

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, May 11

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Resident's Association*

It's time for Spring cleaning! A time to get rid of those unwanted and unused items in closets, basements and garages in preparation for the annual West Peoria Yard Sale!

On Saturday, May 11th, the West Peoria Residents Association (WPRA) will sponsor their annual Community Wide Yard Sale. Signage will be posted throughout West Peoria advertising the sale as well as additional information on the Community facebook page.

Whether you are planning a sale at your residence or joining friends to shop for some special bargains, we hope you will join us for this annual West Peoria event!

**Rain date: Saturday,
May 18, 2024**



WEST PEORIA CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 27

9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.

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Items NOT Accepted:

Food Garbage, Hazardous waste, Paints, Varnishes, Oil, Cleaning Agents, Chemicals, Antifreeze, Batteries, Yard Waste, Brush

Any questions, check the City website or call City Hall, (309) 674-1993

NOTE: NO moving trucks/trailers or large vehicles allowed

Proof of residency is required.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00 p.m. - City Hall

The City of West Peoria and the West Peoria Residents Association will host the annual "State of the City Address" on May 16th.

Guest speakers will be Mayor James Dillon, City Administrator Kinga Krider, West Peoria Fire Chief Terry Schadt, and John Walker, President of the West Peoria Lighting District. Their presentations will include a review of 2023 activities and also focus on what 2024 will bring for the residents of West Peoria.

Mark your calendars to attend this informative meeting!

Meeting and Event Dates

All event dates listed in this issue are subject to change. Check the City of West Peoria website, the West Peoria Community page on Facebook, or the Simplicity app.

Please note: All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.
*Township Building, 2516 West Rohmann

April

Wednesday, April 3
Finance 5:30 p.m.
Land Use 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9
City Council 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10
Neighborhood Watch 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 15
Garden Club 7:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, April 17
Transportation 5:30 p.m.
Public Safety 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23
Planning & Zoning 5:30 p.m.
City Council 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25
Seniors Afternoon 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27
Clean Up Day 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
City Maintenance Garage

May

Wednesday, May 1
Finance 5:30 p.m.
Land Use 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8
Neighborhood Watch 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14
City Council 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15
Transportation 5:30 p.m.
Public Safety 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16
State of the City Address 6:00 p.m.


Monday, May 20
Garden Club 7:00 p.m.*

Thursday, May 23
Seniors Afternoon 1:00 p.m.


Saturday, May 25
Memorial Day Service
(See website for details)

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day - Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 28
Planning & Zoning 5:30 p.m.
City Council 7:00 p.m.



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City News

The following information has been provided by Kinga Krider, West Peoria City Administrator. If you have any question regarding these topics or any other concerns, please contact City Hall, (309) 674-1993.

KEEPING OUR CITY CLEAN - A friendly reminder with Spring comes an abundance of new growth. Please be sure grass and weeds are kept mowed or trimmed and out of the street, especially between the curb and sidewalk, as well as the alley line and behind fences and garages. Any vegetation over 9" high violates the City Code.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP - With Spring comes yard work! Yard waste pick up begins Friday, April 5th and will continue each Friday through December 27, 2024.

PET CARE - Please remember to be courteous to your neighbors. With warmer weather, be sure to clean up all animal wastes on your property within 24 hours. Also, if you are walking your pets, please be sure to keep your pets on a leash and pick up their feces. For the safety of all involved, animals must be on leashes whenever they are off your property or on leads if they are outside and not in an enclosed areas.

PERMITS - Spring is a great time to tackle all those outdoor home improvement projects that have been on hold for the winter. Want to replace or put up a new fence? Planning a new outdoor patio/deck? Time to repair that sidewalk or driveway? Get the kids that swimming pool? Put up a shed? Call or stop by City Hall, or visit the City website for the proper paperwork for permit completion.

GRANTS - Many people have been asking about the grant programs the City has traditionally offered. If approved by the City Council at its April 23rd meeting, the City will again offer the following grants effective **MAY 1ST**.

- Residential Redevelopment Grant (RDG) Program - outside improvement; sorry, fences are not included.
- TIF Grant - outside improvement for people in the TIF district. Residents should receive a postcard in the mail.
- Security Grant - security cameras with recording capabilities
- Paint Program - outside paint improvement

Applications will be available on our website and at City Hall beginning Monday, May 1st. The grants are available on a **first-come, first-served basis until the funds are depleted. Please note multiple changes have been implemented this year. Be sure to read the applications thoroughly!**

City of West Peoria Resource Information

City Hall

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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City Clerk Margie Barnes

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Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer

Roma Wallace

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City News

NEW SIDEWALKS - Residents on the 2500-2600 block of Laura Avenue and Downs Circle will be getting new sidewalks this year upon approval. You, too, can get new sidewalks for your block. For details, call City Hall (309) 674-1993, and we will gladly explain the process. The deadline for new sidewalk requests is September 1st of each year.

STREET MAINTENANCE - The City is also working on determining streets that require sealcoating this year and streets that need a little more work where mill and overlay is required. Watch our website for more information.

SLOW DOWN WEST PEORIA - Once again, the Peoria County Sheriff's Office has been kind enough to provide "Slow Down" signs. The signs are free and available at City Hall while supplies last. If you would like one, stop by City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to pick one up.

NO SOLICITATION! It is unlawful for any person or organization to solicit any goods or services by going door to door within the City of West Peoria. If you encounter someone soliciting, please call the Peoria County Sheriff's non-emergency number (309) 672-6011. If permitted by the City, it will be shared on the city website, Community Facebook page, and the Simplicity App. The person or organization must have a license.

WEST PEORIA'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

**Tentative plans are being made to honor our
veterans at memorial service on**

**Saturday, May 25th
10:00 a.m.
Franciscan Park**

**As the date approaches, please visit the City
website, Community Facebook page, or the
Simplicity app for more information.**

HORSESHOE BOTTOMS

By: Dave Pittman

Spring came early this year but native Illinois plants remain cautious because they understand our frequent weather changes. Most of the oak trees in particular will be slow to show any green. Many have survived in West Peoria for over a hundred years. The Chinquapin oak in St. Mary's Cemetery may be 200 years old, massive and sheltered on your left as you drop down between the two cemetery levels.

On Saturday, May 11th, from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., the fifth annual "Native Plant Sale" will be held outside Haddad's on Rohmann. There will be over 60 different species of locally grown native plants for sale. This is the primary fundraiser for Friends of Rocky Glen. We hope you will stop by to visit our sale!

The Horseshoe Bottoms hikes and workdays continue monthly, April 6, May 4, and June 1, meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the far west end of St. Mary's Cemetery. The April hike will feature our West Peoria neighbor Nicole Klinge leading a medicinal plant walk. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Please dress appropriately for possible muddy conditions. Liability waivers are required. Call David Pittman (309-573-2354) to confirm events.

Rocky Glen Park workdays will be April 7, May 5, and June 2. Volunteers meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Rocky Glen parking lot for 2-3 hours of work.

FORG is an all volunteer non-profit with a goal of promoting the health and recreational value of the Kickapoo Creek watershed. Our educational programs include work with the Peoria Public Schools, private schools, and other non-profit groups. Volunteers always welcome! Call or contact us via our website (www.friendsofrockyglen.org) for more information.

Around the Town

CITYLINK CELEBRATES PASSENGER APPRECIATION DAY WITH FREE RIDES!

On Friday, April 19th, CityLink will celebrate its 15th Annual Passenger Appreciation Day to honor Jerome Lilly by providing free rides to passengers all day on CityLink fixed route buses, CityLift paratransit vehicles and CountyLink rural transportation vehicles. A free giveaway will be available for passengers who stop by the Transit Center lobby between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on April 19th. Passengers on CityLift and CountyLink will be given the giveaway items when they ride those services that day. The giveaway items will be available while supplies last.

SAVE THE DATE! 5th ANNUAL WEST PEORIA GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday, October 12, 2024

All proceeds to the West Peoria
Fire Department

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(If you would like to be a part of the
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event, contact:
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By: Maggie Moore & April Silver,
Co-Coordinators

Hope your Spring is off to a good start!

The February meeting was packed with valuable information and we wanted to share some highlights. "All About Cards and Keeping Your Money Safe" was the topic for the meeting and April Smith, CEFCU's Automated Services Manager, shared her knowledge of debit and credit card technology. We learned all about the difference between magnetic stripe and EMV chip cards and even watched a video showing how to avoid card skimmers! After answering questions, April finished the evening with helpful tips on why tap-to-pay is safer than swiping your card.

In March, Becky Spencer, Director of Peoria County Animal Protection Services, joined us for a chat! She filled us in on the fantastic services PCAPS offers and answered questions about handling unleashed pets and encounters with wildlife (especially stinky skunks!).

Save the dates! Our next Neighborhood Watch meetings are April 10th and May 8th at 6:00 p.m. at West Peoria City Hall. These meetings are a fantastic way to learn valuable safety tips, connect with your neighbors, and work together to make our community strong and safer.

For any questions, submit ideas for future meetings, or simply want to chat, don't hesitate to contact Maggie or April (309)369-2104 or email at westpeorianeighborhoodwatch@gmail.com.

SENIORS AFTERNOON

Hosted by April Silver & Maggie Moore

Calling all active seniors! Seeking an afternoon of engaging activities and friendly faces? Look no further than Seniors Afternoon, hosted by your Neighborhood Watch co-coordinators! These monthly gatherings are held every fourth Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall and offer a vibrant space to connect with fellow residents, learn something new, and celebrate your golden years.

In March, our program featured Aimee Shinall, Victim Services Officer from the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. She led an inspiring art program called Scribl. The class titled "Story Shoes" encouraged participants to express themselves freely through art, fostering personal connections and group interaction.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 25th for a fun afternoon of Bingo and on Thursday, May 23rd, a delightful afternoon of "Reminiscing & Sharing". For the May meeting, participants are asked to bring a cherished photo or object with a special memory and be prepared to share its story with the group. To add a touch of playful competition, we'll also have some "Trivia Time" fun!

Seniors Afternoon is more than just organized activities; it's about fostering new friendships, engaging in meaningful conversation, and enjoying the community spirit. Save the dates and join the fun and vibrant energy of Seniors Afternoon!

TRASH BAG SALES

Members of Boy Scout Troop 11 are again selling 30 gallon trash bags. A box of 100 costs \$25.00. If you have not been contacted by a Scout and would like to purchase a box of trash bags, please contact Bob DeSutter, 309-369-8078.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Scout fundraisers!

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JOE MENKE ACHIEVES EAGLE SCOUT



At a Court of Honor on January 28th, Joe Menke became the 77th Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Pack 11 to attain this achievement. Currently a senior at Peoria Notre Dame High School, Joe is the son of Mary and Mike Menke. For his Eagle Scout project, Joe relandscaped the area around the flag pole and sign at the Elks Club on Martin Luther King Avenue.

West Peoria has a rich history of scouting. Boy Scout Troop 11 has been located in West Peoria since 1941 and the first Eagle Scout was honored in 1943. A special 'thank you' to the leadership of Troop 11 for their ongoing support and dedication in assisting these young men to achieve the honor of Eagle Scout.

Congratulations and best wishes, Joe!



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CUB SCOUT ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD DINNER



Cub scouts, parents and grandparents gathered for the annual "Blue and Gold" dinner on February 24th. Scouts received many individual awards for their hard work on many projects. It was a fun night highlighted by the traditional 'cake auction' with some very talented bakers showing their creativity. The fun and excitement escalated as the price of cakes rose higher and higher, with all proceeds going to the Cub Scout troop!



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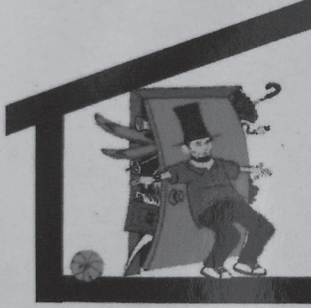


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Proper lighting is a known deterrent to residential burglary. To assist in that endeavor, residents are reminded a rebate is offered for residents meeting the required eligibility requirements for the installation of a post light in the front yard of a residence.

Rebate forms, including the guidelines for this rebate, are available at City Hall. For questions or further information, please contact John Walker, President of the West Peoria Lighting District, (309)453-1490.

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4TH OF JULY PARADE PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!

The 52nd annual 4th of July parade is just around the corner! As always, volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways! If you are interested in helping this year, please contact City Hall at (309) 674-1993 to acquire more information. Come join the fun!

Residents are also invited to submit nominations for a Grand Marshal to lead the 2024 parade. Each year West Peoria honors a person who has had an impact on the community through social work, public service, or volunteer work. Anyone wishing to nominate a particular person should write a short letter explaining his or her choice. Please include contact information. Submissions can be sent via email to mayor@cityofwestpeoria.com or dropped off at City Hall to the attention of "Grand Marshal Nomination".

RUGBY IN WEST PEORIA



In 2010, the Peoria Rugby Club moved their home to the Catholic Charities property at the end of Heading Avenue. Over the last decade, rugby has become quite popular across the country and the club has been influential in starting several youth rugby programs in the area.

The "Piggies" upcoming schedule:

- April 6 - Home Jamboree - 10:30 a.m.
- April 13 - Rockford vs. Peoria - 1:00 p.m.
- April 27 - Peoria at Dubuque - 1:00 p.m.
- May 11 - Peoria at Quad Cities - 1:00 p.m.
- May 18 - Rowdies Rugby vs. Peoria & Old Boys - 12:00 p.m.

Club members invite West Peoria residents to bring a lawn chair and watch a home game at the Heading Avenue site!

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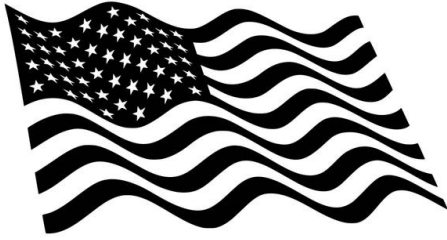
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MEMORIAL DAY



The actual Memorial Day holiday will occur on Monday, May 27th. Originally known as 'Decoration Day', it originated in the years following the Civil War and became a federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting memorial sites or cemeteries, and place flags or flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers.

Traditionally observed on the last Monday in May, Memorial Day also marks a 3-day holiday weekend and the unofficial start of summer.

Whatever your plans for the Memorial Day weekend, take a moment to remember our veterans and fallen soldiers.

WALK THE WARDS!

Volunteers are needed!! The first 'Walk the Wards' effort of the year will be on Saturday, May 18th. Come join your City officials to help pick up/clean up trash throughout the city. Meet at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts, and clean up supplies will be provided!

Saturday, May 18, 2024
9:00 a.m. - City Hall



GARDEN CLUB

By: Priscilla Peterson

Spring brings change to our gardens! The Spring flowers are beginning to sprout and it's a perfect time to transplant those fall blooming plants. Mums and asters are good candidates to move to a new location if you are desiring something different in your garden.

The West Peoria Garden Club members will meet on Monday, April 15th, and the topic will be "Gothic Garden Designs". At the May 20th meeting, the presentation will be on "Wellness Gardens". Anyone interested in gardening is invited to join the group on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the former Township Building on Rohmann. Contact Donna Schwab, (309) 256-8233, for further information.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

The Peoria County Sheriff's Community officers would like to remind residents to make sure parked cars are locked and be alert to anything suspicious in your neighborhood. We want 2024 to be a safe year for all of our residents. If you see anything suspicious, please don't hesitate to contact the Peoria County Sheriff's office at the non-emergency contact: (309) 672-6011.

"Thank you" to our Community Officers for their work in helping to keep our community safe - 7 days a week, 24 hours a day!

Around The Town

PRLC CELEBRATES ONE YEAR IN WEST PEORIA

By: **Teresa VonRohr, Principal**



Peoria Regional Learning Center (PRLC) is delighted to send this special message on the occasion of our organization's one year anniversary. January marked Peoria Regional Learning Center's one year anniversary at the Peoria Park District's Franciscan Recreation Complex in West Peoria. As such, it is a time to reflect on our achievements and express our gratitude for the support and collaboration of our West Peoria and Peoria Park District community. PRLC very much appreciates both communities' commitment to our students, parents, and staff. Your contributions and donations have been instrumental in our progress and success. The communities' continuous outreach, support, and generosity have paved the way for our achievements in serving our students. We look forward to many years working together as we build a strong foundation for the future.

PRLC provided The Expressive Arts Therapy Project, respecting the individual's preferences for self-expression, personal responsibility within participation as determined by their culture, worldviews, and values, during a 4 week art session for all students. PRLC was thrilled and very grateful to have Whitney Johnson, Affiliate Instructor of Art & Design, and Susanne Nestory, Instructor of Art at Bradley University, as our lead instructors and guides for our students during these sessions.

Students were encouraged to design art from their inner perspective in order to convey their right, responsibility, and safety in allowing them to control how and what they communicate.

As arts in all forms is an area in which many of our students often request, the project met the needs of all students, experienced or not, through artistic expression. Many of the students have produced work that will be entered as part of their art portfolios and be on display at the GMB Arts in Education at the courthouse this spring.

On Friday, February 9, ROE 48 hosted a Community Symposium at the Community Foundation of Central Illinois from 11am-2:30pm.



Over 90 school administrators, community leaders, students, and ROE 48 staff came together to establish connections within the community, hear the needs of Peoria schools and the greater community, and develop actions to grow, align, and further develop services based upon the information collected through the table top discussions.

WEST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

By: Fire Chief Terry Schadt



THANK YOU!

Recently the West Peoria Fire Department submitted to the citizens of West Peoria two referendums for a tax increase to assist our Fire Department and ambulance service. The Friends for West Peoria Fire Department group did a lot of work collecting donations for signs and handing out flyers to help support the Fire Department's efforts. At the Primary Election on March 19th, the residents of West Peoria voted to help us and the referendums passed.

The Trustees and members of the West Peoria Fire Department would like to thank the Friends of West Peoria Fire Department and the residents for your support in passing these referendums. West Peoria would not be where it is today without **YOUR** support.

Again, "thank you" for your support as we strive to continue to meet the ongoing needs of the West Peoria community.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

In January, the Fire Department responded to 70 emergency calls and 65 calls in February.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Sandwich Days in 2023. Sandwich Days will start up again in April or May so watch for the signs! A special 'thank you' to the Owl's Nest for their support in allowing us to have this fundraiser.

Cash Ladder continues every Monday night from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Owl's Nest. By supporting cash ladder, the proceeds aid in the purchase of firefighting equipment for the fire department. Thank you to the generous support of West Peoria, Peoria County, and City of Peoria citizens who support Cash Ladder!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are still needed for the fire department and ambulance services. The West Peoria Fire Department has taken great pride in serving West Peoria for 84 years. By having the fire department, it reduces your taxes, gives you pride that you are helping your neighbor, and gives you a fulfillment of providing a needed service to someone in need.

Need more information or questions answered? Contact Chief Schadt at the Fire House (309) 674-6615.

Around The Town

REMODELING CONTINUES FOR TRILLIUM PLACE YOUNG MINDS CENTER



An affiliate of Carle Health, the center is to be known as the Trillium Place Young Minds Center. Located on the former Heddington Oaks property on Heading Avenue, remodeling continues on this State of the Art center where children and their families can receive affordable, convenient, and quality inpatient and outpatient treatment services.

It will be the area's first intensive inpatient and outpatient center for youth mental health services. The facility aims to improve outcomes for specialized needs, including autism and addiction.

For more information, go to the website: youngmindsproject.org

SHOP LOCAL

Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Graduation, Spring home improvements....whatever the occasion, whatever the project....Shop West Peoria!

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

The second annual West Side St. Patrick's Day parade was claimed a successful event by all! The West Peoria Fire Department led the parade participants from Bradley Park down Farmington Road to Raber Packing Company. With many entries of cars, trucks, and floats....and despite the brisk March weather...parade participants were all smiles in the fun event!

Congratulations to Kinga Krider, City Administrator, who was named the Grand Marshall of the parade this year!

This event was sponsored by West Peoria C.O.R.E.S.(Commercial Owners of Retail, Entertainment & Services).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE!

April 19th
Citylink Passenger Appreciation

April 27th
West Peoria Clean Up Day

May 11th
Community Yard Sale
Horseshoe Bottoms Plant Sale

May 18th
Walk The Wards

May 25th
Memorial Day Service

May 27th
Memorial Day Holiday

WPRA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope the residents of West Peoria enjoyed a nice Easter weekend and all the grade school, high school, and college students have enjoyed their Spring break!

Unfortunately, our plans for an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of West Peoria was cancelled this year. However, the Residents Association is planning to return this activity to our calendar of events for next year!

Spring has arrived and I am sure we are all looking forward to being outdoors and enjoying warmer weather. Whether working in our yards, attending family or community events, our calendars will quickly fill up with activities to attend! And don't forget the community activities that are mentioned in our newsletter!

We extend "congratulations" to the West Peoria Fire Department on the successful passage of their two referendums. We appreciate their dedication and service to our community!

If you are not a member of the West Peoria Residents Association (WPRA), we invite you to join. It's because of member support that we are able to continue to provide this newsletter and community programs. Volunteers on our WPRA Board are needed. If you are interested in joining the WPRA Board, please contact me.

Nicholas Baker, President

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