



# City Connection



## CITY OF COLUMBIA'S 1ST GO RED WALK

Join us for the Go Red Walk in support of American Heart Month. The walk will be held on February 20, 2015 at City Hall beginning at 12 p.m.

**When: February 20, 2015**

**Where: City Hall, 1737 Main Street**

The Go Red For Women movement encourages awareness of this issue and action to help save lives. A press conference and community photography session will be held and both men and women are encouraged to wear red.

For more information, visit [columbiasc.net](http://columbiasc.net) or call Public Relations at 803-545-3020.



# City Talk

**City Talk is now on Sound Cloud!**

**Tune in to this week's episode to hear:**



**Guest: Councilwoman  
Tameika Isaac Devine**

**Topic: Go Red Walk**

**Listen here:**



**Watch here:**



**For more information about today's topic, contact the  
Public Relations Department at 803-545-3020.**



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# The Week Ahead

## CITY OF COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING BAND SUBMISSIONS FOR 2015 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is accepting submissions for the 24th Summer Concert Series in Finlay Park. Concerts will be held during the months of June, July and August.

The department is seeking bands that have a diverse music repertoire. Interested bands are asked to provide an electronic media kit, which should include a recent photograph of the band, and sample music and video of the band performing. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2015.

Email an electronic press kit to Kim Mitchell at [kcmitchell@columbiasc.net](mailto:kcmitchell@columbiasc.net).

Press kits can be mailed to:  
City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department  
Attn: Kim Mitchell (Summer Concert Series)  
1111 Parkside Dr.  
Columbia, SC 29203

For more information, please call the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

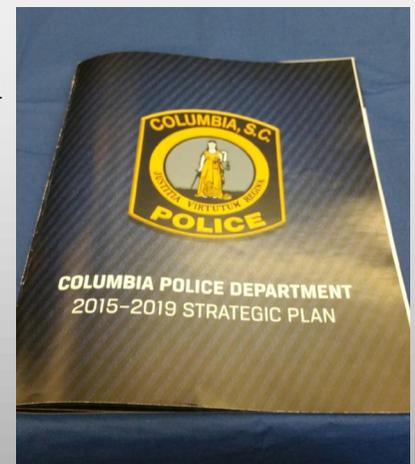
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## COLUMBIA POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM HOLBROOK ANNOUNCES CPD'S 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Columbia Police Chief William Holbrook announced the completion of the Columbia Police Department's 5 year Strategic Plan. The CPD 2015-2019 Strategic Plan sets forth the direction of the Police Department for the next five (5) years. Included in the plan is an outline of some of the challenges and opportunities currently before the department. The goals outlined in the plan are focused on four key areas:

- Staffing and Facilities
- Professional Development
- Policing
- Equipment and Technology

The goals and strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan will provide the direction and support for the necessary growth and advancement of the Columbia Police Department.



To view and/or download the CPD Strategic Plan, visit [www.ColumbiaSC.net](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net) or [www.ColumbiaPD.net](http://www.ColumbiaPD.net).



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## COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO BECOME LOCAL LIFESAVER

This basketball season, Mayor Steve Benjamin, the city of Columbia and the American Red Cross invite you to join a lifesaving team by giving blood. The fifth annual Columbia Lifesavers “Hoop it Up” blood drive is **7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St.**

Over the years, the Columbia Lifesavers blood drive has resulted in 1,154 pints donated, potentially helping to save the lives of 3,462 individuals.



“We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Mayor Benjamin, the city of Columbia and the American Red Cross South Carolina Blood Services Region Board of Directors to raise awareness in the Columbia community about the need for blood,” said Ryan Corcoran, Community CEO for the American Red Cross South Carolina Blood Services Region. “The Columbia Lifesavers blood drive is a wonderful opportunity for us to work together to save lives. Every pint of blood collected is a chance to help three patients in need.”

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. There is no substitute. Hospitals and patients depend on the generosity of volunteer blood donors. The entire donation process takes only about an hour and in that short time, blood donors can score a potentially lifesaving three-pointer: Each donation can help save the lives up to three patients.

“Every year I’m blown away by how many people come out to participate in this wonderful initiative and we expect this year to be better than ever,” Mayor Benjamin said. “This event helps save lives because every two seconds someone needs blood somewhere in America. There’s only one place to get it: volunteers like you.”

All presenting donors will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, a basketball stress reliever and a bag of Starbucks coffee, while supplies last.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code famouslyhot.



## COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL PRESENTED WITH LET'S MOVE! GOLD MEDALIST BANNER

Columbia City Council was presented with the Let's Move! Gold Medalist banner from the National League of Cities at its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.



The banner will hang on the Laurel Street side of City Hall beginning in March.

The City of Columbia was recognized at the National League of Cities' (NLC) annual conference in Austin, Texas for achieving gold medals in all five Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC) goal areas—the highest distinction a community can receive.

Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC) is a major component of First Lady Michelle Obama's comprehensive Let's Move! initiative which is dedicated to solving the childhood obesity epidemic within a generation.

Medals are awarded to local elected officials based on achievements in each of the following five goal areas:

- **Goal I:** Start Early, Start Smart: Promoting best practices for nutrition, physical activity, and screen time in early care and education settings
- **Goal II:** My Plate, Your Place: Prominently displaying MyPlate in all municipal or county venues where food is served
- **Goal III:** Smart Servings for Students: Expanding access to meal programs before, during and after the school day, and/or over summer months.
- **Goal IV:** Model Food Service: Implementing healthy and sustainable food service guidelines that are aligned with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- **Goal V:** Active Kids at Play: Increasing opportunities for physical activity

Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine was also presented with an award for her dedication to Let's Move! Columbia and to improving the health of citizens in the City of Columbia.

At its annual conference in Austin, the National League of Cities recognized Councilwoman Devine in the "Most Dedicated Local Elected Official Award" category.

The City of Columbia is among an elite group of 24 cities and counties out of approximately 500 cities, town and counties across the nation that have earned five gold medals as a result of their leadership and dedication to ending childhood obesity and improving the health of their residents.



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## REGISTRATION PERIOD OPEN FOR ADULT SPRING SPORTS

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for Spring Adult Sports in softball and kickball. Participants age 18 and over have the opportunity to play, practice good sportsmanship and expand their athletic skills in these city-wide leagues.

Registrations are as follow:

Adult Softball for Men's D League, Coed League and Restaurant Coed League

FEE: \$300 per team

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 27

SEASON BEGINS: Games start the week of March 10

COACHES MEETING: On March 3 at Earlewood Park Community Center, 1113 Parkside Drive, at the following times: Men's, 6:30 p.m.; Coed, 7 p.m.; and Restaurant, 7:30 p.m.

Games for the Men's D League will be held on Tuesday nights.

Games for the Coed League will be held on Sundays.

Games for the Restaurant Coed League will be held on Wednesdays

### Adult Coed Kickball League

**FEE:** \$300 per team

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** February 27

**SEASON BEGINS:** Games start the week of March 16

Games will be held on Monday and Wednesday nights.

There will be 10 officiated games and game balls will be provided.

### Adult Law League Softball

**FEE:** \$300 per team

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 6

**SEASON BEGINS:** Games start the week of March 17

**COACHES MEETING:** There will be a coaches meeting on March 17 at 6 p.m. at Earlewood Park Community Center.

Games will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights

To download a registration form, visit the Parks and Recreation Department's "Athletics" page online. Registration forms are also available at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive.

The registration form and payment must be returned to the Parks and Recreation Administration Office. Make checks and money orders payable to the City of Columbia.

For more information, please call Parks & Recreation at 803-545-3100 or email [cetaylor@columbiasc.net](mailto:cetaylor@columbiasc.net).



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## ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The City of Columbia is seeking persons to serve on a variety of boards and commissions. Participation is another way city residents can take part in their government. Below is a list of boards and commissions that currently have vacancies.

### Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Seeking one (1) District 1 Applicant.

The purpose of BPAC is to advise the Mayor and City Council Members, the City of Columbia transportation planning staff; community organizations; and partners on bicycling and pedestrian issues facing the city; to work toward development of bicycle/pedestrian master plan; to represent community and constituent interests in transportation planning decisions; and to provide feedback to staff on projects relating to walking and bicycling. Current appointees need to re-apply for consideration. Term – 2 years.

### Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee

Seeking four (4) Applicants for Appointment/Re-Appointment. Two (2) Applicants must in the restaurant industry and two (2) are At-Large. All applicants must reside and/or work within Columbia city limits.

This committee is tasked with reviewing applications for hospitality tax funds and making recommendations to Council for disbursement of those funds. Term – 2 years.

The term of office is two (2) years with the possibility of one (1) reappointment.

### Design/Development Review Commission

Seeking one (1) Architect, one (1) Community Representative, and one (1) Realtor. Applicants must be residents on the city.

The purpose of the Design/Development Review Commission (DDRC) is to review and approve work proposed within the City's historic districts, urban design areas, and upon designated landmarks.

Term – 3 years.



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Parks and Recreation Foundation

Seeking four (4) Applicants.

Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation enhances the leisure service opportunities in the City of Columbia by improving the scope and quality of educational and human development programs. It encourages, recruits, receives, and administers gifts, devises, and donations by deed, will or otherwise, for the advancement of the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department. Term – 3 years.

Property Maintenance Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Seeking seven (7) Applicants for Appointment/Re-Appointment who are qualified by experience and training (i.e. architect, contractor, engineer, property manager) to pass on matters pertaining to property maintenance.

The purpose of the Property Maintenance Board of Adjustment and Appeals is to hear appeals of notices or decisions issued under the International Property Maintenance Code. Term – 3 years.

**Deadline – Applications are due no later than March 6, 2015, 5 p.m.**

For applications and more information contact Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268 or send a request to [cflucius@columbiasc.net](mailto:cflucius@columbiasc.net). You can also visit our website at <https://columbiasc.gov/boards-commissions> to download an application.

**Councilman Cameron Runyan  
to host February Open House**

Monday, February 23, 2015  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Woodland Park  
6500 Olde Knight Parkway

For more information or to schedule an appointment,  
please call 803-545-3061.







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# Pet of the Week: Wolf



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## Columbia Animal Shelter

127 Humane Lane, Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: 803-776-PETS (7387)

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Pet of the Week!

MEET Wolf! (ID# A196405)



Wolf is a two-year-old German Australian Shepherd mix. He is caring and extremely intelligent. Wolf is also neutered and microchipped. Come see if he's the pet you've been looking for!

Visit Wolf and other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit [www.columbiasc.net/animal-services](http://www.columbiasc.net/animal-services) or call 803-776-PETS for more information.



All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com). Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

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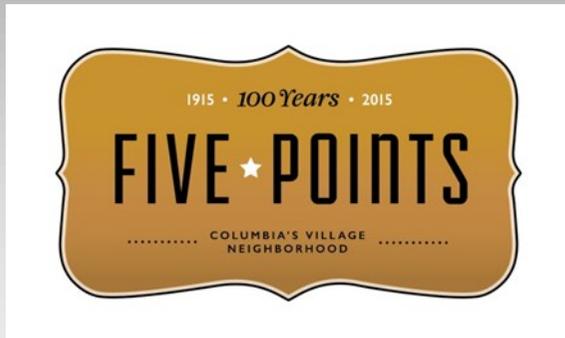


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# Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

## FIVE POINTS BLOOD DONATION MONTH



Wear your blood donation sticker to a participating Five Points business for discounts and offers. Participating restaurants include Qdoba, Sid & Nancy, Gentleman's Closet and more.

**Location: Columbia Blood Donation Center – 2751 Bull St.**

**Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Admission: Free**

**Phone: 803-251-6087**

**Website: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/promotions/sc/february-five-points-donor-month>**

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL: CLAFLIN @ BENEDICT



Come out and support your local team as they play against Claflin.

**Location: HRC Arena – 1600 Harden St.**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

**Admission: \$10 – See website for more information**

**Phone: 803-705-4535**

**Website: <http://benedicttigers.com/schedule.aspx?path=mbball&tab=basketball>**



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

## DISNEY LIVE! MICKEY'S MAGIC SHOW



Abracadabra! It's Disney Live! presents Mickey's Magic Show Presented by Stonyfield YoKids Organic Yogurt! Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and a host of Disney friends come together with a world-class illusionist to perform magic from legendary Disney films right before your eyes!

**Location: Colonial Life Arena – 801 Lincoln St.**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Admission: \$47 Front Row, \$37 VIP, \$32, \$27, \$22**

**Phone: 803-576-9200**

**Website: <http://www.coloniallifearena.com/events/eventpages/517.asp#.VNaGuyz31Ms>**

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## FILM: IN OPEN AIR: A PORTRAIT OF THE AMERICAN IMPRESSIONISTS



In Open Air: A Portrait of the American Impressionists captures the essence of the impressionist movement in America, a pivotal period in American art from 1880 to 1915.

**Location: Columbia Museum of Art – 1515 Main St.**

**Time: 3 p.m.**

**Admission: Free with membership or admission**

**Phone: 803-799-2810**

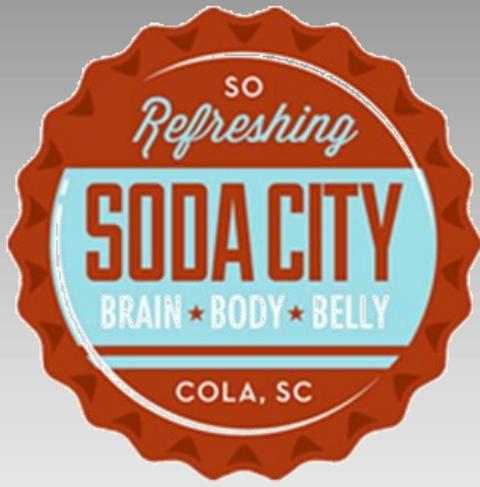
**Website: <http://www.columbiamuseum.org/events/calendar>**



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

## SODA CITY MARKET



Come by for the season's best produce, meat, dairy, flowers and baked items from farmers, bakers, gardeners and artisans in Columbia!

**Location:** 1500 block of Main Street

**Time:** 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE (Free entry, but prices vary for each vendor)

**Phone:** 803-269-3241

**Website:** [Sodascitysc.com](http://Sodascitysc.com)

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## THE PALLADIUM SOCIETY CHILI COOK-OFF

The annual Chili Cook-Off features a variety of chili recipes, judging by local celebrities, live music and prizes for the winners. This year's event will feature performances by The Capital City Playboys, Dave Britt Music and The Ruby Brunettes.



**Location:** Music Farm Columbia – 1022 Senate St.

**Time:** 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Admission:** Palladium Society members: \$15;

**Historic Columbia members:** \$25; **General public:**

**\$30; Cooker entry:** \$20

**Phone:** 803-252-7742 x15

**Website:** <http://www.musicfarm.com/event/772249-palladium-society-chili-cook-columbia/>



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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

**FREE SUNDAYS AT COLUMBIA MUSEUM OF ART**



Free Sunday general admission sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina.

**Location: Columbia Museum of Art – 1515 Main St.**

**Time: 12 – 5 p.m.**

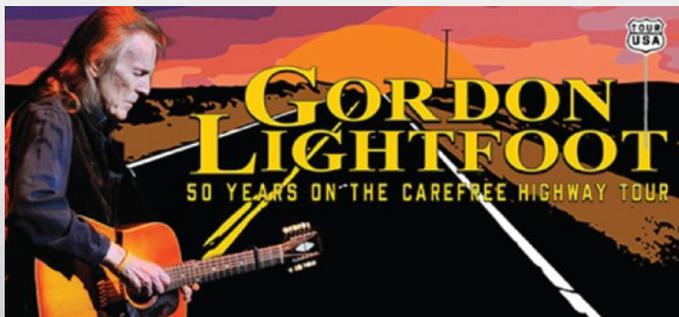
**Admission: FREE**

**Phone: 803-799-2810**

**Website: <http://www.columbiamuseum.org/>**

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**LEGENDS OF THE NIGHT SKY: PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA LASER SHOW**



Legendary Canadian singer-songwriter Gordon Lightfoot performs as part of his 50 Years on the Carefree Highway tour. Credited with helping define the folk-pop sound of the 1960s and 1970s, Lightfoot will perform such hits as “If You Could Read My Mind,” “Sundown,” “Early Morning Rain,” “Carefree Highway” and more.

**Location: Kroger Center – 1051 Greene St.**

**Time: 8 p.m.**

**Admission: \$39 - \$64**

**Phone: 803-251-2222**

**Website: <http://kogercenterforhearts.com/>**



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# Go Red Fashion Show

The City of Columbia's 1st

## Go Red Fashion Show

When: February 27, 2015

Where: Convention Center—1101 Lincoln St

Time: Reception begins at 5p.m.

Fashion show begins at 6p.m.

Tickets: \$25 per person



Hosted by:  
City Councilwoman  
Tameika Isaac Devine



Emcee:  
WIS News Anchor  
Judi Gatson



Entertainment Provided

by Nikita B  
Comedian

#GoRedColumbia

Special Collection by

Sergio Hudson  
Designer



\*A majority of the proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.

For more information visit, [columbiasc.net](http://columbiasc.net) or call Public Relations at 803-545-3020.

Tickets can be purchased at City Hall, 1737 Main Street or at  
Jaaber Isaac Law Firm, 1419 Richland St.



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# Save Our Fort!



## WE NEED YOU TO SAVE OUR FORT!

Fort Jackson is being threatened  
with headcount reductions.

What does losing HALF of the jobs at Fort Jackson mean?

- Inability to train soldiers
- \$189 million immediate economic impact
- \$2.6 billion future economic impact
- Business closures
- Jobs lost

...Columbia no longer exists as we currently know it.

## Let your voice be heard!

Your presence speaks loudly and lets the United States Army know just how critical Fort Jackson, our soldiers, their families, civilian employees and our military partners are to our nation's defense and the greater Midlands community.

Help us prove that we are the  
"Most Military Friendly Community in America"

## U.S. Army Community Listening Session

Thursday,  
February 26, 2015

Shandon Baptist Church  
5250 Forest Dr.  
Columbia, SC 29206

### Agenda

- 2 PM Doors Open  
*Musical Entertainment*
- 3 PM Program  
*w/ Governor Haley*
- 4 PM Comments from the  
General Public

Let us know if we  
can count on you!

[tinyurl.com/SaveOurFort](http://tinyurl.com/SaveOurFort)

*there is no cost to attend*

### For More Information:

[columbiachamber.com](http://columbiachamber.com)

[@colascchamber](https://twitter.com/colascchamber) #SaveOurFort

[colascchamber.wordpress.com](http://colascchamber.wordpress.com)

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# Lifesavers Blood Drive

## LIFE SAVER

American Red Cross

5th Annual Columbia Lifesavers Blood Drive

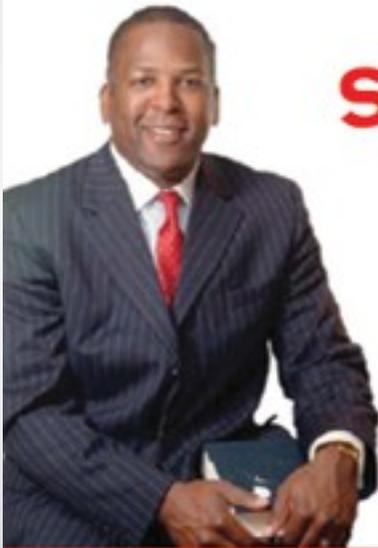
**SAVE THE DATE**

Friday, February 27

7 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

To schedule your donation appointment, please visit  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



Sponsored by Mayor Steve Benjamin, the City of Columbia and the American Red Cross S.C. Region Board of Directors



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# Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
February 17 at 6 pm	COUNCIL MEETING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers



# City Media

[www.ColumbiaSC.net](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net)



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City Talk on SoundCloud

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