

# LAKE RIDGE NEWS

## Happy New Year 2019!

### UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MARCH 12th

Last December, City Commissioners voted to place two general issues.

obligation bonds on a ballot for a special election scheduled for March 12, 2019. The first question will ask for \$200 million to go toward park improvements. The second asks for \$100 million to build a new police station in the city.

Fort Lauderdale police officers & the police chief say there are plenty of reasons they're asking for new police headquarter & this March, Fort Lauderdale voters will make that decision.

The reasons? Plenty. The elevators are ancient, the air conditioner breaks on a regular basis, the roof leaks, the offices are cramped, the basement floods & so does the parking lot. And there's plenty of evidence of past water intrusion, including carpet stains & mold



**YOUR VOTE MATTERS!**

If the bond issue passes, a new police headquarters & high-security parking garage would be built in the next few years at the existing property at 1300 W. Broward Blvd. This 85,000-square-foot building which has a basement & three floors was built in 1958 & has outgrown its 720 employees, including 520 officers.

The LRCA Board encourages all of you to vote this March 12th & to please consider voting for the Police Bond as it would give those that put their lives on the line for the greater good, our city's finest, a center of operations worthy of their sacrifice & the city they serve.

### UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

General Membership Meetings are held on the third Thursday, in the months of January - March - June & October, 7pm at ArtServe - 1350 E Sunrise Blvd. 33304

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- **March 21st:** General Meeting & Monument Update from the City of Ft. Lauderdale
- **April 18th:** SPECIAL EVENT: Taste of Italy at Café Vico- 1125 N. Federal Hwy. 33304, 6:00-9:00 pm.
- **June 20th:** General Meeting
- **October 17th:** General Meeting
- **December 2019:** LRCA Annual Holiday Party at J.Mark's- 1245 N. Federal Hwy. 33304, 6:00-8:30 pm.

### Have you renewed your membership?

If you are not currently a member, now is a great time to join & support your neighborhood!



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is on page 3.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Albetta

Greetings and Salutations to Residents and Neighbors of Lake Ridge,

Welcome to the LRCA Winter/Spring Newsletter. It is dedicated to the upcoming March 12th vote in Fort Lauderdale. Hopefully it will be the last election to be held at this time of the year; YOU will be able, if you are a registered voter, to vote to move ALL elections to November, a position that we endorse.

Also, we are getting ready for the 7th Annual Taste of Italy at Cafe Vico on Thursday, April. 18th, at 6pm. See details inside this newsletter.

Please see the attached article from the Fort Lauderdale Chief of Police, Rick Maglione, on why the Police and Public Safety Bond is definitely needed. I personally did a walkthrough of the 60-year old police headquarters building—a dilapidated, leaky-roof, mold-infested disgrace to Fort Lauderdale's Finest. We need a state-of-the-art building to enable our police department to provide better protection and security for the residents of Fort Lauderdale.

Next is the Parks and Recreation Bond. Please see attached article from the Director of Parks and Recreation, Phil Thornburg, on the needs for OUR Parks and Recreation. We need our parks to be stable for now and the future. Yes, to more GREEN to help to overcome global warming and the Greenhouse Effect. The Federal Government ignores this,

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### Opportunities Abound

by Juliette Rocque

New Year, New Board, well sort of... I am excited to return to the board for another year. I believe that 2019 will be the year of change and the realizations of many of the projects that we have been working on. The board is comprised of seven people, but our community encompasses thousands. Just think of all the wonderful things that Lake Ridge can accomplish with greater participation. The thought makes me giddy!

At the beginning of the year most make resolutions, I have a wish list. Taste of Italy - will be held on April 18, 2019 at Café Vico. My wish it that is year's event be the best Taste of Italy to date. You help make that happen. If you like to throw parties, love to decorate, have great ideas. Maybe you have a really nice announcer voice and enjoy public speaking. Interested? Send me an e-mail, [Luze052@gmail.com](mailto:Luze052@gmail.com), the Event Committee needs you.

Hosting a Health Fair has been on the top of my list for quite some time. Health fairs provide opportunities for community members to learn how to help individuals and families stay healthy and safe by providing educational and interactive opportunities all in one place. If this is something that you would like to make happen, please e-mail me at [Luze05@gmail.com](mailto:Luze05@gmail.com).

We have had a just four clean ups per year coinciding with City's Neighborhood Support. My wish is that in addition to clean ups Lake Ridge will be able to engage in other forms of beautification. To lend a helping hand or if you have a project suggestion...

you guessed it, e-mail me at [Luze052@gmail.com](mailto:Luze052@gmail.com).

In conjunction, we still needs a Green Your Routine (GYR) King or Queen. It is one of the most important things on my list. As you know, we only have one fundraising event per year (Taste of Italy). Our current advertisement barely subsidizes the cost for production and delivery of the newsletter.

Participating in GYR allows us to earn money for the association which we use to fund our events, provide refreshments etc....GYR activities consists of coordinating the maintenance of our common areas (entryways, medians, cutouts, etc.) through a series of volunteer workdays to clean, transplant and replant as needed.

Here are some of my other wishes for 2019,

- Identifying an area within Lake Ridge to construct a memorial greenway
- Increasing memberships and providing online payment capabilities on our Website
- MEMBERSHIP should have PRIVILEGES so we should actively cultivate business partnerships who would offer exclusive discounts.
- Saturday morning walking group
- Communication - expanding our online presence

I invite you all to come along for the ride and grab hold of one or more of the opportunities presented. Our motto has been **Unity in the Community because Unity is Strength**. Let 2019 embody that spirit, get involved in your community and have a hand it expanding the boundaries of what the LRCA can do. Side benefit, you get the pleasure of looking around you neighborhood with pride.

**Together, we can get it done.**





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### A Message From Chief Maglione



Greetings Lake Ridge neighbors, Happy New Year and best wishes for a safe and prosperous 2019. We had a great 2018, but that does not mean we are going to rest. We endeavor to continue the downward crime trends, increase community engagement and improve the quality of life in Lake Ridge and throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale.

I would like to start by relaying some crime statistics for 2018. The official crime rates that are published by the FBI are only out for the first six months of 2018 and we are proud to announce a 14.5% decrease. Our unofficial numbers for the entire year include a 3% decrease in violent crime, a 10% decrease in property crime and a 9% decrease in crime overall. Our arrests have also increased by 20% and our crime clearance rate has also increased by 7%.

I am also proud to announce that the homeless encampment downtown is gone and all of the folks that resided there have been placed in housing. This humanitarian effort was accomplished without a single arrest. We know we have a long way to go to address the problem of homelessness, but this was a great start. On January 9, 2019, we also held our first session of the Community Court. This court is specifically to address the special circumstances that affect our homeless neighbors, and the 'sentences' are custom tailored to each person's needs. There is also a community service component of each case so each 'defendant' will be giving back to the City.

Lastly, I would like to add a few words about a \$100 million bond issue for a new police headquarters that will be going before the voters on March 12, 2019. My intent here is to educate, not to advocate, but I would like to provide a few facts. Our current facility was constructed in 1958 when we had a population of about 80,000 residents and under 100 police officers. Sixty years later,

our population exceeds 185,000 full time residents, but we serve well over 300,000 people on an average each day. We now employ approximately 530 police officers and approximately 200 civilian community builders. We are still in that 1958 building that is currently 85,000 square feet. We also have an undersized parking lot that floods even when we receive moderate rainfall. We spend countless taxpayer dollars on repairs and leases on other properties just to keep the building operational, conduct certain training, provide necessary office space and store our property and evidence. The building is not equipped to handle modern technology that limits our ability to efficiently utilize things such as our body worn cameras and our real time crime center. Our current building cannot withstand major hurricane force winds and we actually had to completely evacuate the building when Category 5 Hurricane Irma had us in her sights.

A new facility would be constructed on the existing property with modern, energy efficient features. It would be approximately 225,000 square feet and would have a parking garage that is capable of providing the necessary protection for our vehicles. It would include adequate space for your police employees to do their jobs, areas for training and space that the public will be welcome to use for public meetings and to work together with your police department on crime prevention and safety-related initiatives. The full time resident population of the City is expected to exceed 200,000 by the year 2040, and this facility will be constructed with that growth in mind. It is also located at the main entrance to the City on Broward Boulevard and is often the first city symbol visitors see. Your police department should be a visual representation of the city you never want to leave!

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments or concerns.

Yours in Service,  
Chief Rick Maglione

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### **City of Fort Lauderdale to hold Special Election on March 12 for New Public Safety Complex, Parks Improvements, and Charter Changes**

by Phil Thornburg— Director, City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation

On Tuesday, March 12, voters will have an opportunity to participate in a Special Election to shape the future of our City. This is a non-partisan election, open only to registered voters in the City of Fort Lauderdale. To register to vote, please visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections' website at [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org).

Two bond proposals will appear on the March 12 ballot. If approved, a public safety bond would allocate up to \$100 million to construct a new police headquarters while maintaining and enhancing the outstanding level of service provided by our Fort Lauderdale Police Department. A parks bond would allocate up to \$200 million for citywide improvements to our parks and recreation facilities.

The public safety bond would enable us to replace the current police headquarters, which was built in 1958 when the police department and our City were both significantly smaller. The 85,000 square-foot building is over 60 years old, functionally obsolete, and parts of it are in deteriorating condition. The new facility would offer 225,000 square feet and provide expanded work space and integrated state-of-the-art technology to a department, which has grown to 525 sworn officers and 727 sworn and non-sworn personnel.

The station would be constructed on its existing land with energy and operationally efficient features, along with hurricane resistant materials and building

techniques to better serve the public safety needs of our City, which is expected to grow to over 203,000 in the next decade. The complex would also include a parking garage and additional training rooms, public meeting areas, and community space where residents and officers could work together on crime prevention and safety initiatives.

The parks bond would enable Fort Lauderdale to make significant citywide investments in our parks system to strengthen resiliency, address sea level rise, combat flooding, and mitigate the effects of climate change. Nearly every park in our City would see upgrades and enhancements such as new playgrounds, walking trails, pools and splash pads, boat slips and ramps, outdoor fitness equipment, athletic courts and fields, lighting, solar panels and shade structures, pavilions, restrooms, ADA improvements and even new dog parks. Funding from the parks bond would also be used for land acquisition to expand our green space and help us continue to promote active, healthy lifestyles, increase leisure and social engagement, and enhance quality of life.

A portion of the parks bond would fund signature projects in each Commission District including constructing Tunnel Top Park in District 4 atop the northern portion of the Kinney Tunnel above Federal Highway; rehabilitating Lockhart Stadium and developing the surrounding property in District 1; adding a water playground, tennis courts; sand volleyball courts, and a parking garage to Holiday Park in District 2; and building a new community center and other enhancements at Joseph C. Carter Park in District 3.

If approved, the bonds would bring more than \$300

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million in much-needed public safety and parks and recreation improvements to our City, strengthen our economic viability and livability, and enhance our stature as a great place to visit and an even better place to call home.

Additionally, a proposal to update our City's Charter will appear on the March 12 ballot. The Charter Amendments, if approved, would move our City's elections from March to November, beginning in 2020, to align with Presidential election years. Primary elections would be eliminated and the terms of the Mayor and Commissioners would be increased from three years to four years. These changes would bring our City in line with the majority of municipalities in Broward County.

Keep an eye out for future updates and ways that you can participate in the process. In addition, please be aware of the following important dates related to the Special Election. Voter registration for the March 12 Special Election closes on February 11. To register to vote, visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections' website at [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org) or call (954) 357-7050. If you prefer to vote by mail, you may request a vote-by-mail ballot from the Broward County Supervisor of Elections. The request may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or online. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is March 6. For more information, visit [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org) or call the Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office at (954) 357-7050.

**Mr. Thornburg can be reached at 954-828-5348 or at [philt@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:philt@fortlauderdale.gov)**



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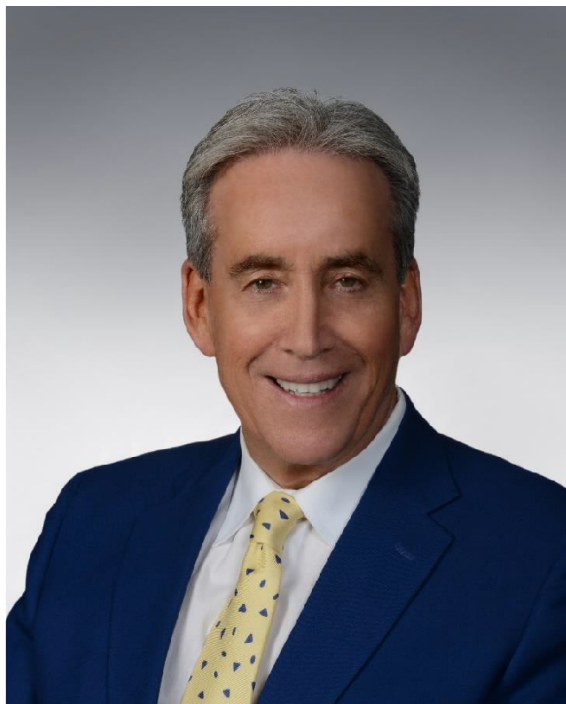


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and so it has to start locally. By the way, Lake Ridge has a public park—Tranquility Park—at NE 11th Street and NE 11th Avenue. Watch for the future Orchid Festival; please join our committees, please see available committee's in the newsletter, we NEED YOUR HELP. 🙏🙏🙏

Next is the Charter Amendments on Municipal Elections and Non-Substantive Changes. We, the Membership of Lake Ridge Civic Association, voted YES on both Charter Amendments and for both bond issuances—in other words, YES on all four items.

Speaking of elections... the Lake Ridge Civic Association voted in a new board at the January General Meeting on January 17th. It is my pleasure to introduce you to your new Board of Directors.

- Michael A. Albetta, President
- Lynn Elsasser, Vice President
- Juliette Rocque, Treasurer
- Christopher Toomey, Secretary
- Erin Keenan
- Steve Jacobson
- Rose Mather

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# Volunteer Corner



## Did You Know...

**That all road closures in Lake Ridge are maintained exclusively by the residents of Lake Ridge?**

This is one of the many reasons why it is so important for the Lake Ridge Civic Association to be able to count with volunteers from the community. We invite you come to our next Membership meeting to be held at 7pm on Thursday March 21 at ArtServe, 1350 E Sunrise Blvd. 33304 and speak with us about this and any other ways you'd like to lend a hand and serve the community we all call home.

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If you are a cheerful, brilliant, courageous, optimistic, devoted, energetic, open-minded, enthusiastic and passionate about our community, **WE NEED YOU!**

Lend your time, creative energy and be an active LRCA Civic Association Volunteer. Join and serve a community that believes in "Unity in the Community", because "Unity is Strength".

Together, we are committed to enhancing the well-being of our neighborhood. For more information contact:

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- Juliette Rocque: [luze052@gmail.com](mailto:luze052@gmail.com)


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All are homeowners in Lake Ridge and long-time residents of the area. We are very privileged to have a mosaic of people on the board with great institutional knowledge of the area and of Fort Lauderdale.

The next LRCA General Meeting will be on March 21st at ArtServe at 7pm. We have scheduled our new City Manager Chris Lagerbloom and the Department of Code Enforcement of the City of Fort Lauderdale. We hope to see you there. There will be light refreshments of famous Jets Pizza and soft drinks.

Remember the Taste of Italy at Cafe Vico April 18, 2019 at 6pm. Buy your tickets early!

Ciao Arrivederci,  
Michael Albetta  
President  
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# CONGRESSMAN TED DEUTCH

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season shared with your friends and family.

I returned to Washington amid a partial governmental shutdown. This is the third government shutdown of the Trump administration and is now the longest shutdown in our Nation's history. This is completely unacceptable.

That is why, on the first day of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, House Democrats passed spending legislation that would reopen the government and secure our border. This is the same legislation that the Senate passed unanimously just weeks before. Now, however, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refuses to take up this legislation again and put the government back to work.

I strongly urge President Trump and Leader McConnell to stop holding hostage the health, safety, and paychecks of the American people in order to achieve their political goals. We must immediately reopen the government to resume domestic food inspections, ensure timely tax refunds, provide emergency aid to our farmers harmed by the President's trade war, and pay our dedicated civil servants for their work.

We must resolve this manufactured crisis, so we begin the work of the American people. This includes reducing healthcare and prescription drug prices, cleaning up corruption in Washington, and enacting common sense gun safety measures like H.R. 8, a bipartisan bill I co-sponsored, to require a background check for every firearm sale.

Warm regards,

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### Save the Dates for these free educational programs:

- **Feb 16 and 23 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, C.E.R.T. Disaster Response Training.** Limited seating. To reserve your spot today, contact [FTL.EM@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:FTL.EM@fortlauderdale.gov).
- **Feb 21 – 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Neighbor Support Night.** Get to know your city. Meet your City officials, community builders and neighbors. This is a free, family friendly event at City Hall, 100 N. Andres Ave, to learn about departments, programs and services. No need to sign up. Just stop on by and enjoy the live entertainment and refreshments.
- **Mar 6 – Apr 3 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Neighbor Leadership Academy 5.** The Academy educates neighbors about various city functions and equips them with leadership skills to become effective neighborhood leaders. Limited seating. To register or for more information, contact Angela Hughes at [atahughes@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:atahughes@fortlauderdale.gov).

### Please review the below volunteer opportunities for January 2019:

- **Feb 9 – 7:00 am – 11:00 am, Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep.** Join us for our monthly beach sweep. Help us maintain our pristine beaches. We will meet at the HUB, 300 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd, aka. the intersection where Las Olas Blvd meets the beach. There is plenty of paid parking just west of AIA. For more information call Barry Levy at 954.797.7793.
- **Feb 13 – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Early Literacy Meeting.** Join our early literacy team and help change a young person's life! There are many ways to get involved. Be there to find out more. We will meet at City Hall 100 N Andrews, 5th floor. For more information contact Jorg Hruschka at [jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov)
- **Feb 16 – 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Paddle With A Purpose – Waterway and Shoreline Cleanup.** In just twelve months volunteers removed over 10,000 lbs. for trash from the North Fork of the New River. Anything from tires, fire

extinguishers to the kitchen sink. Help us to remove trash and make new friends. We meet every month on the third Saturday from 9 am to 11 am. This month our team will meet at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park, 2520 NW 6th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311. Kayaks and canoes are available on a first come, first serve basis. We encourage you to bring your own. For more information call Robert Figueroa at 917.652.1050.

- **Feb 16 – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Riverwalk Ambassadors.** Great Baby Boomer and High School student volunteer opportunity! Every Saturday and Sunday, Riverwalk Ambassadors serve in three hour shifts as friendly greeters and knowledgeable guides along the Riverwalk in Huizenga Plaza, 32 E Las Olas. To register or for more information, call JoAnn Smith at 954.298.5607.
- **Feb 19 – 9:30 am – 12:30 am, Library Restocking and Maintenance – RSVP required.** Please join team leaders to restock and repair Fort Lauderdale's Little Free Libraries. For more information contact Jorg Hruschka at [jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov).
- **Feb 20 – 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Community Court.** The Police Department is requesting two volunteers to assist with setting up, directing the public, and breaking down the chamber for the City's new Community Court, which will be held on Wednesdays at City Hall, 100 N Andrews Ave. To register or for more information, contact Jorg Hruschka at [jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov)
- **Feb 23– 9:00 am – 12:00 am, Book Sorting Event – Gulfstream Elementary School.** Join our early literacy team to sort thousands of books that have been donated to fill the Fort Lauderdale Lending Libraries and reading corners at select city community centers. For more information contact Jorg Hruschka at [jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov).
- **Feb 23 – 8:30 am – 10:30 am, Edible Food Forest.** Meet our core volunteer group led at the main office at Snyder Park

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3299 SW 4 Ave to help prepare our edible forest area. For more information call Joan Starr at 561.392.5911.

- **Feb 26 – 9:30 am – 12:30 am, Library Installations – RSVP required.** Please join team leaders to install Fort Lauderdale's Little Free Libraries. For more information contact Jorg Hruschka at [JHruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:JHruschka@fortlauderdale.gov) or 954.709.3197.
- **Mar 2 – 2:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Central City Beer and Wine Fest.** We are looking for artists to decorate Little Free Libraries, give away free books, and help set up and breakdown the fun, family friendly event. For more information contact Jorg Hruschka at [JHruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:JHruschka@fortlauderdale.gov) or 954.709.3197.
- **Mar 9 – 8:30 am – 11:00 am, Urban Garden.** The Northwest Gardens PATCH (People's Access to Community Horticulture) is a community Market Garden which grows fresh, healthy, and pesticide-free fruits and vegetables to improve access to these foods for neighboring residents. Volunteers are needed to help work on this urban farm by planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting. For more information go to <http://www.handsonbroward.org>.

For more, visit the Neighbor Volunteer Office at <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/neighbor-volunteer-office>.

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For Immediate Release. The 7th annual fundraising event Taste of Italy social, celebrating community and will be taking place on April 18, 2019 from 6-9pm. To purchase tickets, go to: <https://lake-ridge-2019-taste.eventbrite.com>.

The event will take place at Café Vico located at 1125 N. Federal Highway. Our Taste of Italy social represent the Lake Ridge Civic Association's only Fundraising event.

The funds raised help to produce the Lake Ridge News, fund clean-ups, provide refreshments among other things. Taste of Italy is also the best time to have fun, delicious food and schmooze with your neighbors, and elected officials.





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