

Park Glen Connection

December 2015

Publication of the Park Glen Neighborhood Association



Holiday in the Park

December 5th, 10a-Noon
Arcadia Park, 4800 Glen Springs Trail

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food items.**



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THE POLAR
EXPRESS!**

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President's Notes

Hello again,

Well, the hot months have gone for now and we're headed for some cooler weather. While I'm thankful for that, I'm not a very "wintery" fellow and I can't wait for the spring. But before we get there, I want to remind you that this is a great time of year to prune and trim. If you cut and bind

your limbs and trimmings in small bundles, the city will pick them up on your regularly scheduled trash days. If you have big stuff, don't forget the bulk trash date was moved a few months ago to the 2nd Monday of the month so please, do not put bulk trash on the curb before then. Always refer to the City of Ft. Worth website at <http://fortworthtexas.gov/> for more details.

Speaking of cleaning-up, many of our streets are tree lined so please be aware that removing the leaves at your curb helps eliminate nesting habitats for rodents and mosquitos (in the spring). The piles can also

look really unsightly and no one wants that, so please do your part to help.

As we move in to the new year, I'm hoping to really engage the neighborhood and have a renewed sense community in Park Glen. Here are some things that build and maintain a classic, vibrant neighborhood.

1) Say hello:

There's no better way to meet your neighbors than taking a walk down your street or to the park. Park Glen is a neighborhood of great diversity, culture and friendly people. Take the time to say hello!

2) Attend Community events:

Park Glen has several major events each year. They are all designed to be family friendly and fun. You are always welcome to bring friends and relatives and it's a great way to get to know what's going on around our neighborhood! We always advertise them in the newsletter and you can see more information on them at ParkGlen.org.

3) Make time to give back (Volunteer):

Whether you love to greet people, plan events, cook hotdogs or help at one of our events, or well...do whatever, Park Glen needs your help! Our community can only get better with you involved. Contact Dana Hammack on the Park Glen Facebook page or at PGNANewsletter@gmail.com or PGNAVoice@gmail.com.

4) Clean-Up:

Park Glen is a beautiful neighborhood that, since the late 80's has been a premier place to raise families. As it gets older, more upkeep will be required in some areas. The Board of Directors will continue to work with PID 6 to keep the common areas up to date and nice but we, as homeowners, can do our part as well. Property upkeep, fences, lawns, you know, the normal stuff. It's up to us to keep it nice.

So, hopefully I'll see you as I'm riding my bike around the neighborhood and Park. If you see me, stop me and say hello!

Thanks,
Kevin



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Holiday in the Park



Come join us for some holiday fun in the park!

WHERE: Arcadia Park, 4800 Glen Springs

WHEN: December 5th, 10a-Noon

Bring the family out and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Clause, ride on the trackless train around the park, let the kids slide down the giant inflatable slide, the little ones can play in the inflatable toddler yard, visit with neighbors, and have some cookies and hot chocolate!

There will also be a chance to do a little bit of shopping at our vendor booths as well!

This is always such a fun event and we hope you will join us this year!



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December is Family Holiday Month and Made in America Month

- Dec 4th Santa's List Day (hope you are on the "good" one!)
- Dec 5th Holiday in the Park, Arcadia Park, 4800 Glen Springs Trail, 10a-Noon
- Dec 6th Hanukkah (lasts 8 days)
- Dec 8th Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center, Basswood and Park Vista
- Dec 16th National Chocolate Covered Anything Day (Woohoo!!)
- Dec 19th Polar Express Movie Night, Alliance United Methodist Church, 6:45-8:45p
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Come join us as we take a trip to the North Pole! Climb into your pajamas, grab your pillows and blankets, and board the train with your very own Polar Express ticket!

We will be showing the Polar Express in the fellowship hall at Alliance United Methodist Church (7904 Park Vista Blvd). The train conductor will start handing out tickets at 6:45p. There will be hot chocolate and popcorn too.....and who knows.... you might even get to go home with the first gift of Christmas!
ALL ABOARD!!!

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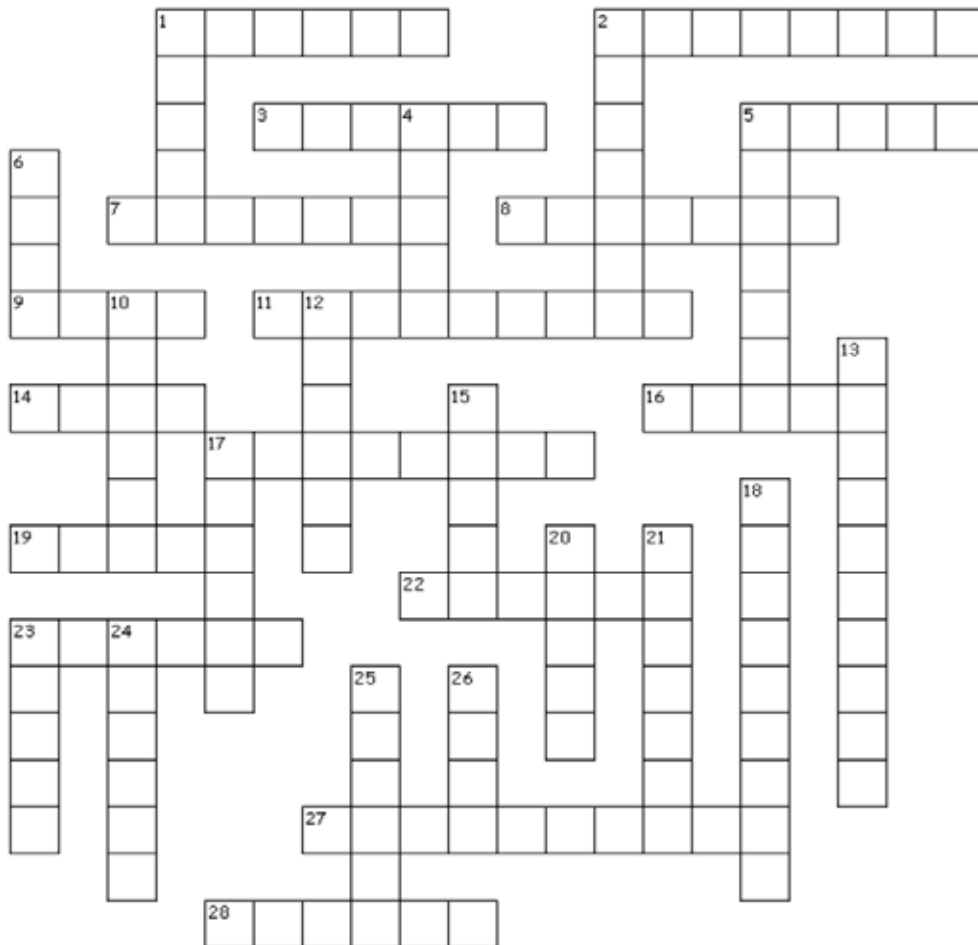
There are 3,318 homes in Park Glen. This requires a lot of streets. Most of our streets were named for interesting geographic sites in the U.S. Would you like to learn more about them?

All of the answers to this crossword puzzle are names (or parts of names) of Park Glen streets. If you can get them all, you could win a prize!

One entry will be chosen at random from all correct submissions to receive a \$50 gift card. Submit your completed entry to:

E-mail: ParkGlenInfo@gmail.com
 Fax: 817-490-5608
 Mail: PGNA 5533 Cedar Breaks Dr.
 Fort Worth, TX 76137

Deadline for entries is 12/14/15.



Across

1. Species of fish known for swimming upstream; _____ Run Way
2. _____ Gulch, in southern UT, is the world 's longest slot canyon
3. Canyon spanned by the bridge referred to in _____
5. _____ Sands National Monument SW of Alamogordo; _____ Hills Dr.
7. Site of Ancient Greek games; _____ Trail
8. _____ River runs from _____ Lake to its mouth near _____, Ontario
9. Elevated area of land with a flat top; _____ Verde Trail; Grand _____ Dr.
11. Beavers Bend State Park is on this OK lake; _____ Dr .
14. Third longest cave in the US and a weather phenomenon; _____ Cave Ct.
16. National Historical Park with pueblos in northwestern NM; _____ Trail
17. National Forest near Flagstaff and a Court in the Hills of Park Glen
19. First national park in OK; now part of Chickasaw Nat'l Recreation Area
22. National Wild life Refuge in LA; also a lake and river on TX/LA border
23. Largest is in Arizona, second largest south of Amarillo; _____ Bryce Dr.
27. The largest natural island in America's largest lake. _____ Dr.
28. Land surrounded by water; _____ Circle and _____ Park Dr. & Ct.

Down

1. _____ Creek is a tributary of the Bighorn River in Big Horn County, WY
2. Iconic American bovine beast; _____ Bend Place & Court
4. _____ Hills National Forest and mountain range in SD & WY
5. TX/OK river that runs into Lake Texoma; _____ Way & _____ Court
6. The _____ Springs Natural Area is a natural oasis in the Mojave Desert
10. Largest of six Iroquois nations; Park Glen drive intersecting Beach St.
12. Spanish "hook" or mountains east of Tucson, AZ; _____ Way
13. Resort and National Park in central AR; _____ Trail
15. Largest US city by area and former capital of Russian America
17. 1971 western film and 1963 Louis L 'Amour novel; _____ Valley Rd.
18. Largest tributary of the Gila in AZ; _____ Rd.
20. 180-yr-old bridge carries Snickersville Turnpike over Beaverdam Creek
21. _____ National Park is known for giant _____ trees; _____ Way
23. _____ Breaks National Monument near _____ City, UT; _____ River Trail
24. _____ Bridge carries US Hwy 89A over the Colorado River.
25. Mount _____ is a volcano in Siskiyou County, California
26. Natural chamber in the earth or the side of a hill or cliff; _____ Creek Ct.

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PARK GLEN SCOUTING

By Bob Kilburn

Another month has gone by and it has been a full one for the Scouts of Park Glen. Both the Cubs Scouts and Boys Scouts went camping; the Cub Scouts attended the Pack's Fall Family Campout at Worth Ranch Boy Scout Camp. The Cubs Scouts had great fun beginning with a hike up Kyle Mountain followed by Archery & BB Guns in the afternoon and the traditional Flour Battle, and a great campfire program to end the day.

The Cubs had their monthly pack meeting, in which they presented displays to show all their hard work so far. They had songs, skits and the Cub Scouts were recognized for all they have achieved highlighted by the Bobcat Ceremony for all the Cubs Scouts new to the pack earning their Bobcat Rank.

That's not all. Pack 205 had their annual Rocket Launch in Arcadia Pack, and rounded out the month doing a Flag ceremony at the Park Glen Elementary School PTA Meeting.

The Boys Scout camped at Hills & Hollows Boy Scout Camp hosting, prospective Webelos from Cub Scout packs interested in becoming Boy Scouts. They showed them how Boy Scouts camp and taught them basic scouting skills. The Venture Patrol went on a zip lining adventure at Hawaiian Falls.

At the end of the month the Scout attended Merit Badge Mania at Weatherford College at Bridgeport.



Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area?

Contact Bob Kilburn @ 817-789-9907 or bobkilburn@sbcglobal.net.
or visit our websites: For Boy Scouts <https://troop205.trooptrack.com>
For Cub Scouts <http://fortworthpack205.weebly.com>

Update for Development Committee for PGNA

By Susan Kenney, Chair
Graphic Vision for our Community
Go to: www.parkglen.org
(homepage for Community Vision)
Send comments & suggestions to:
PGNASusan@gmail.com

As you might have read in the July newsletter, we have been working on creating a Graphic Vision for our community. We created a Design Team, Susan Kenney, city planner; Kellee Lee, landscape architect; and Emilia Yanagi, civil engineer; to create a graphic Vision for our community. We attended a public meeting for the Blue Zones Project (Project intended to make Fort Worth a healthier place to live) and listened to input from the community. Starting with that public input in which residents from Park Glen, Heritage, Woodland Springs, Fossil Creek, Sunset Hills, Crawford Farms and other areas, attended, we have finished our draft graphic Vision, and would like for you to look at it and give us your input, please go to www.parkglen.org and look for Community Vision on the homepage. Please send comments and suggestions to PGNASusan@gmail.com. We will also be presenting this Community Vision to other HOA's and the North Fort Worth Neighborhood Association (NFNA). We will then refine the Vision, and then plan to present again to the public and the city for approval. This will hopefully lead to the City of Fort Worth following this Vision when they do any changes to roads and development in our community, as well as, implementing the Vision.

A summary of the Vision Concepts are:

1. Walkable village centers at main intersections and along commercial corridors
2. Safe and shaded walkable streets where cars move at slower safe speeds
 - a) Shaded sidewalks separated from car travel lanes with landscape buffer and shade trees

- b) Shade trees in medians and in landscape buffer between curb and sidewalk
 - c) Roundabouts and traffic circles
 - d) Raised crosswalks and raised intersections
 - e) Pedestrian refuge areas and wider pedestrian ramps at intersections
3. Bike lanes separated from car travel lanes with buffer when car speeds are at 35mph or higher
 4. Shaded and well maintained parks and playgrounds
 - a) Shade along open playing fields
 5. Shaded linked trails between parks, green areas, and neighborhoods
 - a) Safe pedestrian crossings for trails and sidewalks

Trying To Get Higher Development Standards For Areas Around Our Community

As stated also in the July newsletter, we have been trying to get the City of Fort Worth to create higher quality development standards for our community, such as new commercial zoning standards for North Tarrant Parkway. We have been requesting that the new zoning standards control building placement, interior road placement, architectural and landscape standards. Ideally the four quadrants for the commercially zoned intersection could be developed as a walkable village center with an interior street with on-street parking, sidewalk, and building along the interior road. We will be starting soon to work on this with other community neighborhoods, taking into account the community Vision.

Currently we have a Design Team of: Susan Kenney, Kellee Lee, Emilia Yanagi, Dennis Novak, Bryan Campbell, Lisa Winn. If you would like to be a part of this Design Team, please contact me at PGNASusan@gmail.com.



1. WALKABLE VILLAGE CENTER NEARBY



2. SAFE & SHADED WALKABLE STREETS



3. Safe Bike Lanes



4. Shaded Parks & Playgrounds



5. LINKED TRAILS

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You can find us at "Park Glen Neighborhood Association"
www.facebook.com/parkglenhoa

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Hot Spiced Cranberry Cider & Broccoli Cheese Soup



Hot Spiced Cranberry Cider

Ingredients

- 2 quarts apple cider
- 6 cups cranberry juice
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 4 cinnamon sticks
- 1 1/2 teaspoons whole cloves
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced

Directions

1. In a large pot, combine apple cider, cranberry juice, brown sugar, cinnamon sticks, cloves and lemon slices. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove cinnamon, cloves, and lemon slices. Serve hot.



Broccoli Cheese Soup

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen chopped broccoli
- 4 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1 (1 pound) loaf processed cheese food, cubed
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2/3 cup cornstarch
- 1 cup water

Directions

1. In a stockpot, melt butter over medium heat. Cook onion in butter until softened. Stir in broccoli, and cover with chicken broth. Simmer until broccoli is tender, 10 to 15 minutes.
2. Reduce heat, and stir in cheese cubes until melted. Mix in milk and garlic powder.
3. In a small bowl, stir cornstarch into water until dissolved. Stir into soup; cook, stirring frequently, until thick.



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Holiday Decorations Contest

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A Holiday Decorations Contest is being implemented by the Park Glen Neighborhood Association to recognize and show appreciation to individual property owners & residents for an outstanding job of decorating their homes during the holidays for everyone to enjoy.

Entries or nominations are not required. The judging committee will tour the neighborhood looking at home decorations between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. from December 10 through December 13. Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only.

The primary factor will be overall presentation ("wow factor"), but judges will also consider uniqueness & creativity, storyline or theme, and neatness & organization. Only properties with no past due balance owed to the Association will be eligible. Winners will be announced and pictured on our website and in the February newsletter.

13 homes will be selected (one from each of Park Glen's 13 villages), with each winner receiving a \$75 gift card and a yard sign to display for the remainder of the month. Be creative, be festive, and have fun!

Would you like to be one of the contest judges? Please e-mail PGNARussell@gmail.com right away.



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- Has your company gotten new computer equipment but would rather not pay to have the old equipment carted off?
- Do you have other "stuff" hanging around your house you would like to get rid of (see below)?
- Do you have a car, boat, RV, trailer, or motorcycle that you would like to get a donation deduction for?

Let the Alliance United Methodist Youth take care of it for you!!
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All proceeds will benefit AUMC youth mission trips in 2016.
 Call Melanie Hitz at (817)991-8701 with questions.

Park Glen's Website www.ParkGlen.org



If you haven't been to our website lately, you need to check it out! There's all kinds of information for homeowners. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with it. Here's some of what you can find....

Documents and Forms: Property Modification/ACC, governing documents, financial info, meeting minutes and agendas, newsletters, crime prevention and safety

Events: upcoming events/meetings listed, vendor sign-ups, photo albums

Property Management Information: contact info, resale certificates, dues/payment info

General Information: contact us, sign up for email alerts, Board of Directors, committee and volunteer information, maps of Park Glen Villages and Arcadia Parks and Trails, link to our Facebook page

Be sure to check back often to keep up to date with what's happening in our community!

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Merry Christmas

During this holiday season and every day of the year, we wish you all the best.



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Fences



Approval from the Architectural Control Committee must be obtained prior to the start of any external modification, improvement, addition, or replacement. The form, instructions, and guidelines for Property Modification / ACC Requests may be found on our website, including a partial list of the types of projects requiring ACC approval and the few exceptions that do not.

This month, we are talking about fence repair and replacement. The guidelines state that a Property Modification Form is not required for a fence repair or replacement that is 6' or less in height with no change in fence line and no application or reapplication of color. Therefore, if you are replacing an existing fence on the same fence line, and the fence will be 6 feet throughout, and you will not paint or stain the fence, you do not need to submit a property modification request (but you still must follow the CCR's/Deed Restrictions). If you are moving the fence at all, OR the fence will be greater than 6' high at any point, OR the fence will be stained or painted in any way, then you need to submit a Property Modification Request & wait for approval, which can take up to 15 days.

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National Night Out

On a perfect October evening, communities of people all over America came together for a singular, unifying purpose: to take a stand against crime. A number of Fort Worth families celebrated National Night Out by collaboratively hosting block parties in their neighborhood. Some passed out fliers while others coordinated food and drinks. According to Park Glen resident Kyle Jensen, this event is necessary in order to create awareness between police, fire, city staff and our community.

Officers from the local police department joined the event in order to increase awareness and generate support for local anti-crime organizations. Much of this event was filled with neighbors meeting

for the first time. Policeman talking about their family and Firemen informing of their response time and giving tours of the fire truck. The enthusiasm of the Park Glen residents was evident.

National Night Out maintains a unifying purpose, closely aligning with the city's desire to bring community and change to the City of Fort Worth.

Get connected. Be more engaging. Join us as we make an effort to clean up our neighborhood and improve the quality of life for all those that live here.



Girl Scouts In Park Glen

By Alanna Mussawwir-Bias

We learned “Where the Wild Things Are” during the GSWESTOK 2015 Round-Up at Camp E-Ko-Wah in Marlow Oklahoma. Girl Scouts in Troop 1171 brushed up on fire building, archery, first aide, lashing, and knot skills before the Challenge for Super Troop was thrown-down. Girl Scouts and Leaders enjoyed three-man chariot racing, nighttime tug-of-war, unicorn ring toss, and outdoor cooking. We even learned how to greet each other and give a few general commands in American Sign Language. The parade of flags at sunrise was breath taking; of course we were the only troop there from the Great State of Texas. We’ll definitely be back next year.

Juniors completed several steps of the Jeweler Badge, learning new skills in making earthen charms necklaces with aromatherapy properties, hair bling, and bracelets from recycled materials.

Journey-In A-Day Fall 2015 was a huge success. Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors completed the Its Your Story Tell it Journey during the all day workshops designed to explore the intersections of media and how they see themselves in books, magazines, and on television. A few Cadettes completed their Leadership in Action (LiA) Award in partial fulfillment of the Program Aide - Teen Mentoring leadership training.

They will be able to help deliver fun with purpose to younger Girl Scouts.

Daisies through Ambassador Girl Scouts had a blast at our Minion themed Annual Service Unit Skate Party to celebrate Juliette Lowe’s Birthday. And of course we could not resist a Dia De Los Muertos movie night as we hung out, ate scary treats and watched The Book of Life.

Juniors and Cadettes in Troop 1171 cheered on the courageous and strong women completing the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day In November. We made very special SWAPS and handed them out to hundreds of walkers.



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Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains <http://www.gs-top.org>

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History of the Poinsettia

The poinsettia is a native plant of Mexico and originated in a rather limited region near present day Taxco. Long before the arrival of Europeans, the Aztecs of Central Mexico cultivated the plant and called it Cuetlaxochitl. Because of its brilliant color, the poinsettia was a symbol of purity to the Indians. It was highly prized by Kings Montezuma and Netzahualcoyoti, but could not be grown in their capital, which is now

Mexico City, because of the high altitude climate. The Aztecs also had practical uses for the plant. They made a reddish-purple dye out of the bracts and a medicine for fever from the plants latex.

The legend of the poinsettia dates back to a Christmas Eve long ago... There was a little Mexican girl named Pepita who was very sad. Pepita wanted more than anything to give a fine present to the Christ Child at the church service that evening. She was very poor and had no gift to present. As Pepita walked sorrowfully to church with her cousin, Pedro, he tried to console her. "Pepita," he said, "I am certain that even the most humble gift, given in love, will be acceptable to His eyes." Pepita gathered a bouquet of common weeds from the roadside and entered the church.

As she approached the alter, her spirits lifted. She forgot the humbleness of her gift as she placed it tenderly at the feet of the Christ Child, and then there was a miracle! Pepita's

ordinary weeds burst into brilliant red blooms! They were called Flores de Noche Buena, Flowers of the Holy Night.

Joel Roberts, a Southern plantation owner and botanist, was appointed the first United States Ambassador to Mexico (1825-1829). While visiting Taxco, he was impressed with the brilliant red flowers he found blooming during December. He had some of the plants sent to his home in Greenville, South Carolina. They did well in his greenhouse and he distributed plants to his horticultural friends. The botanical name, *Euphorbia pulcherima*, had already been given by a German taxonomist in 1833. The common name, poinsettia, however, has remained the accepted name in English speaking countries.

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