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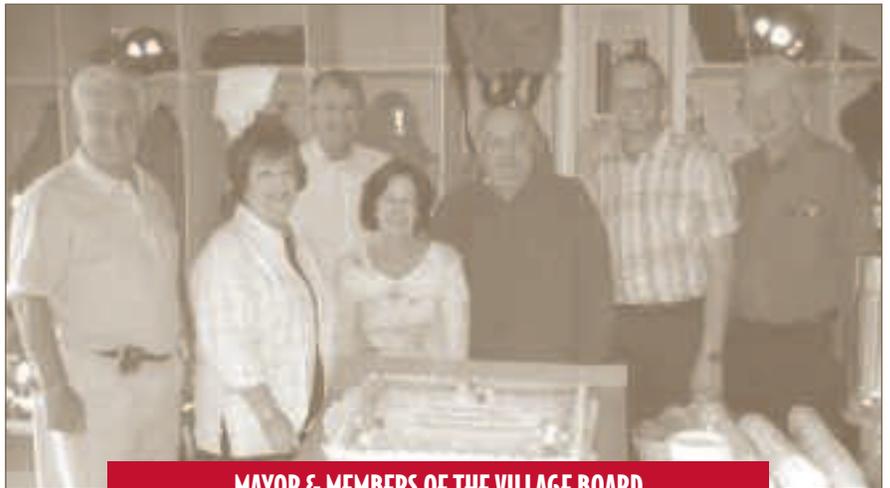
MAYOR'S UPDATE

VILLAGE PAYS OFF POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUNDS DEBT

Shortly after I took office in 1993 the Village auditors surprised me with startling news – the general

fund of the Village owed \$3,000,000 to the Police and Fire Pension Funds. The previous administration had not been transferring tax dollars generated for pensions to the two pension funds. I was shocked, but at the time I promised the Village would pay off the debt WITHOUT raising taxes. We worked out a payment agreement with the two pension funds, which called for annual payments until the debt was paid. I am pleased to announce that, as of April 30, 2007, the last payment of this debt had been made.

This was not easy, as the agreement required a \$250,000 annual payment. But with careful budgeting practices, we were able to get this done. I am very pleased to give you this good news. Even better news — the money we are saving by no longer having to pay this debt is being used to pay for construction of the Village's new pool. This exciting new facility is opening this summer. It will be a wonderful new asset for Schiller Park. Information regarding the new pool can be found inside this newsletter. I am also pleased to see that replacement play



MAYOR & MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
AT PENSION DEBT PAYOFF CELEBRATION

equipment has been installed in Kennedy Park. Following up on last year's successful opening of North Village Park, this continues our improvements to park facilities throughout Schiller Park.

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer.

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana,
Mayor

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

"MOVIES IN THE PARK"

The Police Department in partnership with the Mayor and Village Board will be showing "Movies in the Park" again this summer. This will be the 3rd year of this very popular and fun family activity. This year there will be 4 movies shown – 1 each month starting on Saturday June 9th at 8:00 PM with a showing of "Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire". Exact details of remaining dates and movies are still being finalized but they will all be shown on Saturday nights at Stalica Park. Please visit the Village website (www.villageofschillerpark.com) or call the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550 to check on details regarding the remaining dates & movies.

As noted above all of the movies will be shown at Stalica Park, located at the corner of Irving Park Road and River Road. Once again the concession stand will be open offering soda and popcorn for sale. Please remember to bring a blanket(s) for seating on the lawn. The Police Department will again be offering free child identification kits before each movie starting at 7:00 PM - please consider dropping by to get your child fingerprinted

Special thanks go to Audio Visual One for donating the equipment that make showing the movies possible and to Community Police Officer Frank DeSimone for arranging these fun family events. Please contact Officer DeSimone at (847) 678-4794 if you have any questions about the "Movies in the Park" program.

BIKE PATROL RESUMES

Community Police Officer Frank DeSimone will once again be out on bike patrol this summer. Officer DeSimone will be riding around the Village streets and parks this summer to add a personal touch to the regular police patrols. Officer DeSimone rides an average of 12 miles per day on bike patrol – if you see him riding around give him a wave!

SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Schiller Park, along with many other Illinois communities, is participating in a statewide effort to increase the use of seatbelts in Illinois to 90%. The seat belt requirement has already increased seatbelt use in the State from 36% to 88% over the past twenty years but the goal is to increase usage even further. This effort is being made because it has been estimated that requiring the use of seat belts has already saved many lives and that even a small additional increase in usage could save 30+ lives and 1,000+ injuries. The good news is that in 2006 Illinois reported the lowest # of traffic deaths since 1924 - but this number can and should be even lower. The Village urges all residents to drive safely and buckle up – it may save you a ticket or maybe even your life.

CLOCKTOWER PARK SUMMER CONCERTS UPDATED SCHEDULE

The Village's well received series of free concerts at Clocktower Park is returning for another season of good music and family fun this coming summer. These family friendly events are always fun and you can't beat the price – they're free! Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or a blanket for seating. The following is the updated schedule for this summer:

Wednesday • June 20, 2007
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Doormen (Pop)

Friday • July 27, 2007
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Tangent

Wednesday • July 18, 2007
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
White Saddle Band (Country Western)

Wednesday • August 15, 2007
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Only Sons - 70's & 80's

Thursday • August 23, 2007
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Lincoln Middle School Band

NEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT HYDRANT FLUSHING

Each year the Schiller Park Fire Department does annual fire hydrant flushing. This helps ensure that there are no problems with the water system and fire hydrant.

All 350 fire hydrants are flowed and at various locations measurements are taken of the water gallon capacity. This helps exercise the valves and provides data for commercial businesses

The fire department will flow hydrants from approximately 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. If for any reason you find a hydrant leaking or a water main break contact the Village immediately.

SUMMER SUN SAFETY TIPS

It is now recognized that sunburn and sun exposure should not be taken lightly. Deaths have resulted from acute exposure, and significant temporary disability is experienced by millions of people who are sunburned each year. Unlike thermal burn, sunburn is not immediately apparent. By the time the skin starts to become painful and red, the damage has been done.

GENERAL SUN SAFETY

- Select shaded areas for outdoor activities.
- Wear a broad brimmed hat, tightly woven clothing, a long sleeved shirt, long pants when you plan to spend long periods of time outdoors.
- If you are unable to cover up for some reason, use a sunscreen with a SPF of at least 40.
- Avoid tanning altogether or at least tanning for long periods, particularly between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. during the summer months.
- Don't forget to block the sun year round, including cloudy days.
- Be cautious when using the garden hose that has been exposed to sun. The standing water can be extremely hot and cause a serious burn. Let the water run and re-test the temperature.
- Be cautious of metal and plastic playground equipment that is exposed to direct sun. Contact burns can easily occur.
- Sand or asphalt can severely burn your feet. Always bring footwear to the beach.

FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society's Annual "Cemetery Walk" at Eden Cemetery is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th, 2007. The first group will take off at 10:00 AM. Light refreshments will be served following the walk.

This year the Society is offering a "double header" as the "Cemetery Walk" will be followed by a presentation by the Alexander Hamilton New York Provincial Artillery. They will present a program of armaments and equipment used in the Revolutionary War. The artifacts presented will include a real cannon.

Please consider joining us for a few hours to relive the past and share some stories. You may want to bring a lawn chair for the Revolutionary War program. There is no charge for these events but as always donations are welcome. It is important though for

you to let us know you are coming so we can plan accordingly. Please call the Society at (847) 671-8513 to let us know you plan to attend (mention your group size) – please leave a message if no one is there to answer your call

On other matters the Society is still looking for old photos. With the massive changes to the topography of our Village we need pictures to remind us of what used to be. We are also are looking for older phone books – 1960-1980 especially.

Lastly if you are enjoying the "Hometown Newsletter" we would appreciate it if you would let us know. It takes some time, a bit of work, and some expense. We also want to thank those that have provided us with news items.

June Ouland, Historian

WHAT'S NEW!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

WEST GATEWAY DEMOLITION UPDATE

If you've driven down Mannheim Road or over by the Four Points Sheraton, you might have seen excavators and bulldozers. We have cleared two buildings on George Place and pulled out all the underground cement from the former Tokyo Motel property. There will be further demolition work done in this area later this summer. The Village is preparing the area for potential development with the possibility that construction might begin this year.

RUBY CONDOMINIUMS

A new 41 unit condominium building is now under construction on the 3800 block of Ruby Street. This long-planned project should be complete in 2008.

ONE PARK PLACE

The 9800 block of Leland at 25th Avenue has been very busy lately - the new 60 unit condo building - "One Park Place" has been going up quickly. The Village Metra Station continues to attract more patrons seeking the convenience of commuting by train.

WEHRMAN TOWNHOUSES

The 3900 block of Wehrman should soon see the beginning of construction on a new 20 townhouse development that will have an interior courtyard and attached garages.

STARBUCK'S

Construction of the Starbuck's at 25th and Irving Park Road has picked up with a projected opening date of this summer. When completed it will have a drive-thru window.

RUBY/LELAND ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

One of our 2007 utility and road projects is water main replacement and road construction in the Lawrence Avenue & 25th Avenue TIF district. We realize that this project has caused some disruption and appreciate the patience of our residents – particularly those most directly affected by the project. This project will greatly improve the infrastructure of the area

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EDITOR

INTRODUCING THE NEW SCHILLER PARK FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

GRAND OPENING - SUNDAY, JULY 1

After nearly two years of designing, developing and constructing a new municipal outdoor pool complex, the Village of Schiller Park will soon unveil its new modern aquatic facility. The previous pool, built in 1967, suffered from many problems in recent years - including water leaks, cracked decks, closure of the high dive, as well as inadequate plumbing and electrical systems. Furthermore the bathhouse did not contain modern amenities like family changing rooms and a concession stand, while the pool itself had lots of fairly deep water and few family oriented amenities.

feed the hungry swimmers. The pool will now be able to accommodate birthday parties during the day, by use of a special "party area", though residents will still have the option to rent the facility for after hours events.

The bathhouse has been completely renovated to meet modern disability access guidelines and to provide more efficient use of the space. Four family changing rooms will be available to allow parents with young children to change clothes in a private room before entering or leaving the pool.



The new pool complex is family friendly with activities for people of all ages. The main activity pool has a zero edge entry area with small water sprays, vortex, basketball feature and three lap lanes for fitness swimmers. A deep pool has a one meter diving board and two 10 foot drop slides. For more adventurous swimmers, a big waterslide starts on the 25 foot high slide tower and winds around to a separate splash pool. For the little ones there is a splash pad with interactive water toys, including several water sprays, a small slide, and a water motorcycle!

Adults will appreciate the raised deck sunning area and a concession stand will be available to

Join your friends and neighbors in being among the first to swim at the new Schiller Park Family Aquatic Center. The new pool rates are listed on this page - keep in mind that the early discount will be available through the end of June with full prices taking effect July 1st. Season passes for

2007 can be purchased at the Recreation Center and at the new bathhouse at days/times to be determined shortly prior to opening date. Please check the Village website or contact the Recreation Department for details about pool pass sales at the pool. The new pool will remain open through Labor Day weekend. Residents with questions regarding the pool may contact the Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580 or email your questions to registrar@villageofschillerpark.com.

SCHILLER PARK REC DEPARTMENT 2007 POOL FEES & RATES

Family Pass	Res	NonRes
	\$115	\$165
(after July 1, 2007)	\$125	\$175
Family pass includes (4) immediate family members living at residence, each additional family member is \$15 resident and \$20 non-resident.		
Individual Pass	Res	NonRes
13 & Under	\$35	\$60
(after July 1, 2007)	\$40	\$65
14 & Over	\$40	\$65
(after July 1, 2007)	\$45	\$70
Senior Citizens	\$35	\$60
Session Admission	\$5	\$7
Resident senior citizens swim free during adult lap swim.		
After Hours Pool Rental	Res	NonRes
2 hour 1-50 people	\$300	\$400
(\$10 each additional person)		

RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

The Schiller Park Recreation Department has an exciting opportunity for residents interested in working at the new Schiller Park Family Aquatic Center.

Applications are currently being accepted for various pool positions including lifeguards, attendants, cashiers and concession workers.

Hours and pay vary with positions.

Apply in person at the Schiller Park Recreation Center located at 9638 W. Irving Park Rd, Schiller Park, IL. For additional information please call (847) 671-8580.

The Village of Schiller Park is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

KENNEDY PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION COMPLETE!

The Village recently completed a full renovation of the playground located south of the pool bathhouse at Kennedy Park. Previously this park underwent a redevelopment in 1995 and was home to the oldest play equipment in any of our parks. This play equipment has now been replaced with new equipment designed for specific ages.

The younger play structure has a slide, mini climbing wall and ground level club house all under two large shade umbrellas. The older play structure is a brand new type of equipment called “EVOS” and is designed to challenge children both mentally and physically. Schiller Park is on the leading edge as Kennedy Park is the first site in Illinois to install the new EVOS system. In addition, new tot swings, big swings and spinning saddle seats were installed.

This project was managed by Parks Superintendent, Dave LeMar who is a certified playground safety inspector. The play area was designed to meet current safety and accessibility guidelines while providing years of enjoyment. The Village is proud to present this new playground in conjunction with the family aquatic center.

Please help report any vandalism or broken equipment in the park by calling the Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580 or you can send an email to Dave at dlemar@villageofschillerpark.com



PUBLIC WORKS STREET SWEEPER STAYS BUSY

Public Works operates the street sweeper from the 1st Monday in April through the 3rd Monday in November each year. The 30 miles of streets in town are all swept on a regular schedule during this time and the sweeper averages about 130 miles per week. This adds up to more than 30 weeks of street sweeping and an average of more than 4,000 miles each year.

The sweeper is also used for various other purposes making it a very versatile and useful piece of equipment. For instance it is used to clean out catch basins to help storm water drain out of the Village's storm sewers quickly during and after a rainstorm. This is important because it lessens the risk of the streets flooding during a heavy storm. The sweeper is also used to clean the water system's valve vaults so that necessary maintenance can be done on them. This regular maintenance ensures that the valves are working properly and that water can be properly shut-off during emergencies, like water main breaks. Finally the sweeper is also used to clean out stump grindings after tree removal so that restoration of dirt and grass seed can be done more quickly and easily.

All street sweepers need a significant amount of regular and routine maintenance to be kept in good operating condition. Due to the need for this ongoing maintenance the sweeper sometimes needs to be taken out of service for a few days for the maintenance to be performed. Public Works generally rotates the days the sweeper will be used for its various tasks to ensure that all needed work is done, and that there is time to maintain the sweeper as well.

The Public Works Department also wants to remind residents that they need to avoid parking on the streets during the street sweeper's scheduled cleanings. Each street is clearly marked with signs indicating the days that street parking is prohibited. Following these rules makes the job easier for the sweeper driver, ensures your street will be cleaned more effectively, and can save you a ticket from the police. Please contact the Public Works Superintendent Joe Meyers at (847) 671-8554 with any questions or concerns about the street sweeping program

PLANNING ON WORKING IN YOUR YARD THIS SUMMER? YARD WASTE & BRANCH COLLECTION PROCEDURES

If you're planning on doing some yard work this summer you might want to brush up on the Village's processes for yard waste and branch collection. Since there are different rules and pickup days for yard waste and branches it is important to know and understand the specific rules for each program.

YARD WASTE:

This includes items like grass clippings, twigs, shrubbery, and dead plants or flowers. Collection is made by GROOT (our normal garbage hauler) on the normal pickup day of Friday. You have two options for curbside disposal of yard waste – (1) Utilize a 30 gallon or smaller generic, biodegradable, paper bag, or (2) Use a 35 gallon or less sized garbage can for landscape waste only (this must be marked with Village supplied stickers stating "landscape waste"). These stickers can be obtained at Village Hall and are free. This service is provided until November 24th.

BRANCH PICKUP:

This service is provided directly by the Village's Department of Public Works and is done on Monday throughout the summer. Please ensure your branches are out at the curb prior to 7:00 AM on Monday morning. The Public Works crew will come by and "chip" the branches into woodchips. The chips are then used by Public Works in various projects in the Village. If you have questions about the branch pickup program or you are interested in getting some woodchips from the Village's stockpile please contact either Ron Sieracki, Director of Public Works at (847) 822-8592 or Joseph Meyers the Superintendent of Public Works at (847) 671-8554.

If you have any questions about either the yard waste program or the branch pickup program please don't hesitate to contact the Village at (847) 678-2550.

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION - PLUG INTO RECYCLING!

JUNE 15 & 16, 2007 - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

TRITON COLLEGE - NORTHWEST STUDENT PARKING LOT - 2000 FIFTH AVENUE - RIVER GROVE, IL 60176

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Computer Equipment
Telephones
Printers
Monitors
Cellular Phones
Answering Machines
Stereo Equipment
TVs & VCRs
Copy Machines
Fax Machines
Disks, CDs, & Tapes

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Stoves
Refrigerators
Microwaves
Dishwashers
Washing Machines
Dryers
Oversized Copiers

This event is open to residents, schools, municipalities. There is a \$5.00 Co-Pay for each TV or Monitor Collected.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WEST COOK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
708-450-0100
WWW.WESTCOOK.ORG

FROM THE DESK OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL: DRAINAGE 101

Proper "Drainage" on a lot allows the rain to flow to an area that does not damage your property or the property of a neighbor. Soil, driveways, patios, walkways, and other "flatwork" must be sloped away from the foundations of nearby buildings. When installing flatwork, these horizontal installations must be slanted so as to move stormwater runoff to the front or rear of the lot. Soil or flatwork next to a foundation needs to be at least 4" below the top of the foundation. The soil must be maintained at its original height. Thus, excavating earth from the area is required before installing brick or concrete. State of Illinois law requires that you cannot build on a shared lot line, therefore construction should be kept a minimum of 6" from any lot line.

Many concerns have been voiced to the Village regarding large amounts of residential lots that are covered with concrete. Residents did not like the "cold" look it created and wanted some "green space" to remain, while engineers noted the flooding problem created by all the concrete. To respond to this, the Village passed a maximum impervious allowance of 60%. Examples of what counts towards your 60% "impervious" surface limit are concrete, asphalt, brick pavers and any buildings. Thus, 40% of the land must remain grass or absorption area. We believe this approach offers a more pleasant feel, helps control flooding, and adds value to everyone's property. Keep in mind that "flatwork" installations require a building permit. Please bring a Plat of Survey to make a permit application at 4501 N. 25th avenue from 9-5 pm, Monday through Friday. You may contact the Department at (847) 671-8555 or cd@villageofschillerpark.com if you have any questions. Have a happy and safe summer, Mike Brown, Certified Building Official.

IMPORTANT! REPLACEMENT WINDOWS & CODE REQUIREMENTS

Are you thinking about window replacement for your home? Or do you know someone who is? Then the following is very important and "Bedroom Window Egress" is a term you should become familiar with.

If you are sleeping when a fire occurs, your only means of escape might be through a window in your bedroom. A fully equipped firefighter with an air pack might also need to use this same route to make entry for a rescue. To accommodate these potential emergency situations, the Village's Building Code requires that a window opening of sufficient size must be provided. The main reason that a building permit is required for a window replacement is so the Village can ensure that this important safety standard is met for you and your family as well as all future residents of your home.

The Village's Building Code addresses

this issue by requiring that at least one window in each sleeping room has to have an opening at least 22" high and at least 20" wide, with an air space area of at least 5.7 square feet. This minimum "net clear opening" must be achieved through the normal operation of the window (i.e. when the window is in the "Full Open" position).

Unfortunately the Village has found that many of the direct replacement double hung windows currently being sold do not meet these code requirements. To comply with the dimension specifications mentioned above, an upgrade to a casement or slider window may be necessary.

The Energy Code requires a fenestration or "U-Rating" of .40 or less and the labels with this information must remain on the glass for the Village's inspectors to see. In some specific applications, safety glass is required. These windows should have the necessary information etched on one corner of the glass.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding window requirements, please contact the Community Development Department at (847) 671-8555.

SCHILLER PARK F.O.P. SCHEDULES 3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2007 (FRIDAY)
11:00 AM - LUNCH - 12:00 NOON - SHOTGUN START
MAPLE MEADOWS - 272 ADDISON ROAD - WOOD DALE**

Golf & Dinner • \$100 per golfer
Dinner Only • \$40
Hole Sponsorship • \$150 per hole

Awards, prizes, and a raffle are planned. If you are unable to join us, any donations whether monetary or prizes to be raffled off would be greatly appreciated. The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 170 is the fraternal and charitable organization for the police officers of the Village of Schiller Park Police Department. Monies raised through our golf outing and through other donations are used to help needy people and organizations in the Schiller Park area.

For more details about the outing please contact:

Brian Norris • 224-588-7022
Kris Banka • 847-772-0121
Frank Stoffel • 847-800-7601
Roger Orozco • 847-337-0488

RUNNING GROUP PLANNED

Are you a runner or are you thinking about running? Wouldn't it be fun to run with a group or partner? The Recreation Department would like to support your fitness efforts by starting a running club. The idea is to bring people together for a fun, weekly, group run.

Initially, the group would meet once a week to run through Schiller Park and the surrounding area. The group would be self-directed and the runners would decide the length, pace, and location of their runs. If you've never run, you could start by walking and build up your endurance. Experienced runners will run 3-6 miles. Lockers will be provided to store your clothing and personal items while you run.

If there is enough interest the group could include a monthly meeting so runners could help plan and provide input and direction for the group and bring in guest speakers (i.e.: experienced runners, running shoe companies, race organizers, nutrition experts). We hope these group runs provide the encouragement and motivation to expand your running, or to just get you started. If you are interested please call the Recreation Center at (847) 671-8580 for additional information

MANNHEIM & LAWRENCE PAVING PROJECT

The Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") has notified the Village that later this calendar year they will begin a construction project that involves the paving of portions of Mannheim Road and Lawrence Avenue located in the Village. Specifically IDOT has indicated that they will pave Lawrence Avenue from Forster Avenue west to Mannheim Road and they will pave Mannheim Road from a point north of the Village limits to approximately Delta Parkway (which is just south of Irving Park Road). IDOT has not provided the Village with a beginning date for this project, although they have said that they plan to complete the work before the end of 2007.

The Village is pleased that IDOT is paving these areas as they are certainly in need of work, and hopes that IDOT will soon work on other roads in the Village that they control. IDOT has notified the Village that sections of both Irving Park Road and River Road located in the Village are on their "to do" list for the next few years. The Village will continue to strongly encourage IDOT to pave these streets as well.

WE WANT YOUR OPINION! The Village of Schiller Park values your opinion and offers this opportunity for residents and business people to communicate with your elected officials and the administration. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet. As a resident of Schiller Park, it is my opinion that...

Kindly check if you would like your name kept confidential.

 YES NO

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

(Responses cannot be provided if name and address are not given) **PLEASE RETURN TO: COMMUNICATOR - VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK - 9526 IRVING PARK ROAD - SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176**



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