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★ PAUL'S PONDERINGS ★

Hey there, D-6ers!

Hot fun in the summertime indeed!

As budget season approaches, residents and Councilmembers alike are anxiously awaiting Mayor Johnston's 2025 budget, which will make its way into public view sometime around mid-September. It should come as no surprise that there will be slim pickins this year, though the General Fund budget should come in somewhere between \$1.5 and \$1.7-billion.

Mayor Johnston's successful - and expensive - efforts to get some 1,600 people off the streets into more dignified housing has cleaned up a large portion of downtown but has stretched the budget thin. Adding to the pressure, the city's services to newcomers coming to Denver from our southern border have pushed "thin" to "bursting." A simultaneous softening in sales tax revenue will further impact the general fund while also shrinking a series of voter-approved, sales tax-based special revenue funds - the Denver Parks Legacy Fund (for park acquisition and maintenance), Caring for Denver (mental health and drug treatment), and the Homelessness Resolution Fund (housing and other services for the unhoused) will also see lower than hoped for funding.

On the "what's up next" front, Denver Health will be asking voters for a .34% addition to our sales tax to help them continue to operate in view of an annual shortfall of \$140-million in unfunded treatment. They had hoped to make up about half that amount with the proposed tax, but slowing revenue could very easily drop things below the \$70-million threshold. Mayor Johnston is also looking to send a .5% sales tax bump to the ballot to raise \$100-million annually to pay for affordable housing, and DPS is expected to put forth a substantial bond package to fund a variety of needed capital projects.

Tight times really force discussion on what our values are as a city. As the saying goes, "Don't tell me what your values are, show me your budget and I'll tell you what your values are."

Those values should become apparent pretty soon.

Stay cool.

Paul

★ SUSTAINABLE 6 TIP ★

It's hot. We've routinely hit over 90 degrees for the past couple of weeks and living in a land-locked state offers only so many lakes, rivers, and pools to cool off in. Sometimes the best activity to beat the heat is a summertime movie. This tip offers some film suggestions that incorporate narratives around climate change, and don't worry they're not all documentaries.

•No summer is complete without a shark attack movie. *Under Paris* takes a different route when delivering this horror genre by incorporating the effects of climate change as the impetus of the shark attacks.

•Featuring Denver's own David Sirota as co-writer, *Don't Look Up* offers a darkly comedic take on the end of the world.

•Documentaries can be entertaining too! Check out important work being done by our young people with Youth X-Gen, which follows a group of youths in Montana fighting



young people with *Youth v Gov*, which follows a group of youths in Montana fighting for their constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment. Also watch, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, which follows a Malawian teen who built a wind turbine from scrap parts helping to save his farming village from famine.



·Need something the whole family can watch? Look no further than the classic *FernGully*, a tale of rainforest dwellers fighting against pollution and deforestation.

·Want a drama/thriller with more subtle nods to climate change? The Swedish film *Stolen* follows a young indigenous Sámi woman who seeks revenge for her murdered reindeer.

We know we missed a ton of films, so tell us, what are you watching? Stay cool and keep hydrated folks!

★ CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE ★

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, GENERAL MEETINGS, PUBLIC COMMENT



Tune in to Channel 8, go [online](#), or come on up to the 4th floor of the City and County Building (1437 Bannock St) to watch your city's legislative branch in action!

Note - Monday night Council meeting and all committee meetings are cancelled the week of the 4th of July (July 1- July 5)

MONDAY:

Budget & Policy Committee (meets every other week) – 1:30p.m.

[Watch Live - See agendas, minutes, and videos for this committee](#)

City Council Afternoon Session – 3:30p.m.

General Public Comment Session (see next paragraph for details) – 5-5:30p.m.

City Council Evening Session continues with unfinished business and public hearings at 5:30p.m.

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Every week, starting at 5p.m., the Denver City Council hosts a 30 minute public comment session before the meeting of Council. Members of the public are invited to address the full Council on any topic that is not scheduled for a public hearing. Each speaker gets 3 minutes to speak on any topic of their choice. Sign up starts at noon on the Friday before the next scheduled general public comment session. [Sign up online](#) or by calling 720-337-2000.

PRIORITY YOUTH PUBLIC COMMENT FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Attention Denver Residents & Community Partners! Changes to public comment are here! We will be adding a check box on the sign up page to indicate the speaker is “18 or younger” in age, with those speakers being prioritized to speak first on the First Monday of each month. How to sign up? [Link to the Sign Up Page](#). When to sign up? **New sign up information! Sign up for General Public Comment now opens Friday at 10:00 a.m. and closes Monday at 3p.m. You can sign up [at this link](#) or by calling 720-337-2000 during normal business hours.** How to join the meeting after you sign up? You can attend in person in City Council Chambers, 1437 Bannock, 4th floor or join the meeting via Zoom - everyone who signs up will receive a zoom link.

TUESDAY:

Mayor-Council Meeting – 9:30a.m.

Parr-Widener Community Room, Room 389, City and County Building

[See schedules, agendas, and archived videos for this meeting.](#)

NOTE: This meeting is scheduled, managed, and noticed by the mayor's office. Please contact the mayor's office for information and questions about this meeting.

Finance and Governance Committee – 10:30a.m.

[Watch Live - See agendas, minutes, and videos for this committee](#)

Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee – 1:30p.m.

[Watch Live - See agendas, minutes, and videos for this committee](#)

WEDNESDAY:

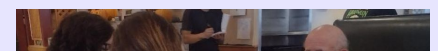
Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee – 10:30a.m.

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Business, Arts, Workforce, Climate, and Aviation Services Committee – 1:30p.m.

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IN-DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS



Stop by and have a cup of coffee or munch on some brunch with Councilman Kashmann to discuss concerns in the District, thoughts about the city, or just to say "Hello"!

In-District Office Hours are every Thursday, 8a.m.-noon, at Pete's University Park Cafe (2345 E Evans Ave, at the corner of University and Evans), with parking available in the back.



★ DISTRICT 6 NEWS ★

JOIN YOUR REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNO) are a great resource for information about events, news, and future projects happening in your neighborhood! Some meet more frequently than others. Below are the upcoming meetings in District 6!

[FIND YOUR RNO HERE](#)
[LIST OF ALL DISTRICT 6 RNO'S](#)



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Cook Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNA):

Thursday, 7/18, 6p.m.

Cook Park Rec Center (7100 Cherry Creek S Dr)

Virtual option: [Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

For more information, visit the [CPNA website!](#)

University Neighbors Neighborhood Association (UNNA):

Thursday, 7/11, 6:30p.m.

Virtual only: Email masha.lior@denvergov.org for Zoom link

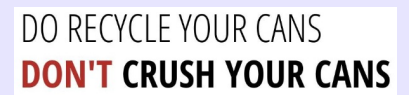
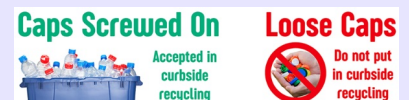
Denver Trash & Recycling Tour

We had a blast learning about Denver's trash, recycling, and compost programs last month! Our main takeaway was how dang important recycling is, and so much more efficient than expected! Over 75% of our recycling gets recycled, much more than we all thought! All Denver recycling stays in Northern America, and is an important commodity in our economy.

Some recycling tips that we learned:

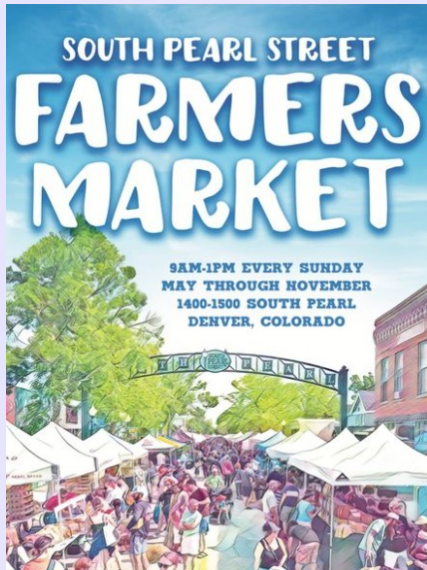
1. DON'T CRUSH CANS! Keep your cans tall and proud before tossing in the purple bin!
2. DON'T PACK/BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES! Keep recycling free and loose in your bin - that includes bagging in paper bags or placing recyclables in a cardboard box!
3. LIDS STAY ON! Keep lids on plastic bottles, glass jars, jugs, etc. Small items (2-inches or less) are not able to make it through the recycling sorters, so they end up in the trash!

Find more recycling tips and information at denvergov.org/recycle





SOUTH PEARL ST FARMERS MARKET



Sundays 9a.m.-1p.m., 1400-1500 S Pearl St

UNIVERSITY HILLS FARMERS MARKET



Saturdays 9a.m.-1p.m., May 11 - October 26, University Hills Plaza Shopping Center (2500 S Colorado Blvd)

SUPPORT FOOD SECURITY IN DISTRICT 6

The LoVVe Project



As of January 2024, The LoVVe Project now provides fresh food and hygiene supplies to support families at Ellis and McMeen Elementary Schools. We are honored to rise to the challenge of supporting incoming migrant families with fresh food, kindness, and dignity.

The LoVVe Project provides FRESH meat, dairy, produce, and cleaning/hygiene supplies to families of Title 1 Denver elementary schools with a high percentage of students eligible for free/reduced lunch. 2023 has been an especially challenging year as elementary schools have had a dramatic influx of newcomers needing additional support for

South High Giving Grocery

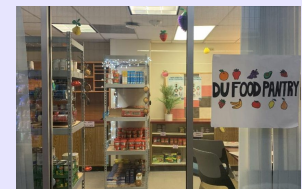


The Denver South Giving Grocery has been serving the students of South High School for over ten years.

Although its original mission was to provide food to students in South's Newcomer Program, the Giving Grocery has expanded its food pantry program to serve over 200 South students every week. The program focuses on local, nutritious, and culturally significant foods and encourages students to take home enough fresh produce, milk, eggs, meat, bread, and pantry staples for their whole family, completely free of charge. In addition, there is now a personal care section featuring laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, and more.

The need for the Giving Grocery is greater than ever due to expired COVID-era SNAP

DU Food Pantry



The University of Denver supports its students, staff, and faculty by offering an on-campus resource known as The DU Food Pantry. Members of the DU community are welcome to visit the pantry once a week to stock up on pantry staples, quick meals, and fresh produce. Additionally, The DU Food Pantry provides personal care and hygiene products. To foster a sense of community, The DU Food Pantry hosts a weekly Community Dinner. At these dinners, ingredients are provided based on recipes chosen by the community. This offers the opportunity to enjoy diverse, warm meals, destigmatizing food insecurity one plate at a time.

a wide range of services including housing and access to food. Our dream is to provide fresh food to every family in need in Denver, and to consistently provide culturally relevant choices for our diverse community.

[For more information, visit our website!](#)
[To donate, visit this webpage!](#)

benefits, soaring food prices, and an influx of new refugee and immigrant students, known as Newcomers. These students arrive from all over the world and are invited, along with any other South student who needs food, to "shop" every Thursday after school during the academic year.

To learn more or make a tax deductible donation, please visit [their website](#).

at a time. The DU Food Pantry relies on donations from the community to continue its operations. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact in destigmatizing food insecurity and ensuring that no one in our community goes without. [To donate, please visit the University of Denver Give Campus webpage and select the Food Pantry Gift Fund.](#) Thank you for your kindness and support. Keep up to date with DU Food Pantry events and programming by following @foodpantry.du on Instagram!

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARIES



Eugene Field Branch Library

A cool place to be in the middle of a hot summer? Why, your [Eugene Field Branch Library](#), of course! Our Summer of Adventure program for kids is in full swing, and we've designed interesting and thoughtful programs for people of all ages to enjoy this month.

In addition to registering for [Summer of Adventure](#), kids will

love making [glow-in-the-dark constellations](#) and learning about the night sky. And they'll have a blast [celebrating the Olympics & Paralympics](#) at the library! And that's in addition to our weekly children's offerings: [storytimes](#), [a craft program](#), and [LEGO Club](#).

Adults can join us to try [Qi Gong](#), a gentle way to move the body, improve breathing, and reduce stress. If you're feeling a little crafty and a little conversational, come to our [Create & Relate program](#) where we're decouping votive holders. Those stymied by snowberry or perplexed by prickly pear can drop in to [ask a Colorado Master Gardener](#) their questions. And we'll hear about [dinosaurs in Denver](#), and how CDOT works to preserve these fossils uncovered in their work.

You can find all our branch happenings on our [branch calendar](#) and stay connected [on Facebook](#). Have a cool July with the Eugene Field Branch Library!

Virginia Village Branch Library

RTD Bus & Trash Truck Visits, Dance & More at Virginia Village Library in July & August

July is a great time to visit the [Virginia Village Branch Library](#)!

We have [crafting programs for teens](#), [art workshops for school-age kids](#), another fun [Mommy & Me Dance Class](#), and our annual crowd favorite—an [RTD bus visit](#)! If you like science and nature activities, check out all of our upcoming events [here](#).

For August, we've saved the best for last! There's something for everyone and every interest.

On August 1, send your book-loving teen to the library to [chat and discover new books](#) (and take home some free books!). Have you ever wanted to see a bird of prey up close? Now is your chance to see an eagle, an owl, a falcon, and a hawk at our popular [Birds of Prey Meet & Greet with HawkQuest!](#) Truck lovers, unite! To round out the end of summer, our friends from the Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure will show us [how a garbage truck works](#).



REEL'N WITH OFFICERS!

Attention District 6 kids! Join Denver Police District 3, Denver Park Rangers and Colorado Parks & Wildlife for their FREE, Reel'n with Officers fishing event! Bring your kiddos out to Smith Lake at Washington Park (701 S Franklin St) on Saturday, 7/20 from 10a.m. - 1p.m., and kids will fish with Denver Police Officers and Denver Park Rangers! One FREE fishing pole per family while supplies last, with all equipment provided. Education station, casting practice and more! Adults must remain with children. See [flier](#) for more details.

★ CITY-WIDE NEWS ★

FIREWORKS IN DENVER

Fireworks are *still* illegal in Denver!

Fireworks, Furry Friends and Keeping Your Pet



Penalties for Violation:
UP TO \$999 IN FINES AND/OR COURT COSTS AND UP TO 1 YEAR IN JAIL
 TO REPORT FIREWORKS CALL **720.913.2059**
 OR ONLINE AT **denvergov.org/pocketgov**
AND SELECT "REPORT FIREWORKS"

The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited.

LOCK OUT CRIME

We want everyone to have a fun and safe 4th of July! Avoid fines and/or court costs by not purchasing or possessing any fireworks that explode or leave the ground. It is still illegal for residents in Denver and the state of Colorado to set off fireworks that explode or leave the ground! You can report illegal fireworks at any time by calling 720-913-2059 or reporting them on the

Keeping Your Pet Safe This Fourth of July

As the Fourth of July approaches, the Denver community looks forward to festivities, fireworks and food with friends and loved ones. While we make plans for summer celebrations, it's crucial to prioritize the safety and well-being of our beloved pets. The Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) and [Denver Animal Protection](#) reminds residents a little preparation can go a long way in making sure that everyone enjoys a safe and memorable Independence Day, including Fido. Learn more about pet safety this Fourth of July on the [DDPHE blog](#).

Keep your pet safe this Fourth of July

DENVER PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

[Denver Online Services Hub here.](#)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT NEWS

What's the BUZZ on Mosquitos in Denver?

The Environmental **WHAT IF** Podcast
What's the BUZZ on Mosquitos?

DENVER

Have you heard the buzz? Denver takes a proactive approach to managing mosquitos to protect residents from pesky bites and West Nile Virus. Learn about the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment's (DDPHE) mosquito management program in "The Environmental What If" podcast. In the episode, [DDPHE experts](#) discuss how to prevent the development of adult mosquitos, how to safely treat mosquito habitats and best practices to repel them so you can avoid calling in the "SWAT" team at your next outing. Listen to the whole episode [online](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

Sun, Fun, and Food Safety

SUMMER FOOD SAFETY
 Don't let bad food spoil your summer!

DENVER

Don't let your summer be "spoiled." Increasing temperatures can lead to an increase in food poisoning. Follow these simple tips to keep food safe during summer barbecues and picnics.

- When shopping for groceries or eating outside, make sure to refrigerate perishable food within 1 hour if it is 90°F or warmer. Food sitting at room temperature should be discarded after 2 hours.
- When grilling, throw out marinades and sauces that have touched raw meat. Always use clean utensils and a clean plate to remove

Dude, Where's My Cat? Get a Free Microchip for your Cat in July

Dude where's my cat?
Free microchips in July

DENVER

Dude! Don't lose your cat! [Denver Animal Shelter](#) (DAS) wants to ensure any lost Denver feline is returned to their home by offering free microchips for cats in July.

One in three pets will become lost at some point during their lifetime and less than 2% of lost cats that enter animal shelters are reunited with their families. But cats *with microchips* find their families 38% of the time.

Microchips are especially important as most cats don't have collars and identification tags on them. Cats also tend to roam so people don't look for them at shelters as quickly as they do for dogs. If they are chipped, shelter staff can call a cat owner right away.

Bring your cat in a carrier to DAS at 1241 W. Bayaud Ave. to get your free microchip through July.

Denver Youth Mental Health Programs: Your Input Needed!

Disposal 101: How to Safely Throw Out Household Hazardous Waste

DENVER PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT
 HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

The summer weather may have you wanting to do some serious purging, but make sure you think through how you're going to throw out items in your home. Some household products can catch fire or explode under certain circumstances, others may be corrosive or toxic and known as household hazardous waste. Products such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides can contain hazardous ingredients and require special care and cannot be put in your curbside bin. You can properly dispose of and recycle toxic products from your home with Denver's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Learn more about the process [online](#).

The Heat is On! Stay Safe and Cool This Summer

HOT WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

DENVER

Hot summer days have an impact on our health. High temperatures can cause illness as excessive heat can increase your body's core temperature. Heat illness.

use clean utensils and a clean plate to remove cooked meat from the grill. These precautions prevent spreading germs to cooked foods.

- When preparing food in advance for a party or event, divide cooked food into shallow containers and store in the refrigerator or freezer to cool it rapidly. Follow the same guidelines to store and enjoy leftovers safely.
- When eating at an amusement park, carnival or fair, be sure the vendor has a license to sell food and that employees wear gloves/use tongs when serving. Bring hand sanitizers/disposable wipes in case there aren't any places to wash your hands.

[Denver Department of Public Health & Environment](#) (DDPHE) Food Safety investigators routinely inspect all food businesses in Denver, including amusement parks and temporary events, to ensure compliance with all rules and regulations designed to reduce the incidence of food-borne illness. Do your part at home and rest assured that DDPHE has you covered when eating out. Learn more about [DDPHE's Food Safety Program](#) today.



Across the country, including Denver, young people are facing increased mental health challenges. The [Denver Department of Public Health & Environment](#) is developing

programs to support youth mental health. **Your feedback is needed!** Parents, teens and community members are invited to review two proposals for youth mental health programs and share your thoughts.

[Review proposals and provide feedback](#) to have your voice heard.

including heat stroke, can be dangerous and even fatal if not treated appropriately. The [Denver Department of Public Health & Environment](#) wants you to stay safe, prevent heat-related illness, and protect your pets this summer.

Here are some quick tips:

- Stay inside in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible.
- Drink more water than usual.
- Limit your outdoor activity.
- Check the temperature of the pavement before allowing your pet to walk on it.
- If you see a dog in a hot car, immediately call Denver Animal Protection Dispatch at 720-913-2080.

You can find additional information and tips on the [extreme heat information page](#).

DENVER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES!

Mayor's Youth Commission seeking applications!

DENVER MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION

The Mayor's Youth Commission provides youth the opportunity to develop leadership skills and advise the director of the Office of Children's Affairs on issues impacting youth living in the City and County of Denver.

Apply Today:
Youth: Grades 9-12 for the 2024-2025 school year and attend a DPS School or live in Denver.
Adults: Work for the City and County of Denver or work for a youth serving organization.

Follow us on Instagram: @dmyc5280

Contact us: childrensaffairs@denvergov.org
Mikhail.Valdes@denvergov.org

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Office of Children's Affairs on issues impacting youth living in the City and County of Denver! [More info and apply here!](#)

My Spark Denver



[My Spark Denver](#) is giving 4,000 middle school students who go to DPS schools and qualify for free or reduced lunch \$1000 to spend at afterschool and summer programs!

There are remarkable opportunities for art, music, dance, sports, tutoring and more. We've got some great programs in our neighborhood such as Cook Park Recreation Center, the YMCA, Mile High Tumblers and more! My Spark Denver has been launched through a partnership with the City and County of Denver, Mile High United Way, and Gary Community Ventures to increase access to afterschool and extracurricular activities that can have positive benefits for youth.

How It Works

- 1.) Apply online. The application takes less than 10 minutes and proof of free or reduced-price lunch eligibility is not required to apply.
- 2.) Choose from a list of participating afterschool and extracurricular programs.
- 3.) Register for programming and use your My Spark Card to pay.

It is first come first serve, so go register at [MySparkDenver.org](#) and tell other kids who might benefit from it to register as well!

★ CITY RESOURCES ★

SLOW DOWN, DENVER!



911 Services for People with Disabilities



911 services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Residents with Speech

Rent & Utility Assistance Open with New Online Application!



[REQUEST A YARD SIGN](#)

Denver has updated the default speed limit from 25mph to 20mph. This change applies to Denver's local streets – primarily the roads

with no stripes that go through residential blocks. Additionally, wherever speed limit signs are not posted, the default speed limit will be 20 mph, per [city ordinance](#).

Lowering the speed limit on local streets is part of a broader effort Denver is taking to address safety on our streets citywide. In 2017, the City and County of Denver set an ambitious goal of zero traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by 2030. By reducing the speed limit on our local streets, we can draw attention to the topic of vehicle speeds and help create a culture of safety within our neighborhoods where we are more likely to see people walking and biking.

Hearing and Residents with speech

Disabilities

Text: 303-513-6909, 720-723-8911
[Email HERE](#)

Be sure to text or email the location where help is needed, a summary of the situation, response to information requested by 911 such as injuries and suspect descriptions.

Registry for Residents with Disabilities - You may now submit information about yourself or other members of your household who have disabilities in order to help 911 respond appropriately during an emergency. Your information will remain confidential and will give officers advance warning about your circumstance prior to responding. Register [here](#).

Denver's Temporary Rent and Utility Assistance (TRUA) program is open! TRUA can help with rent payments for up to six months per calendar year, as well as helping both renters and homeowners with utility assistance (Denver Water/Xcel Energy).

To qualify, you must live in the City and County of Denver or have been displaced from Denver in the past 90 days, have a household income at or below 80% of the [Area Median Income](#); and have experienced an unexpected financial hardship or other housing crisis. You do NOT have to disclose your immigration status, and landlord participation is NOT required. Visit denvergov.org/RentHelp and to learn more. The city also provides FREE tenant/landlord counseling and eviction legal assistance. Visit denvergov.org/EvictionHelp for more information about eviction legal clinics.

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