?

Instead of demanding more taxes from citizens, we need to be demanding more accountability in how our money is being spent. Where school funding is concerned, that accountability should extend not only into administrative and operating costs but also into personal household budgets. We all have a finite amount of money to spend...it's *how* we spend it that matters. How can we, as consumers, become savvier in our personal spending so as to be able to allocate additional money for education...a top priority not only for all children but also for our community as a whole.

We cannot afford to continue applying old ways of funding to twenty-first century economic realities. We need creative solutions, commitment in personal spending and a collaborative spirit to overcome this financial dilemma.

Education is not an entitlement; it is an endowment we give to all children who are the future guardians of our communities and our world. ■

## Market blasts off

The Milwaukie Farmers Market kicked off its sixth season on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> with a parking lot packed with more than 40 vendors and with more than 1,000 customers buying fresh, local produce, visiting with one another and enjoying the day's live music.

Market organizer Brendan Eiswerth says it's the best opening they've ever had and that he's excited to see what the coming season will bring.

The market is located across from City Hall on Main Street between Harrison and Jefferson Streets. The market runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. If you're looking for more information, please call Brendan at (503) 353-9123. ■

## School zones in effect

The state's new traffic laws regarding speeding in school zones take effect in June, so take a look at this summary so you can avoid a ticket, and more importantly, help keep the City's children safe.

The new law has two basic components that correspond to the speed limit that exists leading up to the zone.

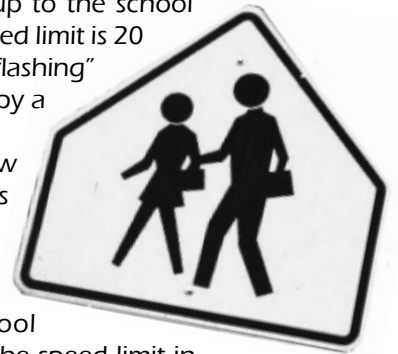
If the speed limit leading up to the zone is 30 m.p.h. or less, the speed limit in the school zone is 20 m.p.h. at all times.

If the speed limit leading up to the school zone is over 30 m.p.h., the speed limit is 20 m.p.h. either "When lights are flashing" or, at specific times indicated by a posted School Zone sign.

Furthermore, the new law now defines "School Zone" as any highway adjacent to a school or any highway with a crosswalk not adjacent to a school, but marked by school zone signs and a crosswalk. The speed limit in these zones is 20 m.p.h. either during posted times, "When lights are flashing" or "When Children Are Present."

"Children Are Present" will mean when children are in the crosswalk, when children are at the crosswalk, or when a cross-guard is present.

These laws can be confusing. If you have any questions, please call the Police Department at (503) 786-7400. ■



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Courtney says that right now there are only three people on the YAC from the Milwaukie area, but that there's hope that will change when a North Clackamas chapter is opened in June. Beginning in June, YAC meetings will be held the first Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the North Clackamas Aquatic Park. Courtney encourages anyone who's interested in helping their community to attend.

"(Participating in the YAC) gives you a sense of helping others," Courtney said, "a feeling that you're doing something not just for yourself, but for somebody else."

For more information about YAC, call (503) 650-3589. ■

## Check out Book Sale!

The Friends of the Ledding Library Book Sale is set for June 18, 19, 20, at the Waldorf School Gym (23<sup>rd</sup> & Harrison) and like every year, there will be thousands of books, CD's, cassettes, videos and records to shop from.

The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day and there will be a raffle for such great items like a digital camera, a DVD player, and lots of gift certificates. ■

## Cops & Cooks

In what you could consider a cross between Betty Crocker and an episode of "COPS," Milwaukie Police Officer Ulrich Neitch has put together the "Graveyard Gourmet Cookbook, Dinner and a Police Story" as a fundraiser for the City's police cadet program.

The cookbook couples humorous true stories authored by Milwaukie Officers with dozens of recipe ideas for quick, home cooked meals.

Citizens can make a tax-deductible donation of \$10 to receive a copy of the cookbook and all proceeds will be directed to help the police cadet program.

Cadets are teens who volunteer hundreds of hours a year to help in public relations and community services related projects through the police department.

The cookbooks are available at the Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison), and the Ledding Library.

## Citizens review North Main design

Judging by the responses gathered at the North Main Open House held May 12<sup>th</sup>, City residents are in favor of the project's current design and are excited for work to get underway at the former Safeway site.

Project Manager Jeff King estimates about 30 people reviewed the latest designs and said that some expressed an interest to rent or purchase one of the units once they become available.

Jeff explained the design team is currently modifying the project's layout to allow for greater emergency vehicle access. As a result, the apartment building on the north side of the site will be moved slightly to the south, which will in turn shrink the size of the mixed-use building along Main Street.

However, by doing so, Jeff said three more row houses can be added



in the northeast portion of the site, near Spring Park.

Jeff expects the project's land use and design to be completed by the end of summer, permits to be obtained in the winter and construction to begin in the spring of '05.

For more information, please call Jeff at (503) 786-7609.

## Run for Council and help set the City's course

Did you know that there are currently 11 projects of regional significance being coordinated on Milwaukie's stretch of McLoughlin Boulevard? There's the siting and relocation of the Transit Center, the potential decommissioning of the Kellogg Sewage Treatment Plant and the McLoughlin Boulevard improvement project, just to name a few.

There's a lot going on in Milwaukie, and those who sit on Milwaukie's City Council have a lot of say as to what this City will look like in five, 10, to 25 years.

If you're interested in making the decisions that govern how this City grows and running for City Council, now's the time

to think about filing for the November 2, 2004 General Election. The filing period begins July 23<sup>rd</sup> and ends August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There will be two City Council positions on the November ballot – Position #1, currently held by Larry Lancaster and Position #3 currently held by Joe Loomis.

Each position is a four-year term that commences in January 2005 and runs through the end of 2008.

Milwaukie residents interested in running for Council can visit the City website at [www.cityofmilwaukie.org](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org) to review the Candidate Guide or contact City Recorder Pat DuVal by calling (503) 786-7502.

## Enjoy summer program

You don't need a map to find this treasure! Youth of all ages are invited to join Ledding Library's summer reading program, **"Discover New Trails at the Library."** Young readers will set reading goals to earn free paperback books and a coupon for a \$2 deluxe ride bracelet to Oaks Park on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Pre-readers are welcome to participate, too; simply keep track of the books someone reads to them.

Sign-up begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. Weekly free programs include a Captain Underpants party, an insect petting zoo, Oregon Fantasy Puppet Theatre, a magic show, Reptile Man, and lots of arts and crafts. Drop by the Library and pick up a program so you don't miss a single program!



## The City Code Corner

Did you know that the City maintains an ordinance requiring property owners to maintain the portion of right of way adjacent to their real property?

This, in effect, means property owners are responsible for taking care of the area between the yard and street.

This typically includes everything from mowing the grass and trimming the trees to keeping the area free of debris and obstructions.

If trees are in the right of way and even if the property owner didn't plant them, the trees' proper upkeep is in the hands of the property owner.

Furthermore, property owners are responsible for keeping the stretch of sidewalk in front of their property in a safe and passable condition.

If you have any questions, please call (503) 786-7545.





# AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page 6 for contact information.

## ISLAND STATION

Written by **Lisa Batey**

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **June 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

We hope the May meeting will start a trend to continue in the months ahead – we had a new neighbor (attending only three weeks after moving into Island Station) and the reappearance of some neighbors who haven't attended in a long time.

We also had featured guests from the City to talk about funding and planning issues for a sidewalk project along River Road and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, as well as some other Neighborhood concerns like speeding motorists, both on those thor-

oughfares as well as some supposedly quieter Neighborhood streets.

Whether we push forward on a project for sidewalks and curbs will depend largely on whether there are neighbors willing to help with this effort, so if this issue is one you support, please come to the next meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> to make your interest known.

The Spring Park Master Plan is nearing completion, and there will be a public meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at City Hall at 7 p.m. for final comments on the Master Plan prior to its submission to the Planning Commission.

For more information or for a copy of the Master Plan, contact JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508.

In addition to finalizing the Mas-

ter Plan, we will launch two working groups in the next few weeks to address specific issues relating to Spring Park and Elk Rock Island: designating a parking area (eight potential sites have been identified), and design of interpretive signage. If you are interested in serving on either group, please call me at (503) 353-1825.



**Island Station residents and volunteers at a work party at Spring Park.**

## ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Carlotta Collette**, Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **June 8, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

Our May elections went exceedingly well. I will stay on as president, and Sherri Campbell and Joe Campbell will remain as vice president and treasurer, respectively. Dorothy Snowhill asked to be relieved of her role as secretary, but Lisa Gunion-Rinker stepped up to fill that huge gap. Dorothy agreed to help out Les Wilkins, who assumed the role of

land use coordinator. It seemed like everyone wanted to be an officer at large. We ended up with four, and a possibility of one more. Those that were confirmed are: Tom Bowman, Michelle Greeley Roberts, Cheryl Ausman-Merino, and Mike Lipis.

After the elections, our gathering of about 30 folks welcomed representatives from the Waldorf School. We all have an interest in setting aside our disagreements over the school's plan to operate a Kindergarten in our neighborhood. Ralph Brossart stood and shook the hand of Waldorf School's John

Kahl. Ralph had gotten 83 signatures on a petition opposing the school plan. (He said he stopped at 83 because he is 83 years old and that seemed like a good number.)

Also at our May meeting we heard an update on the Springwater Corridor Three Bridges Project. Look for groundbreaking in spring 2005 and completion in 2006.

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **June 14, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Milwaukie Elementary**

When this appears we will be roughly seven weeks from **Milwaukie RIVERFEST**, the first full production of the old Festival Daze produced at Riverfront Park.

The dates are **July 23, 24, 25**, and it is brought to you by our presenting sponsor, **Providence Milwaukie Hospital** and produced by **Celebrate Milwaukie, Inc.**

Some of our major entertainers include Jamie's Rock 'N Roll Legends fea-

turing Justin Shandor as two-time Las Vegas Champion Elvis Presley, plus stellar impersonators of Billy Joel, Neil Diamond, Reba McIntyre and Shania Twain.

Local artists already scheduled are the Robbie Laws, Ellen Whyte and Big Bamboo bands plus nationally-known folk singer Juliet Wyers.

Saturday at 10 a.m. our **RIVERFEST** parade, sponsored by **Mill Ends Store**, will start at the Clackamas ESD on Lake Road and proceed north on Main Street to Southgate Theater.

Saturday night at sundown our Second Annual Fireworks Extravaganza,

sponsored by **Willamette View, Inc.** will blast off from a barge in mid-river. Last year this display was the talk of the region. We're also working hard to get Dragon Boat teams together for a two-day competition. If you're interested call Terri Darling at (503) 654-1007.

Adult admission will be \$3 and two cans of food. All money is to go toward the development of Riverfront Park, and the food will go to the Annie Ross House. Please join us for the festivities and support these worthy causes.

All those wishing to volunteer, please give me a call at (503) 654-2493.



## AROUND TOWN

## LINWOOD

Written by [Dolly Macken Hambright](#), CoChair

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [No Meeting Until September](#)

Thanks to the efforts of Linwood resident Wanda Drendel, we enjoyed pizza, cinnamon rolls, and soft drinks, and as usual, she made a really lovely spread.

On hand for information sharing was Milwaukie Project Manager Jeff King who presented the latest about the North Main Project. There seemed to be a positive reaction to the new design and we are anxiously awaiting dirt to move on the vacant ground of the old Safeway site.

Captain Bill Conway, North Clackamas Fire District No. 1, gave an overview of fire-folk duties for Milwaukie, a review of the CERT program and discussed smoke alarm usage and law for rental properties.

We discussed and approved three grants for other organizations. Riverfest, the Milwaukie Museum reroofing project, and Meals-on-Wheels will all get a few dollars from our grant funds, if approved by the City.

Reelected officers, starting September 2004, are Wanda Drendel and Dolly Macken-Hambright, and fresh faces to our board are Lisa Shippy and Allen Levine. We look forward to a get-together this summer to greet our new board members and catch them up to all the goings-on.

Have a great summer and see you in September!

## LEWELLING

Written by [Art Ball](#), Chair

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [June 3, 7 p.m.](#) • Where: [Lewelling Elementary](#)

Once again Lewelling Association members helped school employees and parents restore the outdoor environmental classroom for use. With blackberry bushes being the primary problem, thick gloves and long sleeve apparel were requirements of this annual spring event. Of course coffee and donuts helped provide the needed energy.

If you find a [Letter of Appreciation](#) card in the mail from the Neighborhood Association it means you have been recognized for your efforts in keeping your home and grounds in exceptionally nice condition. The association voted unanimously to acknowledge home owners who improve or maintain property appearances above and beyond the norm.

These are residents who set examples and elevate the aesthetic standards of our Neighborhood. We are looking forward to sending you this THANK YOU card.

Don't forget your contribution to the [Lewelling Neighborhood Association Rummage Sale](#) set for June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a once a year event with all proceeds dedicated to the development of our Neighborhood park. For assistance or more information give me a call at (503) 786-4016.

[May Election Results](#) – Chair: [Jeff Klein](#) Vice Chair & Treasurer: [Art Ball](#) Secretary: [Amy Hough](#)

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by [David Aschenbrenner](#), Chair

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [June 14, 7 p.m.](#)

Where: [Milwaukie Museum](#)

Our next meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Milwaukie Museum at 37<sup>th</sup> and Railroad Ave. As of this writing, I am not sure where our July, August and Sep-

tember meetings will be.

Most things are going well in the Neighborhood. We still have our ongoing projects such as:

The development of Homewood Park. We should have the formal trail through the park by the middle to end of summer. The next phase is to work on the signage and play structure. If anyone wants to help with the ongoing maintenance of the park, we could use your

help. We need people to cut the vegetation on the Garrett side on an ongoing basis. If you can help, please call Sarah Smith at (503) 653-0015.

Traffic plans and changes will be coming about as the new King Road Safeway gets closer to breaking ground.

We should have information about this at our next meeting.

## LAKE ROAD

Written by [Debby Patten](#), Secretary

## NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [June 9, 6:30 p.m.](#) • Where: [Clackamas ESD](#)

At our May meeting we had officer elections and a tour through our new meeting location at the Clackamas Education Service District (ESD) building.

ESD is a beautiful building and our new meeting room is really wonderful. David Campbell and staff welcomed us in a big way with excellent refreshments. Considering there was an Open House going on about the North Main Project at the old Safeway site, we had a pretty good turnout. I hope the 6:30 p.m. starting time and new location will help bring in more neighbors in the future.

As for the elections, Bob Moore will remain Chair while Susanna Pai is stepping up to help out as CoChair. I will re-

main Secretary as well as take on the new role of Treasurer to help out Susanna.

Our Neighborhood Identity Sign was approved by City Council and we are hoping to show it off at the parade in July. The sign's permanent location will be out by the pump station on Lake Road as you drive into the Neighborhood.

I would like to give a special thanks to Cami Waner, as she spent countless hours heading this project. The Neighborhood Association needs more volunteers like her.

Speaking of volunteers, I've often written about volunteering as it is close to my heart. I would like to take a moment to reemphasize a point. If you don't attend the meetings, your voice won't be heard. We welcome all newcomers and new opinions, so I hope you will consider attending our June meeting. We will be discussing the float for the July parade and our August Neighborhood barbecue and we'll need volunteers to help us with these fun projects!

# City Events Calendar

June 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street                      PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street                      JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.                      MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive                      LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue</p> <p><b>Milwaukie Farmers Market</b>                      Across from City Hall                      9:30 to 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>CITY OF MILWAUKIE</b></p>	<p>5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH)                      6:30pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)</p>	<p>6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)                      6:00pm Library Planning Comm. (PSB)  <b>Spring Park Meeting</b>                      City Hall, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>7:00pm Lewelling NDA (Lewelling Elementary)</p>	<p>10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)</p>	<p><b>Saturday Music Program</b>                      Ledding Library                      2-3 p.m.                      Admission is free</p>
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

### ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays  
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary  
 Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771  
 email: carlottacollette@comcast.net

### HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Museum **NEW!**  
 Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258  
 email: dlasch@comcast.net

### HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary  
 Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493  
 email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

### ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange  
 Chair, Rick Farasy, (503) 786-2437

### LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays  
**6:30 p.m., Clackams ESD** **NEW!**  
 Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

### LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Lewelling Elementary  
 Chair, Art Ball, (503) 786-4016

### LINWOOD NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

Meetings held on second Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Linwood Elementary  
 Chair, Dolly Macken Hambricht, (503) 659-8908

## Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30  
 Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m.,  
 7 p.m., 2 a.m.

City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30  
 Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m.,  
 7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable Information System

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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