



Veranda Springs Views

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President's Letter

It's hard to remember when I am writing this letter, that by the time it'll be read, many of the things mentioned here will have already been experienced or have seen the light of day. For example, if I say Merry Christmas now, Christmas will be here and gone by the time the newsletter is published. But....

As is painfully evident, the pile of hurricane trash still adorns our park. Laura had gotten a promise that it would be removed by the end of November. Then, it was the end of the first week of December. Now it is promised to be removed by the end of December. Hopefully that means 2022. The trash along Old Tampa Road was removed recently so that's a good sign. The Manatee website reminds us that it took five months to clean up the last major hurricane.

Other remaining hurricane related park issues needing completion are the back gate and removing the trash from the back pond. FPL finally gave us the OK to power the gate with a new underground service line. Now, we are awaiting licensed electrical contractors to quote and schedule the task. They are still dealing with their own backlog of hurricane repair jobs. The pond issue is on Laura's list to be done soon.

The week of December 5 saw a flurry of activity to clean up the front gate area, the islands and the beds around the clubhouse. This came about after a new homeowner, Scot Ryan, volunteered to clean up the front gate and the islands. A mention of this in the coffee hour resulted in a team of volunteers. A seed sprouted quickly into a forest of workers. What a wonderful effort to improve the looks of our park. Thank you to all those who took part.

January will begin a new year of park activities. Aside from the usual social happenings, there will be a Meet and Greet party so new park members can meet their neighbors. Then comes the election night dinner in early February, and the election of new board members. March will bring a free luncheon to honor all those who volunteered throughout the year. These items for sure will not have happened by the time you read this letter.

Happy New Year to everyone, and thank you for the support you have given me and the board this year. It has been much appreciated.

Sincerely, Ted Hall

From the Manager

Hello Residents:

First I would like to introduce myself and my recent staff to all the residents that have not met us.

Laura Fallin property Manager

Current Administrative assistant Susan Bingham

New maintenance supervisor Mark Higgins

New maintenance man Phillip Daigle

Returning maintenance man George Such

Together as a team we have the goal to rebeautify Veranda Springs and make it the park we can all be proud of.

Please be patient, as we have a lot of work to do.

I have a few reminders for residents.

Lot rent is due on the 1st and you have a 4-day grace period till the 5th.

Our home office has notified us that any rent check received after the 5th must be charged a late fee.

Parking Guidelines.

All cars should be parked overnight in your driveway, if possible, any exceptions where it is necessary to park on the street should be done in a manner that does not block traffic or driveways. Never park in the grass.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

We are looking forward to a new year of productivity and positive changes.

Please bring any requested work orders to the Office so we can document.

Please try to refrain from bringing any complaints to our maintenance team. They are busy working.

Thank You for all of your support and encouragement. It is greatly appreciated

From the Management:

Reminder: Please DO NOT put your garbage bag by the curb without putting the bag into a can with a lid. We've had vultures, crows, and rats get into these bags by the curb in the last few weeks and your neighbors are complaining!

Emergency contact information – Please ensure your

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emergency contact information listed in the office has current phone numbers and names. Forms are on the back table in the clubhouse and available in the office.

During the office hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, the double glass doors are unlocked. All doors in the clubhouse lock behind you automatically after 4:00 p.m. when the clubhouse doors are locked by the staff. At all times, you will need your key to access the doors on the pool deck that lead to the restrooms.

Rentals/FSBO – Background checks are required for all prospective homeowners AND renters. Per the prospectuses in the park, homeowners that sell their home “by owner” or rent their home must have the prospective buyers or renters approved by park management before contracts are signed. Renters must be registered with the office. Forms are available in the office for this purpose. Please call the office if you have questions about this policy.

Home Resale’s – Our resale homes are listed on the Mobile Home Village website!! If you’ve been thinking of buying or selling a home in the park, now is the time! Make that change you’ve been talking about! We offer a referral fee to those owners that refer friends and family that results in the purchase of one of our listed properties. Resale information is posted on the bulletin board outside our office; handouts/flyers are available in the office. We have office hours Monday through Friday and are onsite and available after hours by appointment if you would like to see one of our listings or to sell your home. Any questions, please give our office a call!

Contact The Editor:

Anthony Wallace

9836 Sucia Circle

941-256-0888

email: vsnewsletter@outlook.com



Message From the Editor

As you may have already heard I am stepping down as editor and this will be the last newsletter I will be helping with. Without being there for almost two years and now having sold our house it is the right thing to do. I would like to thank all of the contributors to the newsletter for their continued efforts to make our newsletter so successful month after month, and year after year. I’ve enjoyed being part of the team. I would also like to thank Jean, of OnTrac Publishing, for the tremendous job they do for us each month.

Janice and I have enjoyed our time at Veranda Springs and will cherish our memories and the friendships we’ve made.

Taking over the editor’s position is Anthony Wallace. Anthony and his wife Pat have lived in VS for over 3 years, originally from PA they moved to Florida in 2015. He looks forward to serving the Veranda Springs community as your new Editor and I have great confidence he will do a great job for our community.



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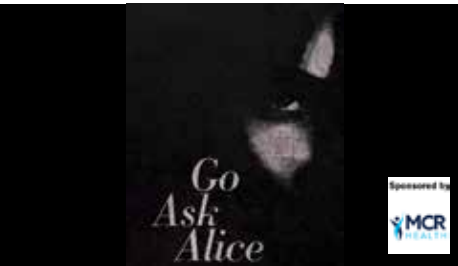
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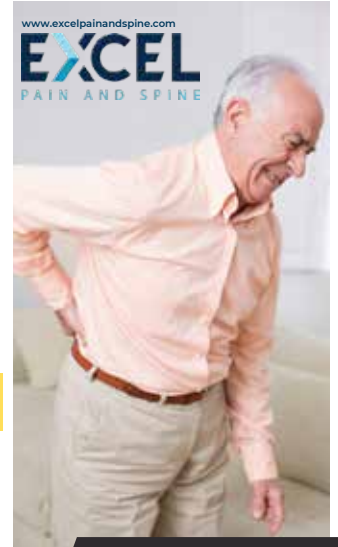
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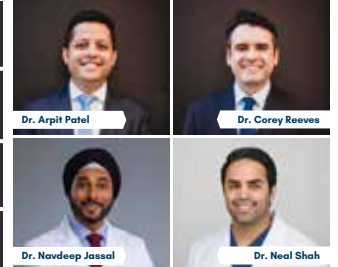
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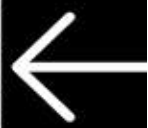
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Cheryl Longwell HOA Membership Head

Happy New Year Veranda Springs! January 2023 is upon us, which means that the 2023 Veranda Springs HOA (Homeowners Association) membership drive has begun. The 2023 membership dues are \$25.00. Your membership is good for the year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. You must be a homeowner to join the HOA.

As stated in our By-laws, "The general purpose of the Association shall be to effectuate harmonious community living, and to protect the welfare and safety of, and ensure communications among, the ... homeowners residing in Veranda Springs..."

If you haven't been a member in the past, I invite you to attend an HOA meeting. They are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Our community offers many activities and amenities. Membership in the HOA entitles members to discounted ticket prices for dances and entertainment and holiday gatherings, dinners.

To make it easier to join the HOA, there is an envelope enclosed in the newsletter. Just fill out the HOA membership form located in the newsletter along with the \$25.00, cash or check (made out to Veranda Springs HOA). You can put the envelope in the Membership slot in the Intra-Park mail service located in the clubhouse. Once I receive your monies, I will get you your membership card. You can also pay at the back table at Coffee on Thursday mornings. I'm usually there by 8:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Cheryl Longwell,
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Veranda Springs Home Owners Association HOA Membership Form

Members Names: _____

Members Resident Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

*** Annual Membership Fee: \$25.00 (payable by cash or check).**

Membership is valid from January 1 to December 31 of the current year. A membership card will be issued by our Membership Administrator.

*** Membership entitles the card holder to receive membership rates on all sanctioned HOA provided events and annual voting on the Board of Directors elections.**

Nominees running for the Veranda Springs HOA Board

Election night is February 6, 2023

To date, seven residents of Veranda Springs have agreed to run for the Veranda Springs Home Owners Association Board. Currently there are four board positions available. Nominations are still open so if you wish to nominate or run for the board, please contact a member of the Nominating committee as soon as possible.

The nominating committee consists of

Virginia Storey (chair), Pam Young, Faith Walzak, Dee Prichard, and Rita Dyer

Those elected will serve a two year term. The only position on the Board that requires a full time resident is that of the president. Board members must have lived/owned in the park for a year before they can be elected and must be paid HOA Members. Board Meetings are the third Thursday of the month during the months of September through April. All elected board members are mandated to attend these monthly meetings if they are in residence. Otherwise, they should phone in if necessary to make a quorum. Attending coffee on Thursday mornings and engaging in park activities and/or functions is also expected.

The several people who are running so far are:

Fred Crider, Kelly Erlink, Albert Johnson, Pauline Ransdale, Al Siems, Deborah Tucker, and Patricia Wallace

All of them meet the basic requirements of being residents/home owners in Veranda Springs for more than one year and are paid HOA members. Each of their pictures appears in this newsletter. There is also a poster in the clubhouse of those running. Each of them will take turns during one of the January coffees to tell you more about themselves, their qualifications, and how they can be of service to the HOA Board and residents of Veranda Springs. Each will be allowed three minutes of time for any questions and answers.



Al Siems



Debbie Tucker



Fred Crider



Albert Johnson



Kelly Erlink



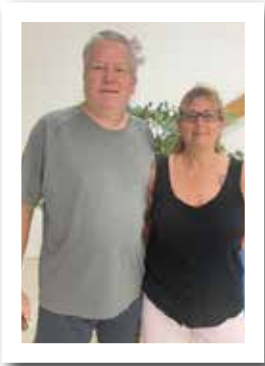
Patricia Wallace



Pauline Ransdale

 **Meet Your Neighbors** 

Patrick & Kirsty Callahan
9824 Sucia Circle



Patrick & Kirsty are full-time residents from Rochester, NY. Kirsty is the daughter of Lois McDonald, a longtime Park resident and our faithful mail lady!! Patrick has worked in the manufacturing industry and is looking for local employment in the non-manufacturing area, Kirsty worked in accounting in the Health Care field. She enjoys reading, the sun & relaxing. Patrick enjoys golf, music, concerts and shows. They both enjoy Woody's River Roo and their 2 Pug pups.

Ricky Gabriel
9951 Cape Haze Circle



Ricky is a seasonal resident from Andes, NY and is a cousin of Sue Reed, a resident in our Park. She has 2 sons in New York and 5 grandchildren. Ricky is a Nurse Practitioner and still working, with her specialty being plastic surgery. She should probably setup up shop in our Park!! Ricky enjoys quilting, snow skiing and camping.

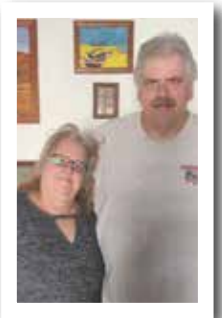
Jill Henderson & Scott Ryan
9918 Cape Haze Circle



Scott also enjoys gardening and is going to be sprucing up our Park islands as you enter Veranda Springs. Thanks Scott!!

Jill and Scott reside in Seminole, FL and will be renting their home for several years. Jill is the daughter of Shirley Henderson & sister of Sharon that reside on Asbury Drive. She is originally from Plantsville, CT & has one daughter. Scott is from Buffalo, NY and has spent time in Massachusetts. Scott is a waiter in Redington Shores, FL and has been in this profession for 33 years. Jill is a baker in Indian Rocks Beach. They both enjoy travel, the beach & fine dining!

Lori & Mark Vance
9905 Cape Haze Circle



Mark & Lori are year-round residents that moved in with Lori's sister Patty Menser after the death of their brother Doug. They have a special needs daughter, Donna Joy, living with them. They are both from Baltimore, MD originally but have spent the last 16 years in eastern Tennessee. Mark retired from fast food and nursing home employment & Lori is an LPN and still working. She suffered a heart attack recently & is recovering from triple bypass surgery. Lori is an executive producer of an internet radio station & enjoys crafts, writing & show business. Mark enjoys military history and constructs scale model historical replicas.

Maureen Buchanan
9707 Suncrest



Please welcome Maureen Buchanan who moved into VS in July, 2022 from St. Petersburg where she and her late husband lived for 21 years. She moved here to be near her daughters and grandchildren, plus her friend Kay Tranby. Maureen was born in NJ along with 10 siblings. She and her husband lived 3 years in Germany compliments of the US Army, as well as MN for 27 years. Her husband owned a Data company and later became a realtor. Maureen has worked part-time while being a full-time wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoys craft making, sewing, making creams with essential oils and has already participated in Trivia.

Judi Windle and Ranae & Jim Bricker

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Veranda Springs Social News

January 2023

Happy New Year!!

Hello Everyone and welcome to January. I hope everyone had a wonderful December.

Well, we had a full month of celebrating our Christmas season last month with lots of activities. It is wonderful to see everyone getting back together once again and joining in the fun that we always have here. We truly do have a wonderful park filled with the spirit of sharing and giving of ourselves. We began with Debbie Tucker, who gave a great presentation of "Cruise Information and what to expect" for those of us who will be cruising this year for the first time and a recap for those who are veteran cruisers.

We then had our Annual Christmas Brunch on the 17th hosted by Rob and Debbie Daucher. The food was excellent and a great job was done by Rob and Debbie and their many, many elves. We even had a visit from Santa himself.

Following, on the 18th was our Holiday Treat Exchange hosted by a great group of volunteers and Kelly Erlink. There were tasty treats and heaps of goodies to share. This was followed by a Golfcart, bicycle, and walker caroling for the park and for those who are unable to join in the activities.

Our New Years Eve Dance, hosted by Bill and Doreen Molloy, and again with a great crew of volunteers was a wonderful event ending our 2022 year and ringing in our 2023 New Year at midnight. As always it was a great time!

In January we will start off our activities with our Showtime headlined by Debbie Meyers on the 7th and our Annual Karaoke Night hosted by Jan and Nancy Fetterly. This is always a great time and an opportunity for our talented park members to shine.

Hoping your 2023 will be healthy and rewarding.

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Semi-Formal Dinner & A Show
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| 2 - Jan. | Donna Mohler | 21 - Jan. | Bonnie Siems |
| 3 - Jan. | David Freeman | 23 - Jan. | Patti Davis |
| 4 - Jan. | Kenneth Bussert | 23 - Jan. | Marcia Foley |
| 4 - Jan. | Pam Kline | 23 - Jan. | Theresa O'Reilly |
| 6 - Jan. | Lynn D'Amato | 23 - Jan. | Gloria Schendel |
| 7 - Jan. | Semyon Furman | 24 - Jan. | Anil Lund |
| 7 - Jan. | Charles Otto | 25 - Jan. | Rose Calanni |
| 7 - Jan. | Ron Wade | 27 - Jan. | Susan Fullum |
| 8 - Jan. | Dave Gibel | 27 - Jan. | Bill Gill |
| 8 - Jan. | Daniel Tilleman | 29 - Jan. | Joan Foley |
| 9 - Jan. | Victor Procopio | 30 - Jan. | Susan Bingham |
| 11 - Jan. | Pearl Corlew | 30 - Jan. | Peter Fossi |
| 11 - Jan. | Cheryl Fossi | 30 - Jan. | Ken Gerrard |
| 13 - Jan. | Linda Giguere | 30 - Jan. | MaryLou Schlottman |
| 14 - Jan. | David Babo | 31 - Jan. | Paulette Vanderwest |
| 14 - Jan. | Augustine Calvo | | |
| 14 - Jan. | Geza Kozmits | | |
| 15 - Jan. | Linda Calvo | | |
| 16 - Jan. | Jeannie Cooper | | |
| 17 - Jan. | Ruth Hennessey | | |
| 18 - Jan. | Dolores McElfresh | | |
| 18 - Jan. | Sue Wiedmeyer | | |
| 19 - Jan. | Jim Burdick | | |



January Anniversaries

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| 7 - Jan. | Mike & Linda Christensen |
| 9 - Jan. | Dennis & Jeanette Cooter |
| 13 - Jan. | Rodger & Carole Bish |
| 14 - Jan. | Bill & Sue Wiedmeyer |
| 15 - Jan. | Segundo & Martha Ordonez |
| 21 - Jan. | David & Sharon McCollister |
| 22 - Jan. | Augustine & Linda Calvo |
| 23 - Jan. | Kurt & Gloria Schendel |
| 28 - Jan. | Ronald & Bonnie Siems |



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Menu includes BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Hotdogs, Nachos and Ice Cream among other things. Come join us.



Craft Show, Bake Sale & Grill

A HUGE Thank You to everyone that contributed to the Craft Show, Bake Sale & Grill. It was a great success, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks to... the Vendors for bringing all your creative and beautiful products, the Bakers that donated their time and energy to fill our table, the Grill masters Bill Malloy, Dan Carr & Steve Stone, Pam Stone, who ran the kitchen with Edna Thomas, Cindy Walsh, Janet DeWitt, Rita Dyer, Jeanette & Dennis Cooter.

Also, many thanks to the volunteers who helped with sales and set up at the bake table, Charlotte Frank and crew for raffle ticket sales, and the men and women of VS, who help setting up, tearing down, guarding, and directing.

*Kudos,
Carol, Ginny & Faith*



JANUARY, 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1 <u>Eucere 2PM Clubhouse</u> <u>Texas Hold-em 6PM</u> | 2 <u>Water Aerobics 2-3PM</u> <u>Progressive Hand and Foot 7PM</u> | 3 <u>Shuffleboard 9AM</u> <u>Mahjong 1PM</u> | 4 <u>Water Aerobics 2-3PM</u> <u>Bingo</u> <u>4:30PM Doors Open</u> <u>Bingo Starts at 6PM</u> | 5 <u>Coffee-9AM</u> <u>Shuffleboard-10AM</u> <u>Canasta 1-3:30</u> | 6 <u>Water Aerobics- 2-3:00PM</u> <u>Darts 2PM</u> | 7 <u>Care Givers Meeting 11AM</u> <u>Showtime</u> <u>Debbie Myers</u> |
| 8 <u>Eucere 2PM Clubhouse</u> <u>Texas Hold-em 6PM</u> | 9 <u>Water Aerobics 2-3PM</u> <u>Progressive Hand and Foot 7PM</u> | 10 <u>Shuffleboard 9AM</u> <u>Mahjong 1PM</u> <u>Trivia 6:30PM</u> | 11 <u>Water Aerobics 2-3PM</u> <u>Bingo</u> <u>Ladies Poker 5:30PM</u> <u>Bingo</u> <u>4:30PM Doors Open</u> <u>Bingo Starts at 6PM</u> | 12 <u>Coffee-9AM</u> <u>Shuffleboard-10AM</u> <u>Canasta 1-3:30</u> | 13 <u>Water Aerobics- 2-3:00PM</u> <u>Darts 2PM</u> | 14 |
| 15 <u>Eucere 2PM Clubhouse</u> <u>Texas Hold-em 6PM</u> | 16 <u>Water Aerobics 2-3PM</u> <u>Progressive Hand and Foot 7PM</u> | 17 <u>Shuffleboard 9AM</u> <u>Mahjong 1PM</u> | 18 <u>Water Aerobics 2-3PM</u> <u>Bingo</u> <u>4:30PM Doors Open</u> <u>Bingo Starts at 6PM</u> | 19 <u>Coffee-9AM</u> <u>Shuffleboard-10AM</u> <u>Canasta 1-3:30</u> <u>Board of Directors 6:30 PM</u> | 20 <u>Water Aerobics- 2-3:00PM</u> <u>Darts 2PM</u> | 21 <u>Care Givers Meeting 11AM</u> <u>Karaoke Night 7PM</u> |
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Honoring All Veterans Past Present And Future.....

A few years ago, when we moved to Veranda Spring, we fell in love with the community spirit and family atmosphere here. However, we did notice something was missing. Veranda has many veterans and many families with veteran relatives. We have wonderful programs to celebrate Vets on Veterans' Day and to remember those who were gone before Memorial Day. But what about the rest of the year? So.....an idea evolved to honor who have served and will serve in the future, all year round – a monument. As they say, if you build it, they will come. We presented the idea to Mt Renner, and he approved and said go for it.

So, we have. We have come up with an idea and have gathered a few vets along with others to start to gather the funds to create this project. Things are very preliminary, but we do have a design like the picture below and hope to have it completed in 18 months. However, it is going to take money. Doesn't everything? We will be needing \$10,000 to complete the project. We will be raising the money privately with the HOA sanction. All funds will come from donations.

Over the next year and a half, you will notice distinct functions happening to raise money, ongoing sales of bracelets and other vet memorability, we are going out into to the local community of Parrish and Ellenton and beyond to bring in sponsors.

If any person wants to help raise funds, participate in some fun times and work for those who have helped maintain our liberty and freedom, we will be kicking off in January. Contact Debbie Tucker, Pat Wallace, Pat Olson and Steve Hamilton.

To close I would like to share a poem written by Andrea Christensen Brett in 2003 to tell what a veteran truly is.



I AM A VETERAN

*You may not know me the first time we meet
I'm just another on the street
But I am the reason you walk and breathe green
I am the reason for your liberty
I AM A VETERAN
I work in the local factory all day
I own the restaurant just down the way
I sell you insurance, I start your IV
I've got the best-looking grandkids you'll ever see
I'm your grocer, your banker
Your child's schoolteacher
I'm your plumber, your barber
Your family's preacher*

*But there is a part of me you don't know very well
Just listen a moment, I've a story to tell
I AM A VETERAN*

*I joined the service while still in my teens
I traded my prom dress for camouflage greens
I'm the first in my family to do something like this
I followed my father, like he followed his
Defying my fears and hiding my doubt
I married my sweetheart before I shipped out
I missed Christmas, then Easter
The birth of my son*

*But I knew I was doing what had to be done
I served on the battlefield, I served on the base
I bound up the wounded
And begged for God's grace
I gave orders to fire, I followed commands
I marched into conflict in far distant lands
In the jungle, the desert, on mountains and shores
In bunkers, in tents on dank earthen floors
While I fought on the ground, in the air, on the sea
My family and friends were home praying for me
For the land of the free and home of the brave
I faced my demons in foxholes and caves
Then one dreaded day without drummer or fife
I lost an arm, my buddy lost his life
I came home and moved on
But forever was changed*

*The perils of war in my memory remained
I don't really say much, I don't feel that I can
But I left home as a child and came home a man
There are thousands like me
Thousands more who are gone
But their legacy lives as time marches on*



2023



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WARM WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Ladies Lunch

The Ladies enjoy a lovely lunch last month



Ladies enjoyed making these cute mini ornaments and pins in Barbara McEneny's craft class.



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