

Mayor and City Manager to share community vision, updates on crime and homelessness, and economic development at State of the City Address

City of Whittier staff and leaders, including Mayor Joe Vinatieri and City Manager Jeff Collier, will reflect on City accomplishments from the past year, discuss current community concerns including the legal constraints on the City with regard to homeless encampments and review the City's vision and plans for the future, at the annual State of the City Address presented by the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee.

This popular event in partnership with the DoubleTree by Hilton Whittier, along with event sponsors Athens Brookfield Services, Residential, Kaiser Permanente, Republic Services, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, Suburban Water and the YMCA, is open to all businesses and residents of Whittier and will be held on Thursday, May 23 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 7320 Greenleaf Ave. Registration and breakfast will open at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are \$20 per person.

This year's Address will highlight development projects throughout the City, as well as public investment in the City, capital improvements, infrastructure upgrades, traffic mitigation and the City's budget and long-range forecast. Officials will also provide information and updates on the Uptown parking structure and streetscape plan, the



The Whittier Chamber will provide opportunity to connect with local elected officials at the

General Plan process, and the Gold Line transit extension.

"I am proud to serve as the Mayor of this community and to work alongside so many dedicated and engaged residents and business owners," stated Mayor Joe Vinatieri. "My focus will be making sure that our community remains a safe and vibrant one for years to come. We will continue to look for opportunities to enhance our city by supporting economic development efforts, investing in public

State of the City Address on May 23 safety and planning for our future," he continued.

"The Whittier Chamber is pleased to provide access to our local elected and city officials and host this important event for our community," stated Chamber Chair of the Board Elizabeth Martinez from Republic Services. "There are some exciting opportunities for our City right now and the State of the City Address is an excellent chance for local businesses and residents to get the latest information about our community," added Economic Committee Development Chair RD McDonnell.

Take advantage of this opportunity to hear firsthand what exciting developments are occurring around Whittier by attending this special community program on May 23rd. To RSVP for the 2019 State of the City Address, please call the Whittier Chamber at (562) 698-9554 or register conveniently online at www.whittierchamber.com.

The Groves in Whittier plans reuse of materials from deconstructed buildings

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Since last summer, much of the site demolition and preparation necessary for development of The Groves in Whittier has been completed; the remainder will be completed this year. With the exception of the four buildings that are being retained and rehabilitated - the Superintendent's Residence, the Administration Building, the Chapels Building, and the Assistant Superintendent's Residence - all other buildings on the site have been demolished. Most recently, the Assistant Superintendent's Residence



The Assistant Superintendent's residence moved into place in Heritage Court at the beginning of April 2019. Photo courtesy of Brookfield Residential.

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was carefully moved to its new location in the Heritage Court.

The other four historic buildings - the Gymnasium, Auditorium, Old Infirmary, and Maintenance Garage - were deconstructed professionally. Over 131 tons of material, including lumber, roof tiles, architectural and plumbing fixtures, windows, seats and doors were recovered from these four buildings to be reused elsewhere, including homes built by organizations like Habitat for

Humanity. In addition, hundreds of items were recovered and donated to the Whittier Museum for a future Nelles exhibit. "Sustainability is of great importance at The Groves," emphasized Marc Huffman, Vice President of Planning & Entitlements for Brookfield Residential. "That's why we strive to reuse as much material as possible. For example, we recovered concrete on site and will crush it for use in our roads and

parking lots," he explained.

Preparation has started for the construction of new streets, parks, homes, and shops. Rehabilitation of the Chapels Building into a community center was recently initiated, beginning with structural work to bring the building up to current standards for historical buildings.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Many of you have enjoyed reading myself. We are here to help! the articles and seeing people you know in our Business Focus newspaper. Recently, the Chamber Board did some streamlining and, starting with this issue, we will now be printing the paper every other month. The exciting thing is that we have expanded our distribution list to include more residents so business articles, features on local businesses and news on what your Chamber does for our businesses and our community will reach more people.

I want to thank all who joined us at our Fiesta Annual Meeting and Installation that kicked off the beginning of the Chamber's 106th year of serving the Whittier business community. A huge thank you to Gary Lee Martinez for his leadership and mentorship last year, and thank you again to our Board of Directors and our 580 members for trusting me to represent you as your Chair. I am especially excited to work with the new Executive Board and Board members. This team is comprised of great leaders with great motivation to get things done to benefit our local businesses! If there is ever anything you'd like to discuss to help our Chamber grow, please don't hesitate to

As you know, the City of Whittier has been addressing issues facing those who are experiencing homelessness by proactively collaborating with many non-profit agencies, churches and various levels of government to get things done within the legal constraints of the law. The Chamber is proud to be a partner in those efforts both in the creation of the City's Homeless Plan and as a member of the Whittier Consortium for Homeless. Thank you to all who have helped in clean up and supportive services efforts.

If you'd like more information on what's happening around the City regarding homeless encampments, as well as an economic development update, please join us on May 23 at the DoubleTree Whittier for our State of the City Address, featuring our Mayor Joe Vinatieri and City Manager Jeff Collier. This is a great community update that the Chamber is proud to host for all residents and businesses. Find out some of the new things happening in and around town and be in the know!!

We are so proud to play a role in Workforce Development with our local school district partners. The Chamber call our President/CEO Carol Crosby or recently awarded 5 scholarships to



high school seniors in our Student Chamber Leaders program and we hope to continue our efforts throughout the year to raise money to support student success.

As Mother's and Father's Day is soon upon us, I'd like to remind everyone to THINK LOCAL FIRST. We have so many delicious local restaurants, creative florists, unique boutiques and so much more right here in town. Please think local and shop local first and support Whittier businesses and Chamber members before you take your business online or out of town! For a list of Chamber member businesses, visit www.whittierchamber.com. Don't forget to follow us on social media for more business highlights! We are on facebook, Instagram and twitter.

As a mother and a daughter, I want to wish all the mothers a wonderful, healthy and restful Mother's Day - Feliz Día de las Madres. Also, for the dads out there, Father's Day is on June 16th. I want to wish all the fathers and especially my husband, Ruben, a fabulous, healthy and restful day.

Thanks for reading – we'll see you again for our July/August issue in the summer!



While I hope that you haven't been a victim of a disaster loss, if you did suffer a loss as a result of the disaster, you may be able to recoup a portion of that loss through a tax deduction. Moreover, you can elect to claim the loss in either of two years: the tax year in which the loss occurred or the immediately preceding year.

Choosing to take the deduction in the preceding year may increase the tax savings from the loss and may enable you to get a refund from IRS before you even file your tax return for the year the year's return, which won't be filed until early next year. But if you elect to claim the loss last year (on either your original return or an amended return), you can generally expect to receive the refund within a matter of weeks. This can help

to pay some of your repair costs.

Losses that qualify. A loss only qualifies for this tax break if the declared disaster or emergency caused the loss. So keep copies of local newspaper articles or photos that will help prove that your loss was caused by the specific disaster. In addition, the loss must have occurred in a federally declared disaster area.

Which year to deduct. Determining the most beneficial year in which to claim the loss requires a careful evaluation of your entire tax picture for both years, loss occurred. For example, a loss that including filing status, amount of for tax purposes. This may occur where occurs this year can be claimed on this income and other deductions, and the you receive insurance proceeds that applicable tax rates. The higher your marginal tax rate, property. If that happens, there are the more valuable the deduction several ways to exclude or postpone is. Ordinarily, casualty losses are the tax on the gain. deductible only to the extent they exceed 10% of your adjusted gross

income (AGI). Where this rule applies, a larger amount of AGI will cut into your allowable loss deduction.

TAX TIPS

Disaster Losses: Election to Claim

Loss in Preceding Tax Year

How to claim deduction. To claim a disaster loss on your return, you must itemize deductions. If you choose to claim it on your return for last year, an election statement must be prepared and attached to the return, which must must include specific information about the time, place and nature of the disaster that caused the loss.

Casualty gains. Sometimes, a disaster may actually result in a gain exceed your tax basis in the destroyed

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If you have any questions concerning disaster losses, please do not hesitate to call me at (562) 698-9891.

CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE

The CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE is a dedicated group of influential businesses that help shape our community vision and support the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce's ability to strengthen the regional economy.

Chamber awards scholarships to local high school seniors

For more than 20 years the Whittier Chamber has given scholarships to deserving local high school students through the Randy Basurto Educational Scholarship program. The scholarship is named after a former Whittier Chamber Board member, and employee of HealthFirst Medical, who was an advocate for youth in the area.

Our scholarship program is funded through the generous support of our members. This year many companies donated to the Scholarship Fund including Athens Services, Brookdale Uptown Whittier, Credit Union of Southern California, HealthFirst Medical Group, PIH Health, Republic Services, Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary and U.S. Bank.

The Student Chamber is a wonderful partnership between the Whittier Union High School District and the business community, and we are grateful for the support of Superintendent Martin Plourde and Student Chamber Leadership advisor Lori Eshilian. The students in this workforce development program are given the opportunity to learn important business skills while interacting with Chamber members. It was amazing to read how impactful the experience of interacting and networking with our members has been to our Student Chamber leaders. Many of the applicants wrote about their growth since joining to the Student Chamber and how they first felt very shy and timid, but by participating in real-life business programs, they have gained great confidence especially when it comes to speaking publicly and meeting new people.

All members of the Student Chamber who are seniors were invited to apply. The Chamber had multiple applicants from each of our local high schools. Applicants were asked to write an essay, submit 2 letters of recommendations, provide official transcripts as well as share information about their personal goals and accomplishments. Their attendance and active participation in the Student Chamber was also taken in to consideration. The selection process was committee-driven and the Chamber is proud to award 5 scholarships to these deserving students.

Jared Muros

Jared plans to attend Rio Hondo College where he will focus on his general studies with the goal of following his passion for business marketing and graphic design. Jared has been part of



Five Student Chamber scholarship winners, Brianna Eleby, Antonio Velarde, Mark Covarrubias, Sequoia Lynch, and Jared Muros awarded \$500 dollars from the Whittier Chamber and the following sponsors: U.S. Bank, PIH Health, Health First Medical Group, Credit Union of Southern California, Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary, Brookdale Uptown Whittier, Athens Services, Republic Services

the Business Academy at Cal High for 3 years, a Student Chamber leader for 3 years and was elected to serve as the President of the Student Chamber this year. He was also ASB Class President, Yearbook editor and Men's League Board President. His business academy teacher had this to say about Jared, "Jared brings enthusiasm, a cooperative spirit and teamwork to any situation. He has been a leader by setting an enthusiastic attitude and offers a huge sense of community and spirit to the overall program. I admire his determination, attention to detail and ability to get along with all type of people."

Brianna Eleby

Brianna is a student at Sierra Vista High School where she has been on ASB and AVID, was student of the month and ran track and field in addition to being a Student Chamber leader. Brianna's plans include going to Rio Hondo College for 2 years then transferring to UCLA to get her degree in Biology. Her ultimate goal is to be a neurosurgeon. Brianna's teacher says this about her, "Brianna best demonstrates perseverance and a strong work ethic. She is an intelligent, dedicated and responsible young lady with the right mindset and attitude to succeed in all she does. Brianna is a champion in the making!"

Antonio Velarde

Antonio is a member of the Cal High Business Academy and the Student Chamber. A first generation college student, Antonio plans to attend Rio Hondo College with the intent of transferring after completing his general education. He is interested in pursuing a career in either Psychology or Business Marketing. Currently, Antonio works part-time jobs at local businesses Frugo's Yogurt and Pizzamania. Antonio's Business Academy teacher has this to say, "Antonio is a dedicated, ambitious, responsible and kindhearted young man. In addition to receiving stellar grades, he has been a member of both sports teams and academic clubs, as well as serving in school leadership roles. Antonio's zest and vigor for life and learning is contagious and I am confident he will continue to be driven towards success after leaving Cal High."

Mark Covarrubias:

Mark attends Cal High and in the fall he plans to attend Cal State Long Beach to pursue a degree in Business Management. Ultimately, he'd like to own his own business and be his own boss! Mark has been on the Principal's Honor Roll for 4 years, is a CSF lifetime member and has a GPA of 4.4. He has also served as a Student Chamber leader for 2 years. Mark's English teacher writes, "Mark is a remarkable young man who is committed and devoted to his education, loyal in his beliefs and driven in a way that provides promise for his generation. Mark has mastered the art of networking due, in part, to his participation in the Business Academy and the Student Chamber."

Sequoia Lynch:

Sequoia is a student at Life Academy and plans to attend Life Pacific College in the fall where she hopes to pursue a degree in Communication. Her ultimate desire is to be an International Communicator.

Sequoia was elected as the Co-Vice President of the Student Chamber this year. In addition, she was Co-Captain of her high school basketball team, spent 4 years in musical theater and 3 years in Shakespeare theater. Sequoia's program specialist writes, "one of the most important qualities that Sequoia brings is her natural ability as a leader. Her passion and belief in the value of people is evident in her work ethic and the relationships she fosters with whomever she works with."

Congratulations to all five of this year's recipients of the Randy Basurto Educational Scholarship. We wish them all the best of luck as they pursue their academic and business goals.



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Congratulations again to Elizabeth Martinez of Republic Services on her new role as Whittier Chamber Chair of the Board, and cheers to outgoing President Gary Lee Martinez on a successful year at the helm. Gary was great to work with and I'm looking forward to working with Elizabeth in the coming months serving Whittier businesses and promoting shopping locally!

April was a busy month and I hope you had a chance to enjoy some of the fun community events that took place, including the Spring Antique Fair, our annual Eggxtravaganza at Parnell Park, Shelter's Right Hand 5K Walk, Earth Day and others. Thank you to staff and to our dedicated community volunteers who continue to go to great lengths to bring such great, family-friendly events to Whittier throughout the year.

Speaking of volunteers, Whittier is a special place in large part due to our nonprofits, schools, faith institutions, public safety personnel and veterans. The Chamber will host its annual "Salute to Service" program during Wake Up Whittier on May 15, which is always a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with our many local organizations and learn more about the countless services they offer our community. I hope to see you at Whittier Hospital for breakfast and networking.

The City recently published a list of frequently asked questions related to our homeless outreach efforts, which is now available on our website. Homelessness in our community affects us all; those who are experiencing it firsthand, as well as residents and business owners. It is important to understand the complexity of this issue and actions we can and cannot take. Rest assured that the City Council and staff are committed to connecting individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness to resources and assistance, as well as addressing the concerns and feedback of our residents. Learn more about how the City has been working to address the needs of all of our community members

The annual International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) RECon Retail Conference is coming up at the end of May and City staff is ready to hit the ground running. This is always a very productive few days, making connections and discussing opportunities to bring new, exciting retail and development to Whittier. As we all know, the face of retail is changing, and that means we are looking for creative ways to ensure that residents in our community have plenty of reasons to LIVE, WORK and SHOP WHITTIER for years to come.

The month of May also means budget season is upon us, and we will have much to consider as we gear up for the challenges we expect to face in the months ahead. The City Council and staff will take part in an annual budget study session during a special City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 7. The fiscal health of our City is of utmost concern to all of us, and we are continuing to scrutinize our operations in order to ensure that Whittier residents continue to receive the same level of service and enjoy the programs and amenities they've come to expect well into the future. For start time and location, please contact City Hall at (562) 567-9999.

Don't forget to save the date for the Chamber's annual State of the City Address on Thursday, May 23, at the Doubletree by Hilton Whittier Los Angeles, and hear from City Manager Jeff Collier who will give us an informative recap of the last year and details on new and exciting City projects. And I'll also have a "couple" of things to say! Registration and breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. and the presentation will begin at 8:30 a.m. I hope to see you there.

Finally, June marks the beginning of summer around here and the City will have a variety of fun, family events to enjoy over the next few weeks. Don't miss the kickoff to our popular summer concert series coming up, as well as Movies in the Park nights the first Saturday of the month. Visit www. cityofwhittier.org for updated dates and times and remember to pack your picnic basket and a blanket

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Whittier celebrates 125th anniversary of Founders Day



Founders Day dates back to February of 1894. Its origins date back to the first pioneers of Whittier when they gathered at the house

of Samuel Owens to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary. As their guests recalled the great challenges, as well as accomplishments the community had faced, an idea struck: perhaps they should meet annually to discuss Whittier's progress. This year will mark the 125th anniversary of celebrating Founders Day. Whittier was founded in 1887, but Founders Day was not officially celebrated until a few years later; time to allow progress to happen. It has always been celebrated in Central Park and was always a "family picnic" event where the community would gather at the park, talk, listen to music, play games and performances while stories would be told of the beginning of Whittier and the progress they had made since arriving. It's evolved from a community activity to a city holiday nowadays. Celebrate Founders Day with our community this year on May 11th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central Park! Enjoy 125 years of history, legacy, and community at this free event. Visit the Around Town section for more information.



Happy Mother's Day and Father's Day to all the parents out there. Enjoy a special day with your little ones!



Mayor Pro Tem Josué Alvarado, Whittier Chamber President/CEO Carol Crosby, Council Member Cathy Warner, and Whittier's Consortium on Homelessness co-founder Drew Pryor at the Parnell Park Clean-Up. TTIER CAL







Scammers try every day to cheat people out of their hard-earned money. Thousands of emails are sent and phone calls are made by these criminals to scare individuals into going along with these scams. Unfortunately, the largest group of victims in our community is senior citizens - who are just trying to make things right when presented with these made-up problems. Please share this article with seniors in your family. Let them know they need to hang up the phone immediately and call a family member for advice. We take loss reports in the thousands every week and it is truly heartbreaking. We have seen seniors send their entire life savings in cash or gift cards... never to be seen again.

The following is a list of most common scams:

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- Phone call from police department or sheriff's department stating they have warrants and must pay a fine or be arrested. Scammer will ask for payment in cash by mail or through the purchase of gift cards.
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stating last payment was not received, threat to shut down utilities if payment is not made immediately. Scammer will ask for payment in cash by mail or through the purchase of gift cards.

- Phone call/email/pop up ad from tech support (Microsoft, Windows, Apple, etc) stating there is a virus on the computer and payment must be made to protect data/identify information. Scammer will ask for payment in credit card, cash by mail or through the purchase of gift cards.
- Phone call stating a family member is in trouble, been in an accident, been kidnapped, is in jail, and needs immediate cash for help. Scammer will ask for payment in cash by mail or through the purchase of gift cards.
- Phone call from Social Security or Medicare (will show up on caller ID as such) informing about new cards that must be issues to maintain benefits... with associated costs. Scammer will ask for payment in cash by mail or through the purchase of gift cards.
- Phone call from bank, retail websites, amazon etc., stating a problem with the account. Scammer will ask to verify login information... and then access accounts.
- Scams off pet adoption ads on craigslist, offer-up etc. Scammer will "ship" the pet via airplane... will call again and again asking for more \$\$\$ for increase in flight fees, regulatory fees, etc... pet will never arrive.
- Scammers on dating/companion app will develop an online relationship with the victim and ask for money to help with medical issue, funds for travel to meet the victim, and other made up reasons.

Aviv Bar is a Captain with the Whittier Police Department and oversees the Patrol Division. He can be reached at (562) 567-9253 or via email at abar@cityofwhittier.org



Whittier Union Schools earn CORE Districts Awards for achieving high student academic growth

Whittier Four Union High School District schools earned recognition from CORE Districts for achieving high academic growth in language English arts and math, students with

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consistently making gains faster than similar students at comparable schools throughout the state.

CORE Districts– a collaboration of eight California school districts– built and maintains a comprehensive school improvement and accountability system that provides educators a clear view of progress using data on student-level academic growth, high school readiness, students' social-emotional skills and schools' culture-climate, along with traditional measures of test scores, graduation rates and absenteeism.

Pioneer High School was honored with the 2019 Academic Growth Award for achieving three years of student success in math. California High, Santa Fe and Whittier high schools earned High Impact Badges

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for their success over a one-year period in English language arts (Cal) and math (Santa Fe, Whittier).

"This honor reflects the incredible work of our teachers and staff who provide

exceptional classroom instruction and are dedicated to supporting our students in their efforts to succeed," Superintendent Martin Plourde said. "We will continue to use this data to refine our efforts and grow success among all of our students."

According to CORE Districts, growth– combined with test scores, English learner progress, chronic absenteeism and other indicators– shows a more complete picture of school progress.

Growth shows the acceleration of student achievement by accounting for how much each individual student learns over time and measuring progress for the same set of students from one year to the next, rather than comparing test scores from year to year.

Tri-Cities ROP Advanced Culinary Arts Students Among "100 High School Students America Needs to Know About"

Tri-Cities ROP, a career technical education program serving El Rancho Unified and Whittier Union High School Districts, is proud to announce that two



These young chefs are not only talented inside the kitchen, they are both gifted athletes (Ariana on the Varsity Swim Team; Kassandra Varsity Captain on the Track and Field Throwers Team), and they are listed on the Principal's Honor Roll. Ariana



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Seniors Ariana Campos and Kassandra Saldana were chosen for this honor by Workforce Career Readiness from thousands of nominated students.

Ariana and Kassandra are members of the ERHS Culinary Arts Club - the largest club on campus. Members of this club routinely and selflessly give back to their schoolmates and community by volunteering to work special events, including the annual "Feeding the Homeless" on Thanksgiving Day and rising at dawn to prepare a pancake breakfast to students with Perfect Attendance.

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plans to pursue communications, specifically in cinema and digital arts; while Kassandra intends to pursue a degree in biology and ultimately become a doctor.

Their instructor, Chef David Luna, described Ariana as a "culinary genius," and Kassandra as "an outstanding team leader with amazing leadership skills." Tri-Cities ROP Superintendent Tracie Zerpoli commented, "Ariana and Kassandra, you've made your teacher and all of us at Tri-Cities ROP very proud. We see only continued success in your future!" For more information, contact Tracie Zerpoli at (562) 698-9571 ext. 100.



Whittier Mental Health Team formed Whittier PD partners with LA County to support those in crisis

In an effort to deliver mental health services to the increasing number of people in need, and to positively impact the community, the Whittier Police Department partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) to create the Whittier Mental Health Evaluation Team (WMET). This cooperative effort revolves around a co-response model. When called upon, a licensed LACDMH clinical social worker and a sworn Whittier Police officer work together to aid patrol officers in handling calls for service involving persons who may be suffering from a mental health crisis or are in need of social services. WMET also partners with other Whittier area social service providers to find the right kind of

services for people I need. While responding to critical in-progress incidents is one component of WMET's responsibilities, the team also proactively addresses other mental health crisis situations and homeless outreach for individuals with mental health challenges throughout our community. Additionally, WMET provides extensive follow up and case management for individuals with chronic mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness. By addressing these concerns on a regular basis, WMET can help to alleviate the burden placed on patrol resources and provide expert assistance to those in need.

The Groves -Continued from front page

By late 2019, Brookfield anticipates construction of the first new buildings, working toward a Grand Opening in Spring 2020. Homes will be built by both Brookfield Residential and Lennar, with architecture inspired by and reflecting the variety of architecture already found in Whittier, including Spanish, Craftsman, Monterey, and American Cottage elevations.

Frontier Real Estate Investments, the developer of the commercial retail portion, has refined plans for the commercial retail center and brought in two new restaurants - In-N-Out Burger and Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers. Final city approvals of Frontier's plans were approved in February, with construction expected to begin in late 2019 or early 2020, and the commercial buildings expected to be open in 2021. Other retail outlets will be announced as they are confirmed.

In late 2018, PLC Apartments joined the team as the builder of the 189-unit apartment community, which would include 60 apartments targeted for seniors. Construction is scheduled for 2019, with the buildings expected to be ready for occupancy in late 2020 or early 2021.



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Whittier College receives a generous donation from long-time friend and contemporary Chinese artist, Wang Luyan

Contemporary Chinese artist, Wang Luyan, has donated a ten-piece sculpture set entitled "The Walkers" to Whittier College. As explained by the artist, "The Walkers appear to be advancing and retreating simultaneously – the uncertainty of the direction that The Walkers are headed towards represents the ambiguity of humanity's dreams and goals."

Luyan has a long relationship with Whittier College, and he made his donation to commemorate his late brother, Wang Xinsheng, who attended the College in the 1980s as an exchange scholar from China. "Mr. Wang's gift and the installation of the sculptures at Whittier College will enrich the cultural interest of our campus for students, faculty, and visitors alike," said Whittier College President Linda Oubré.

Robert B. Marks, a professor of History and Environmental Studies, worked to bring Luyan to Whittier College in May 1986 as a visiting artist and Whittier College student studying in China, Randall Davidson '88 helped Luyan raise the money for his airfare. "Wang Luyan is a great friend of mine and the College, and I am extremely pleased to be part of the team effort that has brought The Walkers to Whittier. They represent, to me, a moving commemoration for his late brother, Wang Xinsheng, who I got to know well during his year at the College as an exchange student from China," said Marks. To read the full story, visit the Member News section of the Chamber's website, www.whittierchamber.com.



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September 16, 2019 Friendly Hills Country Club Online registration begins June 1st

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WHITTIER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Business Focus newspaper now reaches expanded

consumer base The Business Focus newspaper has been a staple in the Whittier area, providing business and community news to members and residents alike for many years. In the past few years, as the media landscape has changed, the Business Focus has filled a void left by not having a locally produced newspaper. The Whittier Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recently decided to expand the distribution of the paper to 12,000 to reach beyond business and into more homes in our community.

The Business Focus will now be printed and distributed bi-monthly with May/June as the first issue with the new format, followed by July/August, September/October and November/December for the remainder of this calendar year.

The distribution breakdown to businesses and consumers will be as follows:

- Direct mail to Whittier business license holders
- Direct mail to all Whittier Chamber members
- Direct mail to <u>expanded</u> consumer list (residents) 300 copies distributed throughout the community (City Hall, libraries etc.)

The Business Focus will also be available online on the Chamber's website, promoted through Chamber social media channels, and accessible via links in the weekly e-newsletter. It is estimated that the readership of the Business Focus will increase to nearly 50,000 per month with this new format. "We are excited to expand the readership of our newspaper and give greater exposure to our advertisers and local businesses as well as share community news," stated Elizabeth Martinez, Chair of the Board.

If your business or organization would like to increase its visibility in the community, please contact Director of Public Relations Celina Zambrano at (562) 698-9554 for ad rates and deadline information.





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One-Year Countdown to Census California Chamber of Commerce ALERT, March 29, 2019

In just under one year, the U.S. government will fulfill its once-adecade duty to count every American. April 1, 2020 is Census Day.

Armed with a \$15 billion budget, the Census Bureau will aim to gather a few key facts about all residents: location, age, race/ethnicity, home ownership, and household members.

For the first time, the agency will try to collect most responses online, with the remainder by mail or, as needed, in person. The Census Bureau is legally prohibited from sharing any personal data collected through the census with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement.

Why is the census important?

First, the census is the sole means to determine how many of the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are allocated to each state. California currently has 53 seats, and would expect to retain that number after the census.

However, if the census is poorly conducted in California and misses hard-to-reach inhabitants, manv then the state could wind up losing a seat-and some of our influencein Congress.

The population counts developed in the census also determine how federal agencies will allocate huge amounts of federal appropriations. In 2016, California received \$115 billion in federal funds that were dependent on the state's population count.

What is the risk of undercounting our residents?

California is uniquely vulnerable

to a poorly executed census. The vast majority of Californians belong to groups that historically have been undercounted, such as renters, young men, African Americans, Latinos, immigrants, occupants of nonstandard housing, and the homeless.

In addition, many advocates and public officials are concerned that the proposed addition of a question on citizenship status may discourage immigrants from participating in the census.

Employer Role

Employers will play an important role to encourage their employees to participate in the census.

As trusted leaders, employers have credibility to urge their employees to complete the official census questionnaire by highlighting the importance of an accurate census count to their communities, as well as emphasizing the security of the information they share with the Census Bureau.

The census is conducted only once every 10 years, but it is critical for our democratic representation, fair allocation of federal funds, and to gain insight as to who we are as a state and nation.

This year, there are three ways that information will be collected: internet, phone or paper form. In addition, the Census will support linguistically diverse populations. The United States Census Bureau is hiring for multiple positions. Visit 2020census. gov/jobs for more information on what's available locally.







A special event in honor and celebration of those



who have given their lives for our country.

Monday, May 27, 2019 at 11 a.m. SkyRose Chapel Courtyard 😓 3888 Workman Mill Rd., Whittier

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Chamber honors outstanding volunteers and businesses at annual meeting

The Ambassador of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Business of the Year and Community Partner of the Year were announced for the 2018-2019 year at the Whittier Chamber's recent Annual Meeting and Installation event. The awardees' names were announced by outgoing President Gary Lee Martinez and were each presented with certificates of appreciation for their outstanding contributions to the Chamber and the business community.

Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year honor goes to someone who has given of his or her time, talent or treasure in an outstanding way in the past year. This year's winner is Christy Wyant from Martplan Insurance. Christy is a great Whittier Chamber advocate and a current member of the Chamber's Ambassador Team. She gives 100% to any committee, program or commitment made and she is creative, reliable and never hesitates to do what is asked. Christy has played a big role in the Chamber's Hathaway Golf Classic, the Business Expo and, of course, as an Ambassador Team member welcoming new members at programs and events. She is truly an amazing volunteer and a great representative for her business.

Ambassador of the Year

Our Ambassador of the Year award is a peer driven award that is voted on by members of the Ambassador Team and is given to someone who goes above and beyond in the areas of member retention and attraction. This year's winner is Peter Rodriguez from Farmer's Insurance. Pete is a staple at Chamber activities and is always willing to reach out to new members and lend support to committees and events. His is great at sharing the Chamber's message on social media and is a true Ambassador for the Whittier Chamber in all areas.

Business of the Year

This year's Business of the Year was presented to Harrison Electric and Solar. In business since 1960 and a valued member for almost 50 years, Harrison Electric has been a multi-year supporter of Chamber programs like the Hathaway Golf Classic, the Business Expo and Shop Local Showcase. Owner Luke Harrison, along with son Steve Harrison, have believed in the value of the Whittier Chamber and the opportunities the Chamber provides to make connections to the community. In addition to electrical and solar work, Harrison Electric supports the local nonprofit community through groups

such as the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Harrison Electric has an excellent reputation for customer service and is a great representation of a successful family-owned business grown here in Whittier.

Community Partner of the Year

The Community Partner of the Year is chosen because of their impact on businesses and organizations throughout the community. This year's winner was Brookdale Uptown Whittier. Brookdale Uptown, under the leadership of sales manager Tom Rios, has lent support to countless organizations and projects. For years this business has been a great partner to the Chamber by providing after hours networking opportunities for Chamber members, hosting fundraisers for the Student Chamber scholarship fund and serving as a venue host countless times for networking breakfasts. In addition, Brookdale Uptown has gone above and beyond within the community by lending support to organizations such as the Whittier Uptown Association, The Whole Child, Rotary Club of Whittier and the Whittier Community Foundation.



Congratulations to Christy Wyant from Martplan Insurance for her Volunteer of the Year award



Congratulations to Pete Rodriguez from Farmers Insurance for his Ambassador of the Year award



Congratulations to Harrison Electric & Solar for their Business of the Year award



Congratulations to Brookdale Living in Uptown Whittier for their Community Partner of the Year award

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



The Whittier and Santa Fe Springs Chambers came together to celebrate Jimmy John's on the grand opening of their Whittier location



Care Musical & Art Exchange board members, volunteers, and supporters ready to cut the ribbon to celebrate a student art show





Guests at the Chamber's May Wake Up Whittier participating in Speed Networking where they met up to 10 leads in under 20 minutes

Board members of the Whittier Community Foundation happy to be a part of the Whittier Chamber for 10 years



Friendly Hills Bank Payroll celebrating 15 years with the Chamber



Thirsty Thursday attendees enjoying relaxed networking at the Chamber's first happy hour mixer at the Nixon Steakhouse

AROUND TOWN

Enjoy Happy Hour on the Hill at Red Restaurant

Sitting high on a glorious hilltop, overlooking the San Gabriel Mountains, you'll find the hottest bar and restaurant Los Angeles, CA offers. Red Restaurant is an upscale dining experience where only the finest steaks, freshest seafood and most stunning cocktails are served. Red is perfect for power lunches or passionate evenings. Live seasonal entertainment includes Jazz and Blues Nights. Every Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. enjoy Happy Hour on the Hill! Drinks start at \$4 and 50% off Bar Food Menu. Call (626) 854-2509 to book a table!

Reserve your Friday for the Uptown Whittier **Farmers' Market**

The Uptown Whittier Farmers' Market is a community gathering place and an opportunity to purchase California grown products. It is a great place for the community, residents and merchants to access locally grown, farm-fresh produce all while personally interacting with the farmer who produces it. Enjoy the vendors with plentiful supplies and stroll the pedestrian-friendly streets in Historic Uptown Whittier. For more information, call (562) 696-2662.

Join the Fight **Against Cancer**

Community members are invited to join Cancer Survivors and those who have lost loved ones at the, free and open to the public, La Mirada/Whittier Relay for Life. The 24-hour relay is from Saturday, May 18th at 9 a.m. to Sunday, May 19th at 9 a.m. and will be held at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. Funds raised help the American Cancer Society to provide groundbreaking cancer research, critical cancer patient-care services, education and prevention initiatives, and much more. For more information, please visit relayforlife.org.

Assistance League of Whittier helps WCSD students

All nine (9) elementary schools were provided with girls and boys underwear that will be kept in the Nurse's office. A total of one hundred thirty-two (132) underwear was accepted by Superintendent, Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin and Gladys Huerta, Coordinator of Student Services of the Whittier City School District. The Assistance League of Whittier also serves Los Nietos, East Whittier City and South Whittier School Districts who will also receive emergency underwear. To read the full story, visit our website www.whittierchamber.com under "Member News".

Find your next business leads at LEADS Club weekly meeting

LEADS CLUB is an international networking and referral organization. Business people are given the opportunity to promote their products and services to a captive audience. It's a place to "show and tell." Each member gives two 30 second selfpromotions each week, plus a 10 to 15-minute presentation every 6-8 weeks. The Whittier Chapter annually exchanges over 1,000 leads which generates over \$250,000 in sales profits for their members. Be sure to bring at least 30 business cards. If your category is open, you'll have two opportunities during the meeting to tells them about your business and what kind of leads you are looking for. To determine if your business category is available, or if you have any questions please contact Lily Ramos at (310) 730-9492. \$15 breakfast fee for attending this networking group's meeting.

MAY

Don't miss out on the 2019 SFS Art Fest and Collectors Night happening soon

Everyone is invited to come out to the 2019 SFS Art Fest on May 3 from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. This event is free and will showcase a variety of artisans, musical performances, film screenings, competitions, local artists, food vendors, and an overall highlight on different types of art mediums. Everyone's also invited to come out to Collector's Night on May 2 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. - both the business community and art collectors alike. For more information, visit www.artcrawlfest.com or email Sandra at sfsartfestconsultant.sandra@ gmail.com.

Distinguished Korean artist and scholar, Jessica Jang, makes an appearance at Whittier Art Gallery

From May 22 through June 1st, The Whittier Art Gallery is honored to have noted Korean artist and scholar, Jessica Jang, back for the 7th time. Jessica is the president of the Orange County Korean Professional Artists' Association, The Group's artists' works are based on a foundation of Korean Art, and never fail to enchant the viewer with their attention to exquisite detail and dramatic composition. You won't want to miss this one. For more information, call (562) 698-8710.

Sons and Daughters of Italy feature bingo at next meeting

The Sons and Daughters of Italy in America is a national organization of men and women who represent the estimated 26 million Americans of Italian Heritage. They are dedicated to promoting the legacy of their ancestors, customs, and contributions to the United States of America. If you haven't attended any of their meetings, please stop by. This month, they will be having a fun and relaxing evening playing bingo. Plenty of prizes and loads of laughs. Join them on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge (7604 Greenleaf Ave.) "Un'abbondanza di amici, cibo e divertimento." They will be doing their regular 50/50 raffle. The Hacienda Lodge is a Fraternal Non-Profit Organization. Proceeds from all their fundraisers go toward their annual donations to various charities and a scholarship fund for local high school students. Please RSVP to Bill Viverto by phone (626) 261-2879 or email bverdo@aol.com.

YMCA of Greater Whittier invites community to honor their staff and volunteers at Annual Recognition Dinner

The YMCA of Greater Whittier enthusiastically invites you to join them in honoring their staff and volunteers at their 104th Annual YMCA Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The recipient of the "Tina Arriaga Heart of the Y Award" is Soretta Walker. The recipient of the "Don Jenkins Volunteer Award" is John K. Sudick, DDS. The recipient of the "Myron Claxton Distinguished YMCA Service Award" is Wayne Campfield. Join the YMCA's Board of Directors in honoring their staff and volunteers! RSVP to Rose Smith by May 8th. Register online at ymcawhittier.org or by phone at as well as a distinguished artist, herself. (562) 907-6530 ext. 6004. Tickets are \$85 per person and \$610 for a table of 8.

Whittier Regional Symphony hosts Mother's Day **Hit Parade**

Nothing but the best music from classical, jazz, Broadway, and film for mom, featuring 2018 Young Artist competition winner, Kendall Harb (voice). Admission is free but donations are accepted. Don't miss this Mother's Day Hit Parade on Sunday May 12 at 3 p.m. at the Vic Lopez Auditorium at Whittier High School (12417 E. Philadelphia St.) For more information, call (562) 698-8626.

Honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country on Memorial Day

Join the City of Whittier on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 9 a.m. for Memorial Day. Honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Memorial Day will take place at Whittier City Hall Peace Memorial (13230 Penn St. in Whittier). Light refreshments will follow the ceremony. For more information, contact Parks, Recreation & Community Services at (562) 567-9400.

Golf with REACH to transform the lives of individuals with diverse abilities

Join REACH for a fun-filled day to help others! The golf tournament fuels their mission of transforming the lives of individuals with diverse abilities by helping them discover their voice and realize their dreams. All proceeds go towards their dedicated long-term \$1,000,000 'Wilson-Miller Legacy Fund' campaign to strengthen access to programs and services for people with disabilities into the future. \$175 per player, \$700 for a Foursome, and \$50 for dinner only. Registration starts at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. at Coyote Hills Golf Course (1440 E. Batanchury Rd. in Fullerton). Please call (562) 946-0467 for further information or email vdean@reach.services.

Whittier Police **Department hosts Open House and Health Fair**

The Whittier Police Department holds a yearly open house event in conjunction with the City's health fair. This year's Open House and Health Fair is on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 13230 Penn St. in Whittier. Residents, schools, businesses, and visitors enjoy interaction with police personnel, tour the police station, and visit booths that display law enforcement, fire, and other emergency equipment. The open house event has included in the past demonstrations from the K-9 unit, tactical team, fire department jaws of life, live music, food and entertainment. For information about open house, please call Whittier Police Department at (562) 567-9200.

SKILLS hosts Casino Night fundraiser

You're invited to attend the SKILLS Organization's 3rd Annual Casino Night on Friday, May 31 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Come and enjoy a night out full of fun and entertainment, while raising money for a good cause. \$50 per person includes \$250 in chips, hors d'oeuvres, and 2 drink tickets. Casino night will happen at Parnell Park (15390 Lambert Rd. in Whittier). To purchase tickets call (562) 325-5620 or visit www.skillsorganization.org.

Creative Contract returns to Whittier Art Gallery

The Whittier Art Gallery is delighted to host Whittier Artists.com's May Exhibit: Creative Contrast. This group's annual show has proven to be one of the Gallery's most popular, and this will be their 10th show at the Whittier Art Gallery. The show will feature mixed media, photography, and paintings in oil, acrylic, and water color. Creative Contrast can be viewed from May 1st to the 18th, and the Reception will be on Sat. May 11, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is enthusiastically invited, and admission is free. Gallery Hours are Wednesday - Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (562) 698-8710.

Whittier celebrates 125 years of history, legacy, & community at Central Park

Join the Whittier Museum & Historical Society to celebrate 2019 Founder's Day at Central Park (6532 Friends Ave. in Whittier) on May 11th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be live entertainment, moustache & beard contest, antique cars, community picnic, and fresh Quaker bread. For more information, visit WhittierMuseum.org or call (562) 945-3871.

AROUND TOWN

JUNE

Enjoy FREE family fun at Movies in the Park

the whole family! Movies start at dusk. Get there early because there will be a craft for the kids to make before the movie. Watch "Christopher Robin" on June 1, 2019 at Parnell Park (15390 Lambert Rd.). Watch "Mary Poppins Returns" on July 6, 2019 at Michigan

Don't miss out on this free fun for Park (8228 Michigan Ave.). Lastly, watch "Incredibles 2" on August 3, 2019 at York Field (9110 Santa Fe Springs Rd.). Bring a chair, blanket, sit under the moonlight and enjoy a movie! For more information, visit whittierprcs. org/home-communityservices or call (562) 567-9420.

Spend 4th of July with family and friends at the City of Whittier's Firework Spectacular

Join the City of Whittier for family fun, inflatables, food vendors, a firework show, and more at their 4th of July Firework Spectacular! Don't miss out Thursday, July 4, 2019 at York Field (9110 Santa Fe Springs Rd. in Whittier). There will be live music by Cold Duck. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the fireworks show starts at 9 p.m. \$5 per adult and children under 18 are free! For more information, call (562) 567-9450.

Whittier Center Theatre presents Corazón de Maña

Maña has unquestionably become the biggest musical group in Latin Music history! Millions of albums sold worldwide, sold-out concert tours and multiple record awards are just some of the accomplishments achieved by one of the most popular bands in the world. Corazón De Maña is a Southern California tribute comprised of 5 manáticos that delivers the ultimate live experience. Just like seeing and hearing the real thing. Celebremos la "Revolución de Amor". Now's your chance to see a tribute band to Maña on Saturday, June 29th at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for General Seating and \$28 for the first 6 rows. Food, beer, and wine will be available from Lascari's! Purchase tickets online at manatributewhittier. brownpapertickets.com or call 1 (800) 838-3006 ext. 1

YMCA of Greater Whittier offers Day Camp and Camp Arbolado for local kids

The YMCA of Greater Whittier invites children ages 2 - 13 to Day Camp at the Y from June 8 to August 11, Monday - Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy swimming, field trips, and more! Also, don't miss this summer's Camp Arbolado! From June 22 - June 29, enjoy "Camp Fest" themed camp! From July 6 to July 13, enjoy "Harry Potter" themed camp! From July 27 to August 3, enjoy "Stranger Things" themed camp! Parents, get a head start on your summer and register your children at ymcawhittier.org, walk into either of their Whittier locations (Uptown Whittier and East Whittier), or call. The Uptown Whittier YMCA's phone number is (562) 907-6530. The East Whittier YMCA's phone number is (562) 943-7241.

Wine & Cheese Soirée raises funds for WCCS

Drink wine and eat cheese at the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter fundraiser, Wine & Cheese Soiree, on Thursday, June 27 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Whittier (7320 Greenleaf Ave.). Since 1977 the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter (WCCS), a non-profit organization, has been providing free emergency services to women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. Tickets are \$30. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit

Help Helpline Youth Counseling reach their goal of \$25,000 at their Annual Golf Tournament

Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. (HYC) is hosting its 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 17, 2019 at the Black Gold Golf Club in Yorba Linda with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. This annual event is their signature fundraiser of the year with a fundraising goal of \$25,000, with the proceeds assisting HYC's counseling, education, early intervention and treatment programs for at-risk, low-income youth and families in Southeast Los Angeles County and Long Beach. The cost is \$160 for a single player or \$50 for dinner only.

Hear all your favorite songs at the City of Whittier's Summer Concerts

This year's Summer Concerts in the park will happen Mondays and Thursdays! Monday summer concerts will be at Central Park (6532 Friends Ave.) and Thursday summer concerts will be at Parnell Park (15390 Lambert Ave.) The concerts will take place from June 24, 2019 to August 8, 2019. On June 24, enjoy The Disney Tribute Band. On June 28, enjoy Stevie Nicks Illusion-Fleetwood Mac. All concerts start at 7 p.m. For more information, visit whittierprcs. org/home-communityservices or call (562) 567-9420.

Admire top-notch cars at the Annual Uptown Whittier Car Show

The Uptown Whittier Association is hosting their annual car show on June 1st along Greenleaf Ave. and Philadelphia St. in Uptown Whittier. Free admission to the public and will include live music, vendors, raffle prizes, event t-shirts, and more. Open to all makes and models. Trophies will be awarded in 20 different categories. The cost is \$40 to register your vehicle, and \$25 after May 14th. Price includes an event t-shirt and a magnetic dash plaque. For additional information, call Uptown Whittier Association at (562) 696-2662.

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Chorale Bel Canto presents their season finale concert

Chorale Bel Canto, a community masterworks chorale based in Whittier, is set to perform its season finale, Jubilate Deo!, at First Friends Church, Whittier on June 1 at 4:00 pm. The chorale is currently celebrating its 37th season of music-making in eastern Los Angeles County, under Interim Music Director Linda West Brown. The singers, all of whom are volunteers, come from a wide area including Whittier, Hacienda Heights, Santa Ana, Pasadena, La Mirada, Hollywood, Long Beach, and Claremont. \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors 55+, and \$10 to students. For more information about the concert or to buy tickets, visit Chorale Bel Canto's website at: www.choralebelcanto.org, or you may purchase tickets at the door.



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5 years: Anaconda Street Productions (562) 945-8537

> Options for Learning (626) 854-3449

JUNE:

15 years: Rousselle Termite & Pest Control (562) 692-0481

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