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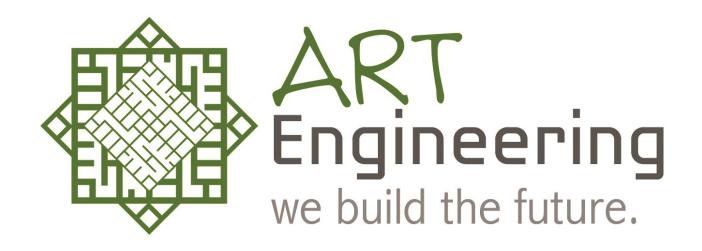
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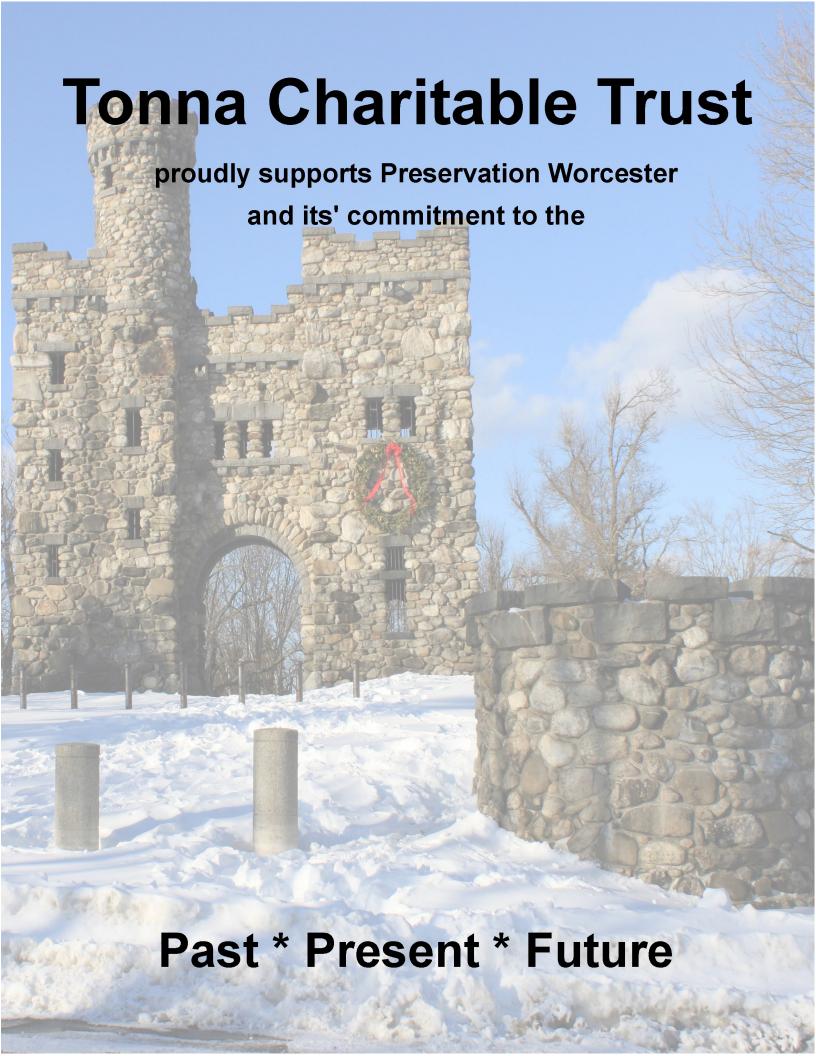
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During December, we invite you to view properties across the city. Our digital guide will help you plan your route, provide you with information on

neighborhoods, and offer the inspiration of people's decorating themes. All Worcester residents and businesses were invited to participate by decorating their doors in their chosen fashion, faith or custom.

We are heartened by the outstanding support of sponsors and the willingness of our community to participate by decorating and/or purchasing yard signs. Their support not only brought needed revenue to our organization, more importantly it provides a wonderful activity during our challenging times.

We hope that our tour uplifts your spirits, and wish you and yours a joy-filled holiday season.



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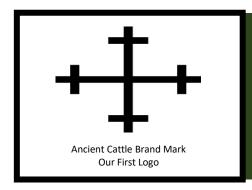
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The Door to Door Holiday Tour is designed to celebrate our city and provide a safe, educational and uplifting experience for our tour-goers and participating property owners. Please be mindful of the following

- All properties are to be viewed from the public way. Under no circumstances are tour-goers permitted on private property.
- Preservation Worcester reserves the right to remove from our tour any property that is perceived offensive or in poor taste.
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- For the convenience of our tour-goers, participating properties are listed in groups by neighborhoods. We acknowledge that in our groupings a limited number of properties are listed in neighborhoods in the vicinity of their homes rather than in their "proper" neighborhood.

We hope and trust that your tour experience will give you an enhanced appreciation of the wonderful architecture and festive people in the city. Enjoy!

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Located on the Worcester - Holden line, this North Worcester neighborhood is primarily a 20th century Worcester suburb with a few houses dating back to the late18th and early 19th centuries. Prior to its development, it was considered the outskirts of the City and mainly farmland; the Forest Grove neighborhood was not listed on City Directories until 1850, when Charles Newton moved into

24 Brattle Street, a Greek Revival with unique features.

One of the earliest homes in the Forest Grove neighborhood is the Smith-Thaxter-Merrifield house at 158 Holden Street. This house was built in 1741 before the Revolutionary War. The Merrifield House, as it is commonly known, is one of Worcester's best examples of 18th-century vernacular architecture with minimal alterations.

The Forest Grove neighborhood borders Indian Lake. Interestingly this lake, formally called North Pond, was once the peak water source for the Blackstone Canal. It was also home to a local ice harvesting business before automatic ice-making machines. In the mid-1800s, ice harvesting required hundreds of men starting in mid-January when the ice was about eighteen inches thick.

3 Ardmore Road

I've decorated our New England Cape in traditional style wreaths; enjoy the tour!

877 Grove Street Terrace

There are decorations that range back from the 1950's to the new toy soldiers lining the front steps which are new this year. This home has always been decorated each year and all enjoy the amazing displays each Christmas Season.

36 Forest Street

Classic overall style with a slight wild side on Wheeler Street.

42 Forest Street

We very enjoy much decorating our home for the holidays--especially one favorite features--our front porch. The wooden snowflake is a relatively new addition to our holiday decor--we purchased it locally at the Crompton Collective.

Fun fact: every window candle is on a timer!

21 Otsego Road

A Northern Pine Theme.

26 Otsego Road

Welcome to our Tudor-Style home, our décor has reds and greens which compliment the brown and cream of the architecture.

27 Otsego Road

My decorations will be very simple this year, just a wreath and candles in the windows to offset the architecture of my garrison colonial home.

30 Otsego Road

Our house was built in 1928. We use decorations that complement the antique beauty of the house and yard.

32 Otsego Road

We chose to use traditional red and green garlands and lighting to emphasize the brick, as well as the curved arches inside and outside of our house. We are new homeowners, and are excited to build our holiday decoration collection over the coming years.

3 Wheeler Ave

We have garlands, wreaths and window candles for a classic look, but we will also have kid friendly colored lights and Santa Claus because our kids love that!

7 Wheeler Ave

Classic Christmas decorations for a classic colonial house.



Encompassing portions of Monadnock, Sagamore, Whitman, and Waconah roads and two homes on Salisbury Street, the Montvale District contains excellent examples of Queen Anne Colonial Revival and other early twentieth-century architectural styles. Established as a National Register District in 1978, the area became Worcester's second Local Historic District in 1994. Early settlers of the area included Reverend Aaron Bancroft, founder of the First Unitarian Church and father of noted historian and statesman George Bancroft. Bancroft's gable house built in ca. 1786 no longer stands, but a marker situated on Salisbury Street commemorates the legacy of George Bancroft and his birthplace.

Topographically, the area is on a natural incline from Park Avenue to Monadnock Road. Many of the grand homes are built on relatively small lots, with many situated on knolls. The developer's vision was to offer "beautiful natural surroundings." In addition to the handsome, well-preserved architecture, the winding, tree-lined streets preserve a pre-World War I upper-class suburb's flavor.

29 Whitman Road

Welcome to the Edwin Pike House. We're paying homage to a turn of the century New England home (and our much-loved porch), combining a classic look with a shimmery modern flair.

36 Whitman Road

Christmas at Windy Corner - Bedecked with Christmas ornamented ribbons, sparkling wreaths and colorful lights, Windy Corner welcomes one and all to make merry! With a nod to the 1930s, some may even see a Major Award through one of the downstairs windows. We also hear that Santa again has chosen Windy Corner to act as a letter to Santa post office site.

36 ½ Whitman Road

"36 ½ Windy Corner" - The fairies in the neighboring tree have decorated their home complementary with wreaths and a decorated post box. Sparkling lights guide the way for any kind person wishing a merry day!

230 Salisbury Street

Welcoming traditional decorations with live greens and lighting, highlighting the formal column entrance to our home.



Largely farmland until the late 19th-century, Salisbury Street running from Wheaton Sq. to the Holden line boasts several institutions, including the Armory, the Worcester Art Museum, the former North High School, the Worcester Women's Club (now Tuckerman Hall), WPI, the American Antiquarian Society and Assumption University. Other highlights of this neighborhood include the original building of the Worcester Historical Society (1890-91) is a fineexample of the Romanesque Revival. The William McFarland House, a rare 18th- century survivor, stands across from Assumption University. The street's most noteworthy residence is Higgins House, a small-scale Tudor-style replica of a castle in Warwickshire, donated to WPI in 1971. On the National Register of Historic Places, Bancroft Heights is one of America's finest planned residential neighborhoods from the late Victorian period.

107 Amherst Street

1939 Colonial Revival. The wreath on our door is a Christmas-inspired reimagination of Worcester's City Seal. Feel free to come up and get a closer look!

108 Amherst Street

Decorations - Classic white lights adorn the front yard foundation planting and windows of this Dutch Colonial Revival house built in 1925. The glass pane enclosed front portico includes decorations inspired by Currier and Ives Christmas scenes with an antique Flexible Flyer wooden sled with steel runners, figure skates, and candle lantern.

120 Amherst Street

Hoping for a joyful and bright 2022!

1 Aylesbury Road

Winter wonderland! Each room has a hint of the holidays in it from candles to trees or wreaths of red berries.

4 Dick Drive

Christmas is our favorite holiday and we love to decorate for it. This year's color scheme is traditional red and green with some bright accents.

34 Drury Lane

This season, I pay tribute to my Mother, Mae Lillian Carlson. Of Swedish heritage, my mother loved Swedish holiday decorations, Christmas, poinsettias, and the color red. God Jul!

115 Flagg Street – Flagg Street School

Join the school children as they celebrate the season!

11 Forest Hill Drive

Our first holiday season in our contemporary home is enhanced by a traditional wreath. Enjoy your tour during this wonderful time of year!

31 Institute Road

We will have a basic wreath on the door and porch railings.

16 Military Road

Our decorations are traditional to offset our historic architecture, Enjoy the tour!

12 Saint Paul Drive

The song "Big Bulbs" off of 'It's a Holiday Soul Party' by the late, great Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings. Play it loud!

425 Salisbury Street – Knollwood / Notre Dame Academy

Knollwood was home (1917-1928) to Laura and Lucius James Knowles and their children Jimmie and Sarah. One hundred years ago, Mr. Knowles was described as being "warm in friendship, generous in assistance, constructive in aim." (Worcester Telegram 26 November 1920) May we all aspire to such greatness! Best Wishes for a Lovely Christmas!

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9 Saxon Road

A joyful colonial Williamsburg Christmas celebration. Peace begins with a smile.

31 Westbrook Drive

Santa's sleigh is getting ready for the trip around the world. The joyful decorations embrace the spirit and traditions of this holiday season.

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The Massachusetts Avenue Local Historic was established in 1975 as the first localhistoric district in the city. Known as Bancroft Heights, the high-class subdivision was developed in 1899 by Stephen Salisbury III. With the goal of keeping industrialists and prominent citizens in the city, the architect-designed homes were envisioned to have the air of country estates. A tree-studded island was located in the middle of Massachusetts Avenue, and the area was once laced with trails for walking and horseback riding.

All of the homes in the area, with one exception, are typical of the era's architectural styles and fashion trends. The exception is a structure that was built in 1751 as the Second Worcester County Courthouse and relocated to Massachusetts Avenue. Many of the homes in the area are Colonial Revival Style, while others are Tudor or inspired by Arts and Crafts. The most common features are large sitting porches and grand entrances with leaded glass sidelights. Interior rooms feature paneled and carved unpainted wood, numerous fireplaces, leaded glass windows, and window seats.

5 Massachusetts Ave

I decorate through my childhood eyes and my interpretation of a warm and welcoming holiday home.

7 Massachusetts Ave

Winter is a time when the colors in nature are muted. Adding greens in the form of wreaths, or other decorations provides a contrast and warmth to the winter landscape.

8 Massachusetts Ave

Wishing you a new year full of peace, joy, and good health.

10 Massachusetts Ave

During these darkest of days, light floods the façade of this Colonial Revival style house, which was built for Rufus B. Dodge, Jr., who moved here after serving three terms as Mayor of Worcester. The boughs of holly on the front door include apples, a reference to one of the mayor's favorite hobbies, which was growing dwarf apple trees at his cottage in Mt. Holly, Vermont.

12 Massachusetts Ave

I hope you enjoy the decorations on our family home!



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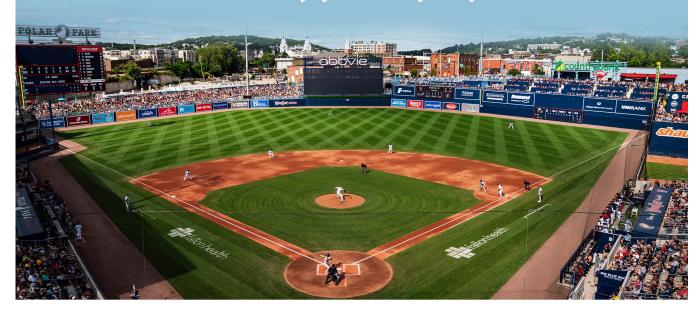


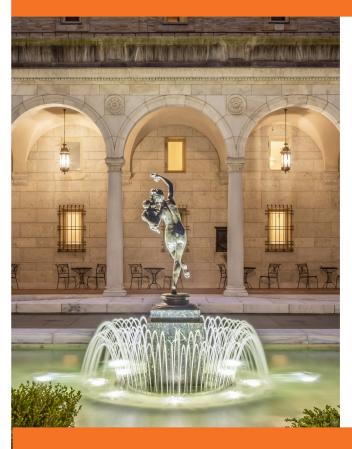


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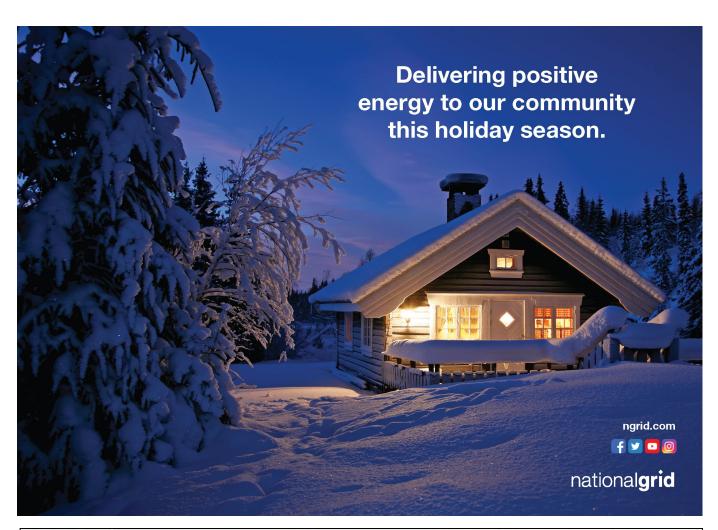
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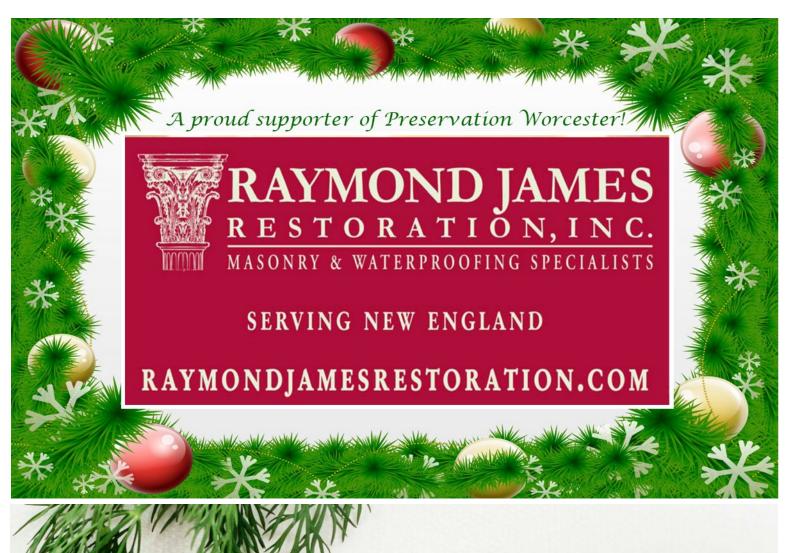
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Located in northern Worcester, the Burncoat neighborhood is largely residential, with businesses located in the western part of the neighborhood near I-290. This area was rural until WWI, at which time the City's need for increased residential development led to the building of this neighborhood.

Architecturally this neighborhood is largely Colonial Revival and Bungalow Style homes. An exception is, like the Amos Flagg house at 246 Burncoat Street built in 1790. The Amos Flagg house is one of Worcester's few well-preserved timber-frame Cape Cod traditional styles.

In 2008 this quiet Worcester neighborhood was invaded by the Asian Longhorn Beetle, which quickly spread to the adjacent Greendale neighborhood and the rest of the City in following years. Over 18,000 trees had to be cut down in the Burncoat neighborhood alone, but double that number of trees have been planted since the outbreak.

The Burncoat neighborhood is home to two neighborhood parks. Burncoat Park was originally built in 1889, a 26-acre park that offers visitors two ponds, one in which they can skate on in the Winter, a baseball diamond, and a multipurpose field that mainly hosts sporting games. Originally the park included 39 acres, but in 1962, 8.2 acres were taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the construction of I-290, and a portion was utilized by the Worcester Public Schools for the construction of Wawecus Elementary School. The second park, the Burncoat Street Playground, is located next to Burncoat St. Preparatory Elementary School.

92 Blue Bell Road

I've been decorating for over 44 years. I really enjoy it, but I have cut back somewhat due to my age. Enjoy!

10 Coventry Road

We moved 18 months ago to our family home of 61 years. We have extensively remodeled and landscaped inside and out. Our Dutch Colonial has an arched entry with fresh garland and large ornaments and lights. Arbor items are transformed to gnomes. A fresh wreath with custom ribbon on the front door and pots filled with greens uniformly flank the front door. I am a designer.

30 Randolph Road

Our decorations will match our Victorian home.

30 Thorndyke Road - Thorndyke Road School

Our inspiration is to display traditional and simplistic, yet festive holiday decor. Our goal is to highlight the natural beauty of the school building.



One of Worcester's first residential neighborhoods, homes in this neighborhood were first constructed in the 1720s. The oldest survivor is likely the Timothy PaineHouse (now the home of the Timothy Bigelow chapter of the DAR) 1774. Lower Lincoln St., especially the Mount Vernon area, contains various styles dating from the 1840s: Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Carpenter Gothic, Colonial Revival, Italianate, Stick Style, and Victorian examples can be found. The densely populated neighborhood is bordered to the east by Green Hill one of America's larger urban parks.

37 Shattuck Street

Our first Holiday Stroll (in 2012) was the inspiration for buying a Victorian house! Built in 1890, it was known as the Manor House of Brittan Square. We take great pride in being the fourth owners and wanted to highlight the history, tradition, and charm of a home you would see in an old Christmas village. We enjoyed participating last year and look forward to adding to last year's design.

5 Wayside Road

Whimsical Wayside - We fell in love at first sight with our little house, a 1929 bungalow. We like to keep it looking cheery and inviting year-round, but Christmastime is one of our favorite times. We enjoy transforming our home into a cute gingerbread-style cottage with candies, lollipops, and even a gummy bear tree! We hope you enjoy and have a very happy holiday season!



Rice Square borders this neighborhood to the southeast and the railyards to the northwest. It is perhaps Worcester's oldest area of settlement and boasts Worcester's oldest surviving building, the Benjamin Flagg House (1717) on Plantation Street, built only four years after the first permanent settlement of the town of Worcester. The ubiquitous triple decker defines the neighborhood, although there are also examples of Mansard, Romanesque, and Bungalow styles. A century ago, many of its residents were French Canadian workers earning their living from the many factories just east of downtown. Architecturally. St. Joseph's Church, in the Romano-Byzantine style (1926-28), is one of the area's most significant structures.

676 Franklin Street

Built in 1894, the Bloomingdale Fire House was designed by noted architect George Clemence. No longer a fire station, the structure is being adaptively reused and repurposed as a home.

Preservation Worcester History Spotlight



Clock Tower Drive – Worcester State Hospital

Rising proudly from a wooded hilltop overlooking Lake Quinsigamond, the soaring stone Clock Tower at Worcester State Hospital is a Worcester landmark. The Clock Tower building was built as the administration building, and the centerpiece, of a large Kirkbride-plan hospital opened in 1877 to relieve overcrowding in the original 1833 Summer Street asylum (later demolished). Designed by Boston architect George Dutton Rand, it was recognized in its day as one of the most exemplary hospital projects in the United States. In 2006 the site was selected as the location for a new mental health facility and in 2008 demolition of most of the remaining hospital buildings began. Since 2006 Preservation Worcester, the Worcester Historical Commission, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, representatives of the City of Worcester, and concerned local citizens have worked actively with the MA Department of Capital Asset Management (DCAM), the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to assure the its preservation of the Clock Tower. In 2015, the salvaged clock tower was transformed into a memorial, dedicated to the original Kirkbride building and the effect Worcester had on American Psychiatry. Without the advocacy of Preservation Worcester and these other organizations, the Clock Tower building would not be standing today.



Grafton and Providence Streets anchor the Grafton Hill neighborhood. Overtime, the area has seen significant changes, named Sagatabscot, by its original inhabitants; it encompasses Rice Square; where Worcester's first western permanent settler, Jonas Rice, built his cabin in 1713. Later at the turn of the 19th century, the area became popular among the City's French Canadians. Today, triple deckers predominate, exhibiting awide variety of styles, including Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Italianate, Stick Style, Gambrel, and Craftsman as the final iteration from the 1920s.

336 Hamilton Street - The Guild of St. Agnes

The Guild of St. Agnes has been renting this building for five years as an after-school and full-time summer program at this location. The theme for this year's Preservation Worcester event is the Grinch Who Stole Christmas. Please enjoy the decorations created by Sherry Zdonczyk, one of the teachers at this location.

The Guild of St. Agnes – Brief History. The first meeting to formulate plans to establish the Guild of St. Agnes was held in the old Institute Hall of St. John's church in Worcester in January of 1913. Their first tasks were to discuss the need in Worcester for a temporary shelter for young women who had appeared in court as delinquents while their cases were pending arrangement and destitute women and neglected children who were homeless and without funds. The interest grew for the mission, and in one month, over 400 members were donating financial gifts to the endeavor. The first Guild location was at 20 Vernon St. On December 18, 1913, the Guild received its State Charter as an organization whose primary goal was to provide temporary shelter for women and children and supply relief to those in need. Later that year, in conjunction with a local hospital, the Guild developed a maternity annex for unwed mothers. A small cottage adjacent to 20 Vernon St known as the Annex was built to accommodate 40 unwed mothers. In 1914 the Guild expanded to include a Day Nursery. In 1917 World War 1 broke out, and the influenza epidemic severely struck the area; the Guild took care of many of the children whose parents were victims. Today The Guild has remained open during the Covid pandemic providing early education and care for 1,600 children throughout Worcester and Worcester County.

4 Lamar Ave.

There is nothing better than bringing joy to people and becoming a holiday staple in our neighborhood.

12 Progressive Street

Silver and gold decor help celebrate the 101st holiday season for our home.



As Industries in south Worcester developed, its Irish workers began moving into newly constructed three-deckers on the hill, which boasts some of the state's oldesttriple-deckers. A sprinkling of Romanesque structures can still be found throughout the area, including those found at Worcester Academy (1834). A highlight property, the Arad Alexander House (c.1845), was moved to Waverly Street, is an exquisite Greek Revival.

414 Massasoit Road – Broad Meadow Brook

You may have all you need, right in your own yard (or maybe your neighbor's too) We will decorate the entrances of the Visitor Center and Education Center Buildings as well as the front entry areas with all-natural and native materials that can be found on the sanctuary.

530 Massasoit Road

This year we have created a Santa's Workshop inspired display.





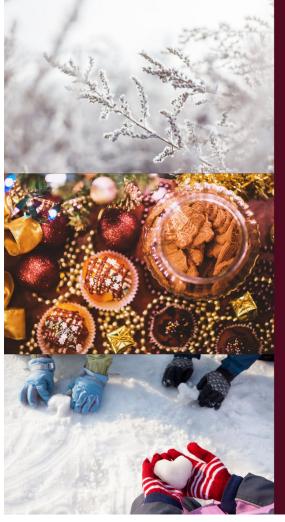
Vernon Hill is the home of many of Worcester's three-deckers. During Worcester's phase of industrial growth in the second half of the nineteenth century and into the twentieth century, three deckers were built as employee housing. Often located near local factories, they afforded inexpensive, multiple family dwellings to waves of immigrants arriving to work in the city.

In the 1980s, Preservation Worcester in collaboration with Clark university professor Douglas Johnson completed an extensive inventory of three-deckers in the city. The project focused on the significance of three deckers and their role in the local landscape. At that time, many three-deckers were listed on the National Register of Historic Places.











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This South Worcester neighborhood was settled by Irish immigrants who worked on the Blackstone Canal and later by Swedish immigrants who found their livelihood in the neighborhood's various factories. Most street names are still of Swedish origin, although its occupants now come from multiple cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Institutionally, the College of the Holy Cross defines its western boundary. Quinsigamond School was renovated while retaining as much of its historical integrity as possible and expanded to include a Carnegie library. The village is the entry point to the Blackstone River Valley National Corridor. The neighborhood's most architecturally significant home is Larchmont on Butler Street, one of the city's finest examples of mid-19th- century Italianate style.

19 Blackstone River Road

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Preservation Worcester History Spotlight



Since the 1969 incorporation of Preservation Worcester, the organization has maintained a special focus on Quinsigamond Village. As you visit 19 Blackstone River Road, you may be interested in viewing the following properties.

14 Blackstone River Road - Quinsigamond School — In the 1990s, Preservation Worcester was embroiled in a controversy when the city planned to raze both a Carnegie Library and an old grammar school. The buildings were important in the architectural landscape of Quinsigamond Village, and Preservation Worcester fought for an alternate school plan. We proposed incorporating the historic structures into a new design. Ultimately, the city changed course and a unique award-winning grammar school was created.

15 Blackstone River Road – The Quinsigamond Fire Station is being restored as a "labor of love." The slate roof was replaced with the same slate and the exterior has been restored. We look forward to when the staging is removed and the project is complete. The projected completion schedule is nine months. Over the years, Preservation Worcester has been concerned about the condition and future of the Fire Station. It appeared on our Most Endangered Structures List in 1995, 2010, 2012, 2015 and 2016.

59 Blackstone River Road – Quinsigamond Baptist Church – Threatened with demolition, Preservation Worcester placed the appealing church on our Most Endangered Structures List in 1999. On October 20, 2002, Preservation Worcester relocated the structure to Wray Square on land owned by the city. PW restored the exterior and sold it the property. Subsequently, the church has been sold multiple times. Currently, the property has fallen into disrepair, however, we are hopeful that something positive will happen in the near future and the building will have new life.



The Columbus Park neighborhood is 68 acres of land subdivided into house lots in 1892 by developers Warden & Phelps. Before this neighborhood's development, this area was known as Lyons Farm and contained apple orchards late into the 1890s. The main house of the Lyons farm still stands at 3 Circuit Ave.

From the beginning, Warden & Phelps imposed restrictions on building in the Columbus Park neighborhood, ensuring that no building built could be used for making or selling liquors. They also want to prohibit what they considered "architectural monstrosities," three deckers. The neighborhood and the streets were named in honor of the four hundredth anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the "new world." Road pay homage with names like Columbus, Ferdinand, Isabella, Lisbon, Genoa, Cabot, and Vincent. Majority of the homes in the Columbus Park neighborhood were built between 1895-1900 and are of Queen Anne, Victorian and Colonial Revival architectural styles.

The most famous resident of the Columbus Park neighborhood is renowned American bicycle racer Marshall W. "Major" Taylor, who was one of the earliest African American sports stars. Taylor was World Cycling champion in 1989 and American Spring Champion in 1900 and set numerous records. He called 4 Hobson Ave. home from 1900 – 1925 until he fell on hard times after retirement and moved.

The Columbus Park neighborhood is situated in between Coes Pond and Hadwen Arboretum. Hadwen Arboretum is 6.4 acres of woodland green space that Worcester resident and horticulturist Obadiah Hadwen owned. This land was originally the ancestral land of the Nipmuc Nation. Obadiah Hadwen willed the land to Clark University in 1907. The Arboretum has walking trails that connect to the East- West Trail and has trees over 100 years old some planted by Obadiah Hadwen.

Preservation Worcester At Work



7 Circuit Ave East

The William Warden House was constructed in 1895 by Worcester contractor, carpenter, and builder C.A. Colburn. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Warden House is a high-style example of Queen Anne style architecture. Suffering from deferred maintenance, the property is under foreclosure by Wells Fargo Bank. Listed on Preservation Worcester's 2021 Most Endangered Structures List, Preservation Worcester is working with the local neighborhood association and elected officials encouraging Wells Fargo to sell the property. Contact Preservation Worcester if you have an interest in the building.

11 Circuit Ave East

Our 123-year-old home in Columbus Park was the original home of Arthur Gray and later Freeman Saltus. We are so lucky to lived here for the past 23 years in this beautiful 4 Square Colonial in what we consider the best neighborhood in Worcester.

20 Vincent Ave

Fun for the community!

22 Vincent Ave

Our home is located in the Columbus Park neighborhood. "Slice of country right in the middle of Worcester"

37 Vincent Ave

Fun winter scene in the bay window.

44 Vincent Ave

Whimsical front door.

47 Vincent Ave

A Holiday Wreath on front door.



The Webster Square area was initially known as "New Worcester." On the southwestern edge of the city, the neighborhood has a mix of single and multifamily homes. Webster Square is also a bustling hub of restaurants and small businesses.

A big part of the history of Webster Square involves the Coes brothers. In 1841, Loring and Aury Gates Coes invented the monkey wrench that could be adjusted with one hand. The brothers initially manufactured their wrenches at a factory on Mill St. Extension and ultimately built the Coes Knife factory at the intersection of Mill & Coes Streets. Aury Coes built a magnificent mansion at 1058 Main St., now the site of the Webster Square Towers, and Loring built a similar home across the street. Their business closed in 1991, and the Coes Knife building was demolished in 2005. Today on the factory site is the unique, new Coes Playground overlooking the beautiful Coes Pond.

1 Ball Street

A Gould Cottage Christmas. We will use items that might have been a part of the Gould family's 1879 holidays.

140 Mill Street - Stearns Tavern

Built in 1812 and one of two remaining taverns in the city, Preservation Worcester, the City of Worcester and Seven Hills Foundation spearheaded a successful effort to move, preserve and repurpose the structure. The project had wide community support from over 140 partners. Simple classic decorating is featured on the handsome structure.

1 Tallawanda Drive

This is the home of Robert H. Goddard. He is internationally regarded as "The Father of Modern Rocketry," having launched the world's first liquid propulsion rocket in 1926. Although the space and aerospace communities share the same reverence for him as figures like the Wright brothers and Leonardo da Vinci, sadly too many people have no idea who he was and the significance of his achievements.

One of the goals of the non-profit <u>THE WONDER MISSION</u> is to collaborate with the City of Worcester, local institutions, national foundations, and the Webster Square neighborhood to determine the best ways to preserve and protect this reclaimed landmark. Slatkin believes the community can embrace and leverage Goddard's legacy for future advancement during a unique moment of great public interest and enthusiasm for space exploration. Like the Wild West of 150 years ago, space is our generation's next frontier.



The Main South neighborhood flanking Main Street from Chandler St. to Webster Sq. was once rural. It became a bustling industrial hub in the latter half of the 19th-century. Factories in the area included: the Junction Shop on Beacon St. and the Hammond Reed Co. on May St. The Royal Worcester Corset Co. on Wyman St. was founded by David Hale Fanning and was one of the largest employers of women. Crompton and Knowles on Grand St. was one of the largest room manufacturers in the country and employed 4,000 at its peak.

With factories came workers, and the workers needed housing. The housing stock varied greatly. Brick apartment buildings were built including the Boynton at 718 Main St. and the Windsor at 720 Main St. These four-story, identical buildings were designed by Barker and Nourse and were built in 1887.

Many three deckers were built in the neighborhoods off Main St, along with a series of brick row houses were built along Castle St. Designed as single families, they were subdivided into apartments in the 1880s.

695 Southbridge Street – St. Matthew's Church

This year, Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church celebrates 150 years as a member of the South Worcester community. Our historic sacred space is recognized for its architectural beauty and Tiffany windows. The church is known for its community support and the South Worcester neighborhood. Our doors are decorated with the colors of Advent, a season of preparation and expectation of our Lord's nativity.

St. Nicholas Winter Fair'21 Online December 4-8. Shop, bid, and dream 24-hours a day! www.stmatthewsworcester.org

93 Piedmont Street – The Mustard Seed

We are inspired by the joy of the holiday season. Our soup kitchen has been on this spot since 1974. Every day we are blessed to see the smiling faces of those we are privileged to help with a good meal and a kind word.



Running from upper Highland St. to roughly midway between Richmond and Flagg Streets, this neighborhood was predominantly agricultural until the late Victorian period. Before that time the area was dotted with an occasional 18th-century farmhouse. Beginning in the 1880s, multiple large lots were sold, many along June and Highland streets. Chamberlain Farm, dating from 1742, gave its name to one of the planned subdivisions along Pleasant Street, the farm's founder hailing from Newton, thus the square's name. Architectural styles include Tudor and Colonial Revival.

42 Beeching Street

Reviving the traditional Christmas spirit in our Colonial Revival. Happy Holidays.

18 Berkmans Street

The twinkling white lights and candles in the windows reflect the magic and joy of the holiday season.

12 Chamberlain Parkway

A Old Fashion Christmas.

87 Coolidge Road

Ghosts of Christmas Past and Present. Our door pays tribute to Worcester's architectural heritage highlighting components of buildings that have been part of the City's cultural fabric. While some of these structures are no longer with us, many still stand thanks to the determined efforts of Preservation Worcester and others committed to historic preservation.

1 Intervale Road

The Henry Sugarhouse lights winter nights in the Woo! We hope to warm your hearts and put a sweet smile on your faces. Family is our inspiration: cozy vintage inspired decorations and many family-made Tree Cookie Creations to celebrate the season! The Grinch will steal your heart or maybe... just help you open yours for a sweet moment!

18 Midland Street - Midland Street School

Occupied in April of 1897, the elementary school warranted expansion due to the rapid growth of the Newton Square area. An addition in 1915 tripled the student capacity. This school still serves the neighborhood! Enjoy our giant festive candy decorations in the windows.

122 Richmond Ave

Let it snow! Snow impacts people in different ways such as fun activities, sports, scenery, shoveling, or driving hazards. Since it doesn't stay around long, let's enjoy it!

125 Richmond Ave

Winter Wonderland!

126 Richmond Ave

This season holiday sparkle enhances our traditional Williamsburg design. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday time celebrating with family and friends!

135 Richmond Ave

Celebrating Christmas with our family.

9 Rittenhouse Road

Supporting the community.

22 Suburban Road

We will do a 'green' door in honor of greenspace in Worcester!



Located on the west side of Worcester, starting at Newton Square and extending to the Worcester- Leicester line, the Tatnuck neighborhood was developed as an early 20th-century neighborhood largely consisting of Colonial Revivals, Tudor Revivals, and Bungalow architecture.

The most famous property in the Tatnuck neighborhood is National Register Landmark, Liberty Farm at 116 Mower Street. Liberty Farm, a Federal Style farmhouse built in 1800, was home to Abigail Kelley Foster and Stephen Foster, both activists and abolitionists. The Fosters supported the Anti-Slavery movement by using their home as a station on the Underground Railroad sheltering fugitive slaves on their way to Canada. The Fosters were also supporters of the Women's Suffrage Movement. Abigail, known as Abby Kelley, participated in the First National Women's Rights Convention at Brinley Hall (now demolished) on Main Street in Worcester. Kelley Foster famously refused to pay taxes claiming taxation without representation, as women were not allowed to vote.

The Tatnuck neighborhood is also home to Cascade Park, a hidden gem. Cascade Park is a 35-acre park named for the cascading waterfall visible from Cataract Street. This park has many hiking and nature trails, consisting of interesting geographic features like the waterfall leading into Cook Pond.

32 Assabet Lane

It is our hope to spread holiday cheer to all those who pass by.

3 Bainridge Road

After a very long "pandemic renovation," we are finally celebrating our first holiday season in our new home. Happy Holidays To All!

11 Barr Street

I have been decorating for 6 years, after the 2nd year I noticed that I had accumulated a fair number of deer. I have gone all in and now have over 20 deer in my yard as well as traditional yard decorations.

378 May Street

100 plus year old Colonial. Decorated in the traditional style with natural materials including pine and holly from trees on our property.

6 Meadow Lane

"All I want for Christmas is a cure." As a breast cancer survivor and cancer advocate, this is an opportunity to share our message.

44 Moore Ave

Nature in winter.

123 Mooreland Street

Back in 2020 when the world shut down because of Coronavirus, we wanted to help get people into the holiday spirit. So, we decided to decorate our house to the maximum. We really enjoyed the response we got from people driving by and coming to see our work. We said that we're going to continue doing this.

116 Mower Street

We are taking a modern twist with our farmhouse while being patriotic.



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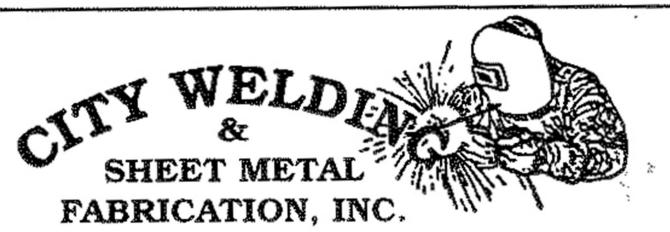


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The Lincoln Estate is primarily a residential neighborhood located in Northwestern Worcester. Development of this neighborhood began in the late 1830s when the prominent Worcesterite Levi Lincoln Jr, the first Mayor of Worcester and former Massachusetts Governor, inherited extensive property along Elm Street. Levi divided and developed the land, expanding into developing Cedar and West Street until his death in the late 1860s.

After his death, his sons William, Daniel, and Edward Lincoln took over, further developing the neighborhood between 1870 and 1890s. Their focus was on developing Fruit, William, and Server streets. Daniel died in the 1880s, and his daughter Frances Merrick Lincoln inherited his property and built several significant architect-designed homes on Fruit and Sever Street.

Elm Park, a stone's throw from this historic district, was once marshy land. Edward Lincoln, chairman and secretary of the Commissioners on Shade and Treeand Public Grounds (now known as the Parks Commission), helped turn Elm Park into the beautiful park we know today.

10 Cedar Street – Preservation Worcester

We hope you are enjoying the tour. Our historic headquarters is decorated by a Door to Door committee volunteer. She chose a wreath with fruit for a historic look and white reindeer for some modern flair.

230 Park Avenue

Fire Alarm and Telegraph Building - Preserved in a public/private partnership between Preservation Worcester and Spencer (now Cornerstone) Bank, the former Fire Alarm & Telegraph Building is now a retail bank location and the site of Preservation Worcester's Park View Room. Built from 1925-1926, the late Gothic Revival building was designed by prominent Worcester architect Lucius W. Briggs.

112 Russell Street

The beauty of nature in winter with festive evergreens and berries.

37 Somerset Street

I live a block from Elm Park and my dog and I walk there every morning. Therefore, our door decoration includes reminders of the Park and a few contributions from the dog!

74 William Street

Christmas-Themed Winter Décor!

79 William Street

Christmas is a time for happiness and cheer, and we hope our decorations bring just that! :)

85 William Street

Welcome to the Arthur Gordon Webster house. Webster was a renowned physicist at Clark University who studied acoustics and mechanics.

87 William Street

Built in 1928 for George Kennedy, this Tudor style home consists of 10 rooms on two floors. The main feature of the house is the great room, which encompasses most of the front of the house. A balcony runs across the entire middle of the home, giving access to all the rooms on the upper floor. Also significant is that the blueprints for this home are stored in the Library of Congress because it was designed by noted architect George N. Ray, who was a close friend of Mr. Kennedy. We decorate to celebrate the holidays and the changing seasons, welcoming friends and family as they enter our home.

98 William Street

Our family of six loves our 1910 shingle style Victorian! With four boys under ten the space is well used and appreciated. We hope you enjoy our door.



Once the rural county seat became an industrial powerhouse, Worcester's Downtown and Main Middle neighborhoods have many significant buildings from the late 19th-century and early 20th-centuries. Many of the commercial buildings in Worcester are found along Main Street. At one time, Main Street was lined with 18th and 19th-century structures, these were replaced by commercial blocks in the Romanesque Revival, Italian Revival, and Classical Revival styles that were popular at the time.

The outer edge of the downtown area in Lincoln Square and Wheaton Square houses many buildings on land that once belonged to the Salisbury family. Much of this land was donated or sold by Stephen Salisbury III to various institutions fordevelopment. The outer edges of this neighborhood was home to the Salisbury Factory Buildings (1879-1892), the North Works (1863-1916), and the Harding and Winter Streets Manufacturing Districts (1870-1910).

19 Harvard Street – The Guild of St. Agnes

This lovely home, which was occupied by the Boys Scouts of America, was purchased by the Guild of St. Agnes in April 2020. This space has allowed the Guild to become the administrative offices for the Guild. Records have not been very helpful as to who the original owner was but what we do know is that it was built in 1890. Currently the building offers offices for the Executive Director and his leadership team. Our theme for the Preservation Worcester event this year is the Nutcracker. We hope you enjoy the decorations provided by one of our teachers, Leishla Diaz.

The Guild of St. Agnes – Brief History. The first meeting to formulate plans to establish the Guild of St. Agnes was held in the old Institute Hall of St. John's church in Worcester in January of 1913. Their first tasks were to discuss the need in Worcester for a temporary shelter for young women who had appeared in court as delinquents while their cases were pending arrangement and destitute women and neglected children who were homeless and without funds. The interest grew for the mission, and in one month, over 400 members were donating financial gifts to the endeavor. The first Guild location was at 20 Vernon St. On December 18, 1913, the Guild received its State Charter as an organization whose primary goal was to provide temporary shelter for women and children and supply relief to those in need. Later that year, in conjunction with a local hospital, the Guild developed a maternity annex for unwed mothers. A small cottage adjacent to 20 Vernon St known as the Annex was built to accommodate 40 unwed mothers. In 1914 the Guild expanded to include a Day Nursery. In 1917 World War 1 broke out, and the influenza epidemic severely struck the area; the Guild took care of many of the children whose parents were victims. Today The Guild has remained open during the Covid pandemic providing early education and care for 1,600 children throughout Worcester and Worcester County.

40 Highland Street - Worcester Historical Museum - At Salisbury Mansion Happy holidays from Worcester Historical Museum at Salisbury Mansion, the city's historic house museum sharing the story of Worcester's evolution from an agrarian county seat to late 19th-century industrial powerhouse.

321 Main Street - Mechanics Hall

164 Years of Culture & Community!

455 Main Street – City Hall

Built in 1898, City Hall is an example of Renaissance Revival architecture. The granite building is adorned with classic holiday decorations.

17 Pleasant Street – Olympia Theatre

Built circa late 1800s by architects Cutting and Forbush the now Worcester Olympia Theatre is the oldest remaining theatre left of its kind in the city. Sitting at the corner of the theatre district with its "imposing facade" the theatre has been on and off the top Most Endangered Structures list. Plans are now underway to save this stunning piece of the city's history! Join, follow and support @wootheatre

55 Salisbury Street - Worcester Art Museum

Love is celebrated in its many forms this holiday season at the Worcester Art Museum (WAM). This year Deck the Halls at WAM will feature Sunday concerts and holiday programs for all ages, surrounded by artfully decorated trees by Sally Jablonski of Herbert E. Berg Florist, Inc. and themed around the classic love story, Dr. Zhivago.



In the early 1800's the Chandler Farm encompassed approx. 40 acres, north to south, from Pleasant St. to Austin St., and east to west, from Irving St. to Newbury St. In 1818, Benjamin Butman, an innkeeper, purchased Chandler Farm for \$9,000. He planned a subdivision named "Park Hill. His plan featured large, wide lots surrounding a central park. Lot sales were slow and then came the financial panic of 1837. Butman lost both his business and his land. Prominent business man, Isaac Davis, purchased most of the land and subdivided it into smaller narrow lots. The narrow lots lent themselves perfectly to the side hall Greek revival style popular in the 1840's-1880's. The Greek revival homes in this neighborhood are a simplified version designed for the working class. Some typical characteristics include: gable end front, triangle pediment, side hall entry, tall windows on first floor, full lights, and bold yet simple moldings.

Beginning in the 1970s Preservation Worcester along with the Crown Hill Neighborhood Association began the preservation and the restoration of this oasis in the city. In the middle of the neighborhood is Herron Park owned by Preservation Worcester and dedicated to John and Frannie Herron. The Herrons were original members of the Crown Hill Neighborhood Assoc. and worked tirelessly for the preservation and restoration of their neighborhood. The Friends Meeting house at 23 Oxford St. was built in 1907. It was first built as a Quaker Meeting House. Over the years it has had many iterations. Gothic Revival in style, it was designed by prominent Worcester architect Stephen Earle. Although not his largest building, many consider this building his masterpiece.

2 Congress Street

Simple, traditional decoration. Allows the elegant architecture of the house to speak for itself.

8 Congress Street, #1

#8's door is decorated with all-natural materials: hydrangea, holly, pine, dried flowers, cypress, etc. in an effort to find beauty in nature year-round. OK, so we string lights on the porch to be festive too!

5 Crown Street

Welcome to one of the best kept secrets in the city, enjoy the architecture.

2 Oxford Place

Celebrating the season in the Local Crown Hill District!



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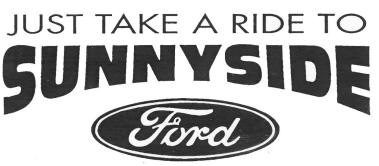
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2021 Janet McCorison Revolving Loan Fund façade improvement project (program began in 1998)

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Since 1969, Preservation Worcester has worked tirelessly to enhance our community through historic preservation, advocacy, education, neighborhood stabilization and urban design efforts.

Our timeline above is a small sampling of our work.

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