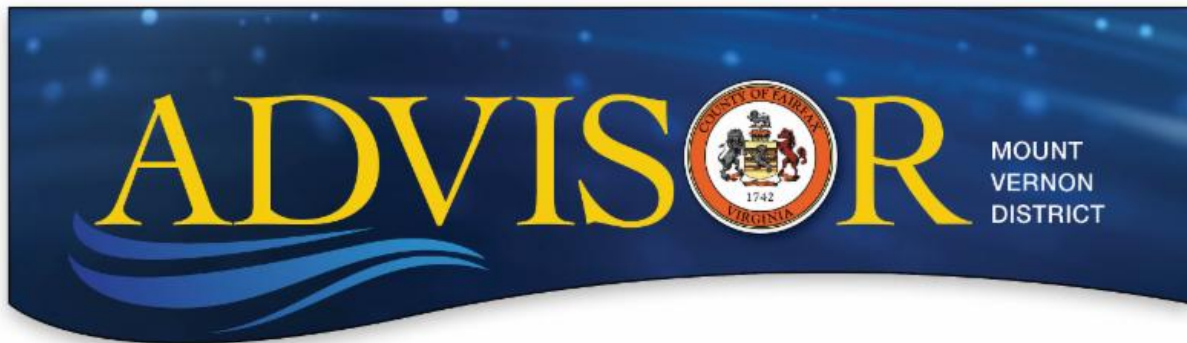


September 2019



Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back...September always feels like a time to **regroup and refocus**. Students are returning to school, summer vacations are ending and our Board and committee meetings begin again.

As a result of my **February 5, 2019 Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter**, the County will begin its first **Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)** this month. This will be a community driven process to **improve our environment and mitigate the effects of climate change** across the County. **Community engagement will be key** to the success of the CECAP, with District Focus Groups informing the County-wide Task Force and **all meetings open to the public**. I will be sure to inform you of all opportunities and hope you will take the time to **engage in this important step** to save people, places and property. I also continue to look for ways to improve the County's efforts on environmental issues, climate change, resiliency and adaptation. We must move **quickly and strategically** if we are to mitigate the **climate challenges we face**, especially in light of the heat, droughts and fires in many parts of the U.S. and around the world.

This fall will feature **two of my favorite events, 4th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride** and the **2nd Annual Environment Expo**. This year's Tour de Mount Vernon will be **Saturday, October 19 at 8:30 a.m.**, starting and ending at the **Workhouse Arts Center**. We will have a long ride and a short ride along the **scenic roadways and trails** in the southern portion of the District. Ride highlights this year include a **5-mile segment in Fort Belvoir**, Occoquan Park, Gunston Hall and Pohick Bay Park. **Register to join us today!** Details are still being coordinated for this year's Environment Expo, but it will be held on **Saturday, November 16 at Whitman MS**. **Watch the video and read about last year's event** to see what is in store for this year and plan to join us! A third highlight of this fall will be the **Workhouse Brewfest on Saturday, September 14**. **Buy your tickets** and sign up to **volunteer for the "Brew Crew"** today!

Other happenings this fall include a **reduced cost rabies clinic on September 8**, the **3rd Public Information Meeting** on the **Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** project on **September 17**, the **dedication of the Gerry W. Hyland Building on September 20** and **six County Strategic Plan Community Meetings**. With all these great opportunities to be involved, I encourage you to **join us for fun, meet your neighbors and share your opinions** to shape our future!

Respectfully yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Storck".

Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



Visit our Website

Tour de Mount Vernon October 19

Join me for the **4th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride** on Saturday October 19, 2019, at **8:30 a.m.**, starting and ending at the [Workhouse Arts Center](#).

Route Highlights: Some great places to visit or take Instagram photos. #TdMV2019

- Fort Belvoir – riding 5 miles on base!!
- Workhouse Arts Center
- Occoquan Regional Park
- Gunston Hall
- Pohick Bay Regional Park

[Learn more and register today...](#)



County Strategic Plan



Help Shape the Future of Fairfax County

What does the future of Fairfax County look like to you? We're planning for the **next 10-20 years of our community** and we need to hear from you! **What does your neighborhood look like in the future?** Parks, libraries and other cultural opportunities? Our local environment? Transportation, including roads, bikes and mass transit?

Join us at an **upcoming community meeting** where you'll learn more about progress on the first-ever countywide strategic plan. In the months since public feedback **yielded nine areas of focus**, teams have been working to further define and shape the future of our community. Come hear about each area, then **share your thoughts, insights, opinions and experiences** that will be used to help further shape a countywide strategic plan.

Click/touch a link below to register:

- Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke
- Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Justice High School in Falls Church
- Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7-9 p.m., at Chantilly High School in Chantilly
- Thursday, Sept. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at South Lakes High School in Reston
- **Monday, Sept. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Gum Springs Community Center in Alexandria**
- Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Marshall High School in Tysons/Falls Church

Arrangements for child care, transportation assistance, interpretation services and reasonable ADA accommodations can be made by calling Angela Jones at 703-324-5302, TTY 711, or by emailing Angela.Jones@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Arreglos para el cuidado de niños, asistencia de transporte, servicios de interprete, y acomodaciones razonables de la ley de Americanos con Discapacidad (ADA) pueden ser hechos llamando a Angela Jones al 703-324-5302, TTY 711, o mandando correo electrónico a Angela.Jones@fairfaxcounty.gov

Metro Summer Closure Update

Metro reports that it plans to **reopen all six stations** south of Reagan National Airport on **Monday, September 9, 2019**, for regular service. The summer shutdown has allowed them to make many **necessary repairs** to stations and tracks. In addition to making stations and platforms **safer and more accessible**, riders will see improvements to **enhance customer experience**. [Read more...](#)



[Read the latest updates on the project...](#)

South County Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA)

This is Your Chance to Shape the Re-Development of Fairfax County's Southern Region

Fairfax County kicks off the **South County Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA)** process that allows anyone to nominate **site specific land use changes** to the **Comprehensive Plan**, the guiding document for land use and development decisions in the County. The SSPA nomination process will run from **September 3, 2019 until December 3, 2019**. **Community involvement is key** in all stages of the SSPA process, from making a proposal to change the Plan, participating in the **community task force review**, or speaking at the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors public hearings to ensure the County continues to be an **attractive, safe and sustainable area for generations to come**. [Read more...](#)

Lorton Visioning 2040

What does the **future** of Lorton look like to **you**?

The Lorton Visioning initiative is a **collaborative** community effort among Lorton's community members and leaders with the goal of developing a **vision** of Lorton in 2040. Our mission is to **engage** with and listen to Lorton's 30,000+ residents and with your **involvement and support**, create a **powerful** Lorton 2040 vision.

<https://tinyurl.com/Lorton2040>



We would appreciate if you could also **share** the link with your friends, neighbors, and adjacent neighborhoods!

Upcoming Events

- Community Farmers Markets

- September Arts Events
- September Martha Washington Library Events
- Saturdays: English Conversation Group - 12:30 p.m.
- Sept 7: South County Office of Elections Satellite Service - 10 a.m.
- Sept 8: Reduced Cost Rabies Clinic - 12 p.m.
- Sept 10: South County Federation Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- Sept 11: FREE Educational Workshop, Lunch and Senior Service Vendor Fair - 9:30 a.m.
- Sept 11: The Songs of Insects: A Talk and a Walk - 6:30 p.m.
- Sept 11: Coastal Flooding Study Open House - 6:30 p.m.
- Sept 14: Owl Moon - 7 p.m.
- Sept 17: Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Public Meeting - 7 p.m.
- Sept 17: Virginia Climate Crisis Forum - 7 p.m.
- Sept 18: Building a Better Credit Report - 6:30 p.m.
- Sept 18: What the Constitution Means to Me - 8 p.m.
- Sept 19: DMV2GO at Sherwood Hall Library - 10 a.m.
- Sept 19: Thrifty Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 20: Naming and Dedication of the Gerry W. Hyland Building - 1 p.m.
- Sept 21: 2019 Mount Vernon Community "Day to Serve" - 9 a.m.
- Sept 22: 50+ Expo - 12 p.m.
- Sept 23: County Strategic Plan Community Meetings - 6:30 p.m.
- Sept 23 & 24: DMV2GO at Hollin Hall Senior Center - 9 a.m.
- Sept 25: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting - 8 p.m.
- Sept 28: The Fairfax: Carry Forward 5K - 8:30 a.m.
- Sept 28: Child Safety Seat Inspections - 9:30 a.m.
- Sept 28: Finding Your Roots - Researching in Your Own Backyard - 9: a.m.
- Oct 2: Venture into Volunteering Fair - 10 a.m.
- Oct 4: HOAs and Condo Associations: Sustainable Solutions to Landscaping Headaches - 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 5: South County Office of Elections Satellite Service - 10 a.m.

In the News



New Hope Housing Thanks Volunteers at Annual Appreciation Breakfast

Haircuts. Homes. Meals. IDs. Voter registration. On Saturday, Aug. 10, **New Hope Housing recognized six individual and five group volunteers** for providing all of these things and more to **homeless individuals and families** in Northern Virginia at its annual **Volunteer**

Appreciation Breakfast. This year's honorees include: Keller Williams Metro Center, Paul "Spud" Willis, Ravi and Chanda Athale, Susan Kuhbach, Bruce Horovitz, Les Gemmes Inc., Indomitable Women 4 Agape Life (IW4AL), The Potomac School of McLean and Dick Alderson. Read more in the Mount Vernon Gazette...

Lieber Gate Opens and Walker Closes

August 26 was an important day for Fort Belvoir's progress and future, as the long-awaited, **new Lieber Gate opened for traffic.**

Simultaneously, **Walker Gate closed on August 23** for bridge reconstruction and the **hours at Tulley Gate changed to 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.,** weekdays. **Commercial truck traffic will now access the**

installation through Lieber Gate, with dedicated truck inspection lanes on the right. Drivers who enter Fort Belvoir through Lieber Gate will then be on **Meade Road,** where they can turn left onto **Gunston Road** to reach Fort Belvoir's South Post; or right toward North Post, the school, Exchange and Commissary. [Read more in the Belvoir Eagle...](#)



High School Firefighter Program Kicks Off Fourth Year



Mount Vernon Police Station in the Community



On August 13, **PFC Katie Treichel & MPO Marvin Goodley** organized a **"Chalk With a Cop"** event at the day camp located at the **Gum Springs Community Center**. It was a perfect day to be outside! Officers gave **tours of our police cruisers**, made sure every kid had a **"Junior Police Officer" badge sticker**, and created **beautiful chalk artwork**.



On September 2, **Officers at the Mount Vernon Station** enjoyed the day at **Good Shepherd Catholic Church** at their annual **International Festival**. There was something for everyone at this event. There were **different food cuisine tents**, live music, dancing, raffles, and **games for kids of all ages**. Officers enjoyed **interacting with community members**, answering questions, and **playing games with the kids**.

School News



Here Comes the Bus Mobile App

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has launched the **Here Comes the Bus** mobile app at all **FCPS locations**. Know when your **bus is approaching your stop!** This school bus tracking app can **simplify morning and afternoon routines** for parents and students by giving them **real-time bus location and text or email notification alerts**, helping them get to

the bus stop on time. Here Comes the Bus utilizes GPS data and an easy to use customizable map that **works on one or multiple devices**, such as a tablet or smartphone. [Read more...](#)

Dominion Announces Electric Bus Initiative

Next year, Dominion Energy will partner with **local school districts** to begin **replacing diesel buses with electric** in phases, starting with 50, then adding 200 per year for the next 5 years. This initiative will **benefit our environment, our communities and our schools**. A Request for Proposal for electric manufacturers is underway and the application for school districts opened September 5, 2019. **FCPS anticipates submitting a proposal**. The new electric buses will also include seatbelts. [Read more...](#)

Transportation News

BRT Public Meeting September 17, 2019

Fairfax County will hold a **third Public Information Meeting** on the **Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** project on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the gymnasium at **Bryant High School located at 2709 Popkins Lane in Alexandria**. The meeting will feature an open house from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., with a **presentation at 7 p.m.** **Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)** staff and project consultants will provide **updates on the BRT project** (including the system design and potential property impacts), discuss next steps, **answer questions** and **take public comments** from the community related to the planning and design of the BRT system. **Free transportation from select locations, on-site childcare and Spanish translation** will be provided. [Read more...](#)

[BRT Project Newsletter...](#)



Hybrid Cars and HOV Lane Rules Change

On **September 30, 2019**, due to sunset/expiration of the relevant provision in 23 USC 166, **hybrid vehicles with "Clean Special Fuel" license plates will no longer be eligible to use HOV lanes** in the Commonwealth without the requisite number of occupants. [Read more...](#)

Supporting Our Seniors

FREE Educational Workshop, Lunch and Senior Service Vendor Fair

Mount Vernon at Home is hosting this wonderful **FREE Educational Workshop, Lunch and Senior Service Vendor Fair** for our deserving area **Older Adults and area Senior Advocates** to enjoy on **September 11 from 9:30am - 12:30pm** at the Mt. Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Rd. **Limited Seating ~ RSVP's required** to obtain a Seat #. Any questions, please feel free to call 703-303-4060! [Read more...](#)



[View the flyer...](#)



Fairfax 50+ Expo on September 22, 2019 at Springfield Town Center

Don't miss the Fairfax 50+ Expo where **dozens of informative exhibitors** — including government agencies, nonprofits and local businesses — will provide **giveaways and helpful information**, answering questions about retirement communities, home remodeling, financial planning, health care, travel, fitness, senior services and more. There will also be **speakers and exercise demonstrations**, health

screenings and **flu shots**. In addition, the **AARP Shredder Truck** will be on hand to securely dispose of your sensitive documents. The keynote speaker is **Dr. Matthew Mintz, a board-certified internist and Washingtonian Top Doctor**. The Expo is **free from noon to 4 p.m.**, no registration is necessary and parking is plentiful. The event is sponsored by The Beacon Newspapers **in partnership with Fairfax County** and several local businesses. **For more information**, call 301-949-9766 or [visit](#).

NEW! County Initiative to Support Family Caregivers

Fairfax County is launching an **initiative to help family caregivers of older adults and adults with disabilities** to access County programs. These programs include **case management, in-home respite, caregiver support and webinars, wellness workshops**, and much more. Family caregivers are invited to subscribe through the Fairfax Alerts System to **receive email or text notifications of county caregiver services and events** beginning September 24. [Subscribe now](#) and select *Area Agency on Aging*.

Fairfax 50+ Podcasts

Fairfax 50+ produces regular podcasts that provide **valuable information for seniors** in our community. August podcasts highlighted:

- [The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia](#)
- [The Fairfax 50+ Podcast Talks the Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program](#)



Important Safety Messages



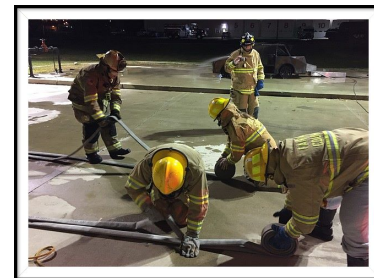
Coastal Storm Risk Management Study Open House

On **September 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Martha Washington Library**, the Council of Governments and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District are hosting an **Open House for members of the public** to

learn about and **submit comments** on a study of **coastal flooding problems and potential solutions** along the Potomac River and its tidal tributaries in Northern Virginia. A **formal presentation** will occur **at 7:30 p.m.** In addition to the meeting, **members of the public are encouraged to share** any information or datasets related to flooding or flood risk management that may be relevant to the study, including reports, photos or other digital data, as well as climate change impact analyses or studies. **Please email this information** to the [study team](#). [Read more...](#)

Community Fire and Rescue Academy Accepting Applications

Want to learn more about the **Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department**? Want to participate in an interesting, **fun-filled, eight-week program** that will show you what firefighters and paramedics do every day? The Community Fire and Rescue Academy is open to people **18 and older who live in Fairfax County**. Each session will cover different aspects of the organization, providing an in-depth overview of the department and its uniformed and civilian workforce. **Program topics include:** fire suppression, emergency medical services, training, recruitment, special operations, and other interesting topics. **CFRA Applications will be accepted until Sept. 13, 2019.** [Learn more...](#)



Managing Trees in Preservation Areas

If you **own property that is near a stream**, it may be part of a network of **preservation areas** known as **Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Areas (RPAs)**. RPAs have been established around **coastal areas and tributaries** in Virginia to **protect water quality** in the Chesapeake Bay. RPAs were created by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act in 1988 which **required the**



management of land development practices and land use planning. [Read more about what this might mean for you...](#)

Community Information

First Time Home Buyers Programs

The **Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority** (FCRHA) has been awarded an additional **\$4 million in Community Homeownership Revitalization Program** (CHRP) funds for fiscal year 2020 by the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA). CHRP funds **increase the affordability of home purchases** through lowering the interest rate by one percentage point. The County has a **variety of affordable housing, first-time homeowners and current homeowners programs**. [Learn more...](#)



U. S. Census 2020: Everyone Counts Community Dialogue

We need your help! Every 10 years, the United States Government **counts each person living in the country** through the U. S. Census. **Fairfax County uses census data** to pay for programs, buildings and resources our families use every day. **Help us make sure everyone gets counted.** Join the dialogue **September 25, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** at the **Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque**, 3159 Row Street, Falls Church. **Lunch will be provided;** event will be live streamed and archived; **registration is required.** [Read more...](#)

Financial Empowerment Center Classes

Building a Better Credit Report, presented by Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch, on **September 18, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**, South County Building, Room 220. Learn about **actions that can affect your credit score**. To register or for more information call 703-704-6101, [Click Here!](#)

FREE Budgeting class, **Thrifty Thursday**, Thursday, **September 19, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**, South County Building, Room 219. Identify tools to help you **manage your money** and prepare a personal spending plan or budget. [For more information](#) or call 703-704-6101 or [Click here to Register!](#)



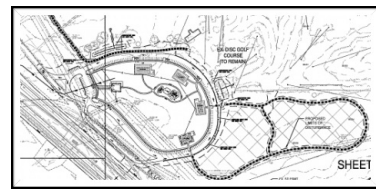
Made in Fairfax Network

Fairfax County is launching the “Made in Fairfax” Network for **Small-Scale Producers** - from textiles, hardware, woodworking, and metalworking to breweries and local food production. The Network will **bring peer businesses together** to raise the visibility of local makers and products. There is **no cost to participate** in this group. **Interested?** [Join the Network](#) at or [email](#).

Meals On Wheels Seeking Volunteers

Can you help **deliver meals to homebound residents** in the Mount Vernon area? The Fairfax Area Meals on Wheels Program is **looking for volunteers** who can help at least **one weekday a month for 2 hours**. If you’re only **free on weekends**, you can lend a hand in other ways! Some of our **neighbors live alone** and cannot drive themselves to the store to **run their errands**. Others would love to **see a friendly face** and just chat for a couple hours. Check out [Volunteer Solutions](#) to see how you can help!

Laurel Hill Park Central Green New Facilities Construction Underway



The Fairfax County Park Authority recently began construction on the **Laurel Hill Park Central Green** in Lorton. Project completion is contingent upon the weather, however **completion is anticipated in Spring 2020**. The project includes construction of **picnic pavilions, asphalt loop road, parking, trails** and supporting infrastructure to include stormwater management facilities.

On another note, due to unrelated construction at Liberty, the **Lorton Road entrance to Laurel Hill Park-Giles Run Meadow is closed for approximately three months**. [Read more...](#)



Thinking about volunteering? Already a volunteer and looking to add something new and fulfilling?

Fairfax County invites you to the **Venture into Volunteering Fair** at the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, on **October 2 from 10 a.m. -**

2 p.m. Representatives from **90+ organizations will be there** to share information about a wide variety of **volunteer opportunities in Northern Virginia**. Attendees can even help onsite that day by **bringing shelf-stable food to donate** to Food for Others, **dental hygiene supplies** for the Children's Project Mobile Dental Van, **old hearing aids/eyeglasses** for the Lions Club, or by **donating blood** to the American Red Cross. **It's all free** and no registration is necessary. **Door prizes** throughout the event! [For more info...](#) and call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your blood donation.

Election Officers Needed for the Nov. 5, 2019, General Election

Fairfax County needs **hundreds of election officers** for the **Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019**, general election. Election officers are **paid \$175** for working a full day, although officers also **can volunteer their time**. Election officers must be **registered to vote in Virginia** and must attend a **three-hour training class** before they can work at the polls. For more information, watch the video below and [click here](#).



More Resources:

- [Video: Frequently Asked Questions About Personal Property Tax Assessments](#)
- [Volunteer for One of the Park Authority's Many Watershed Clean-Up Days This Fall](#)
- [Upcoming U.S. Citizenship Classes at the Library](#)
- [REGISTER TODAY! Putting for Pets Captain's Choice Golf Tournament](#)

Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff: Anna Smith, Sally Kidalov, Christine Morin, Supervisor Dan Storck, Camela Speer, Donna Slaymaker & Abdul Shaban.

August 2019 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1591
- Meetings: 120

Stay Connected:

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Mount Vernon, VA 22306
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mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Each Month (except August)
Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins and by appointment

Boards, Authorities and Commissions

Help **serve your community** by serving on a Fairfax County Board, Authority or Commission (BAC). Please ask your friends, neighbors and community members if they are willing to help serve Fairfax County. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:

There are also several **At-Large positions available** as of September 1, 2019 on County BACs.

- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Engineer/Architect Rep)
- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Lending Institution Rep)
- Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy Board (two open)
- Civil Service Commission
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- Human Rights Commission
- Road Viewer Board
- Tenant Landlord Commission (3 openings - Citizen Member, Condo Owner, Landlord Member & Tenant Member)

[Click here](#) to learn more about these BACs.

Volunteering on these committees **increases citizen participation** in our District. If you are interested in serving on a county board, authority, commission, or committee (BAC), please provide a current résumé to Donna.Slaymaker@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information, please download the [brochure](#) for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on the County [website](#). You can also **check out the County's Volunteer Management System** for information on these and **other volunteer opportunities** near you.

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