

# Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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## From the Supervisor's Desk

Water District Nos. 3 (Iverson Road) and 4 (Cockram Road West) are complete, with many more potential water districts in the works. Due to limited funding from Rural Development, it may take some time to complete these future water districts. Stu Brown Associates and Chatfield Engineering are continuing to work to secure funding and are in the process of completing the income surveys for grant funding, and cost estimates of combined water line extensions.

The Town is in the process of replacing two generators in the Byron filter beds as the old ones are 25 years old. This will insure continual household flow during power outages.

It has come to the Town's attention that vandalism has been happening at the gazebo in Firemen's Park. As a community, we need to be aware of what's going on in our Town, and if you happen to see suspicious activity in our parks or Town, please report it immediately. Vandalism costs the Town money, and with your help we can keep our parks safe and clean.

Bob Crnkovich, Supervisor

## Town Clerk

Hunting licenses went on sale on August 16th, so that means the first round of doe permits has begun. October 1st is the deadline for the 1st round of doe permits, with another round starting November 1st, if there are any left. The price for a hunting license has remained the same as last year.

Starting January 1, 2011, the Town will take over the duty of sending out dog license renewals. Each dog in the Town will be receiving a new license tag at renewal in 2011. This is necessary because the State will not be collecting dog information after January 1st, and a new dog database will need to be established with new tag numbers for each town in the state. The cost of a license may increase due to the cost of postage, paper, envelopes, new dog tags, etc. I will keep you informed as we progress along in the process.

Also, the Town is required to do a dog census in 2011. Our last census was done in 2008. It is important that you remember to license your dog if it is 4 months or older. This is not a Town Law, but New York State Law. To ensure that you do not receive an appearance ticket for an unlicensed dog, please take the time to register your animal. If you receive a renewal in the mail and your dog has passed away, please call me to let me know so that I can take him/her out of the system.

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

## FIREPLACE / CHIMNEY / ALL SOLID FUEL BURNING EQUIPMENT

### I. PERMITS

To obtain a permit you must provide the following information with the completed permit application form available at the Byron Town Clerks Office:

#### A. Tape Location or Instrument Survey Map

Copies of this map are often included with the papers you received at closing, or at the offices of the mortgage holder. Occasionally a copy may be found in the Town Building & Property Files. Please call ahead to determine availability.

#### B. Make, Model Number and Literature of Any Manufactured Appliance or Chimney To Be Used

Manufactured appliances and chimneys must be listed as tested by a laboratory recognized by the State of New York. Proof of listing usually accompanies the installation documents and, in the case of appliances, you will find a tag affixed to the appliance itself.

#### C. Make, Description and Literature of Required Wall and Hearth Construction

All appliances must be installed on a non-combustible base in conformance with the installation instructions for the equipment. These instructions often specify combustibility, size and composition, including the heat transfer resistance rating that must be achieved.

#### D. Chimney Termination Location Information

You must be able to provide the distance between the proposed chimney and openable windows, roof, adjacent buildings, etc. When making your application you will need to discuss this with the Building & Zoning Department personnel (refer to Section IV).

#### E. Contractors as Applicants (Requirements)

The contractor must provide a current certificate of Workers' Compensation. For self-employed contractors, a waiver of Workers' Compensation must be submitted. The address where the work will be done must be noted on the insurance certificate before submission.

#### F. Permit Fees

Permit fees vary from year to year. They are user fees that offset the costs of permitting, inspection, and records maintenance. The State of New York requires records for this type of permit and inspections performed, and the Town of Byron must maintain these records and keep them on file for seven years after the demolition of the building containing the appliance or chimney.

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## **G. To Obtain a Permit for Existing Appliances & Chimneys**

It is not always possible for the Town to issue a permit for pre-existing, solid fuel-burning appliances or chimneys. The Town will perform an inspection, upon payment of the appropriate fee at your request, as the first step in the permitting and certification process. Often pre-existing installations that were installed without permits are not inspected, do not conform to the building code, and must be modified or removed.

## **II. INSPECTIONS**

Inspections are required during construction. A final “on completion” inspection resulting in the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance, is required before you can use the equipment (request inspections by calling 548-7123 X 15). Please allow 24-48 hours.

### **A. Chimneys**

- Masonry fireplaces & the chimney serving a masonry fireplace are inspected before footing is poured, then upon installation of the first flue, and at completion before use.
- Masonry chimneys serving a manufactured appliance (ie: wood stoves) are inspected before footings are poured, then at placement of the first flue above a connector, and again upon completion before use.
- Factory built chimneys are inspected after installation but before enclosure. A copy of applicable installation instructions must be maintained on the site for the inspector’s use during this inspection. The chimney is also inspected upon completion.

### **B. Appliances**

- Masonry fireplaces are inspected at placement of the first flue above the smoke chamber and upon completion before use.
- Wood stoves or factory built fireplaces are inspected before enclosure at a time when required distance to combustibles and hearth/wall protection construction is visible. Final inspection before use is also required. Manufacturer’s installation instructions must be maintained on the site for inspector’s use during the inspection.
- Fireplace inserts are inspected after direct connector/liner is installed but before unit is placed in the fire box. Final inspection before use is also required. Manufacturer’s installation instructions must be maintained on the site for inspector’s use during the inspection.
- Solid fuel & combination furnaces are inspected during installation, before the chimney is enclosed and upon completion before use. Manufacturer’s installation instructions must be maintained on the site for inspector’s use during the inspection.
- Gas fired appliances should be inspected during installation. These devices are required to be direct vented to the outside and installed per UL listing, AGSA Code. Standing pilot lights are NOT allowed with manual shutoffs. Final inspection before use is also required. Manufacturer’s installation instructions must be maintained on the site for inspector’s use during inspection.
- Masonry fireplace repairs - Since fireplace and venting repairs vary depending on the degree of work needed, you should consult with the Building Inspector at the time of permit application to determine the appropriate inspection procedure.



### **C. Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Smoke Detectors**

Smoke alarms are required to be installed in the following locations:

1. In each sleeping room.
2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and cellars, but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics.

Carbon monoxide alarms are required to be installed in the following locations:

1. On any story of a dwelling unit or sleeping room where fuel-fired appliances and equipment, solid-fuel burning appliances and equipment, fireplaces or attached garages are located.

Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are permitted, provided the alarm is listed for such use and has distinctly different alarm signals for smoke or carbon monoxide alarm activation.

### **III. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

A Certificate of Compliance will be mailed to you upon completion of the final inspection. Receipt of this certification allows you to start using the equipment. It is recommended that masonry installations be allowed to “cure” for thirty (30) days before being used.

### **IV. SOME COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID**

- All chimneys must end at least twenty (20) feet from any building opening and penetrate a roof to be at least two (2) feet above any portion of the roof construction within ten (10) feet of the chimney.
- Hearths for wood stoves, and manufactured fireplaces must be constructed of the proper materials in the required thickness. For specific requirements, contact the appliance manufacturer for recommendations.
- Make sure the room in which the appliance is located is sufficient to provide required combustion air.
- Flues must be sized in accordance with the provisions of N.F.P.A. 211.
- Connectors between an appliance and a chimney must be secured with rivets or screws and have proper clearances to combustibles.
- Hearth extensions must be sized in accordance with manufacturer’s specifications or in the case of masonry fireplaces, the requirements of N.F.P.A. 211.
- Mantles must be placed so that the combustible components cannot be heated to temperatures in excess of 175 degrees, or ignited by sparks or embers from the fire.
- Connectors should be installed with the crimped end down so precipitate runs back into the appliance.
- All appliances must be listed by, and bear the label of an accredited testing laboratory.
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## **SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Masonry chimneys must be constructed of solid block with maximum and minimum separations maintained throughout the construction. Properly selected refractory mortars must also be used in certain locations. For further information, request the publication Tech Spec 3 from:

The New York State Concrete Masonry Assoc., Inc.

307 South Hamilton Street

Watertown, New York 13601

(315) 788-1330

The specification code in effect in New York State, is N.F.P.A. 211 available from:

National Fire Protection Assoc.

Batterymarch Park

Quincy, Massachusetts 02269

(800) 244-3555

## **WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE**

In the event of a fire involving your fireplace, chimney or wood-burning appliance:

**CALL 911** Do not attempt to extinguish the fire before notifying the fire department.

**ALERT** other family members and meet outside your home at your prearranged meeting spot.

**LEAVE A LIGHT ON OUTSIDE YOUR HOME** so the fire department can quickly locate you.

**DO NOT REENTER YOUR HOME** until after the fire department has determined that it is safe to do so.

**WARNING: A Certificate of Compliance issued by the Building & Zoning Department is required by Section 1260 of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, before placing any solid fuel burning appliance or chimney into operation. An inspection by a Code Enforcement Official must be made before placing a solid fuel burning appliance or chimney into operation, after a fire.**

## From The Historian's Desk

Businesses come and businesses go as in any town or city, but a few staples stay. There is only one business in Byron that has been here since the 1840's or 1850's, and that is The Byron Hotel (per the Architectural Heritage of Genesee County, NY 1st Edition 1988, and my notes). The Byron Hotel, which is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of New York Routes 262 and 237, is a nearly square brick building which has been the focal point of the Byron business district for many years. Zeno Terry purchased the property from David Cathcart and Masterton Uri in 1827 and built the hotel circa 1840 – 1850. The next owners were: 1860 Ira Hodges; 1865 Betsey Leonard; 1890 Alice Clark; 1892 Lincoln Knapp; 1895 Elizabeth Hicks; 1897 William Arnold; 1903 to 1906 Luther Foster; 1906 to 1945 James Lynch, 1912 James Lynch had the porch built on the east and south side.; 1945 Nicholas Cesarano; 1955 George Greentaner; 1958 John Palmer; 1973 John Durelth; 1996 Greg Goodrich; and 2001 Candice Hensel, who is the current owner.

Robert Wilson, Historian

## Byron Presbyterian Church

### BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Byron Presbyterian Church will launch the backpack program again this fall, providing a backpack of nutritious, easy to eat food items each weekend of the school year for about 30 students. Each week the students return the backpacks to be re-filled.

In addition to the 2009-2010 school year, we also provided two families with backpacks over the summer. The kids were so happy to get the backpack each week!

If you are interested in providing food items for the backpacks please contact our church office for the list of items needed (548-2800, or [office@byronfpc.org](mailto:office@byronfpc.org)). Please follow what is listed (for instance, we want 100% juice if you get juice boxes - not sugary drinks!). You can also make a donation to the Backpack Project by sending a check at any time to the "Byron Presbyterian Church" indicating it is for the backpack program. 100% of every donation goes to support this program.

If you are interested in helping pack bags and dropping them at the schools (both elementary and middle school) please get in touch with Pam Kenward! (548-7746). Thank you for all your support.

### Abitibi Paper Retriever Program

We appreciate all of the newspapers, magazines, office and school paper, shopping catalogs, mail, envelopes, folders, fax and copy paper, colored paper that people from Byron have been placing in the Abitibi Recycling Bin located behind the Byron Presbyterian Church! Our Byron Presbyterian Church Youth Group earns \$5 for every ton of paper dropped in the bin. It's open for business 24/7, but please, no cardboard or plastic bags. Thank You!

# Upcoming Events

## ***Genesee County's Individuals With Disabilities Dance at the Byron Fire Hall***

Thursday, September 23rd (Sock Hop) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 17th (Halloween Dance) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 21st (Country Western Dance) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 19th (Christmas Dance) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

***Sponsored by the Byron Ladies Auxiliary.***

## ***Kiwanis Annual Western Beef BBQ & Auction, Sunday, September 26th 12:00-3:00 p.m.***

South Byron Fire Hall. Adults \$8.00, Children \$4.00, 3 years and younger free

## ***North Bergen Presbyterian Church Fish Fry, Friday, October 1st 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.***

Dinner will consist of fish, roasted potatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, rolls, beverage, and homemade desserts. Takeouts will be available. Presale tickets: Full portion \$8.00, half portion \$5.00. Tickets at the door: Full portion \$8.50, half portion \$5.50. For presale tickets call 494-1815.

## ***Byron Fire Department Gun Raffle, Saturday, October 2nd 5:00-10:00 p.m.***

Early Bird Special Drawing on September 18, 2010. Featuring a 2 person "Hog" Hunt from Tioga Boar Hunting, PA. \$15/per person includes 12 raffles and refreshments. Tickets available Monday nights at the Fire Hall.

## ***Famous Turkey Dinner, Sunday, October 24th 11:00 a.m.-2 p.m.***

***Byron Presbyterian Church. Featuring homemade rolls, pies and much more. Tickets are \$8.00, take-outs available.***

## ***North Bergen Presbyterian Church, Saturday, November 6th 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

Second Annual Harvest Craft Show. Lunch and raffles will be available. If you would like to be a crafter, call Vickie Bonin at 494-1388 for an application.

## **2010 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic**

Offered by the Genesee County Department of Health on the following dates and locations:

**September 16, 2010 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Pembroke Highway Department**

**October 21, 2010 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**LeRoy Village Highway Garage**

A \$5 voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret is requested to offset clinic expenses.



# Byron Fire Department

It is the time of year to get the house ready for another heating season. It is recommended that all heating systems be inspected annually by a qualified technician so they are both safe and efficient. All solid fuel heating systems should have their chimneys cleaned and inspected every year to prevent chimney fires and to prevent carbon monoxide from entering the house. When houses are all buttoned up and the heating systems are working hard is the time we have the most fires and the most Carbon Monoxide poisonings.

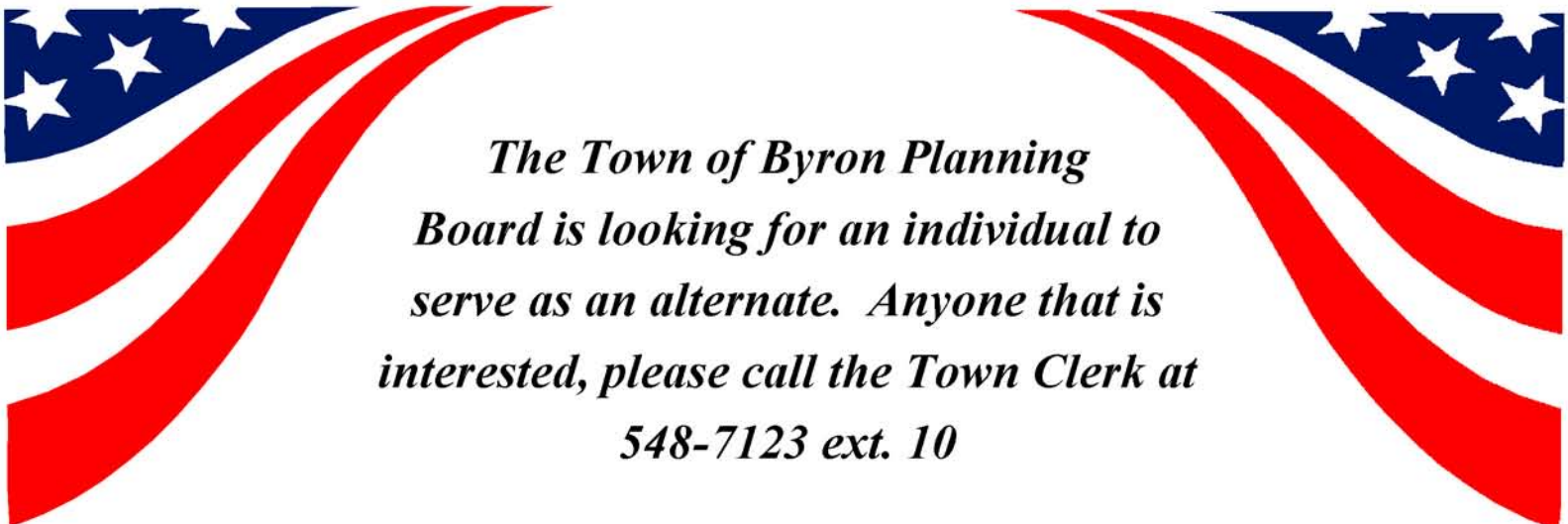
All residential units (houses, apartments, labor camps, rentals etc) are required to have both smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors. CO detectors are required on all floors that have a carbon burning appliance such as a gas or oil furnace, a gas hot water heater, a gas stove, or other device. They are also required on all floors that have sleeping quarters. Most 2 story homes in our area need 3 CO detectors. CO is colorless, odorless, and deadly. The only way to detect it is with a CO detector. The symptoms of CO poisoning are headaches, flu like and the lips turning deep red. If you have symptoms that reoccur when you are home, but go away when you leave the house for an extended time, you may have CO poisoning. If you suspect CO poisoning leave the house immediately and call 911.

John Durand, Chief

## Byron Rescue Squad

The Byron Rescue Squad has purchased a new Stryker Power Lift Gurney to help with the transportation of patients. This new gurney has the capacity to lift 700 lbs. We are hoping this new gurney will make it easier and safer to load patients. This gurney also has what is referred to as a Gatch. This is a joint in the mattress at the knees that can be raised as needed to support the patient's legs in a more comfortable position. This will take the place of putting pillows under the legs. This gurney also is very easy to keep clean, and is more comfortable.

New EMT classes are starting this fall and more members are always needed. If you do not want to be a medic we always need people to keep records, do administrative work, help with fund raising, grant writing, etc. Just stop by the hall any Monday night at 7:00 pm or email me at [John\\_d\\_14422@yahoo.com](mailto:John_d_14422@yahoo.com).



***The Town of Byron Planning  
Board is looking for an individual to  
serve as an alternate. Anyone that is  
interested, please call the Town Clerk at  
548-7123 ext. 10***



# Byron-Bergen Library

This year's summer reading program "Make a Splash-Read!" was a success!!! Over 190 children participated! Thank you to all our junior volunteers!! We couldn't have done it without your help!

Thank you for your continued support of our summer reading program: Demo's Truck Sales, Ralph & Rosie's, Greg's Bakery, Chark's Glass & Mirror, Rose Garden Bowl, Harris Wilcox Inc., Craft Supplies Unlimited, Lou & Diane Romano, Low Key Construction, Wendy's, Lift Bridge Book Store, Darien Lake Amusement Park, Seabreeze Amusement Park, Target of Batavia, McDonalds of Brockport, Wal-Mart of Brockport, and Wegmans of Brockport. Without the generous donations of these merchants and individuals, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

Our Book Discussion Group will begin meeting on September 9th to discuss the book Under the Tuscan Sun by Frances Mayes. This group meets the 2nd Thursday each month: October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th. Come join the fun!

Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 17th. Join us for a story, craft and a treat! This is recommended for ages 3-5 but younger children are welcome with their parents/guardian.

## **Registration is appreciated.**

Family Story time will start again so put these dates on the calendar for everyone to participate in a story, craft and snack! Join us on September 21st, October 19th, and November 16th at 6:30 p.m. No Registration required!

Holiday Craft night on December 16th at 6:30- come join us as we make a special gift to give to Mom or Grandma. Registration required. Call the Library for more information or to sign up.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!!! Stop by the Library and get ready to explore!!! All you need is a driver's license to sign up. If you are 18 and younger, we need your parents/guardian to come in and sign you up.

Library hours are:

Tuesday 10-12 & 2-8

Wednesday 1-8

Thursday 2-8

Friday 10-5

Saturday 9-1

We are open Saturdays Starting September 11th so stop by and see us!

The National Safety Council Babysitting class will be offered at the Library on October 8th from 9-2. You must be at least 11 years old to attend. Call or stop by before October 2nd to register. The cost is \$40 and includes workbook.

Come check out our newest books: Running Scared by Lisa Jackson, The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest by Steig Larsson, and The Postcard Killers by James Patterson and Liza Marklund, and many more!! If they are not on the shelf, check us out on the web at [www.byron-ergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-ergenpubliclibrary.org) to reserve your copy!

We have been adding to our books on CD and MP3 CD collection The Glass Rainbow by James Lee Burke, The Red Queen by Philippa Gregory, and House Rules by Jodi Picoult. We have Playaways available

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too with many new titles like Not Even For Love by Sandra Brown, Altar of Eden by James Rollins, and A Touch of Grace by Lauraine Snelling. Playaways are a compact audio book that you loan out and all you have to do is attach earphones and go! Great new way to listen to books!

If you don't find what you are looking for at the Library, then we can order it for you from the NIOGA Library System. The website is [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and click on catalog to see if our system has the book you are looking for. You then can call the Library at 494-1120 or stop in with your request or questions on all events.

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet on 3 computers, and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. Check us out on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) or stop in and we will assist you! You can also friend us on Facebook to keep up with the latest events. For more information on our services or programs, please call the library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading-  
Nancy Bailey, Library Manager



Mill Pond was graced with the presence of this beautiful Pelican on June 23rd. The Pelican, which is unusual to see in this part of the country, was the talk of the Town (it even cleared out The Byron Hotel). Many people stopped by the pond to take pictures, or just to check out the Pelican frolicking with the geese. It was quite an impressive sight with it's very large bill and swan like grace.

## Byron Town Hall

Primary: September 14, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

General Election: November 2, 2010

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.



# 2010 Cruise In Winners

1st Place: Steve Starowitz 1946 Chevy Pickup



2nd Place: William Palone 1942 Pontiac



3rd Place: Ed Smith 1936 Mercedes



## Byron Heritage Festival 2010

On behalf of the Byron Heritage Festival Committee we would like to thank everyone in the Town of Byron and surrounding areas that came out to enjoy the Heritage Festival, and the many people that contributed in any way! We hope to see you all again next year!

If you are interested in being a part of the Heritage Festival Committee for 2011, please contact Debra Buck-Leaton at 548-7123 ext. 10.

**Town Clerk's Office Hours:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**

**9:00 a.m.-12 noon & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Closed on Thursday**

**Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Phone Number and Extensions:**

**Town Hall - Highway Garage - Sewer Dept.**

**585 - 548 - 7123**

**Supervisor – Robert Crnkovich Ext. 14**

**Home: 548-7767**

**Town Clerk – Debra Buck-Leaton Ext. 10**

**Highway Dept. - George Heins Ext. 11**

**Cell Phone: 703 - 3309**

**Sewer Dept. Ext. 12**

**In an Emergency 585-507-9245**

**CEO/ZEO – Ken Kuter Ext. 15**

**Assessor - Barry Flansburg Ext. 17**

**Town Justice DiMatteo 343 - 2770**

**Town Justice Lamkin 548 - 2818**

**Councilman Jeff Thompson**

**Councilman Jack Redick**

**Councilwoman Jeanne Freeman 548 - 7197**

**Councilman John Ivison 509 - 2262**

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