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Franklin is a small city that feels very much like a small town. In fact, many visitors to our community tell us it feels like they have just stepped into a Hallmark movie — especially during Christmas! Franklin is known for its small-town charm and friendly residents. From the moment you arrive, you will be captivated by the rich architectural history, adorable shops, delicious treats and a strong sense of community collaboration.

Our city, located just south of Indianapolis, is one of the fastest growing and exciting communities in central Indiana. As the Johnson County seat, Franklin boasts a charming downtown with 65+ locally owned shops and eateries, a thriving 31 corridor with large nationally known stores and restaurants and an industrial vibrancy that is home to large and small manufacturers.

We invite you to connect with the Franklin Chamber of Commerce; we are eager to share our knowledge of the area and guide you to your new home, employer or place to hang out. You'll find our staff to be genuine and welcoming to visitors and long-time residents and everyone in-between. We'd love to show you the sights, sounds, spaces and most importantly the people. There is an authenticity here that is unique, and we all treasure it. Welcome to Franklin!



Chamber staff members from left, Traci Hill, Rosie Chambers and Tina Stinson with Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett, second from right.



Warmly,

Rosie Chambers, President and
CEO, Franklin Chamber of Commerce

Mayor's *message*

"The city of Franklin is a hidden gem showcasing the best of new industry with historic roots in our downtown businesses. However, throughout the years, the strength of the city has been and always will be its people. This combination of innovation and vintage charm make Franklin the best place to live, work and play for a lifetime."



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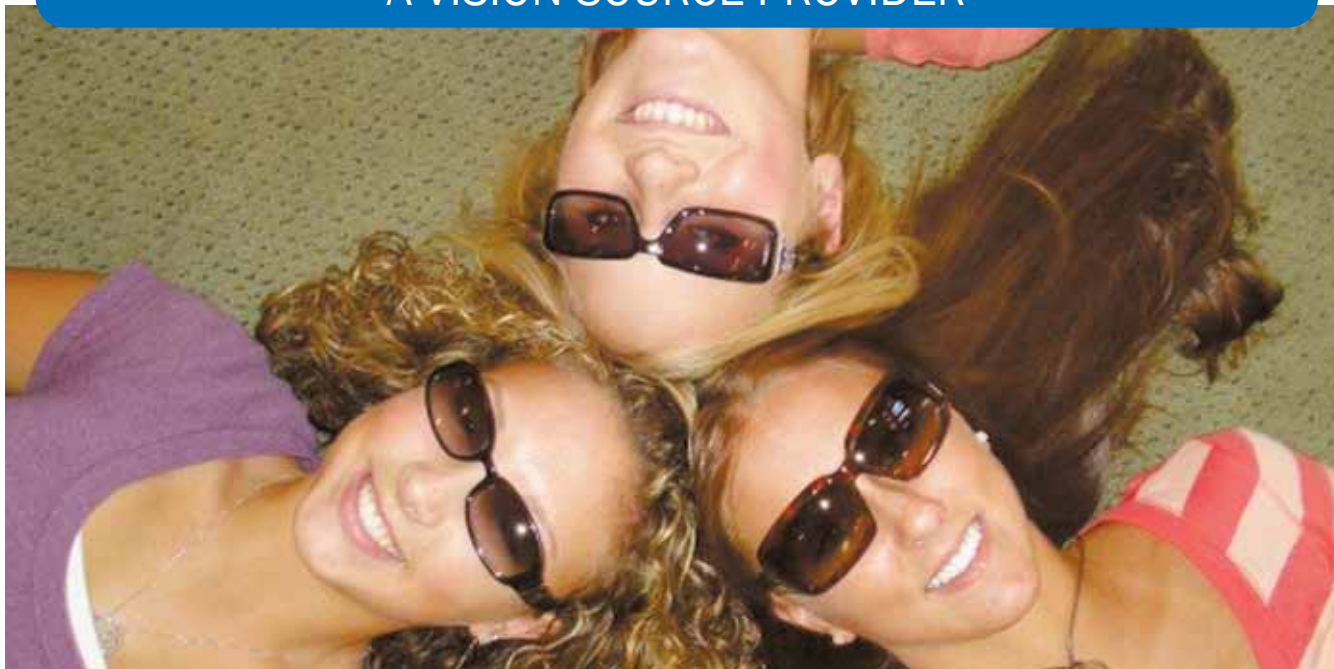
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spent on residential projects

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Commercial Facade Matching Grant Program



107

projects to date



\$2,287,001.80

spent on commercial façade projects

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are matched by property owners

Commercial Revolving Loan Fund



42

projects to date



\$2,007,973.89

loaned out

\$1,238,136.50

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\$497,426.68

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Requests for Proposal Projects and Direct Investment Projects



51

projects to date



\$7,648,594.40

program funds spent



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1. Annual Meeting and State of the City **2.** YP Network event, **3.** BizBash Business & Community Expo, **4.** Annual Golf Outing, **5.** Annual Meeting and State of the City, **6.** Annual Golf Outing, **7.** LAUNCH Johnson County Pitch Competition, **8.** Shop Small Open House, **9.** Chamber 115th Birthday Bash **10.** Annual Meeting and State of the City.



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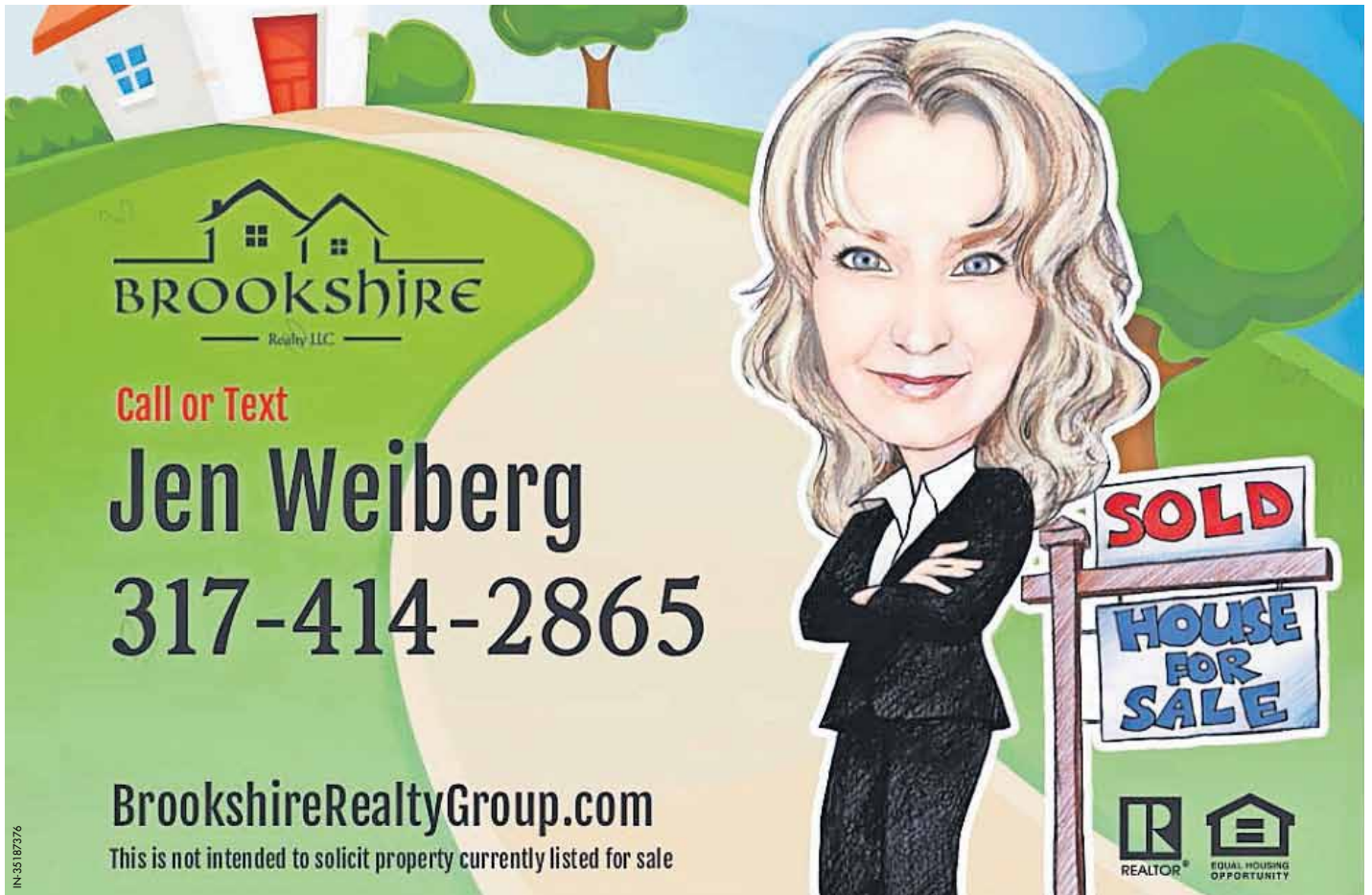


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Strong leadership and support from the community have made Franklin home to companies such as: Berry Global, KYB Americas Corporation, NSK Corporation, Aisin, Caterpillar Remanufacturing and Johnson Memorial Health.

Franklin also is located near Camp Atterbury, a major training facility for the United States Army, the Indiana National Guard and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Suppliers and contractors from Franklin have contracts with the military.

Franklin's City Government and the Franklin Development Corporation help new businesses with incentives and other resources.

Franklin's economic base is diverse — from six Japanese manufacturing companies to more than 200 women-owned businesses.



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Why companies choose Franklin



Incentives to move

Several economic incentives are allowed to be considered to assist companies with either locating to Franklin or expanding their existing businesses. These economic incentives include economic development revenue bonds, tax increment financing (TIF), lease/purchase agreements and tax abatements. When considering a request for any economic incentives, the Franklin Economic Development Commission and City Council will consult the criteria outlined for tax abatement requests according to Indiana Code and all requirements of Indiana law.

Center of attention

Businesses are a big deal here. We value the 12,000 jobs created by our employers, and we celebrate their achievements. Our companies also are deeply involved in our nonprofits such as United Way and Leadership Johnson County. Franklin also is the County Seat of Johnson County, Indiana — one of the fastest-growing and exciting communities of the Indianapolis metropolitan area. That makes us the home to the historic Johnson County Courthouse and Johnson County Government offices.



Franklin Chamber's BizBash is the ultimate Business-2-Business and Business-2-Consumer networking event that is a business expo, community showcase, a job fair and a lot of fun all in one.

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join us

Scan the QR code to visit the Franklin Chamber website and apply to join.

High quality of life

Franklin is a highly walkable city and is considered a safe community. Our downtown boasts traditional main street shops, coffeehouses and restaurants, event centers and our amphitheater hosts great outdoor events. Our parks, libraries and trails are considered some of the finest in Central Indiana.

Educated workforce

More than 91 percent of the city's population have graduated high school and have additional education. More than 24 percent have a bachelor's degree. Franklin area students also develop technical skills through Franklin College, Ivy Tech Franklin Community College and Central Nine Career Center.

Transportation

Franklin is located next to Interstate 65 and is connected to Interstates 465 and 69. For air and rail service, we also have close access to the Indianapolis International Airport, the Indy South Airport (Greenwood) and the Columbus City Airport; and the Louisville Indiana Railroad runs through the city with access ports.



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health care

Johnson Memorial Health's providers and hospital are based here. Optum Health and WindRose Health Network also offer primary and specialty care. See more about Johnson Memorial Health on page 23.



manufacturing

Franklin is home to six Japanese companies and others that supply major automotive companies. It is home to KYB Americas and NSK Corporation.



biotech

Because Indianapolis is home to Eli Lilly and four major hospitals, companies like B2S Life Sciences have located their operations here.

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high tech

The automotive industry has provided companies such as Industrial Controls and Automation to be the hub for their robotics technology.



agriculture

Though a growing suburban area, the rural Franklin and Johnson County agribusiness industry raises more than \$76 million of products annually.



retail

From large stores, such as Meijer, Walmart and Lowe's to small downtown shops, retail is the city's fourth-largest employment sector.



legal

Anchored by the Johnson County Courthouse, legal firms find the city a convenient place with access to the local judiciary and government.



education

93 percent of the adults are high school graduates and more than 24 percent have a bachelor's degree. This sector also is the fourth-highest employer.



logistics

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— **David Dunkle, MD, President/CEO**
Johnson Memorial Health

The health care system was built by and for the people of Johnson County. Johnson Memorial Hospital officially opened on June 29, 1947. Today, Johnson Memorial Health continues to serve as the county’s only full-service hospital.

Over the years, JMH has undergone numerous expansions and renovations to keep up with the needs of the community. In 1955, the north patient wing opened, increasing the hospital’s capacity. In 1968, a new surgery wing was added. In 1984, the three-story nursing tower was opened, increasing the hospital’s capacity. In 1998, the 1155 Professional Office Building opened, along with the Immediate Care/Occupational Health Center and Outpatient Rehabilitation Center on U.S. 31.

In the 2000s, the JMH campus expanded

to include the 1159 Professional Office Building featuring a new cancer care center. The geographical footprint of JMH also expanded, with the construction of the Stones Crossing Health Pavilion in Center Grove and the Whiteland and Greenwood Primary Care centers. Johnson Memorial Hospital then became known as Johnson Memorial Health.

Eventually, the original 1947 building grew too old to efficiently maintain. In 2020, a new emergency department, an outpatient services building and a new orthopedic rehabilitation building took its place.

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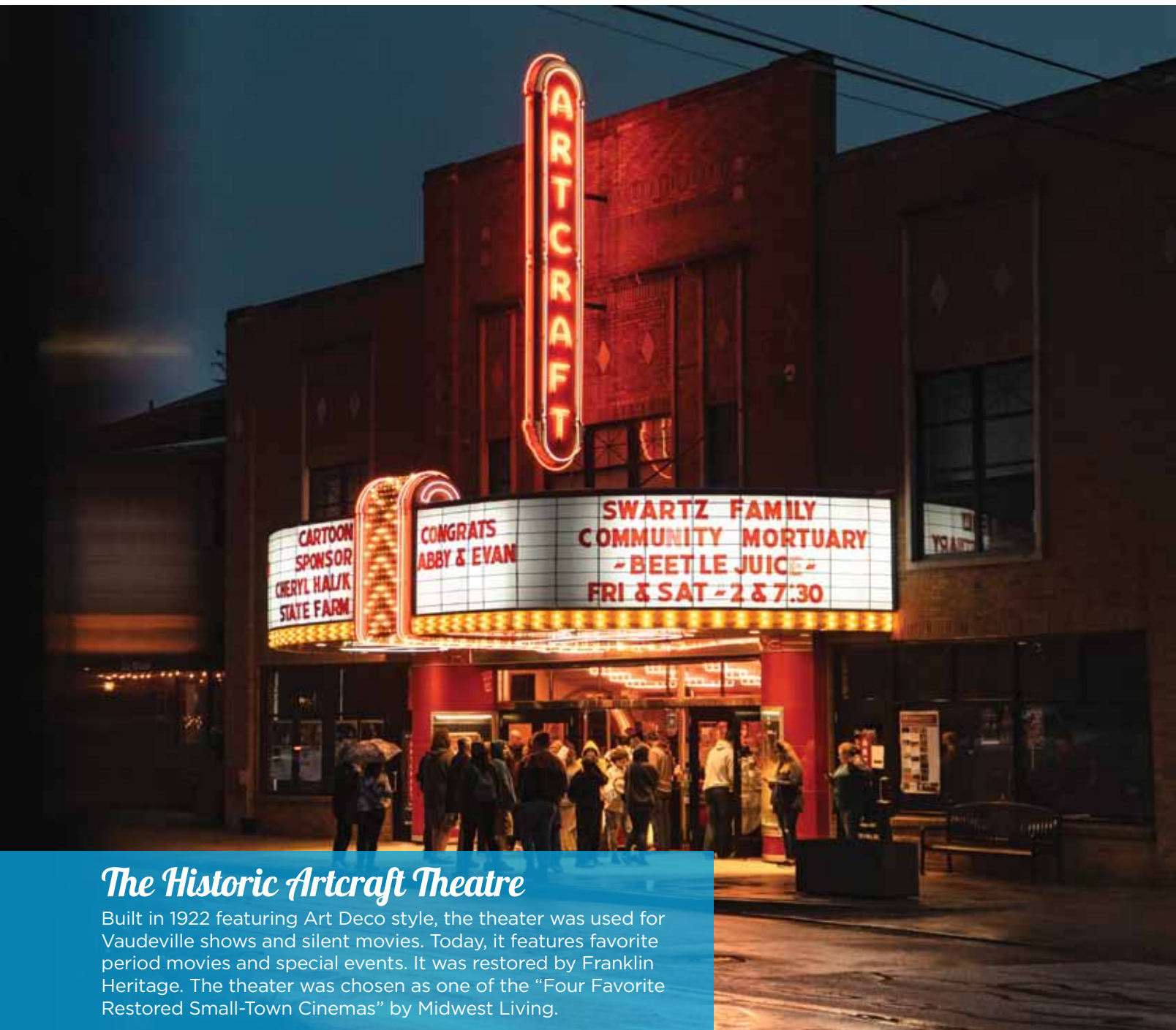
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A wide-angle photograph of the Johnson County Courthouse, a large, ornate building with a central clock tower and multiple gables. The building is surrounded by trees and a lawn.

Johnson County Courthouse

Considered one of Indiana's most beautiful courthouses, it was built between 1879 and 1881 with elements of the Second Empire, Neo-Jacobean and Romanesque Revival architecture.

A photograph of the Johnson County Museum, a large, classical-style building with a prominent portico supported by columns. The words "MASONIC TEMPLE" are visible on the pediment above the entrance.

The Johnson County Museum

The Johnson County Museum of History is a hub of year-round historic and cultural event programming. In the spring, the museum hosts a fundraiser for the Historical Society as well as a Victorian Tea. In the summer, there is a week-long History Camp that invites fourth grader students to learn more about Johnson County's history. In the fall, the annual Heritage Day gives children and adults the chance to see historic reenactments from both Pioneer and Civil War times, as well as historic crafts and games. Holiday events include two weekend meetings with Santa, and a Holiday Open House.

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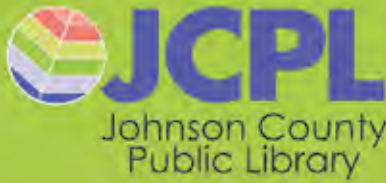
Discover Downtown Franklin (DDF) is passionate about keeping things fresh and inviting, fun and just a little bit funky. Following Main Street America's 4-Point Approach of Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion and Organization, DDF focus daily on



the mission of "Connecting people to our downtown community."

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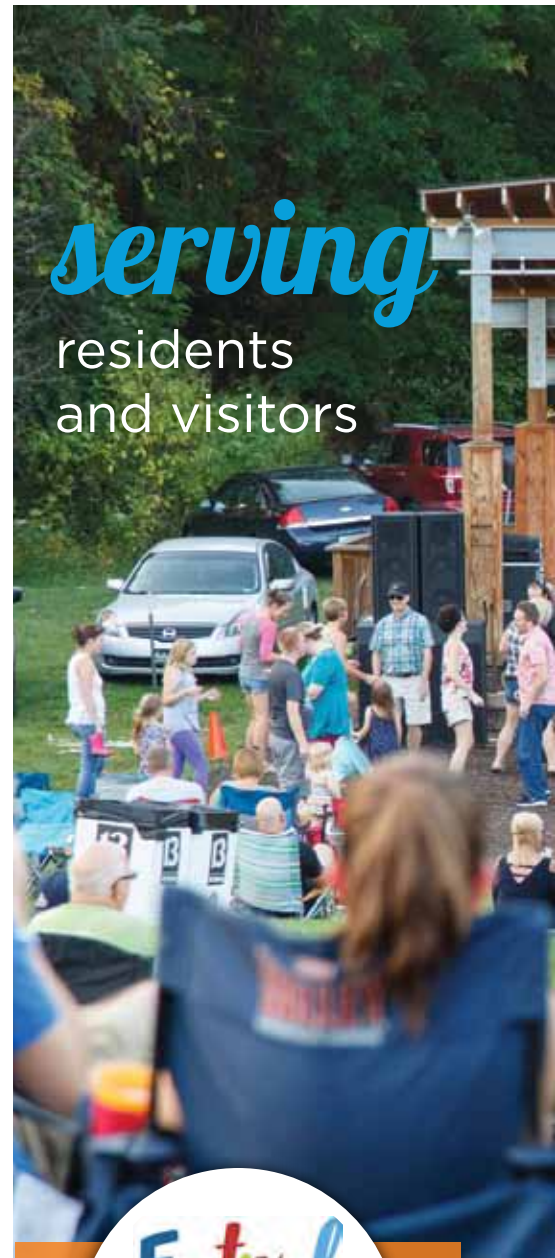
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- » Public restrooms.

The visitor center is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Festival Country Indiana is the official tourism agency for Franklin and the other communities of Johnson County.

In addition to marketing the area to potential visitors, they sponsor the concert series, provide grants to create new festivals, and work with other agencies on projects like the Artcraft Alley and Kuji Alley art installations.

Festival Country is pleased to work with the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, City of Franklin, Discover Downtown Franklin, Franklin Parks & Recreation and others to create the Genuine Franklin experience.





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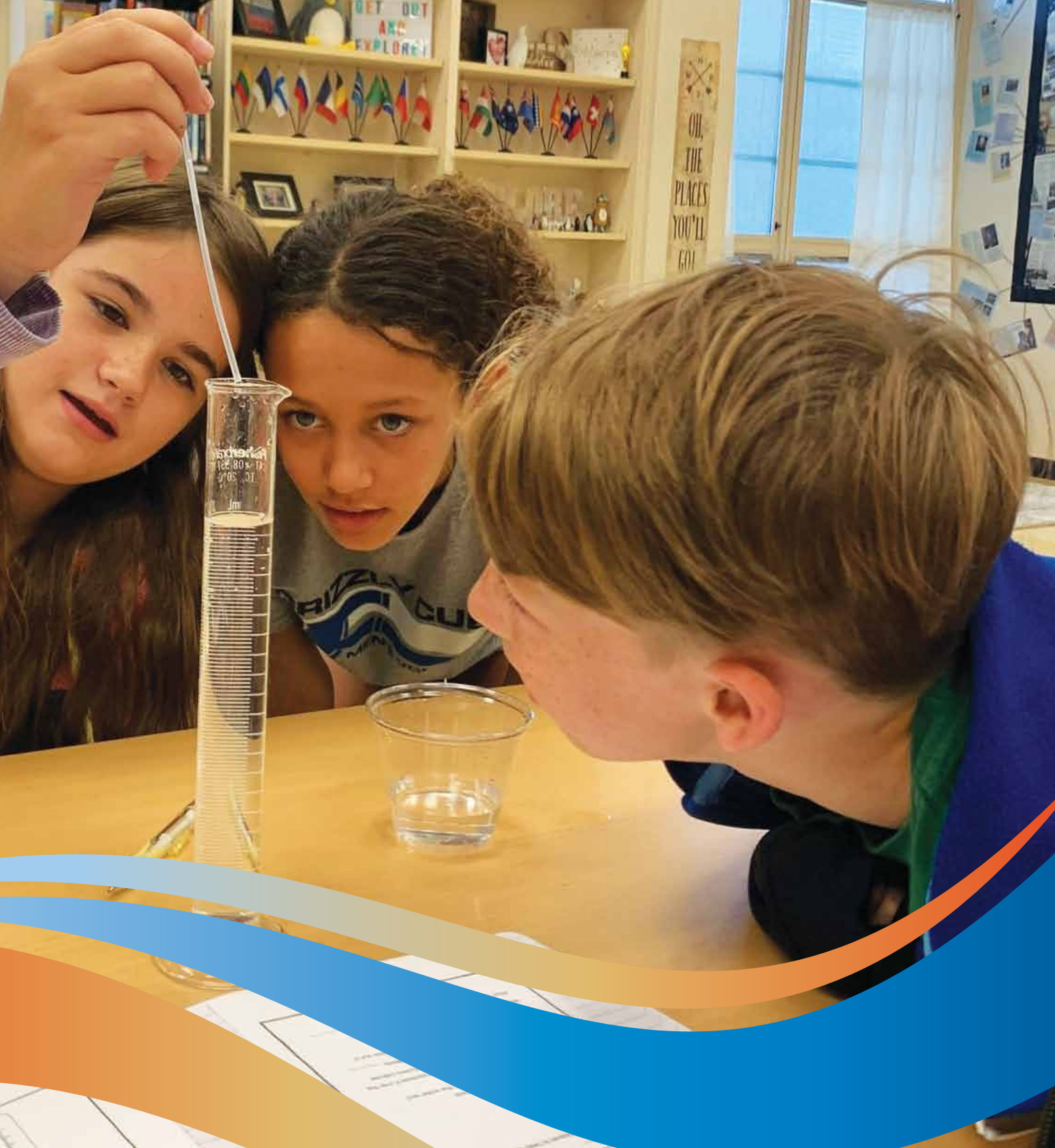


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education



Franklin Community Schools



Communities like Franklin don't happen by accident. It takes innovative thinking, dynamic partnerships, and collaboration. Serving nearly 5000 students, Franklin Community Schools is one of the largest employers in the county, employing over 800 faculty and staff members who are committed to individual student growth. Franklin is the home to five elementary schools, an intermediate school (Grades 5-6), a middle school (Grades 7-8),

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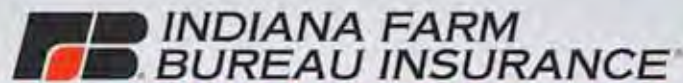
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Blue Heron Park

This beautiful park has a large playground, full basketball court, 18-Hole disc golf course, wetland area with boardwalk, rentable shelter with restrooms, picnic tables and grills, as well as the Blue Heron Challenge Course, and connection to the Historic Greenway Trail. The Blue Heron course has 18 holes with a total distance course length of 5,001 feet. The Blue Heron Disc Golf Club plans to host tournaments.

Scott Park

This park offers five baseball fields, concession stand, open space, basketball court, playground and picnic area, and is home to the Parks and Recreation Softball League, Franklin Little League, Girls Softball and Franklin Boys & Girls Club T-ball League.

Province Park

Set on more than 50 acres, this park is home to a Dog Park, Aquatic Center, Arts and Culture Center, four rentable shelters, rose garden and gazebo, and is connected to the Historic Greenway Trail. Let your pup play with friends. Members may visit the Province Park Dog Park during regular park hours, from dawn to dusk. An annual dog park membership consists of a collar tag for each dog and a gate access card for the owner.

Franklin Action Skate Park

This skate park contains seven steel elements for biking and skateboarding, and is connected to the Historic Greenway Trail and offers ample parking.



Franklin Family Aquatic Center

Franklin Family Aquatic Center

This state-of-the-art aquatic center offers an Olympic-sized swimming pool with a diving well, a 190-foot water slide, a new heated zero-depth pool with play structure including 16 interactive play features, water basketball, a concession stand and sun decks.



Cultural Arts and Recreation Center

Cultural Arts and Recreation Center

This center offers 30,000 square feet of space for programs and activities offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Mountain Dew climbing wall will challenge young and old alike. The center offers a newly renovated fitness center, locker rooms and shower facilities, walking/running track, space for dance/theater, creative arts and preschool programs. Learn more about family programs, children's camp and reservations at www.franklinparks.org



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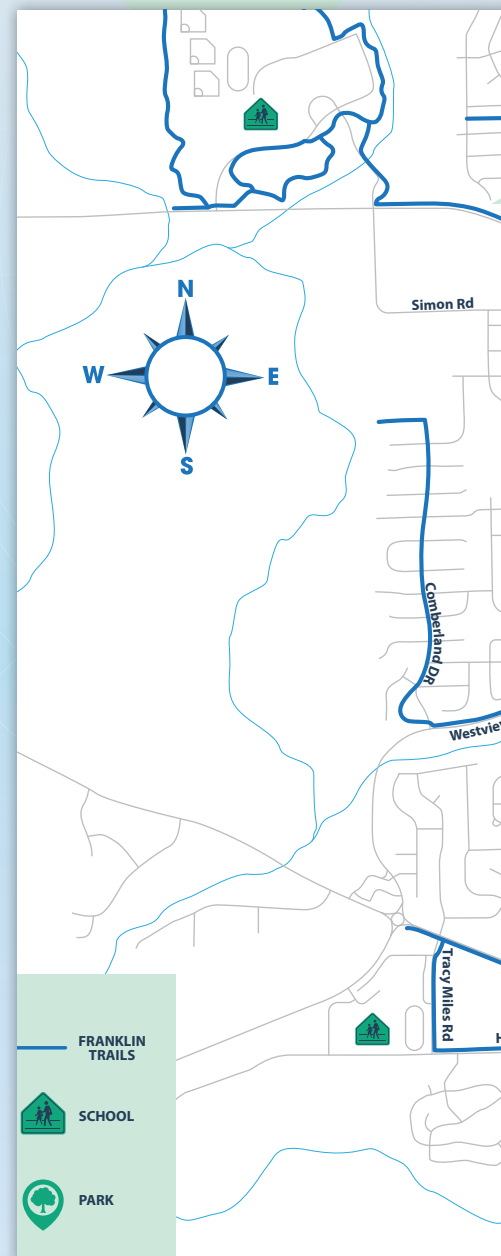


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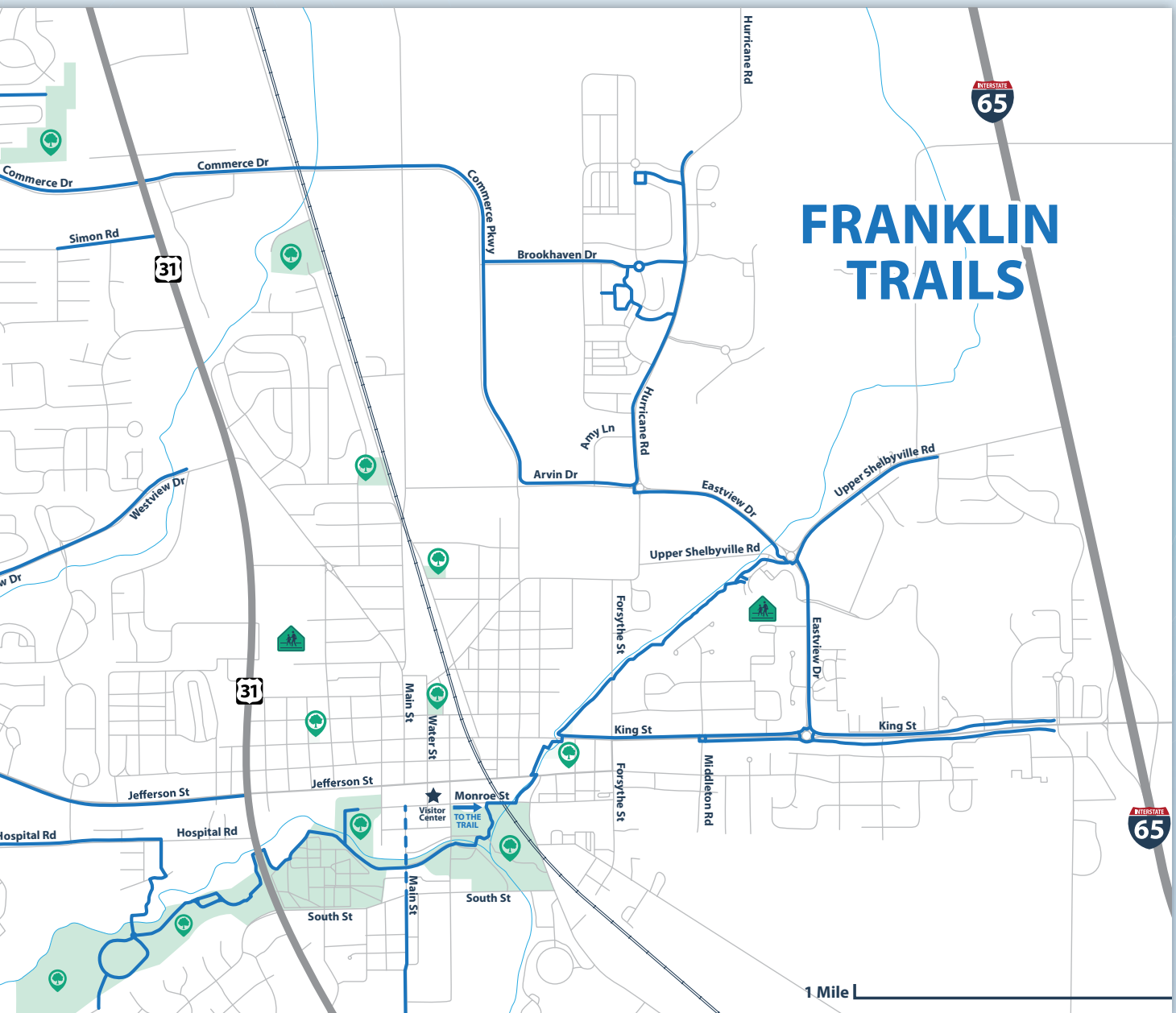
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In 2011, JCPL held a centennial celebration to recognize and

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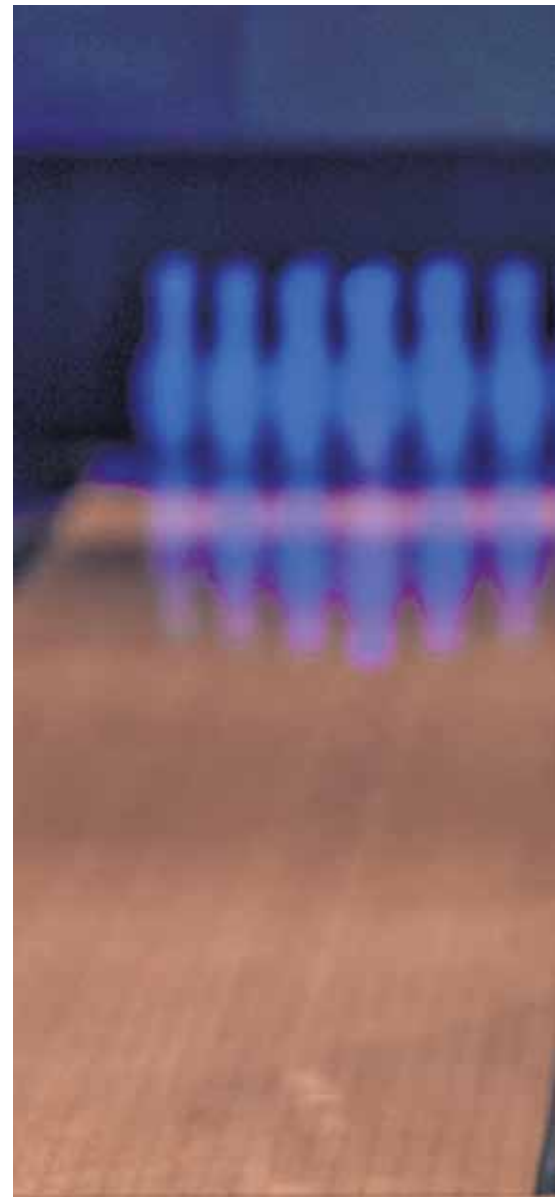
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