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Message from the Founder

Dear Bengalurigas,

Why is BNP opposing the Solid Waste Management (SWM) User Fee otherwise known as the Garbage User Fee? According to prevailing regulations, Municipal Corporations have the right to impose a fee on citizens for generating garbage/waste. This is the SWM User Fee or Garbage User Fee. It follows the 'User Pays' principle, very much in line with the 'Polluter Pays' principle in the case of pollution.

This principle stems from the premise that citizens must be responsible for the waste they generate and for its ultimate mode of disposal. The fee can ensure that responsible citizens are incentivized while irresponsible ones are penalized, thus minimizing the generation of waste at source.

It seems like a simple, sound & straightforward principle. So why is BNP opposing the imposition of the SWM User Fee by BBMP? To clarify a fundamental point, BNP is not against the imposition of the SWM User Fee as such, but firmly opposed to BBMP imposing any new fee without first ensuring transparency & accountability in its current spending.

Let me elaborate by revealing some very startling BBMP facts — BBMP's accounts have not been presented in the public domain for the last 3 years. It has been over 10 years since any kind of internal audit was conducted in BBMP. The details of projects undertaken by BBMP (running into tens of thousands of crores of rupees) are completely opaque. The general consensus among citizens is that a good proportion of these taxpayer funds ("our money") is used either inefficiently, inappropriately or even siphoned off through various means. And, in case you are not aware, the BBMP budget is well in excess of ₹10,000 crores every year!

In the light of these shocking facts, BNP's view is that the imposition of additional fees, whether an SWM User Fee or any other fee, is completely unacceptable from the public perspective, as that becomes just yet another black hole!

Another key point is that BBMP has no elected Council of Corporators. The BBMP Election has been delayed by well over 4 years, whereas the Constitutional mandate is that elections should be held within 6 months from the expiry of the previous Council. The introduction of any cess or fee without an elected Council is clearly unconstitutional and violates the democratic principle of "no taxation without representation".

It is the absolute responsibility of BBMP to have an elected Council of Corporators, audit its accounts every year, conduct an independent internal audit, make project details transparent and involve citizens in the decision-making process at the ward level through Area Sabhas. Unless these conditions are fulfilled, BNP firmly opposes any additional fee, tax, cess or levy by BBMP (whatever its form or stated purpose). Together, let us demand proper BBMP governance as stated above. Once these demands are implemented, we can certainly support BBMP in strengthening its finances and its administration.

As always, I am happy to receive inputs and feedback from you at srikanth.narasimhan1975@gmail.com



SRIKANTH NARASIMHAN
BNP Founder & General Secretary

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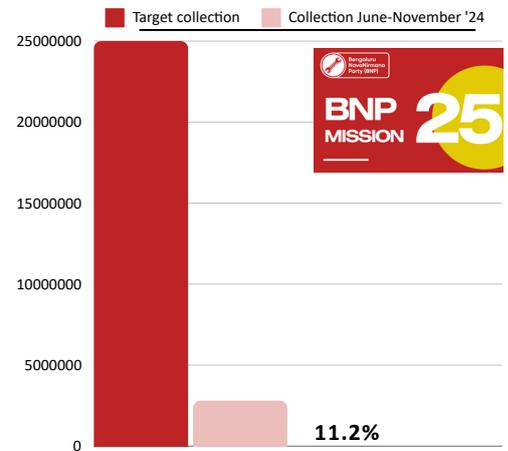
BNP MITHRAS RAMP UP DONATIONS

Since June this year, many BNP Mithras have stepped forward to support the Party and help mobilise anywhere from ₹25,000 to ₹2.5 lakhs each. This steady support will undoubtedly boost **BNP Mission 25**, BNP's ambitious initiative to win 25 out of 225 Wards in the upcoming Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Election. Heartfelt thanks to the growing numbers of **BNP Mithras** who made generous individual donations during the month of November for **BNP Mission 25**. Special thanks to **Aroon Raman, Swaminathan Manohar, Bikash Chowdhury, Samit Ghosh, Praphulla Prabhu, Varadarajan Sundararajan** and **Asha Balkrishna Nayak**, who have already helped us mobilise more than ₹25,000 each for **BNP Mission 25**. If each BNP Mithra can help mobilize such significant amounts, BNP can meet its target of raising ₹2.5 crores, to help the party win 25 out of the 225 Wards.

Let's achieve BNP Mission 25 together!

To Donate, click [HERE](#) or scan / click the QR Code 

If you want to learn about the **BNP Mithra** Initiative and get involved, please message us at **+91 83106 89931**



Bengaluru NavaNirman Party



EXPLORING WINNING WAYS



The BNP Offsite Event on 30th November and 1st December 2024, with 35 BNP Ward Leaders in attendance, explored winning ways to achieve **BNP Mission 25**. The two-day event featured wonderful sessions and drew enthusiastic participation from different wards. The discussions revolved around BNP winning at least 25 wards as part of its **BNP Mission 25**.

The Leaders were divided into six teams, each of which made interesting and informative team-wise presentations on various campaign-related aspects. Each topic was presented with innovative ideas and amazing zest. The outcome/output from this offsite event exceeded all expectations. The event concluded with the surprise launch of the BNP Anthem. **Srikanth Narasimhan** emphasised the need to build on this great momentum and start forming Area Sabha teams in each Ward to ensure the success of **BNP Mission 25**.

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CAMPAIGN UPDATES

(Developments on BNP's Ongoing Central Campaigns)

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OFFICIAL INTERACTIONS WITH BBMP (NOVEMBER)

BNP Governing Council (GC) Member and Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) Lalithamba B V and BNP GC Member and Zonal Leader (Bengaluru South) Poongothai Paramasivam discussed major issues with BBMP staff at the BBMP Head Office on 27th November 2024. At the Chief Commissioner's office, a formal letter was submitted expressing BNP's deep concern over the recently announced SWM User Fee. The team reiterated BNP's long-standing request to publish BBMP project details and audited accounts.

Officials at BBMP Revenue department briefed the BNP team about the e-khata registration issue, draft e-katha search options, and the intention to issue the e-khata before 4th November 2024.

At the Lake Department, the team met AEE Lakes, for Bommanahalli Zone. In-depth discussions were held on wide-ranging issues, including provisions for lake rejuvenation and coordination with other departments involved with the betterment of the lake.

Mr. Prahalad, Chief Engineer Projects held discussions with the BNP team about multiple pending issues such as pothole filling, drain construction, desilting, white painting on speed breakers and so on. He was positive in addressing these issues, and urged the team to submit their requests to Zone officials to execute the work.

The BNP team will continue to engage with the BBMP officials regularly.

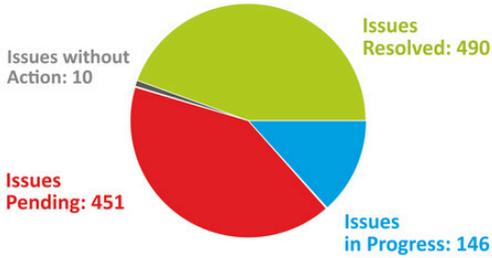




AREA SABHA ACTIVITIES

(Local civic issues addressed by BNP)

Civic Issues Raised October '23 – November '24: 1097



November's MOST-RAISED ISSUE CATEGORIES:

Others	11
Street light repair	6
Animal husbandry	5
Borewell / BWSSB	5
Pothole filling	5
Road damage	4
Sewage Overflow	4
Water logging	4
Footpath damage	3
Garbage clearance	3
TOTAL	50

Civic Issues Resolved in November '24: 65

November 2024 saw 50 civic issues brought to the BNP for resolution.

Non-functional street lights led the list of issues raised, closely followed by Animal Husbandry related issues, Borewell/BWSSB related issues and Pothole filling requests.

BNP resolved 65 civic issues in October 2024.

Pictures of a few of the resolved issues are given below. 

IBLURU

Sewage Overflow



IBLURU

Pothole Filling



SUBRAHMANYAPURA

Street lights Repair



KUDLU

Garbage Clearance



To view updates of other issues resolved by followup by the BNP, please visit the ['Civic Issues Resolved' page](#) under the 'Work & Progress' tab on the BNP Website.

BNP thanks the active citizens who turned Civic Warriors by reporting the issue, and the relevant BBMP officials and staff who worked to close these issues.

YOU too can become a Civic Warrior by reporting the civic issues in your area.

The best way to become part of the solution to our civic woes is to join the BNP Area Sabha in your neighbourhood. These Area Sabhas meet regularly to take up, discuss and address civic issues in the local area.

To join, Whatsapp +91 83106 89931 today!



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

(Pick of Special BNP Activities)

BNP MISSION 25 CORE TEAM MEETS (IN-PERSON)

This month, **Srikanth Narasimhan** conducted a series of casual, focused local area meets to set the ball rolling towards building ground-level reach out support for BNP towards achieving **BNP Mission 25**. These collaborative meetings with ardent BNP Members and supporters followed a similar structure, starting with a round of short introductions followed by **Srikanth Narasimhan** introducing the BNP and explaining the concept of **Area Sabhas**, emphasizing their importance in local governance. This was followed by discussions on how to spread awareness about BNP in the specific area, strategies for connecting with more people and growing the local Community WhatsApp groups. **Srikanth Narasimhan** stressed the need for consistent communication and regular meetings to maintain active participation and also shared the proposed approach and methodology for securing a win for the individual Ward during the upcoming elections.

These meetings set the tone for future initiatives in each area.

WHITEFIELD MEET

Day: 18th November 2024

Attendees: BNP Members Deepa Peck, Anna Davis, Aravind Keerthi, Aravind Mohan and Vishal.



PUTTENAHALLI & RBI LAYOUT MEET

Day: 19th November 2024

Attendees: BNP Members Ram Narasimhan, Anu Chandar Hemalatha Shetty, Sharada Narayan, Swati, Kesari Prasad, Anil Kulkarni, Srinivasan, Pramod and Venkatesh Kumar.



HOODI MEET

Day: 22nd November 2024

Attendees: BNP Members Deepak, Amit Pujar and Venaktesh



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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

(Pick of Special BNP Activities)

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KALENA AGRAHARA MEET

Day: 22nd November 2024

Attendees: BNP Members Purushottam, Bhagyashree, Asha Nayak, Rajendran, VT Rajan, Swapna Ramkumar, Nagaraj Bhandare, Vineeth Modon and Vinod H Chabbria.



VARTHUR MEET

Day: 24th November 2024 (Morning)

Attendees: BNP Leaders Jayant, Krishnan, Radhakrishnan, Venkatraman, Venkatachalam, Madhusudan, Harish Potdar, Sanjay Lavakare.



BELLANDUR MEET

Day: 24th November 2024 (Evening)

Attendees: **Vishnu Reddy** and about 17 residents from various apartment complexes and layouts in the Bellandur area attended this meet.



KUDLU MEET

Day: 26th November 2024

Attendees: Nine residents from various apartment complexes and layouts in Kudlu attended this meet.



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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

(Pick of Special BNP Activities)

NO FEES WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY

Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML)'s proposed Garbage User Fee has stirred discontent among residents. BNP has expressed strong opposition to this fee in its **Press Release (PR)** (Read more about the PR in the Media Section of this Newsletter). It emphasised that the BSWML is not a constitutionally authorised body for Solid Waste Management (SWM).

The BNP questioned why the BBMP could not manage SWM expenses with its existing funds and urged BBMP to disclose details of its expenses and fund allocations before imposing additional fees on citizens. **Srikanth Narasimhan** stated that it was appalling that this fee is being considered in the absence of an elected Council. He emphasised that decisions of such magnitude require transparency and accountability, which can only be provided by an elected Council.

An article on this matter, carried by *Bangalore Mirror*, quotes **Srikanth Narasimhan** and **Poongothai Paramsivan**, BNP GC Member and Zonal Leader (Bengaluru South).

AN ARDENT BNP SUPPORTER SPEAKS



Hema Hattangady is a loyal BNP supporter and committed donor, who spends much of her time with the BNP leadership team to guide and mentor them in their various initiatives. What prompted her to become such an ardent BNP supporter? In the [video "Why I support Bengaluru NavaNirman Party \(BNP\) - Hema Hattangady"](#) (IIMC '87 Alumna, Successful Entrepreneur who sold her firm Konzerv to Schneider Electric)", Hema explains that BNP is truly unique as a Party committed exclusively to improving grassroots governance in Bengaluru, without having any State or National level ambitions. It is the only Party led by a veteran investment banker and alumnus of IIM Bengaluru. She credits **Srikanth Narasimhan** with setting up the Bengaluru Apartments Federation (BAF), which has benefited thousands of apartment-dwellers in Bengaluru and talks about how **Srikanth Narasimhan** is a rare sort of political leader who has 'invested' heavily in his Party out of his own pocket, to achieve its stated goal of good governance.

She goes on to reiterate how the BNP is commendable as a political Party because it has served Bengaluru residents by resolving pressing civic issues in various wards at their request, even before seeking their votes!

Hema Hattangady goes on to say that **Srikanth Narasimhan** is a leader who had everything to lose and nothing to gain by starting the BNP. And BNP supporters like Hema know that Bengaluru residents have everything to gain and nothing to lose by supporting such a dedicated Party!

CIVIC SENSE AND SPIRITUALITY

'My waste is my responsibility' goes the BNP slogan. Waste disposal is a complex issue and disposal of religious items involves heightened sensitivity. With help from the BBMP SWM team and pourakarmikas, the Community Task Force in Ibluru Ward painstakingly collected a big heap of sacred articles discarded on the footpath on 24th November 2024. This collection drive netted 3 to 4 bags full of religious articles and also a bagful of diyas, apparently used just once. All the collected items were dispatched for recycling. In the process, the BNP team cleared a section of the footpath which had been heaped with debris for a long time. Sincere thanks are due to Supervisor Mukund and all the BBMP pourakarmikas for their solid support for this special collection drive. In the aftermath of this drive, however, more religious items appeared in the cleared area. It is now clear that regular awareness drives are needed to encourage citizens to handle and dispose off such religious items in a more responsible and respectful way.





BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

Namma Samiti (Ward Committee Meetings)

After a long time, a Ward Committee Meeting (WCM) was held this month on 12th December 2024 at the BBMP Ward Office, RBI Layout. **BNP GC Member Kesari Prasad** attended the meeting. Key issues discussed and the actions agreed upon were:

1. Noise Pollution from Shubh Convention Centre (Post 10 p.m.)

Action: The BBMP officials will engage with the management of Shubh Convention Centre to address the noise pollution issue and ensure it does not recur.

2. Wrong-Side Driving (Puttenahalli to Brigade Millenium Signal)

Action: Traffic Police Inspector Sri. Umesh assured that traffic constables will be deployed to catch offenders. Additionally, we proposed the appointment of traffic wardens at this location to prevent wrong-side driving.

3. Manhole Cover at Li-Ning Sports and Puttenahalli Main Road Junction

Action: Sri. Hitheish, AE (Major Roads), confirmed that he would address the issue and a barrier has already been placed at the spot. Potholes in the area will also be repaired for smoother access to Puttenahalli Main Road.

4. e-Khata Issues

Action: The ARO will be available at the next WCM to provide clarity on e-Khata matters.

5. Waste Management Confusion

Action: A Ward Environment Engineer will be present at the next WCM to address the confusion regarding the roles of Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) and BBMP in waste collection and the fees associated with it.

6. Restoration of Roads After BWSSB Pipeline Work (Kothnur Area)

Action: Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board (BWSSB)'s representative was not present at the meeting, so, we will take up the matter of the incomplete road restoration with them later.

7. Issues with Signboards in Gaurav Layout

Action: Ward Engineer Ms. Shilpa assured that necessary corrective measures will be taken regarding the removal of good signboards and the installation of blank ones with commercial messages.



This meeting was conducted in a cordial manner and had a positive impact. Future meetings are to be held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A WhatsApp group for Ward 195 (Konankunte) has been created, including representatives from key agencies: Ward Nodal Officer, Ward Engineer, Police (Traffic and Law & Order), (Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM), BBMP, BWSSB, Health Inspector, and other relevant agencies. The meeting notices and minutes are to be uploaded to the BBMP website and shared via the WhatsApp group for citizen dissemination.

The WCM also inspired citizens to take a more active role in civic matters and engage as stakeholders in the development of their Ward and the City. We hope that WCMs resume regularly in all Wards to ensure citizen participation in Ward issues.

Reach Out Programs (Meetings & Activities to Engage with Local Communities)

DOOR-TO-DOOR CAMPAIGNS

BNP Leaders Madhusudhan, Jeevan and Kamesh conducted a door-to-door BNP awareness building campaign in HSR Layout on 17th November 2024. They engaged with local residents to share BNP's vision, key initiatives and encouraged the residents to involve themselves in their local community's activities for the betterment of their areas.



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BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

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On 23rd November 2024, **BNP Zonal President (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy** conducted a door-to-door campaign in the KPC Layout and Mudaliar Layout areas. BNP Members Likhith and Vishnu visited residents, shared information about BNP, and invited them to join the KPC Layout WhatsApp group. Likhith will continue to pursue this diligently. With his previous success in similar campaigns, we are confident that our goal to add 100 new members to the BNP WhatsApp Group will be a success.



The next day, on 24th November 2024, **BNP leader Jeevan** led the second door-to-door campaign of the month in HSR Layout. He engaged with local residents, and shared the vision and objectives of the BNP. The initiative aimed to connect directly with the community, listen to their concerns and highlight the BNP's commitment to improve the area addressing key local issues.





MEDIA CONNECT

(BNP's interactions with the media)

PRESS RELEASES

[BNP's Press Release dated 25th November 2024](#) was to strongly oppose the Solid Waste Management (SWM) User Fee by BSWML, demanding Accountability and Transparency in BBMP fund utilization first. BNP questioned the rationale behind imposing this additional financial burden on citizens, especially in the absence of an elected council and without transparency regarding the utilization of existing funds. **Poongothai Paramasivam, GC Member and BNP Zonal Leader (Bangalore South)**, said "... Citizens are already paying multiple taxes, and imposing this additional fee is entirely unjustifiable. With an outlay of ₹12,000 crores, BBMP has sufficient funds to efficiently manage garbage collection, transportation, and processing, provided it halts unnecessary projects, curbs corruption and allocates resources wisely. It is important to note that while Swachh Survekshan allows urban local bodies to collect a user fee, it is not mandatory. Why can BBMP not manage SWM expenses which include collection and transportation and processing of solid waste, with existing funds? Why impose this additional burden on citizens? How was the SWM cess (collected from citizens uniformly during property tax collection) spent?"

The PR also quotes **Srikanth Narasimhan** expressing concerns over administrative inefficiency — "How can the government endorse BBMP's move to impose an unfair fee via an agency which is not a constitutionally authorized outfit to discharge the function of Solid Waste Management?" and carries his promise on this issue "...We will also approach all the relevant government officials to explain our stance."

You can access all the BNP Press Releases on our Namma BNP website [HERE](#)

BNP IN THE NEWS

Please click [HERE](#) to see how different Media organisations have supported BNP by publishing articles on our endeavours to resolve civic issues in Bengaluru.



BBMP PLANS ZONE-WISE BUDGET

The BBMP budget 2025-26 is likely to touch ₹15,000 crores. Hitherto, though the city was divided into eight Zones, BBMP is still functioning under a centralised system. For the first time, the next budget is to be divided Zone-wise for better infrastructure. Meanwhile, BBMP has proposed to take a loan of ₹4,000 crores from the World Bank for flood mitigation. But the Right to Information Study Institute, which filed a complaint with the World Bank, urged it not to sanction this loan due to possible misuse. Managing Trustee Amaresh revealed that a proposal has been submitted for a loan of \$426 million from the World Bank under the Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program. The BBMP and BWSSB are already facing a severe financial crisis due to huge loans from various agencies. This additional borrowing from the World Bank will have serious financial implications and this burden will ultimately be passed onto the taxpayers.

TIME-SAVING TUNNEL

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is set to benefit from the Eastern Connectivity Tunnel, directly connecting Eastern areas like Whitefield, Sarjapur and Mahadevapura to the airport, thus reducing travel times by approximately 30 minutes. The tunnel is part of the Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL)'s ₹16,500 crore expansion plan to support the city's rapidly growing aviation sector. The tunnel will bypass the heavily congested Hebbal flyover, providing an alternative route from the Eastern State Highway. By diverting nearly 30 percent of airport-bound traffic, it is expected to ease congestion and improve traffic flow. Construction of the tunnel is slated to begin this year and be completed in three years. BIAL's CEO, Hari Marar, highlighted that the tunnel's design will improve overall traffic flow and provide a reliable route for airport-bound passengers. BIAL is also working on expanding airport capacity with two new metro stations, taxiway upgrades and development of Terminal 3 to accommodate growing passenger traffic. This new infrastructure will be vital as KIA surpasses earlier projections, with passenger numbers expected to reach 85 million annually by 2030-32.

SARJAPUR: NEW IT HUB

On the lines of Electronics City and the International Tech Park of Whitefield, the State Government plans to develop an Information Technology (IT) hub in Sarjapur. The Karnataka Industries Area Development Board (KIADB) has been entrusted with the task of acquiring 1,050 acres of land. The development, however, runs contrary to the Government's plan to decongest the city. While the KIADB has nearly completed the process of acquiring around 647 acres of land spread across six villages, it will acquire an additional 401 acres in Hosahalli, for which preliminary notifications were issued in November 2024. The Government plans to promote the start-up ecosystem, a Unique Selling Point (USP) of Bengaluru. Sri. MB Patil, Minister for Commerce and Industries, has been driving the project to attract young entrepreneurs to launch new ideas in five different sectors, including Artificial Intelligence, finance and technology. He is likely to unveil the plan ahead of the Global Investors Meet (GIM), which is scheduled for 12th-14th February 2025 at the Bangalore Place in Bengaluru. Officials hope to complete land acquisition in the next six months. The compensation would be distributed as per the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

THE BENGALURU WATER LOG

It was the recent conversations on flooding in Bengaluru that pushed Aman Bhargava and Vivek Matthew to create the 'Blr Water Log' and post about it on their blog. Bhargava works as a Data Visualisation Developer. Matthew is a Software Engineer and also contributes to the Open Street Maps community in Bengaluru. The map depicts how Bengaluru's terrain causes water to flow and collect in different places. It depicts flow accumulation and whether it is upstream or downstream. Matthew explains that different shades of blue depict areas where water is likely to accumulate. The darker shades depict areas that experience maximum flooding such as Ejipura, Koramangala and Manyata Tech Park. Digital elevation models are used to create such maps and the duo have used an open source initiative called Copernicus, which provides a 30 meter resolution. The map was set up over the course of three weeks. At present, one can find their current location, check multiple neighbourhoods and read a few news articles written about the respective localities.



BENGALURIGA BYTES — NOVEMBER

(BNP's own Cartoon Series)

Bengaluriga Bytes (BB), the BNP's tongue-in-cheek look at life in Bengaluru, draws attention to pressing civic issues that need rectification if Bengaluru is to become a model city.

Enjoy the Instagram reels of November's cartoons by clicking on the images. (If you would like to see them as images, zoom in, or go [HERE](#) to see all the BB cartoons published so far).

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That's it for now. Thank you for reading. Next one, next month.

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