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Fanny Wood Day takes place in Fanwood on September 18



Summer is drawing to a close but that doesn't mean that the fun has to stop! This year, the 21st annual Fanny Wood Day will return on Sunday, September 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Fanwood.

Fanny Wood Day is much more than just a street fair. Besides the many food and craft vendors, this year's Fanny Wood Day will host a wide array of activities including the return of kid-friendly activities such as a petting zoo, pony rides, a climbing wall, and numerous kiddie rides. Back by popular demand are many of the same contests that were offered last year such as the hot dog and stuffed pretzel-eating contests, the bubble gum blowing contest, and the hoola hoop contest. The 6th annual Fanwood Photography Contest will also return, drawing photographers of all ages and abilities.

Fanny Wood Day has something to offer everyone. If contests aren't your thing, grab some delicious food from one of the many vendors, kick back for some serious people-watching, stroll the many interesting booths, visit the local merchants and enjoy live entertainment.

This year's classic car show will be dedicated to the memory of the much beloved classic car enthusiast, Don Wussler. Don was a dear friend to this community who sadly passed away this year. If you've never attended the car show, then expect to see cars of many makes and models. There's sure to be something to make even the biggest car enthusiasts drool! The car show will start at 11 a.m. on South Avenue, just east of Martine Avenue.

For more information on Fanny Wood Day, please visit fanwoodnj.org/news/fanny-wood-day/ or fannywoodday.com.

6th Annual Fanwood Photography Contest

Get out your cameras, pull out your negatives and check your files, it's time for the annual Fanwood Photography Contest!

This will be the sixth annual photography contest held in tandem with Fanny Wood Day. Photographers of all levels are invited to compete with their best images. While there is no requirement that submissions be of Fanwood subject matter, it will be one factor in the judging along with originality, emotional content and presentation.

All submissions must be framed and wired for hanging. They should be delivered to Borough Hall, 75 N. Martine Avenue, by 8 p.m., Thursday, September 8. Winners will be announced at Fanny Wood Day on September 18. Go to fanwoodnj.org for application and instructions.

Photos will be exhibited at Unity Bank at Hetfield and South through October.



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NEWSLETTER

Be in the know about all things Fanwood with the weekly email newsletter. More than 1,500 Fanwood residents are subscribers. Go to the borough website, fanwoodnj.org, and enter your email address in the box beneath "Get Email Alerts" in the left column. You'll get timely news updates all-year-round and updated information in case of an emergency. Sign up today! Sign up for the Union County First Alert at ucfirstalert.org to receive additional local and regional emergency information and weather email alerts.

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Recreation

ON THE WEB: www.fanwoodrecreation.org

Annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest set for October 31st

Scary times return to Fanwood this fall! The annual Fanwood Halloween Parade and Costume Contest begins at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31, with the Sleepy Hollow Halloween Show on the front lawn of the Fanwood Memorial Library at North and Forest Avenues in Fanwood. The Halloween Parade starts immediately afterward. Children and adults should assemble in front of the Library by 6 p.m. because at 6:15 p.m. the parade will depart for La Grande Park. Once the parade arrives at La Grande

Park, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Costume Contest will begin for children of all ages. Anyone who wants to enter a pumpkin in the Jack-o-Lantern Contest should bring his or her carved creation to the park and fill out an entry form by 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the best jack-o-lanterns! Free cider, donuts and coffee will be available. This evening of fun and festivities is presented by the Fanwood Recreation Commission.

Superheroes will now join the Fanwood 5K

For the seventh year in a row, Fanwood Recreation will host our community's favorite running event and this year, all runners are invited to reveal their true selves and come dressed as their favorite superhero! The Fanwood 5K Super Hero Run & Family Fun Run returns on Sunday, Oct. 16, at La Grande Park in Fanwood. The 5K Super Hero Run will begin at 9:30 a.m. following the one-mile Family Fun Run at 9 a.m. in La Grande Park, and, of course, all children are also welcome to dress up as their favorite costumed characters. Plus, all participating Fun Run children will receive a superhero cape and mask, and will automatically be entered in a raffle for gift cards. Free refreshments will await all finishers.

Pre-registered runners who want to avoid lines the morning of the 5K will be able to pick up their numbers and t-shirts the day before, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the La Grande Park building.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$20 for USATF members, \$25 for non-members and \$30 after Oct. 13. The entry fee for the Family Fun Run is \$10 with a t-shirt and \$5 without. You can download a race application or register online at Fanwood5K.org. The race is fully sanctioned by the United States of America Track



and Field (USATF) and is part of the New Jersey Grand Prix as a 500 point race.

All proceeds from the event go to the Fanwood Recreation Department and will help to purchase new playground equipment, build new recreational facilities and expand recreational programs for local residents.

The event is accepting sponsorships; please visit Fanwood5K.org for details on becoming a sponsor.

Come out and be a part of the day! Enter the 5K Super Hero Run or the Family Fun Run with your children, cheer the runners, or volunteer to help. Visit Fanwood5K.org or contact Joe Valente at (201)725-2032 for more information.

Please be aware that roads will be closed along the race route approximately between the hours of 8 and 11 a.m.



Mayor's Message

BY FANWOOD MAYOR COLLEEN MAHR

Dear Fanwoodians,

Happy Labor Day Fanwoodians! I do hope you all enjoyed a relaxing summer and were able to spend time away from the demands of the world. This summer has been like few others, and there was not much escaping the drama, turmoil, and shocking events worldwide.

The presidential campaign, unique in so many ways, has likely been on your minds. I encourage you to become well informed on the important issues our next president will face, and be sure to vote. The voter registration deadline is Wednesday, October 18th. Instructions and forms are available at <http://ucnj.org/board-of-elections/>; or visit Borough Hall for registration, party affiliation, and absentee ballot applications. I hope all Fanwoodians over 18 will make the effort to register, become informed on the issues, and vote. Voting is the basis of our democracy, which requires an engaged public to function. There will also be several referendum questions on the ballot, so please take the time to vote.

The tragic shootings this summer are much on my mind. I have a close partnership with Police Chief Trigo, which makes me mindful of the dangers our officers face each day clad in bullet-proof vests, and now, body cameras. While it is rarely questioned, I want to assure the public that the Council and I have every confidence in the work our officers do in Fanwood each day and know that they function with a high degree of professionalism.

It is matters such as these that heighten my commitment to sensible gun regulation. For several years I have been a member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG) and am concerned that the proliferation of

weapons will lead to no good. If you are interested in this subject visit the MAIG website at <http://everytown.org/mayors/>. Chief Trigo and I have partnered to host meetings on gun safety and will continue to pursue all avenues to promote public safety. For parents with young children, I suggest a visit to the BeSMART Gun Safety Program website at <http://besmartforkids.org/>. There, you will find tips on how to address issues particular to children on playdates, or those with firearms in the home. We also provide gun locks to Fanwood residents for FREE. If you own a firearm, whether a handgun, rifle or shotgun, we can provide you with a cable locking device to help you secure the weapon. The locks are available at police headquarters.

Summer 2016 was another roaring success! Many thanks are due to our terrific Recreation Commission and staffers who delivered another safe and fun summer experience for our children. With the kick-off Party in the Park, the daily summer camp, Teen Travel Camp and Movies in the Park, we had a lot of fun and hope to have created happy summer memories. Additional thanks to our small but efficient staff at Public Works who were working in our parks all summer long.

A new addition to Forest Road Park will be the opening of our skateboard park. Please watch for details; I look forward to our kids having a great time there and creating recreational programs that help teach all levels the safe way to skateboard!

Thanks to our local Green Team headed by Kalpana Krishna Kumar and Girl Scout Erin Hernandez for staging the Fanwood Green Fair in July. For several years we have been promoting

environmental health at Borough Hall and have developed a rain garden, a pollinator garden, and a demonstration rain barrel. The Green Fair was a perfect follow-up on those efforts and was fun and very informative. I hope to make it an annual event.

September promises to be bittersweet with the Recycling Center closing and curbside pickup beginning. This was not an easy decision, but I am confident that we will be successful in increasing recycling participation. I'm excited to be offering a free "Recycle Coach" app for your smartphones to keep you up-to-date with all your recycling needs. You will soon receive a mailing with the new recycling rules, and they will be posted at www.fanwoodnj.org. While online, be sure to sign up for our important weekly e-blasts!

Please be sure to visit our newest downtown business, Rocko's Ice Cream. And of course we are all looking forward to visiting the newest watering hole in town, Sheelan's Crossing, which is anticipated to open this Fall. I want to wish a happy one year anniversary to Knit a Bit and thank all of our area businesses, both new and existing, for the faith you put in our town and hope you all remember to SHOP LOCALLY!

And finally, a word of farewell to my good friend, Joan Wheeler. Joan passed away too soon after a brief illness in July. A former councilwoman, a member of several local and statewide committees, a dedicated public servant, a lifelong volunteer and a dear, dear friend, Joan's warm heart, quick wit and giving nature will be missed by all who knew her.

I wish you all a wonderful start to the school year, and look forward to seeing you all on Fanny Wood Day!

New Fanwood skate park opens, rules announced

Fanwood's new skate park has opened and will provide a safe location for our many residents who enjoy the sport. It is located in Forest Road Park in a fenced in area and is open only to skateboarders and BMX bikers. The skatepark was made possible by the Fanwood Recreation Commission, the Recreation Trust Fund, a grant from Union County and the taxpayers of Fanwood. The Mayor and Borough Council have approved the following rules for the facility:



SKATE PARK RULES

- This facility is a "Skate at your own risk" skatepark. The borough assumes no liability in case of injury.
- The hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to dusk. Trespassing when the park is closed is strictly prohibited.
- No users under age 7 are allowed.
- Users ages 7 to 10 shall be accompanied by an adult of a minimum age of 18
- All users must wear helmets.
- Kneepads, elbow pads, and wrist guards must be worn by users ages 10 and under and are recommended for users.
- All users must wear appropriate footwear.
- All users must skate so as to avoid collision; skating against traffic is prohibited.
- All users must skate within their ability; reckless skaters will be asked to leave.
- The facility is designed for skateboards, inline skates, scooters and BMX bicycles. No motorized vehicles are allowed.
- Use of the facility is prohibited during wet, snowy and icy conditions.
- All users must inspect the surface of the facility before use, and remove any objects that may prevent a smooth, safe ride.
- No food is permitted inside the facility.
- No littering, glass bottles, alcohol, drugs, pets or loud music are allowed. Boom boxes are prohibited.
- Usage of profanity, indecent, obscene or abusive language or behavior is strictly prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited.
- Personal ramps, rails, boxes, and other apparatus and modifications to the skate surface are prohibited.
- No competitive or demonstration events or amplified music are allowed without prior approval from the Fanwood Recreation Commission.

Fall Recreation Program combines new programs and old favorites

Fanwood Recreation's fall lineup of after-school programs offers a fun, exciting mix of the old and the new. To register or get more information about our programs including detailed descriptions, dates, times, prices, and age groups, go to fanwoodrecreation.org.

Returning favorites such as LEGO Club, Babysitting Certification Class, Child's Play Challenge Course, Fall Into Tennis (tennis lessons), and Writopia. New additions to the schedule include Creative Art Lab and Toddler Playtime with BeCraftful. Plus, for our youngest athletes, USA Sport Group offers Total Sports Parent & Me, Total Sports Squirts, and Soccer Squirts.

Most of these programs will begin the week of Sept. 26, although the sports programs will begin earlier.



Mark your calendars for the exciting lineup of internationally-renowned musical talent and free poetry readings by distinguished poets on tap this fall at the Kuran Arts Center in the historic Carriage House on Watson Road. For more information and directions, go to fanwoodperformanceseries.org. and/or carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com.

Poetry Readings		Performance Series	
<p>Poetry readings begin at 8 p.m., and are free and open to the public. Featured readings are followed by an intermission and then an "open mic" opportunity for local poets to read one of their original poems. For more information, visit carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com.</p>		<p>All musical performances begin at 7 p.m. The suggested donation is \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students).</p>	
Sept. 20	Maria Mazziotti Gillan and Joe Weill	Sept. 10	Claude Bourbon, guitarist www.claudebourbon.org
Oct. 18	R. G. Rader, Alan Pizzarelli and Jean LeBlanc (Haiku Night)	Oct. 8	Brian Dunne and Kenn Morrffolk singers/ song writers www.briandunnemusic.com ; www.kennmorr.com
Nov. 15	Deborah LaVeglia and Mary Redus	Nov. 12	Rupert Wates, songwriter and performer, and The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo www.rupertwatesmusic.com ; vfsjazz.com

Library News

The Fanwood Library has announced its fall season of entertaining programs for adults and children alike. Check fanwoodlibrary.org/ events for more special programs. Here is the lineup:

FALL EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

From the week of Sept. 26 through the week of Nov. 14

BABY JUMBLE

for toddlers 12-24 months
Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m.

An open play session with music, cardboard, building blocks, board books, puppets, \$ more.

NURSERY RHYME TIME

for children 24-35 months
Wednesdays from 10:30-11 a.m.

Each child sits with their grown-up to enjoy songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and short stories with each other. Prior sign-up is not required.

LIBRARY JUMBLE

For children 3-5 yr. olds
Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.
repeated at 1:30 p.m.

Stories and Activities for 3-5 year olds. Prior registration required. Sign-up is weekly and takes place beginning one week prior to each session. Call or stop in to sign-up.

Sessions take place at 10:30 a.m. and are repeated at 1:30 p.m.

TELLERS OF TALES

Fanwood Memorial Library's Fall Festival of Storytelling

A series presenting compelling storytellers some of the country's top presenters sharing their stories in our intimate library setting for adults & families.

Beauty and the Beast Storytellers

Friday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

Robert Bela Wilhelm

Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.

Kit's Interactive Theatre

Halloween Night, Monday, Oct. 31 at 4:45 p.m. on the front lawn

The Story Pirates

Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

Little Productions

Saturday, Nov. 26 at 1 p.m.

The Magic Conductor's Reading Adventure

Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

BOOK SALE

The book sale has been a successful major fundraiser for 30 years. Despite the digital

access to so many sources, books in paper form are still popular. We have a lot to sell thanks to our loyal donors!

We cannot accept videotapes, vinyl records, condensed books, or yellowed, damaged, smelly books. We do welcome CDs and DVDs. For more information, please visit fanwoodlibrary.org/friends.

Our amazing crew of volunteers sorts through and categorizes over \$10,000 worth of books in a few short days. Please consider volunteering even a few hours; our volunteers enjoy seeing each other every year. To volunteer, contact friends@fanwoodlibrary.org.

Donation days and times

Sept. 9 1-5 p.m.
Sept. 10 & 12 9-4 p.m.
Sept. 13 1-8 p.m.
Sept. 14 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sale Days

Sept. 15 5 - 8 p.m. Friends Members Night
Sept. 16 & 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sept. 18 12 - 5 p.m. Bag day. All you can fit into a paper bag we prove.

Curbside Recycling Program begins



For the first time in 30 years Fanwood will begin curbside collection of household recyclables in partnership with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority (PMUA). Collection will take place every other Thursday. You will soon receive a mailer outlining dates, lists of acceptable recyclables and contact information.

In late September each household will receive a 96-gallon wheeled bin to collect bottles, plastics, aluminum, tin cans, newspapers, mixed paper and cardboard. All household recycling will be collected in this bin and rolled to the curb for pickup. If you have overflow you can bundle the paper and cardboard and stack it next to the bin at curbside.

Should you suffer from an illness or disability and cannot wheel the bin to the curb, you may apply for assistance. We simply require a doctor's note on letterhead documenting the condition. In those cases we will arrange for special side yard pickup. Residents should keep an eye out for your elderly or disabled neighbors to either help them with their bin or encourage them to apply for side yard pickup. Our objective is to collect every scrap of recycling!

For those items that cannot be accepted curbside, we will maintain a drop off location in Fanwood. On the first Saturday of every month Fanwood residents will be permitted to drop electronics, fluorescent bulbs, motor oil, scrap metal and cookware between 8 AM and 11 AM. The drop-off location and start date for this service is to be determined, but will be detailed in the forthcoming mailer.

Until the PMUA program is up and running, the Borough will continue to host recycling drop-off every Wednesday from 2:30 - 8 p.m. at the Recycling Center on North Avenue. If you have any questions about interim arrangements please call the Department of Public Works at 908-322-7404. Once calendars are finalized we will send the mailer to you, but for the most up-to-date details you can always rely on www.fanwoodnj.org

Things you CAN put out for curbside collection:

1. Household bottles and clear or colored glass
2. Household plastic containers including those with #1 through 7 (please remove tops)
3. Household aluminum cans, pie plates, tin cans (please rinse off any remaining food)
4. Newspapers (large amounts may be bundled and stacked on the ground)
5. Mixed paper (junk mail, inserts)
6. Books, magazines (large amounts may be bundled and stacked on the ground)
7. Cardboard boxes (flattened, large amounts may be bundled and stacked on the ground)
8. Metal clothes hangers

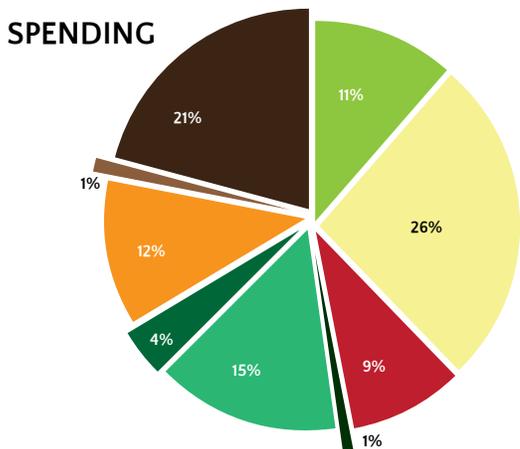
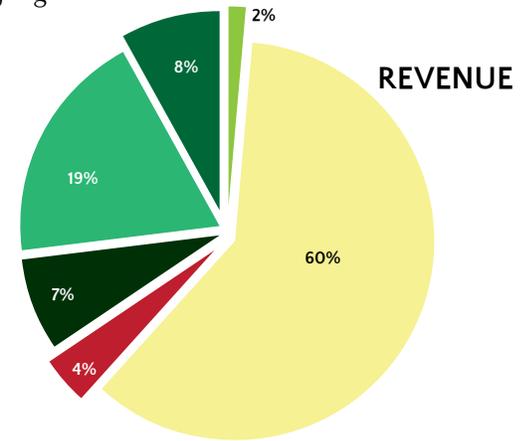
Things you CAN'T put out for curbside collection:

1. Scrap metal
2. Household chemicals or hazardous waste (cleaners, solvents, oil-based paints)
3. Electronics (computers, monitors, TVs, printers, hard drives)
4. Fluorescent light bulbs
5. Syringes
6. Aerosol cans
7. Single plastic grocery bags (residents may take multiple bags and ball them together into one piece)
8. Bulk waste (the Borough has annual bulk waste pickup in September)
9. Grass clippings, branches, leaves or other garden waste (the borough has regular pickup dates for these items)

FANWOOD'S FINANCES

The current fund is the primary operating fund of the borough. It pays for the services traditionally associated with local government. Included are police, parks and recreation, planning and economic development, general administration and any other activity for which a special fund has not been created. Municipal spending is only 21% of your entire property tax bill. County taxes account for 19% and school taxes are 60% of your property tax bill. School and county taxes are nearly 80% of the average property tax bill. Complete financial information can be found at www.fanwoodnj.org.

REVENUE BY SOURCE	2015	2016
● Receipts from delinquent taxes	\$190,000	\$160,000
● Local tax	\$5,999,000	\$5,999,000
● Library tax	\$363,000	\$381,000
● State Aid	\$755,000	\$755,000
● Miscellaneous Revenue	\$2,008,000	\$1,872,000
● Anticipated Surplus	\$690,000	\$784,000



SPENDING BY SERVICE AREA	2015	2016
● General Government	\$778,000	\$1,136,000
● Public Safety	\$2,208,000	\$2,647,000
● DPW	\$852,000	\$901,000
● Health & Welfare	\$72,000	\$93,000
● Insurance & Health Benefits	\$1,507,000	\$1,464,000
● Library Fund	\$363,000	\$381,000
● Capital Improvement & Debt Service	\$1,129,000	\$1,170,000
● Recreation & Community	\$93,000	\$102,000
● Miscellaneous Spending	\$3,003,000	\$2,057,000

Total revenues and expenditures: 2014 - \$9.64 million; 2015 \$10.01 million

Notes: Totals may not add due to rounding. (1): Library Tax is calculated per NJ statutes; (2); includes grants, fees and licenses, PILOTs and uniform construction code fees; (3): includes employee health benefits and insurance, workmen's compensation and unemployment; (4): includes grants, civilian pension, Social Security, special emergency authorizations and utilities.

Living within the 2% cap

In today's economy, municipalities also face pressures to sustain current levels of service while operating within the 2% cap. Additionally, state aid remains flat while costs continue to rise. The 2% cap, enacted in 2010, is a 2% limit on the annual increase on property taxes imposed upon local municipalities in New Jersey. In order to get around this, many municipalities have simply increased fees such as water or sewer. But, Fanwood has not. The borough has gotten creative in its financing efforts by attempting to create partnerships with neighboring towns and the county through shared service and has been proactive in its ability to bring in grants.

FANWOOD FACTS	2000	2010	2013
Population	7,174	7,318	7,510
Per capita income	\$34,804	\$43,474	\$46,775
Median household income	\$85,233	\$123,750	\$127,348
Median value of ratables	\$224,300	\$417,700	\$421,100
Assessed value of property	\$219.1 m	\$228.2 m	\$228.2 m
Total ratable units	2,615	2,686	2,611

Fanwood voters will head to the polls this November

New Jersey voters go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 8 to vote in municipal, county, state, and federal races. Polling locations will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Fanwood, Council members Kathy Mitchell and Tom Kranz are seeking re-election as Democrats. There are no Republican candidates for council on the ballot. Mitchell, the current council president, is running for an unprecedented eighth consecutive term on Council. Kranz is seeking his second term.

As election day draws closer, it's important to keep some dates in mind. If you aren't already a registered voter, the deadline for registration is Tuesday, Oct. 18 and applications are available from the County Clerk's office. The last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the General Election is Nov. 1. For general voting information, polling locations, or application inquiries please visit the county's website at ucnj.org. Applications are available at Borough Hall, online and at the County Clerk's office.

**RABIES CLINIC WILL BE HELD
ON OCTOBER 18TH, 2016 AT
LA GRANDE PARK 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

Senior Recreation offers diverse fitness classes

Fanwood Recreation announces its fall program schedule for Fanwood seniors. Most programs begin the week of Sept. 19 and run weekly through the week of Dec. 19:

Program Schedule	
Aerobics Tuesdays, 9–10 a.m.	Water Exercise (Aquajam) Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Zumba Gold section 1 Wednesdays, 1 1:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Line, Ballroom & Latin Dancing Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m.
	Zumba Gold section 2 Fridays, 9:15–10 a.m.

All classes will be held in the recreation building at Forest Road Park with the exception of Water Exercise, which will be held at the JCC of Central NJ Wilf Jewish Community Campus indoor pool. The fee is \$15 per program for Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents and \$30 for all others. To register online and pay by credit card, please go to fanwoodrecreation.org. Or, if you prefer to pick up a paper schedule and registration form and pay by check, please go to Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 N. Martine Avenue.

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