



Manager's Monthly Bulletin

Erik Tungate

Thank goodness spring is upon us and another long winter is almost in our rearview mirror.

The next few months are critical for our great city. Both the sales tax increase for our roads and the initiative to allow
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Recreation Rentals

The Oak Park Recreation Department offers residents the opportunity to rent and reserve several different types of amenities, including small and large meeting rooms in the Community Center, the community swimming pool, the ice arena and park shelters. 2015 summer shelter rentals opened to the public last month... and they're going fast! To make reservations, complete the Park Shelter Rental
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What is Money Smart Week? April 21-24

Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign created 13 years ago by the US Federal Reserve designed to help consumers understand and manage their personal finances. Organizations, including businesses, banks, schools, government agencies, non-profits and libraries, collaborate nationwide to offer consumers financial education in the form of workshops, printed materials and special events for all ages. This year, the Oak Park Library will host several events during Money Smart Week, including a special Berenstain Bears StoryTime for young ones; financial literacy activities for kids; and a seminar about the Michigan Education Savings Plan (or MESP 529), a college-savings vehicle for parents. For more information about programs, *please call the Library at (248) 691-7480.*



Summer Nights In Shepherd Park

In July, Shepherd Park will become a Thursday night concert destination. The City of Oak Park recently received an endowment from the Anton Art Center as part of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) Minigrant Program to support the Oak Park Summer Concert Series, which will provide four, free concerts for residents and visitors of Oak Park. The MCACA grant will pay 50% of the cost for high-quality arts and cultural experiences for our residents. Required matching funds will come from private donors, the Oak Park Arts and Cultural Commission, and in-kind donations from the City.

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liquor licenses to include “mixed spirits” will appear on our local ballot on May 5th.

Generally speaking, the roads across the state are deplorable. With limited funding, we simply cannot keep up with the required maintenance and refurbishment. Our infrastructure is vitality important to our efforts to improve our quality of life offerings.

On another note, the liquor license initiative that would allow mixed drinks to be served in restaurants has been placed on the upcoming May ballot through a local signature petition drive. While we already allow the sale of beer and wine in Oak Park restaurants, approval of this issue would also allow consumption of what is often referred to as “mixed spirits.” It is important to note that this would not allow for strip clubs or night clubs; none of those uses would be allowed. That said, the real benefit would be that it would allow the city to attract more local and national chain restaurants. As it stands today, we cannot recruit many national chain restaurants to our city because they require a Class C liquor license as part of their corporate model.

Imagine if we had this amazing economic development tool to start the process of approaching these corporate stores? With more than 20 licenses that could be available, combined with our strong neighborhood demographics, there would be no limit to our ability to attract new businesses.

As the May election gets closer, we will provide as much information as possible to make sure you have what you need to fully understand the issues at hand. As such, we are in the process of scheduling a few town hall meetings. No matter what happens, we are here to serve you and will follow your lead.

Respectfully,

Erik Tungate
City Manager



Special Election May 5

The City of Oak Park will hold a Special Election that will include statewide and local ballot proposals. The deadline to register to vote is April 6, 2015. The last day to request an absentee ballot is May 2, 2015. Please contact the City Clerk for more information at (248) 691-7544 or send an email to: ssummer@ci.oak-park.mi.us



We have now braved two, challenging winters in a row, which included extraordinarily frigid temperatures and exceptionally deep snowfalls. City administration is extremely grateful to those residents who complied with Snow Emergency policy, which calls for the removal of parked cars from the streets to allow for snow plows. “Snow Emergency policy exists to keep our City safe and orderly,” City Manager Erik Tungate commented.

“Our hope is that all residents will recognize the importance of compliance.” According to Oak Park Public Safety, between February 1st and 12th, there were sixty-six Snow Emergency tickets issued (40 electronic, 26 paper), eighty-six vehicles tagged as abandoned autos, and nine vehicles towed. If driveways and garages are unavailable, residents can park in designated, public areas during a Snow Emergency, as shown on the City’s website or found in City Hall.



Snow Challenge



Pictured: Councilmember Michael Seligson, Councilmember Carolyn Burns, Mayor Marian McClellan, Kimberly Marrone, City Manager Erik Tungate, Councilmember Kiesha Speech, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Levine

MONTHLY EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

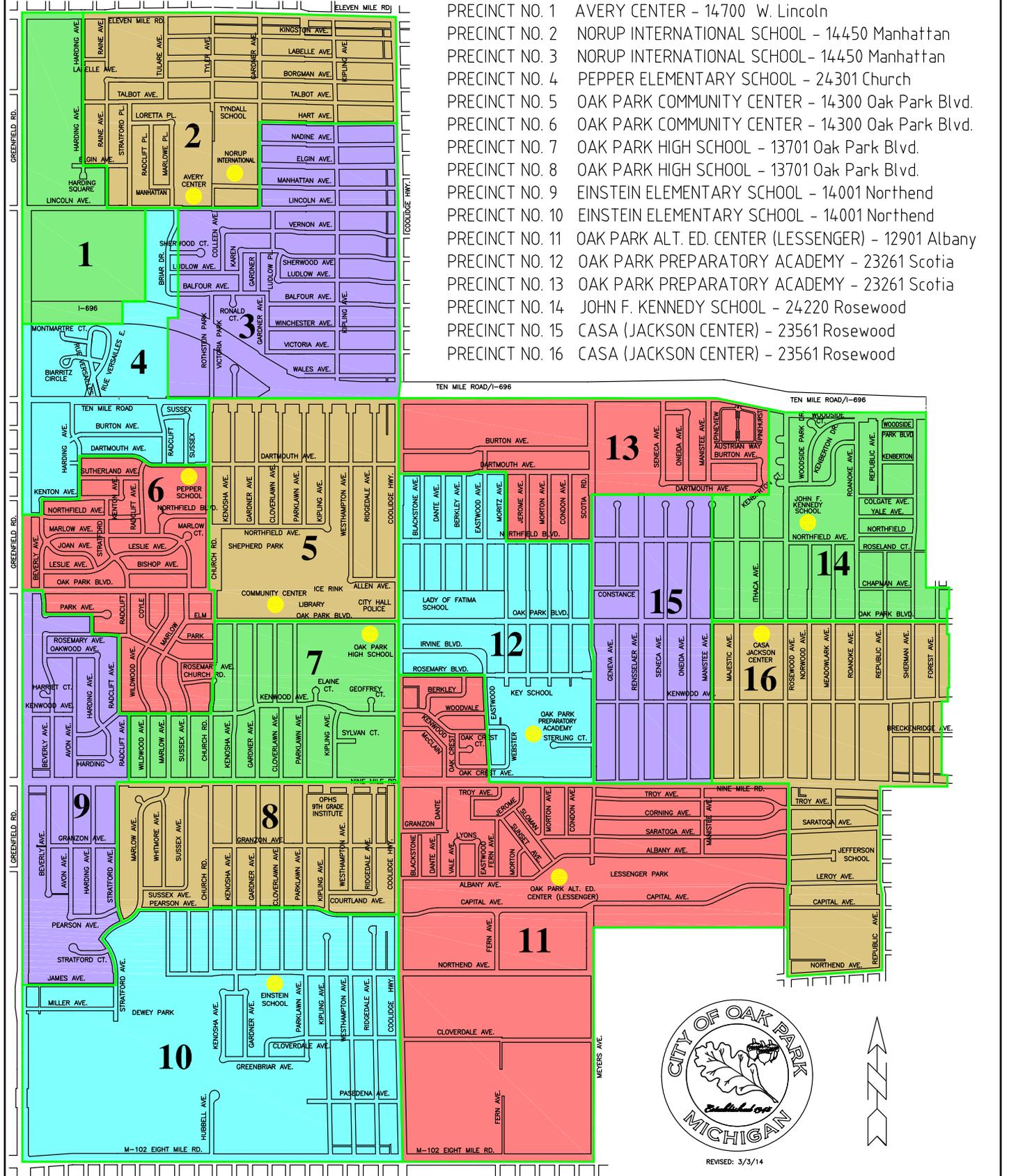
City Manager Erik Tungate and City Council recognized Kimberly Marrone, Manager of Community & Economic Development, in January and Stephanie Sumner, Deputy Clerk and Director of Elections, in February for exceptional performance.



Pictured: Councilmember Kiesha Speech, City Manager Erik Tungate, Stephanie Sumner, Mayor Marian McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Levine, Councilmember Carolyn Burns

CITY OF OAK PARK VOTING PRECINCTS

- PRECINCT NO. 1 AVERY CENTER - 14700 W. Lincoln
- PRECINCT NO. 2 NORUP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - 14450 Manhattan
- PRECINCT NO. 3 NORUP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - 14450 Manhattan
- PRECINCT NO. 4 PEPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 24301 Church
- PRECINCT NO. 5 OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER - 14300 Oak Park Blvd.
- PRECINCT NO. 6 OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER - 14300 Oak Park Blvd.
- PRECINCT NO. 7 OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL - 13701 Oak Park Blvd.
- PRECINCT NO. 8 OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL - 13701 Oak Park Blvd.
- PRECINCT NO. 9 EINSTEIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 14001 Northend
- PRECINCT NO. 10 EINSTEIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 14001 Northend
- PRECINCT NO. 11 OAK PARK ALT. ED. CENTER (LESSENGER) - 12901 Albany
- PRECINCT NO. 12 OAK PARK PREPARATORY ACADEMY - 23261 Scotia
- PRECINCT NO. 13 OAK PARK PREPARATORY ACADEMY - 23261 Scotia
- PRECINCT NO. 14 JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL - 24220 Rosewood
- PRECINCT NO. 15 CASA (JACKSON CENTER) - 23561 Rosewood
- PRECINCT NO. 16 CASA (JACKSON CENTER) - 23561 Rosewood



Oak Park Recreation Department (248) 691-7555

Program Name	Age	Resident Fee	Non-Res. Fee	Reg. Deadline	Activity Date	Number
<u>Youth</u>						
T-Ball	5-6	\$45.00	\$50.00	4/9/2015	Mid-May	2181SS15
Coach Pitch	7-8	\$45.00	\$50.00	4/9/2015	Mid-May	2182SS15
Pony League Baseball	9-10	\$55.00	\$60.00	4/9/2015	Mid-May	2183SS15
Minor League Baseball	11-12	\$55.00	\$60.00	4/9/2015	Mid-May	2184SS15
Major League Baseball	13-14	\$65.00	\$70.00	4/9/2015	Mid-May	2185SS15
Girls Softball	9-11	\$55.00	\$60.00	4/9/2015	Mid-May	2186SS15
Girls Softball	12-14	\$55.00	\$60.00	4/9/2015	Mid-May	2178SS15
ACT Prep Workshop	14-18	\$75.00	\$80.00	4/2/2015	4/11/15	1026SS15
J Cheer Non-Competative	8-13	\$75.00	\$80.00	4/9/2015	4/20/15	1005SS15
J Cheer Cometative	8-13	\$75.00	\$80.00	4/9/2015	4/20/15	1004SS15
Karate Kids (Ages 4-7)	4-7	\$42.00	\$47.00	4/9/2015	4/21/15	1015SS15
Karate Kids (Ages 8 & Older)	8 +	\$55.00	\$60.00	3/12/2015	3/24/15	1019SS15
<u>Adult</u>						
Men's Softball League	Adult	\$525.00	\$525.00	4/30/2015	5/14/15	2178SS15
Adult Kickball League (Mon.)	Adult	\$350.00	\$350.00	4/30/2015	5/11/15	2179SS15
Adult Kickball League (Fri.)	Adult	\$350.00	\$350.00	4/30/2015	5/15/15	2180SS15
Yoga	Adult	\$56.00	\$61.00	3/5/2015	3/16/15	2000SS15
Zumba	Adult	\$40.00	\$45.00	4/9/2015	4/20/15	2017SS15
Hustle Aerobics	Adult	\$36.00	\$41.00	4/16/2015	4/23/15	2071SS15
Ballroom Dance Class	Adult	\$40.00	\$45.00	4/16/2015	4/23/15	2163SS15
Dancing with the Stars	Adult	\$36.00	\$41.00	4/16/2015	4/22/15	2175SS15
Mom2Mom Sale	Adult	\$20/\$35	\$20/\$35	4/2/2015	4/11/15	1602FW15
Cardio & Core	Adult	\$48.00	\$53.00	4/9/2015	4/20/15	2005SS15
All Senior Activities require 50 Up Club Membership: \$6 Resident / \$12 Non-Resident						
<u>Senior</u>						
<u>Programs</u>	Age	Cost	Day	Time	Location	Registration Deadline
Podiatric Services	50+	Call 248-399-5909	1st Wednesdays	9-11AM	Room C	
Estate Planning Clinic	50+	FREE	3rd Thursdays every other month	10:30AM	Senior Lounge	1 week before
Total Body Work Out Punch Card (3070FW15)	50+	\$20 punch card -20 visits	M/W	10:30 - 11:30AM	Room A	Drop in
Sit & Get Fit: Jan12-Mar18 (3025FW15) Mar23-Jun3 (3026SS15)	50+	\$40 for 20 sessions	M/W	9-10AM	Room A	Drop in
Gentle Chair Yoga: Tuesdays Jan13-Mar17 (3042FW15) Mar31-Jun2 (3043SS15)	50+	\$30 for 10 weeks	Tuesdays	12 -1PM	Room #3	Drop in
Basic Hatha Yoga Punch Card: (3060FW15)	50+	\$20 for 10 sessions	Thursdays	10:30 - 11:30AM	Room A	Drop in
Water Exercise: Mar17-May5 (3038SS15)	50+	\$56 for 8 weeks	Tuesdays	12-1PM	Jewish Comm. Ctr.	1 week before
Laptop Computer Class Mar2-Apr6 (3027SS15)	50+	\$60 for 6 weeks	Mondays	9:30-10:30AM	Room #4	1 week before

Parks from page 1 Agreement found on the City's website. Shelters are offered in 6-hour or 13-hour time blocks; a 10% discount applies when booking both time blocks from 9AM-10PM. Resident rental prices with the discount are: Shelter 1 - 6 hrs. \$100/13 hrs. \$180; Shelter 2 - 6 hrs. \$75/13 hrs. \$135; and Shelter 3 - 6 hrs. \$60/13 hrs. \$108. Non-residents may also rent these amenities for a slightly increased fee. For more info, visit the Recreation office at 14300 Oak Park Blvd. or call (248) 691-7555.



Winter Family Fun

Despite the cold and snow, dozens of families came out for the City's annual Winterfest in January at the Oak Park Community Center to enjoy an afternoon of winter fun, including open sleigh rides, ice skating, ice sculpting, bon fires and a live petting farm. More photos are posted on the City's Facebook page: [facebook.com/CityofOakPark](https://www.facebook.com/CityofOakPark)



Sewing with a Purpose

Members of the Creative Clothing Club (CCC) have been meeting at the Oak Park Community Center as the Monday Senior Quilters for about 20 years to work together on crafting quilts for mothers and daughters. Executive Director of Mother & Unborn Baby Care, Peter Riccardo (pictured right), recently received two, full bags of beautiful quilts from members, Sally Lax and Shirley Magder. If you are interested in assisting with quilt sewing, the CCC meets every Monday at 10AM at the Oak Park Community Center located at 14300 Oak Park Blvd.

General Election November 3, 2015

The City Clerk's office is accepting nomination petitions for three City Council positions that will be on the November ballot, including the Mayor's position and two, additional council seats. To obtain a candidate information packet, please visit the City Clerk's office at 14000 Oak Park Blvd. The office is open Monday through Thursday, 8AM - 5PM. All petitions are due by 4:00PM on April 21, 2015.



A Royal Success

On February 6th, 172 royal guests graced "the palace" (AKA the Oak Park Community Center on all other days) for the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. This year's event drew the largest registration to date! More photos are posted on the City's Facebook page: [facebook.com/CityofOakPark](https://www.facebook.com/CityofOakPark)



Birds Eye View

The Oak Park Library received a double-bonus in February in the form of a grant from Wixom-based Spirit of Alexandria Foundation and a generous donation from Friends of the Oak Park Library to fund a very special event. As part of the Summer Reading Program, the Library will offer "Birds of Prey," a two-hour program designed to give children and teens a face-to-face experience with the wild. The combined funds will allow the Recreation Center Day Camp to host the Howell Nature Center, which will bring a variety of birds of prey to the Oak Park Community Center this summer. The visiting raptors will include hawks, owls and eagles. Keep an eye out for more information about this free, public event as summer approaches.

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Monday, March 2

Last day to pay 2014 taxes to City

Monday, March 2

*City Council Meeting
 7PM @ City Hall*

Wednesday, March 4

*Independence Day Commission
 Meeting 7PM*

Thursday, March 5

Summer Job Applications Due

Thursday, March 5

*Spring Youth Soccer Registration
 Deadline for ages 3-9*

Sunday, March 8

Begin Daylight Savings

Monday, March 9

Board of Review

Wednesday, March 11

*Friends of the Library
 Meeting 7PM*

Thursday, March 12

*Ethnic Advisory Commission
 Meeting 7PM*

Monday, March 16

*City Council Mtg.
 7PM @ City Hall*

Tuesday, March 17

*Library Board of Directors
 Meeting 7PM*

Wednesday, March 18

*Oak Park Arts and Cultural
 Commission Meeting 6:30PM*

Wednesday, March 18

*Recreation Advisory Board
 Meeting 7PM*

Thursday, March 19

*Water Color Workshop w/Steve
 Gamburd 6PM @ Library
 (OPAACC Event)*

Friday, March 20

First Day of Spring

Monday, March 23

Board of Review

Monday, March 23

*Public Safety Retirement
 System Meeting 4:30PM*

Tuesday, March 24

*Zoning Board of Appeals
 Meeting 7:30PM*

March 23 - April 5

*Haul Your Own Junk Away Days
 Ice Arena Parking Lot*

Wednesday, April 1

*Independence Day Commission
 Meeting 7PM*

Thursday, April 2

*City Offices Closed
 (Good Friday Observance)*

April 3, 5

*City Library Closed
 (Easter Observance)*

Monday, April 6

*City Council Mtg.
 7PM @ City Hall*

Wednesday, April 8

*Friends of the Library
 Meeting 7PM*

Thursday, April 9

Yard Waste & Brush Pickup Begin

Thursday, April 9

*Youth Baseball/Softball
 Registration Deadline Ages 5-14*

Thursday, April 9

*Ethnic Advisory Commission
 Meeting 7PM*

Saturday, April 11

*Mom 2 Mom Sale 10AM-2PM
 Community Center*

Saturday, April 11

*Celebration of Michigan
 Stained Glass Month, Part I
 @ Universal Stained Glass
 11:30AM-1:30PM
 (OPAACC Event)*

Monday, April 13

*Emergency Services Commission
 Meeting 7PM*

Monday, April 13

Planning Commission Mtg. 7PM

Wednesday, April 15

*Oak Park Arts and Cultural
 Commission (OPAACC)
 Meeting 6:30PM*

Wednesday, April 15

*Healthy Lawn Seminar
 7PM, Free at
 Community Center*

Wednesday, April 15

*Recreation Advisory Board
 Meeting 7PM*

Thursday, April 16

*Recycling & Environmental
 Conservation Commission
 Meeting 7PM*

Monday, April 20

*City Council Meeting
 7PM @ City Hall*

Tuesday, April 21

*Beautification Advisory
 Commission Meeting 7PM*

Wednesday, April 22

*Library Board of Directors
 Meeting 7PM*

April 23-26

*Friends of the Library
 Annual Spring Book Sale
 Free City-Wide Garage Sale*

Friday, April 24

Arbor Day

Monday, April 27

*Public Safety Retirement &
 Employee Retirement
 System Meeting 4:30PM*

Tuesday, April 28

*Zoning Board of Appeals
 Meeting 7:30PM*

Saturday, May 2

*City Clerk Office Open
 10AM-2PM Absentee Voting*

Monday, May 4

*City Council meeting
 7PM @ City Hall*

Tuesday, May 5

*Election Day
 Polls Open 7AM-8PM*

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