

Senior Event
 Longwood
 Gardens Bus Trip
 December 13
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THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY INCORPORATED 1687



Thornbury Township Residents Enjoy the 2012 Fall Festival



Thank you to the Public Works department who set up and decorate for the festival and then break down and clean up afterwards. The displays and the park were beautiful! And what would a fall festival be without the hay ride? Thank you to Rick Schlosberg for lending the Township the tractor and supplying the bales of hay. Thank you to all of the residents who came in costume and participated in the Halloween Parade and Costume contest!

Photo by Dave Milowicki

New Year Will Bring New Rules for Disposing of Electronic Devices

COURTESY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TOWNSHIP NEWS MAGAZINE

New rules for disposing of electronic devices that take effect on January 24, 2013 will prohibit residents from throwing away laptops, computers, monitors, televisions, and other electronics with their trash (*Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010*).

“Proper recycling is important because there are millions and millions of devices, they have a limited useful life span, and they contain heavy metals, such as lead, cadmium, and mercury, as well as other materials that do not belong in the normal trash stream,” state Secretary of Environmental Protection Michael Krancer said in a news release.

Many of these devices also contain valuable metals, such as gold, silver, and

platinum, and base metals, such as copper, iron and aluminum that can be separated and reused in new products. The law also requires manufacturers of covered devices to provide for the collection, transportation and recycling of these items through one-day events, permanent collection programs or mail-back options.

Some retailers also accept electronics for recycling either at no charge or in exchange for rebates or coupons.

A current list of collection opportunities, including those offered by manufacturers and retailers, is available by calling the DEP’s recycling hotline at (800) 346-4242. Electronics recycling information for county recycling coordinators can also be located at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword “recycle.”

E-Waste Collection Day
January 5th 2013
 Thornbury Park
 9:00–11:00am
Freon items not acceptable



Township Manager Letter

BY JEFFREY T. SEAGRAVES

Hello fellow Residents. This fall has been an exciting time in Thornbury Township. We have once again provided a great deal of activity for the residents to enjoy. Thanks to all that helped organize these events and a special thanks to those that have attended.

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the importance of **Emergency Preparedness**. Now that we have Hurricanes Sandy and Irene behind us in the past two years, it may be a good time to reflect on how well we were or were not prepared for these storms. We as a Township have worked diligently to ensure that our residents are well informed during the events.



Our Public Works department captured this images of the foot bridge at Brinton Lake during Hurricane Sandy.

We have posted info on our TV channel the website and have also sent out e-mails to those on our mailing list for updates on the local conditions. We realize that many residents do not have power or internet during these storms, but many have smart phones that enable them to stay connected. We have a number of helpful pieces of literature available at the Township

building and have placed other information regarding emergency preparedness on our web site. If you have not done so, please sign up for our e-mail list to stay informed.

One proactive step that residents can take is to ensure that all roadside obstructions are cleared prior to the winter storms. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code clearly places the responsibility of addressing traffic hazards created by vegetation on the property owner. Please take precautions to ensure safety of all motorists. *TF*

JEFF SEAGRAVES, TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Keep Thornbury Beautiful Was The Theme for Our 2nd Annual Clean Up Day

SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Thank You to the following residents, including families, individuals, members of the Western Delaware Valley Lions Club and the Cheyney University athletes, who came out to the township's maintenance garage in Thornbury Park to contribute to the Annual Township Clean Up efforts:

- Michael Avella
- Tony Avella
- Joe Aragno
- Evan Cohen
- Minda Cohen
- Cheyney University Women's Volleyball and Women's Basketball teams
- Geoff Carbutt
- Susan Daudert
- Jeremiah Daudert
- Kelly Ann Daudert
- Jared Dovidio
- Sharon Dovidio
- Greg Harhee
- Chuck Howat
- Suzanne Howat
- Ted Jacquet
- JP Kelly
- Collin Kelly
- Julianna Kelly
- Marie Kelly
- James Kelly
- Christine Kelly
- Jim Quinn
- Steve Ryan
- Jeff Seagraves





Board Chairman Letter

BY JIM RAITH

With Hurricane Sandy behind us, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Township staff and volunteers for all of their hard work. As we all know, there were many challenges during the storm as well as afterwards. There were countless hours put in by everyone to help our community get back to normal.

The Township sent numerous updates out during the storm to those who are signed up to receive our email alerts. I received many compliments on our communication during the storm. I urge you to sign up if you are not already. Please contact Sue at the Township building or email her at sue@thornbury.org



Halloween Parade was a lot of fun, thanks to Concord Fire Co. for leading everyone to the park!

Once again our annual Halloween Fall Festival Parade was a great success! Thanks to all of our participants who made this a memorable year; there were some incredible costumes for sure. I would like to thank our Township staff and the Park and Recreation Board for all of their hard work putting the event together.

If you have any interest in serving on one of our boards or commissions, please contact either myself, JP, Sheri, or a member of our staff with a letter of interest and also let us know what interests you may have.

With the cold weather coming around the corner we will need to keep in mind possible snow. We must be aware of bad road conditions, please be careful while driving and obey all snow removal rules. If there are areas of concern, please contact the Township and we will help in any way we can. In closing, have a nice winter, and we will see you around town! *JR*

JIM RAITH, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors Actions

SECOND QUARTER 2012

August 15, 2012

- Approved website developing and hosting.
- Approved funding a State Police Bicycle Training course in the amount of \$675.00.

September 5, 2012

- Approved the purchase of fish for the upcoming Children's Fishing Derby from Crystal Springs Hatchery at a cost of \$2,500.00.
- Approved proposal from Cook's Construction Company of Folcroft to replace the gutters and downspouts on Building #8 at Township Drive, at a cost of \$5,837.00.

September 19, 2012

- Approved Resolution # 2012-13, the Amended Subdivision Plan for Joseph Gricco located at 205 & 209 Locksley Road.
- Approved the 2012-2013 Snow & Ice Removal Contract bids.
- Approved a special Event Permit to be

issued to Boy Scout Troop 260 and Cub Pack 260, for a weekend camping trip to be held at Martin Park.

- Accepted resignation of Jonathan Flynn from the Park and Recreation Board. Approved appointment of Chris Atella to complete Flynn's term ending December, 2013.

October 3, 2012

- Approved the extension on the "Wills" Subdivision.
- Approved 2012 Contributions to the Concordville Fire Department in the amount of \$60,000, the Edgmont Fire Department in the amount of \$34,000, and the Chester Heights Fire Department in the amount of \$26,000.
- Approved authorizing the Township Manager to execute the "Letter of Intent" confirming that Thornbury Township will consider the proposed resolution authorizing the Stray Animal Agreement

with the Animal Protection Board of Delaware County.

October 17, 2012

- Approved Ordinance # 1 of 2012 amending the Storm water Ordinance Act 167 of October 4, 1978.
- Approved the purchase of a Western, 1.8 cubic yard Hopper Salt Spreader from Unlimited Truck Fabricators of Aston.



Give me the scarf and nobody gets hurt!



Sewer Committee News

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT SEPTIC SYSTEM FAILURES?

An estimated 10 to 20 percent of septic systems malfunction each year, causing pollution to the environment and creating a risk to public health. With one-fourth of U.S. homes using septic systems, more than 4 billion gallons of wastewater per day is dispersed below the ground's surface. Inadequately treated sewage from septic systems can cause ground-water contamination because it can contaminate drinking water wells and cause diseases and infections in people and animals.

The most obvious septic system failures are easy to spot, such as: Sewer odors in the house and/or drinking water (if using well water). Check for pooling water or muddy soil around your septic system or in

your basement. Notice whether your toilet runs sluggishly or sink backs up when you do laundry. You might also notice strips of bright green grass over the drain field and/or presence of raw sewage. Septic systems also fail when partially treated wastewater comes into contact with groundwater. This type of failure is not easy to detect, but it can result in the pollution of wells, nearby streams, or other bodies of water.

A septic tank accumulates solids which should be pumped out at least every three to five years. The frequency of pumping depends upon tank size, amount of water used, volume of solids in the wastewater and household size. Larger households generally require more frequent pumping (every

one or two years). A *garbage disposer* will add to the volume of solids and increase the frequency of pumping. Alternative systems with electrical float switches, pumps, or mechanical components need to be inspected more often, generally once a year.

Attention: Sewer Rent Customers

Starting with your January Statements you will see a new mailing address for submitting your payments. (6 Township Drive, Cheyney, PA 19319) In the past we have outsourced the Sewer billing. In 2013 we are bringing our sewer billing in house. Please be patient with us as we work through all of the details. Our goal is to best serve you! Sewer Loan Customers: this change will not affect your bills. *T*

Planning Commission Actions

NEWS AND UPDATES

Planning Commission Meetings

Held on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Meetings are held at the Township Meeting Room on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome.

Subdivision & Land Development:

Edward Lawlor Preliminary/Final 2-Lot Subdivision, 4 Sweetbriar La. We are currently discussing this 6-acre parcel. The plan proposes to subdivide the property into 2 lots with no new dwellings.

Locksley Rd. There has been no action on the part of the applicant, and therefore this application remains inactive.

Wills Prelim./Final 3-Lot Subdivision, 35 Gricco, Final Subdivision, 205/209 Locksley Rd. The plan proposes to amend the

subdivision known as "Thomas Damon" approved in 1985 to reconfigure the existing 2 separate driveways into a single driveway. On September 12 the Planning Commission recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors.

Andover Sketch Plan for Lot Line Change, Lot 1, 2 Fallbrook La. This application was recently reviewed. Official discussions will begin once preliminary plans for this application are received.

Sweetwater Road Tract, Preliminary 3-Lot Subdivision, 53 Sweetwater Rd. The Planning Commission is currently discussing this 18 acre parcel.

Redding, Sketch 3-Lot Subdivision, 158 Locksley Rd. We discussed this sketch plan on April 11th 2012. Official discussions will begin once preliminary plans for this 9.71 acre parcel are received.

Ordinances:

Comprehensive Plan: The Planning Commission is currently discussing the Comprehensive Plan while waiting for data from the County to update the Township's GIS system.

Outdoor Dining Ordinance: On August 8 we recommended to the Board of Supervisors approval of this draft ordinance to permit seasonal outdoor dining, subject to the "conditional use" process.

Watershed Stormwater Management Ordinance: The Planning Commission, as required by the State, has reviewed comprehensive storm water runoff regulations, resulting from land development, and on July 25 recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors with a request to consider future incorporation of an affirmative hardship relief provision.



Parks & Recreation Update

WINTER 2012 ACTIVITIES

Thornbury Township Parks: Locations and Features



Barrett's Meadow

30 acres at Creek & Tanguy Rds.
Walk the trail and enjoy the naturally occurring wild flowers in the spring and summer



Bonner Park

65 acres on Blossom Hill Road
Visit the historic Frazier Ruins and an old, unused quarry.
Plenty of good hiking!



Martin Park

45 acres on Stony Bank Road
Home to our Annual Fishing Derby. Enjoy plenty of walking, picnicking and fishing.



Palmer Arboretum

21 acres on Brinton Lake Road
Climb on the giant adirondack chairs, play hopscotch, walk the trails and enjoy a quiet picnic.



Thornbury Park

56 acres at Glen Mills & Thornton Rds.
Home to many of our Township events. Enjoy walking, running, sports, playground equipment, the Pavilion and much more.

Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 Senior Event

Longwood Gardens Bus Trip
Must be a resident – please call to reserve your seat.

Time: Bus leaves at 12:00 – returns at 5:00pm

Place: Township Building

Cost: \$15.00

Tuesday, March 5, 2012 Philadelphia Flower Show

Please call to reserve your seat.

Time: Bus leaves at 9:30am – returns at 4:30pm

Place: Township Building

Cost: \$30.00

Visit www.thornbury.org for a complete list of activities!

Attention:

Discount Ski tickets and AMC theatre tickets are available at the Township building.



Right: Jeff Seagraves assists a very young fisherman at the Annual Children's Fishing Derby on October 13.
Left: Ryan and Lauren Czymek both caught a prize-winning fish!
Photos by Dave Milowicki



Storm Water Pollution and Yard Waste THE IMPORTANCE OF YARD MAINTENANCE

Did you Know...?

Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of storm water pollution. This debris can clog culverts, storm drains, and pipes, causing flooding. Debris can carry fertilizers and pesticides from your yard and deposit them in streams and ponds. Piles of leaves and grass clippings will overload a stream's ability to process leaf litter, causing nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion.

How You Can Help:

- Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near streams or drainage channels where they could blow or wash into creeks.
- Do not blow leaves or grass clippings off your property into streets, streams, ponds, or drainage swales.
- Recycle grass clippings. Let your lawn benefit from their nutrients.
- Use a mulching lawnmower to recycle remaining leaves into your lawn in the fall!
- Compost leaves and grass clippings with yard waste.
- Select a location removed from streams, ponds and wetlands.

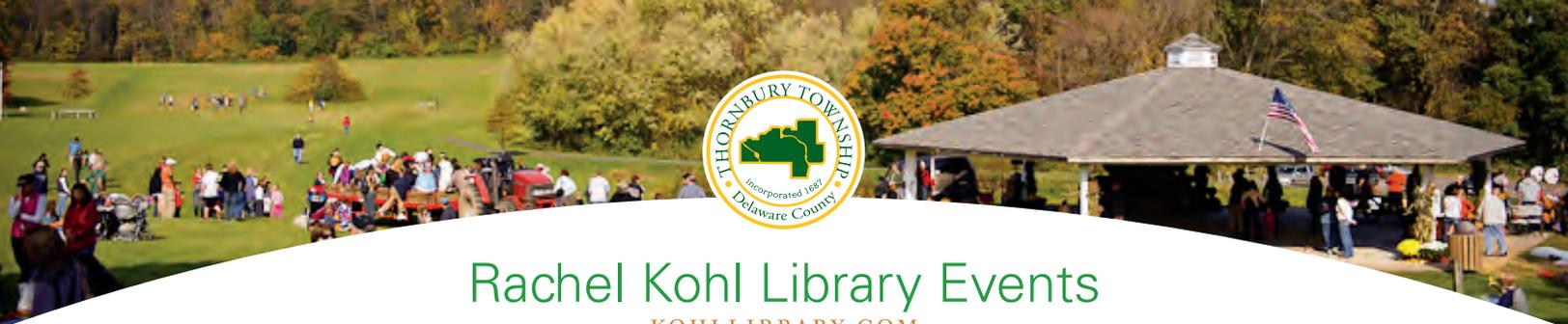
Recycling News



We have renewed our recycling contract and have reinstated the 5th Wednesday pick-up in "five-Wednesday" months to provide an additional recycle day for you. The 'bonus' recycle dates are as follows:

- January 30
- July 31
- May 29
- October 30





Rachel Kohl Library Events

KOHLLIBRARY.COM

Winter Events

The Rachel Kohl Library has a number of activities this winter. Our children story times will continue at their normal times; including our new preschool storytime series *Letters of the Week* on Wednesdays at 10:30am. For adults: on December 12 at 6:30pm, reading “Midnight Rising” by Tony Horwitz. Come join us for a movie and refreshments. The final part of our Classic Movie series will take place December 11 with “Christmas in Connecticut.”

Winter Festival

Our 2nd Annual Winter Festival was held on December 2nd. This year featured a winter woodland for children with stories, fun crafts, face painting, a hot chocolate bar, entertainment and our tree lighting. The Friends of the Library sold handcrafted

holiday bows made by a former Christmas tree farmer in support of the library. Like last year, we collected donations of cold weather clothing and unwrapped toys in support of a local battered women’s shelter.

Senior Spaces

We have received a Senior Spaces grant. We are in the process of creating a corner just for older adults with lifelong learning resources and activities. We’re always looking for your input and new ideas. Feel free to let us know of any programs or library materials you’d like to see in your new space!

Even more fun learning programs are coming this winter. Stay up-to-date by checking our calendar, our website (kohllibrary.org) or our Facebook page! *T*



Ten Things You Can Do to Winterize Your Home

Clean Out Your Gutters

Make sure the down spouts carry water away from your house.

Block Leaks

Install door sweepers and caulk windows and doors.

Insulate Your Attic

At least 12 inches is recommended.

Check Your Furnace

Have it cleaned and tuned annually. Change filters monthly.

Vacuum/Clean Out Duct Work

Seal any exposed leaks.

Windows

Install storm windows or a window insulator kit. Replace windows if possible.

Keep Out Cold Air

Keep chimney’s damper closed when fireplace isn’t in use. Keep glass doors on wood stoves closed when not in use.

Reverse Ceiling Fan Direction

Push warm air downward and force it to recirculate (the fan is ready for winter if the blades are turning clockwise).

Hoses

Make certain that the water to your hose bibs is shut off inside your house (via a turnoff valve), and that the lines are drained. Wrap pipes that aren’t insulated, or that pass through unheated spaces, with pre-molded foam rubber sleeves.

Alarms

Check the operation and change the batteries on your home’s smoke detectors. Invest in a carbon-monoxide detector.

Environmental Advisory Committee

SCAVENGER HUNT HIGHLIGHTS

In October the EAC held a truly educational and fun adventure for the entire family. The scavenger hunt started at the Locksley Road Bridge entrance to the Luckenbach Trail, A table up at the trailhead with a set of instructions, a map and refreshments for ‘survival’ welcomed the hikers. The trail lead downstream through the streamside woods and a historic mill ruins of over a century ago, to a check-in table setup at the Old Station Road Bridge. Some of the trophies or

prizes were there on display and additional survival food was provided. Three of our Adventurers are shown at the destination check-in. One of our adventurers found something very unusual: a clump of Reindeer Moss. The old bridge provided some great views. The flowers were attractive to see (and eat if you are a caterpillar) Then the trail was taken back to Locksley Road where more treasures were examined and more survival food was provided to last till lunch time. We all had a fantastic time and hope to see more residents participate in EAC fun next time!





Historical Commission Letter

“When the well is dry, we will know the worth of water” – Ben Franklin

Historic Resource Properties (HRP's)

Our Township has 203 of these. We will be initiating a systematic review of each of these files, with the hope of doing a minimum of four complete reviews a year. HC with your help will verify and expand information on each HRP. The adage, “Trust but verify,” is particularly important when documenting history, whether it be the history of a building or of family members. We’ll provide more detail in the future.

The Quaker Calendar

In its conception Thornbury Township was predominately Quaker. Those who research Quaker records may find the way in which Quakers dated letters, minutes and other documents, particularly before



1752, puzzling. Up to and including 1751 the Julian calendar was used and changed in 1753 to the Gregorian calendar. In these places the year officially began on March 25 and ended on the following March 24. So, confusing to us, 24 March 1750 was followed the next day by 25 March 1751. In 1752 the law changed: “Chesterfield’s Act” passed and the English year would begin on January 1. Thus the year 1751 began on March 25 1751 and ended on December

31, 1751, which was immediately followed by January 1 1752. Quakers followed the national practice with one exception, they objected to using names of days (Sunday to Saturday) and months (January to August) which derived from heathen gods or goddesses, employing instead numbers: thus Sunday was for them First Day. They had no difficulty with the months September to December, which derived from numbers, but for the other months, they substituted numbers, writing them out as First Month, Second Month, etc. The problem for the modern day reader is remembering that the year did not begin on January 1 until 1752, so that until 1752 February was Twelfth Month and March was First Month for Quakers. *T*

Winter Fun: Cold-Weather Recipe

Pumpkin Pancakes

Ingredients

- 1 cup complete buttermilk pancake mix
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2/3 cup cold water
- 1/3 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 cup maple syrup, warmed
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted

Directions

- In a large bowl, combine the pancake mix, cinnamon and ginger. In a small bowl, whisk water and pumpkin until blended; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened.
- Pour batter by 1/4 cupfuls onto a hot griddle coated with cooking spray. Flatten with back of spoon. When underside is browned, turn pancakes and cook until second side is browned. Top with syrup and pecans. Yield: 6 pancakes.



Although it was cold, the snacks, hot chocolate and movie made for a cozy night at our last 4th Friday event for the season at Thornbury Park. Photo by Dave Milowicki

Township Updates Storm Water Ordinance

The newly adopted Storm water Ordinance will repeal the current Thornbury Township Storm water Management Ordinance, Ordinance 4 of 2004, and adopts comprehensive new regulations which govern storm water management within the Ridley Creek, Chester Creek (including Goose Creek) watersheds in the Township.

The proposed Ordinance is intended to meet and/or exceed the requirements of the Pennsylvania Storm water Management Act, Act 167 of 1978, and will implement and satisfy the provisions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

Rustin High School Teams Support Breast Cancer Awareness

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP
6 TOWNSHIP DRIVE
CHEYNEY PA, 19319

PRESORTED STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
SOUTHEASTERN PA 19399
PERMIT # 50

This past Fall season, several of the Rustin Athletic teams raised funds for a local Breast Cancer non-profit organization: Unite for HER. The students came together in an effort to bring awareness to Cancer by wearing pink accessories during their games and soliciting donations. The athletes set an example for their peers and parents alike. Not only are they serving others, they encourage a healthy lifestyle and making healthy choices.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Band/Orchestra Concert

When December 12, 2012

Time 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Winter Break

When December 24, 2012

to January 2, 2013



THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY

Winter 2012 Calendar, Meetings & Contacts



December

Tree Lighting12 2	Historical Commission..... 12 18
Zoning Hearing Board Mtg..... 12 4	Board of Supervisors Mtg12 19
Recycle Day.....12 5	Recycle Day.....12 19
Holiday Express..... 12 8	EAC Mtg 12 20
Wreath Decorating Class 12 9	No School (WCASD)..... 12 24
Wreath Decorating Class12 10	Christmas Eve <i>Twp Office Closed</i> 12 24
Planning Commission Mtg.....12 12	Christmas Day <i>Twp Office Closed</i>12 25
Senior Trip Longwood Gardens... 12 13	Sewer Committee Mtg12 27

January

New Year's Day <i>Twp Office Closed</i>1 1	Recycle Day 1 16
Board of Supervisors Mtg 1 2	EAC Mtg1 17
Recycle Day..... 1 2	Inauguration Day..... 1 20
Schools Open (WCASD)..... 1 2	Martin Luther King <i>Twp Office Closed</i>1 21
Planning Commission Mtg..... 1 9	Park & Recreation Mtg 1 22
Historical Commission Mtg1 15	Sewer Committee Mtg 1 24
Board of Supervisors Mtg 1 16	Recycle Day 1 30

February

Super Bowl 2 3	Board of Supervisors Mtg 2 20
Board of Supervisors Mtg 2 6	Recycle Day..... 2 20
Recycle Day..... 2 6	EAC Mtg2 21
Happy Valentine's Day!.....2 14	Park & Recreation Mtg 2 26
President's Day <i>Twp Office Closed</i> 2 18	Planning Commission Mtg2 27
Historical Commission Mtg2 19	Sewer Committee Mtg 2 28

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Board of Supervisors

1st & 3rd Wednesdays: 7:00pm

James Raith, Chairman

James Kelly, Vice Chairman

Sheri Perkins, Supervisor

Zoning Hearing Board

1st Monday (if needed): 7:00pm

Environmental Advisory Council

3rd Thursday: 7:00pm

Park & Recreation Board

4th Tuesday: 7:00pm

Historical Commission

3rd Tuesday: 7:00pm

Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Wednesday: 7:00pm

Sewer Committee

4th Thursday: 7:00pm



Contacting the Township

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