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## Save The Date ★ ★ ★ ★

## ★ ★ July 4th Celebration At Town Hall ★ ★



See the enclosed flyer for details on the Town's Annual July 4th celebration. Everyone is invited. We are collecting names of children to read parts of the Declaration of Independence aloud at the event. See the enclosed flier more information.



## Water Aerobics At The Pool!

Water aerobics classes are being held at the Somerset pool on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The classes started on June 17th, and the charge is \$5.00 per session. Everyone is welcome. If you come, please have money in your pool account. Any questions? Please e-mail Lucy Freeman at [dorset4708@yahoo.com](mailto:dorset4708@yahoo.com) or call 301-654-8115.

## A Thank You For New Plants At The Pool



Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President



When you are at the pool site, you may notice that some new plants have been added thanks to donations from residents and the hard work of our public works staff, **Enrique Cabrera, Jose Castillo, and Tomas Villanueva. Judy Bowles** (Surrey Street) contributed comfrey, which is planted under the rhododendron bush in the parking lot, and **Sara Anderson** (Falstone) contributed many ferns, Solomon's seal and other perennials, which have been planted at the bioretention pond at the end of the parking lot, on the parking lot bank, and in front of a wooden retaining fence. Thank you Judy and Sara! We

are hopeful that with some rainy days following their planting, these transplants will survive and add beauty for many years. If you have plants or shrubs you would like to donate to the pool site, please check with our Town Manager, **Rich Charnovich**.

## Calendar

### Monday, July 1

Council Meeting

### Thursday, July 4

Annual Somerset Celebration

### Monday, July 22

MVA Mobile Office

Don't forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to [www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com) and click on **Town Calendar**.

The Preliminary Agenda for each month's Town Council meeting is posted on the Town website ([www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com)) seven days prior to the meeting. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch.



## On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

### Streetscape Thoughts

One of the most important lessons I have learned from our highly experienced Town Inspector Larry Plummer is how necessary it is to make our streetscape a priority.

The beauty of Somerset enhances the value of our homes, contributes to our individual happiness, and instills pride in all of us. The benefits are truly immeasurable.

While the big picture in terms of the look of all of our trees, the neatness of our homes, and condition of our streets are all contributing factors, the little things also matter. Think how much one small piece of trash can transform the scene. That is why I am constantly reminding our folks to use a trashcan and pick up their dog poop!

While we have done a good job, we can do more. That is why I want to organize our anti-litter crusade in a more formal way. Recently I have become familiar with a campaign called One Piece initiated by Baltimore Councilman Nick Mosby, and I want to bring this idea to Somerset. This grassroots program will help to clean our streets and parks while strengthening community involvement and interaction. I will be presenting the program to the Council in July to seek their (non-financial) support for One Piece.

Additionally, I am thankful that our able Town Administrative Assistant **Nicole Ventura** has gotten the U.S. Postal Service to paint our mailboxes. Their unsightly condition has been a real eyesore that has bothered me for years. On the topic of maintaining the Town's appearance, Mr. Plummer has let me know that many driveway aprons are in disrepair, look terrible, and violate Town code. The Council and I will be trying to find creative ways to solve that problem and have individual homeowners take action.

We are all so blessed to be living in such a wonderful place and fortunate that we have the time and resources to keep our Town in tip top shape.

## Somerset Residents On The Move!

By Barbara Marenus, Surrey Street

Somerset's Ad Hoc Wellness Committee is organizing walking groups, and we have already started up a group that meets at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at the corner of Surrey Street and Essex Avenue. We know that some persons in Town may wish to walk at other times or on other days of the week. Please contact **Diane Horn** (Surrey), Chair of the Ad Hoc Wellness Committee, at [diane.b.horn@gmail.com](mailto:diane.b.horn@gmail.com) for more information. Also, check the listserv for updates.

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## Editorially Speaking . . .

By Barbara Marenus, Surrey Street

I have been the Editor of the Town Journal since last October, and I believe it provides a useful ongoing report on Town life. However, I am looking for ways to improve the Journal and want to ask readers if there are some particular topics that you would like to see covered. If you have suggestions, or are interested in writing an occasional article, please send me an email at [bmarenus@gmail.com](mailto:bmarenus@gmail.com).

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## Engaged Residents: Many Thanks And Another Issue For Resident Consideration

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President



Many thanks to the many Town residents who got involved in the discussion of the potential for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on the Green Mile portion of Wisconsin

Avenue. Somerset residents attended a two-hour meeting on May 28, asked questions and expressed their concerns about a number of issues, including pedestrian safety (especially children attending schools on both sides of Wisconsin Avenue), biker safety and increased auto congestion. Partly due to their efforts, the Montgomery County Planning Board extended the time period for comments on the draft plan, and the Town Council voted to send a letter to the Planning Board chair expressing concerns about not only the Green Mile but also the portion of Wisconsin Avenue that extends to Bethesda. It is possible that the Planning Board will exclude BRT from that section of Wisconsin Avenue in the Draft Transit Master Plan that is currently being developed. Once the Planning Board has made its decision, there are additional opportunities for resident input because the Montgomery County Council will hold hearings on the Draft Transit Master Plan and ultimately will vote on what to include.

While the BRT is many years from being in place anywhere in Montgomery County, another issue that could adversely affect Somerset is much closer to being enacted. The Washington Post recently discussed the four-year process that Montgomery County has undertaken to redo its zoning code. This zoning update is intended to simplify a complex building code and to foster “smart growth.” Smart growth refers to denser use of land near transit sites such as Metro stations and greater reliance on mixed-use development (of residential and commercial uses) such as what has been agreed to for the White Flint area. The zoning update has been followed closely by community groups such as the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights (CCCFH), to which Somerset belongs. CCCFH has testified at Planning Board hearings about its concerns for the potential of increased building heights and increased density next to residential neighborhoods, which for us could include sites along Wisconsin Avenue near Trader Joe’s and Saks Fifth Avenue. The Planning Board staff has made some changes over the past several years in response to citizens’ concerns, but issues remain.

The zoning rewrite is an enormous undertaking and is very complex, but it could have profound effects on residential communities like ours. The Planning Board has sent its recommendations for the new code to the Montgomery County Council, which held its first hearing on this subject in June. CCCFH provided a statement on behalf of Somerset and other member communities at this hearing. The specific testimony is on Somerset’s website.

Over the summer, the County Council PHED Committee (Planning, Housing and Economic Development) will hold several work sessions before the rewrite goes back to the County Council for its consideration. The PHED schedule is on the county’s website. Some of the zoning rewrite work sessions will be televised and residents can attend, but not speak, at the Council work sessions. Residents can also contact PHED committee members, Nancy Floreen, Chair, Mark Elrich, and George Leventhal. To learn more about what is being proposed, go to: <http://montgomeryplanning.org/development/zoning/>.

To see issues community groups like Somerset have focused on, please see the CCCFH testimony on our website. Somerset residents who become engaged in this issue can make a big contribution to our Town’s future.



## Town Website

Work continues on the new Town website powered by CivicPlus. The site is expected to go live in October. The Town's Ad Hoc Communications Committee, led by Council Member **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset), with two volunteer residents, **Barbara Marenus** (Surrey) and **Diane Horn** (Surrey) and myself, has been meeting frequently on the project.



## Volunteers Needed! July 4, 2013 Event

Town Hall is hoping to find **volunteers** to help with the planning and set up for the **annual July 4th event** that is held at the Town Hall. Students could gain community service hours for taking part. It is a fun day in the Town! Please contact me if you are interested in helping. See the enclosed flyer for details on the event.



## WSSC Project

WSSC has told us that they will be ready to have a pre-construction meeting with Town staff in the first half of July. Following this meeting, work will begin in the following areas:

Surrey Street – 126'

Trent Court – 177'

Essex Avenue – 286'

Deal Place – 105'  
(Pipe Bursting, WSSC will explain what this is)

Cumberland Avenue –  
Trenchless repair of lateral

Warwick Place – Manhole  
Repair

Dorset Avenue – Manhole  
Repair

## Washington Gas Project



I have met recently with Washington Gas, and the replacement gas line project on Essex Avenue is back on the radar. Washington Gas's application is scheduled to be heard by the Town Council at the July 1 Council Meeting. Please contact me if you would like specific details about the proposed project.

## Curb Side Refuse and Recycling Reminders

Section 4-404 of the Town Code outlines the requirements for refuse and recycling collection. All refuse and recycling containers are to be placed in the public right of way but not on the sidewalk or on the street. Refuse and recycling containers are to be placed curbside no greater than 24 hours prior to the weekly collection. Empty containers must be removed from the public right of way no longer than 24 hours after collection.

## Vegetation Growing Over Onto Sidewalks

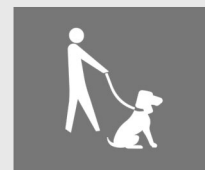


With summertime here, I wanted to remind residents to properly maintain vegetation/shrubbery that may be on your property and hanging over sidewalk areas. It is much safer for walkers, bikers, etc. if the sidewalk areas are kept clear. Section 4-103 of the Town Code requires that this be done. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

## Pet Reminders

Summertime is here and that means pets may spend more time outdoors. Here are some Golden Rules for Montgomery County pet owners to follow (excerpt taken from a 2011 article in the Chevy Chase Patch):

- Scoop the poop.
- Get your animals licensed.
- Insure that all pets are vaccinated.
- When off of your property, your pet must be properly restrained.
- Remember if you must tether your dog outside, do so in a safe and humane manner.



# Council Meeting Actions

*The Town Council met in regular session on June 3, 2013. The Council took the following actions:*

1. Approval of the April 1, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the April 1, 2013 Closed Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of the April 3, 2013 Swearing In Minutes.
4. Approval of the use of the Town basketball court for bike safety classes for kids to be taught as part of the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program from June 17-21.
5. Approval of 6 trees (5 Hemlock and 1 White Pine) on Town Parkland in the vicinity of the 4701 Willard Project. Equity Residential has agreed to plant 12 replacement trees of similar variety in the Town Parkland in this area.
6. Approval to enter into a services contract with Sabra, Wang and Associates to provide an update to the Town's 2009 traffic calming study, address subsequent traffic calming and pedestrian safety concerns as well as assess the current signage and suggest improvements.
7. Approval of a proposal received from Richard Bajana in the amount of \$1500.00 for the purpose of providing consulting services to develop a plan for Town parkland regarding sustainable fertilization and minimal pesticide use as recommended by the PNRC and Environmental Committees.
8. Approval of the Swim Team Rules for Calendar Year 2013.
9. Approval to change the pool hours for the 2013 season (new hours posted on website and weekly email blast).
10. Approval of a proposal submitted by the Local Government Investment Trust for property and liability insurance services for FY14.
11. Approval of a proposal submitted by Montgomery County Self Insurance for worker's compensation insurance services for FY14.
12. Approval of a 1-year proposal from Lindsey and Associates for audit services for FY13.
13. Approval of the nomination of Richard Charnovich to serve as Clerk-Treasurer for FY14.
14. Approval to submit public comments to the Planning Board on the Green Mile portion of the Bus Rapid Transit proposal contained in the Draft Transit Master Plan for Montgomery County.

In addition to the actions taken by the Council, Mayor Slavin provided his Mayor's Report. Mayor Slavin discussed having a tutorial this summer with the Historic Preservation Commission, a meeting with the Maryland Comptroller's Office, and taking down the speed limit sign at the turn by the cul-de-sac on Trent Street (near 5410 Trent) since a stop sign is there now. Town Manager Charnovich presented the June Financial Report.

Since the Council and Mayor had extra time during the public comment period, they took some time to review paint and floor samples for the Town Hall as provided by Lou Balodemas.

Sue Rosenthal, Surrey, commented on several issues including the Town Pool, proposed bus rapid transit on Wisconsin Avenue, and the bike safety program for kids.

Town Inspector Larry Plummer provided construction update reports for projects at 5529 Uppingham, 5510 Trent, and 5513 Uppingham Street.

Discussion was tabled until July regarding the replacement of the fence at the rear of the public works garage until further information is obtained. Also tabled was a permit application request for 4900 Falstone Avenue. The applicant was not present at the meeting to answer questions.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

As I monitor the Montgomery County Planning Board's position on the design of a potential future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, I applaud the number of Town residents who are submitting comments and attending hearings on a this topic. This BRT was originally proposed by County **Councilmember Marc Elrich**. Many of us have become interested and involved in this proposal because the current staff draft, which has not yet been approved by the Planning Board before it could be submitted to the County Council, contains major changes to the "Green Mile," the stretch of Wisconsin Avenue south of Bradley Boulevard ending at Western Avenue, that could adversely affect our quality of life.

I want to single out **Ginny Biggar** (Cumberland), **Alison Fortier** (Falstone), **Josh Bobeck** (Warwick) and **Alex Acosta** (Essex) for their efforts in calling attention to how a BRT line down Wisconsin would look, and how the plan has neglected pedestrians, children, and trees.

I am pleased that the Town Council adopted my position to exclude the Green Mile from the initial phase of the plan. We have sent formal comments to the Planning Board and will continue to follow this activity closely.

As things stand now, the Planning Board has not yet approved the staff draft: the Board's approval is necessary before the draft can be submitted to the County Council. Further, even the initial phase of the plan has no funding at present, so the BRT probably won't be built for many years.

Council Member **Barbara Condos** (Falstone) and I were pleased to co-host the first Bike to Work Day event at the Friendship Heights Metro stop on the morning of May 17. It was great to see so many of our residents biking (or walking) to work and not using their motor vehicles! There were a number of booths set up by local retailers and restaurants and lots of good information available about biking. In addition, several of our folks appeared at the Bike to Work Day location in downtown Bethesda, including our own State Senator **Brian Frosh** (Grantham).

Our ad hoc Wellness Committee has gotten active again under the outstanding leadership of **Diane Horn** (Surrey) as they look for ways to promote more exercise and healthier eating. Diane is looking for extra committee members so anyone interested should contact her at [diane.b.horn@gmail.com](mailto:diane.b.horn@gmail.com). I also would especially like to encourage our younger residents and those with professional backgrounds in nutrition, medicine and exercise physiology to get involved.





## Letter To The Editor

I find it shameful that the County does not pave Wisconsin Avenue from Friendship Heights to Bradley and north towards Old Georgetown. An actual washboard would be an improvement. The orange barrels had been set out on the Wisconsin Avenue for so long, offering hope that the southern portion of this roadway would be worked on, but now they're gone. I hope the Town will use whatever influence it has to get a paving project on the books before the winter.

**Howard Marlowe**, Warwick Place

## Permits Granted



### Fence Permits

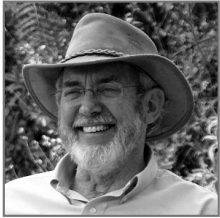
4816 Dorset Avenue, 5' perimeter fence and 4' vegetable garden fence

4817 Essex Avenue, 4' picket fence

### Tree Removal Permits

4801 Falstone Avenue, 4" Fir. The tree was dead.

4817 Essex Avenue, 6" Redbud. The tree was dead.



## All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

“Enjoy Your  
Somerset  
Summer!”

June was the month when the weather began to settle into summer, and people became re-acquainted with their neighbors, strolling around the Town and reveling in reawakened gardens. Mid June we gathered for the summer kick-off party at the pool, hosted by the Town. We all enjoyed the traditional summer fare organized by **Rick Charnovich** (Town manager) and **Nicole Ventura** (Administrative assistant and Girl Friday) assisted by members of the Town Council. Our Mayor **Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick Place) gave a welcome speech, the Somerset song was valiantly rendered by the Town Council, residents chatted over a burger or two, kids ran around and jumped in the pool, and the concept of ‘Our Town’ was shown to be alive and well!

I met many of you during that event and particularly enjoyed chatting with **Alan Proctor** and his wife **Anne** (Cumberland Avenue), who are on an extended visit from their other home in California.

Glad to see you doing well Alan!

My change to a new email address ([alandock26@gmail.com](mailto:alandock26@gmail.com)) produced a good crop of news so let’s get started . . .

**Toni Baum** (Warwick Place) wrote me her daughter, **Lily Farrell**, has just graduated from Smith College, after having majored in English, poetry and film. She is spending some time in DC before possibly moving on to NY or LA to pursue her career aspirations in film and television writing. **Beth Palmer’s** daughter, **Julie Pettis** (Greystone Street), has graduated from Holton-Arms School and will be attending Bucknell University in Pennsylvania this fall. Both of these items of news were lost in cyberspace via my old e-mail address, for which my apologies go to Toni and Beth!

Trent Street is gaining a new family later this month in **Andrew Weiss**, **Kate Julian** and their daughter **Clara**. They are moving into the house currently occupied by **Kip** and **Wendy Louttit** who are moving to the West Coast. Welcome to the new family and best of luck to Kip and Wendy on their new chapter of life!

**Dudley Fowlkes** and **Jamie Miller** with their children **Edmund** and **Jacob** are my new neighbors on Falstone Avenue. Welcome to you, and I hope you will give me a call if there is anything I can do to help.

News of the **Gage family Robert** and **Patricia** (Dorset Ave.): their son **Charles** graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, with a dual degree in business and economics. Charles was captain of the UNC Men’s Ice Hockey team for the past two years, and will now be taking up a career with Huron Consulting. Their daughter **Rachel** is engaged to be married in September to Hank Olschofka. Much to the Gage family’s delight, the couple recently purchased a house in the Town on Cumberland Ave. A stellar year for the Gage family!



The Haywood Family

**Charles** and **Maria Haywood**, who have lived on Trent Street for some forty years recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! Charles was a two-term member of the Town Council as well as a Chairperson of the Swimming Pool Committee. Maria was President of the Somerset and BCC PTSA while their children **Charles Jr.** and **Christina** (Chrissy) were growing up. The picture shows Charles and Maria, with their children and families, Charles Jr. and his wife Catherine Haywood, and Christina and her husband Bennett Upton setting out in a limo to celebrate the parent’s anniversary. Congratulations to you all!

**Lois Levitan** (Falstone Avenue) had a piece of sculpture in the Montgomery Art Association exhibition ‘Creative Expressions 2013’ which took place at the Village of Friendship Gallery until June 29th. Her sculpture, “The Mah-Jong Players” won first place in the Abstract/3-dimensional category. Congratulations to Lois for yet another feather in your cap! Unfortunately, I was unable to get Lois’ news into the June edition of the column. That prompts me to throw out a suggestion. What about a mini exhibition at the Pool of pieces by our artistic community sometime over the summer?

News of a returning family: **David Dollar** and **Paige Whitely** and their family **Isabel** and **Even**, are finally returning to Somerset and their house on Cumberland after nine adventurous years in Beijing, China. David is finishing up as U.S. Treasury attaché at the US Embassy and in August will be a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute. Isabel is a

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Junior at NYU studying acting and theatre, while Even will be studying music at Berklee College of Music in Boston this Fall. Mom is hoping to keep her Chinese language skills alive and be involved in the DC international community!

**Lauren Rubenstein** (Surrey Street) tells me her Haiti project continues to grow and her next trip there is this month. She will be teaching over 100 Haitian educators how to teach yoga to children. She will also be visiting the little girl Michelda and her family I have mentioned in previous columns. The family is living in their new house to which many of you made contributions over the past years. Lauren is also anticipating publishing of her children's book 'Visiting Feelings' (<http://www.apa.org/pubs/magination/441B127.aspx>) on mindfulness. The book grew out of her experiences in Haiti with children traumatized by the earthquake there. All proceeds from the book will be donated to 'Go Give Yoga's' work in Haiti. Someone at the Kick-off party last month expressed an interest in 'mindfulness and meditation' classes for Somerset – any thoughts Lauren?

Those of you (like me) who occasionally think of vigorous exercise, tip your hats to **Tom Eldridge** (Warwick Place) who recently completed, along with 570 other stalwarts, the Great Chesapeake Bay open water charity swim of 4.4 miles near Annapolis! Well-done Tom, I'm filled with admiration!

Lastly, Somerset largely avoided damages from the severe storm that swept through the Town in June – except for **Dan Sigelman** (Falstone Avenue) who had a very large tree crash through his roof. Condolences Dan, hope the repairs are all done now; and guess what? Somerset did not have any power outages as a consequence of the storm! Kudos to PEPCO? Until next month . . .



## Somerset's Helping Hand Is Just a Phone Call Away

If you need a ride, someone to pick up some groceries or a prescription, or even if you just want to get to a friend's house, give us a ring. We have a list of 30 Somerset volunteers who can help. Call **Zola Schneider** at 301-654-7481 or **Barbara Zeughauser** at 301-951-8560 and we will set it up.



## Classified Ads



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# Preliminary Agenda

## Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, July 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: [www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com).

**Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.**

**Council Meeting Convenes – 7:30 p.m.**

**Comments: Public Comment Period – 7:30 p.m.\***



**Council Members:** Barbara Zeughauser, Cathy Pickar, Marnie Shaul, Franny Peale, Barbara Condos

### CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the May 6, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the June 3, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

### NON-CONSENT

1. **Discussion:** Town Manager's July Financial Report – 7:55 p.m.
2. **Discussion:** Status updates on two construction projects at 5529 Uppingham and 5513 Uppingham Street – 8:00 p.m.
3. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider an application submitted by VRE II, LLC. The applicant is requesting demolition, building, curb cut, dumpster, retaining wall and 2 tree removal permits for property located at 4900 Falstone Avenue – 8:15 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a Permit request submitted by Washington Gas to replace approximately 1545' of Bare Steel Main and service lines on Essex Avenue from Warwick Place to the Essex Avenue cul de sac – 8:20 p.m.
5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider sending a letter to the Montgomery County Council in relation to the zoning update that is currently being considered – 8:50 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider bids received to replace the fence located at the rear of the Town Hall garage as recommended by the Town Maintenance Supervisor – 9:05 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider Mayor Slavin's nomination of Steve Surko, Uppingham, to serve on the Town Parks and Natural Resources Committee – 9:15 p.m.

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8. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 9:25 p.m.
9. **Adjourn:** 9:30 p.m.

Key

**Public Hearing Item:** Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

**Discussion Item:** Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

**Motion Item:** Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

**Comments:** Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

**Please note the Public Comment Period at 7:30 p.m. may run less than 20 minutes. Residents who wish to be present for a particular Agenda item are advised to arrive 20 minutes ahead of the item's scheduled discussion time since discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.**

**Items marked \*** have related articles inside this issue of the Town Journal.

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