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HOME TURF: A HEALTHY VIRGINIA LAWNS PROGRAM

At the March 23 Civic Association meeting, Maria Harwood, Urban Conservation Specialist with the Soil and Water Conservation District, gave an information-packed presentation on how to care for your lawn in a way that maximizes your lawn and minimizes your impact on stormwater and other issues. I wasn't able to take notes quickly enough to summarize most of the information for you (you should have come to the meeting yourself!) but here are two great takeaways.

The Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District offers free drainage and erosion control technical advice. They can assess your drainage issues (such as living at the bottom of a hill and having all the stormwater end up in your back yard) and offer solutions. You can contact Maria at Maria.Harwood@fairfaxcounty.gov to learn more.

The Fairfax County Master Gardeners' "Home Turf" program is a great resource. The Home Turf program helps you understand how to maintain your lawn with the least impact to streams and the Chesapeake Bay and helps you get organized to maintain your lawn in a research-based, environmentally sound manner. For a fee of \$30, Master Gardener volunteers come to your property to assess and measure your lawn, including the pH of your lawn. During the visit, you are giving a "Home Turf: A Virginia Healthy Lawns Program" booklet which

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STOP—SAVE THIS FARMER!
It's the last one until
September.

Check the website, Facebook page
and sign up for the RFCA
newsletter to received up-to-date
information during the summer.

Answer The Door

Civic Association Block Captains are still knocking on doors. If you aren't a member, join now by contacting Elissa Myers at elissa@elissamyers.com, or answer the door when your Block Captain comes knocking. It would be great to welcome every one of our 858 households into the Civic Association!



Article 1, Section 3, of the Civic Association's By-Laws provides that the Association shall be strictly non-partisan, non-political, and non-sectarian. Accordingly, the invitation of elected officials and other public figures to speak at Association meetings, and the inclusion of paid political or commercial advertisements in the Farmer or in the attached flyers, do not constitute endorsements by the Association.

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Association Meetings & Deadlines 2017

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	DELIVERY	EVENTS
July					Summer Community BBQ/Picnic – July 29, 4-8pm
September	6	6	7	30	
October	4	4	5	28	19 – Civic Assoc Mtg Thomas Kinder's Accotink Photography
November	1	1	2	Dec 2	
December	6				15-20 – Holiday Lights Judging
General and Board Meetings and Events are held at Ravensworth Elementary School on Nutting Drive unless otherwise noted. Meetings are 7:30pm unless otherwise announced.					

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outlines key steps for proper lawn maintenance in Northern Virginia. They also take a blended soil sample for analysis at the Soil Lab at Virginia Tech. When the results are received, a Nutrient Management Plan is generated to meet the needs of your lawn. For an enrollment form, go to the "Public Services" tab at fairfaxgardening.org. Questions? Contact Master Gardeners at fairfaxgardening.org or the Help Desk at 703-324-8556.

3RD ANNUAL RAVENSWORTH FARM BBQ & COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association and the Ravensworth Farm Swim & Racquet Club are sponsoring the 3rd annual community BBQ July 29 from 4-8pm at The Pool! There will be a pig roast, hot dogs, burgers, fun activities for kids, and free swimming for all community members (you do not need to be a member of the pool). Last year's BBQ was a huge success and this year promises to be even better! Bring a side dish or dessert and join the fun!

We will also be presenting awards to recognize some outstanding members of the Ravensworth Farm community. The Board is currently soliciting nominations for each of the following awards. Please submit a name and brief description of why you believe your nominee deserves the award to James Walkinshaw at james.walkinshaw@gmail.com or 703-314-1473. Nominations are due by July 1.

Farmer(s) of the Year -- An annual award to recognize uncommon effort and commitment to the Ravensworth Farm community in the past year.

Young Farmer of the Year -- An annual award to recognize a young person who has contributed to the Ravensworth Farm community in the past year.

RFCA Lifetime Achievement Award -- An award to recognize stalwarts of the community who have devoted years of effort and service to the Ravensworth Farm community.



GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The May meeting of the Ravensworth Green Thumb Garden Club met at the home of Nancy Jarvie. The major topic of discussion was the upcoming plant sale May 13 and the final meeting of the year in June with the installation of officers and luncheon. New members are welcome. Call Membership Chair Agnes Hite at 703-321-4808 for more information.

GARDEN OF THE SEASON JUDGING

Note: The Ravensworth Green Thumb Garden Club makes a \$50 donation to Ronald McDonald House in the name of the winners after each judging.

Spring 2017 Winners

First Place	5323 Pillow Lane	Sharon Stutzke
Second Place	5309 Nutting Drive	James & Sandra Buratti
Third Place	5512 Ravenel Lane	Lisa & Anson Barney



Honorable Mention

8116 Adair Lane	5302 Landgrave Lane
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ONLINE DIRECTORY UPDATES & DUES PAYMENTS

The timeline for joining the Civic Association will be compressed this year, with membership dues required to be turned in by December 31, so we're getting a jump-start on updating the Ravensworth Farm Community Directory.

If you have moved in or changed houses or changed your phone number in the last six years or you're not sure if you're in the directory, please take the time NOW to send the following information to the Civic Association's "Directory Guy", Steve Beste. You can update your information and join the Civic Association online at <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org> or mail in the following information to 7814 Penley Place. By mail, please tell us:

1. Your house number and street name
2. The names of all adults in the household (specify which is first and which is last name) and their corresponding telephone number(s). Also, tell us the first and last names and phone numbers of any teenagers at your address who are offering services such as babysitting, pet-sitting, yard work, snow removal, car wash, and odd jobs. Note which service(s) you are offering.

The Ravensworth Farm Community Directory is only available to those Ravensworth Farm residents who join the Civic Association. It is not for commercial use. Besides the very useful information of neighbors' names and addresses, it also contains the neighborhood covenants, a list of very useful phone numbers, and information on teens looking to work. Civic Association dues are \$15 and cover the cost of activities ranging from entrance beautification to the Community BBQ, as well as publication of The Ravensworth Farmer.

NEWS FROM SUPERVISOR COOK'S OFFICE

VDOT Releases 2017 Northern Virginia Paving Program

The roads selected by VDOT in the Northern Virginia Paving Program have been formally released. Most of the neighborhood roads between Guinea Road and Olley Lane north of Braddock Road will be paved, as will most of the roads in Fairfax Club Estates. Lake Braddock Drive between Burke Lake Road and Burke Road is on this year's schedule, as is Ward Groves Circle and Roberts Road. Nothing west of Route 123 will be paved. Burke Station Road will not be paved. Let's hope for next year!

You can find up-to-date paving information using this link to VDOT's Northern Virginia 2017 Paving Program. The maps will be updated every Monday. There is a section of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on that page with information about who to contact if you need more information. You may also contact Supervisor Cook's office at 703-425-9300. Report pot holes to VDOT at <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>.

Supervisor Cook to Host Braddock District "Battle of the Bands"

Supervisor Cook, looking to showcase the musical talent of the Braddock District and Fairfax County, will host the Braddock District "Battle of the Bands" Festival this summer on Sunday, July 16 at 3 p.m. This event will take place at Lakeside Park by Royal Lake (5216 Pommeroy Dr. Fairfax, VA 22032). Join friends, family, and neighbors to hear some great music as well as share in good old-fashioned neighborhood fun. This free event is open to everyone.

Supervisor Cook's office is looking for amateur and professional bands to compete! This includes youth bands. If you are interested, or if you know of musicians who would be, call Supervisor Cook's office at 703-425-9300 or email braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. A flyer for this event can be found online.

Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary

Fairfax County was founded in 1742, and to mark this historic occasion, a signature celebration will be held on the Historic Fairfax Courthouse grounds (4000 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030) on Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entertainment will include family-friendly activities, history exhibits, performances, and more! This event is free and open to the public. More information about this event can be found online.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: GOLF AND 5K-10K RUN-WALK

America's Adopt a Soldier, run by Ravensworth Farm resident Mary Keeser, is hosting its 7th Annual Golf Tournament with special guest World Series winner Michael "Pags" Pagliarulo on August 21 at Fort Belvoir Golf Club. Sponsorships and team admissions are still available. Call 703-278-3718 or go to americasadoptasolder.org (Events Tab).

The 7th Annual 5k-10k Run-Walk at Lake Accotink Park is September 10. Race start is 1pm. Registration is \$40 at americasadoptasolder.org (Events Tab). The goal is to have 500 runners, which translates into 500 toys for hospitalized military children at Walter Reed.

FORMER FARMER'S GRAND OPENING

Jenni Bick, a Ravensworth Elementary School alumna who grew up in Ravensworth Farm, recently relocated to the Washington, DC area to open the latest offering from Jenni Bick Custom Journals. The Jenni Bick Custom Journals shop, DC's newest journal and stationery store, celebrated its grand opening at 1300 Connecticut Ave NW in Dupont Circle over Mother's Day weekend. If you want to see Jenni's journals and other stationery items without heading downtown, check out jennibickdc.com.



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EVENTS

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June 3 – 1-3pm – **Little Free Library Grand Opening**, 7919 Gosport Ln

++June 3 – **Cornhole Tournament** (1 of 3), Pool, Adult members and their non-Ravensworth guests only

June 4 – **Cardboard Boat Regatta**, Lake Accotink Marina, www.springfielddays.com

++June 9 – **Ladies' Night** at the Pool, Members only

++June 22 – Pool closes early to set up for Elementary Night

++June 22- 6-9pm – **Elementary Night** at the Pool, Rising Kinder thru 6th ONLY, members & non-members, chaperone MUST attend, younger/older siblings NOT welcome, \$7

June 23 – **FCPS Last Day of School**, Two-hour early release

++ July 1 – 8-noon – **Swim Meet**; Ravensworth hosts Hamlet, pool closed until meet finishes

++July 1 - - **Teen Night** at the Pool, Teens only, members and non-members, NO younger/older kids, \$12

++July 4 – 1-4pm- **FOURTH at the Pool**, Members & non-member Military Families (w/ID)

July 7 – 7:30pm – **Braddock Nights Concert**, Shenandoah Run (folk), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

++July 5– **Dive Meet @ Ravensworth Farm Pool**, Diving well closed, rest of pool open but silence requested during dives

++ July 8 – 8-noon – **Swim Meet**; Ravensworth hosts Hunt Valley, pool closed until meet finishes

++July 11– **Dive Meet @ Ravensworth Farm Pool**, Diving well closed, rest of pool open but silence requested during dives

July 14– 7:30pm – **Braddock Nights Concert**, NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra (summer pops), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

++ July 15 – 8-noon – **Swim Meet**; Ravensworth hosts Little Rocky Run, pool closed until meet finishes

++July 15 – **Cornhole Tournament** (2 of 3), Pool, Adult members and their non-Ravensworth guests only

July 16 – 3pm – **Braddock "Battle of the Bands" Festival** Lakeside Park by Royal Lake (5216 Pommeroy Dr. Fairfax, VA 22032).

July 21 – 7:30pm – **Braddock Nights Concert**, City of Fairfax Concert Band (concert band), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

++July 25 – **Dive Meet @ Ravensworth Farm Pool**, Diving well closed, rest of pool open but silence requested during dives

July 28 – 7:30pm – **Braddock Nights Concert**, Linwood Taylor (Texas Swing Blues), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

** ++July 29 – 4-8pm, **Third Annual Ravensworth Farm Civic Association & Pool Community-wide Pig Roast**, All Ravensworth Farm residents are welcome (non-pork items available), bring side dishes to share, at pool

July 30 – **Dive Team Divisionals Competition** (away meet)

Aug 4 - 7:30pm – **Braddock Nights Concert**, Kings Park Band (concert band), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

Aug 11 – 7:30pm – **Braddock Nights Concert**, The Nitehawks Swing (big band), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

Aug 18 – 7:30pm – **Braddock Nights Concert**, Alte Kameraden German Band (German), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

++Aug 26 – **Moms Morning @ the Pool**, Potluck Brunch from 9-11 (Members Only)

++Aug 26 - **Cornhole Tournament** (3 of 3), Pool, Adult members and their non-Ravensworth guests only

Aug 28 – **FCPS First Day of School**

++Sep 15 – **Family Movie Night @ the Pool**, all invited

++Oct 7 – **Octoberfest**, at the pool, all invited

++Oct 29 – 3-6pm - **Trunk or Treat at the Pool, all invited



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NEW NEIGHBORS

New folks move in all the time. If you have new neighbors, tell Pam Ryan. If you are a new neighbor- welcome! Please let Pam know you have arrived so that one of her New Neighbor Committee members can stop by with information and some goodies. Pam Ryan (703-447-6283; pkryan74@gmail.com) If you would like to serve on the New Neighbor Committee, please call Pam.

CONDOLENCES

The community of Ravensworth Farm offers condolences to James Shipley and family upon the April 20 death of James' wife, Eleanor G. Shipley at Leewood Healthcare Center. Services were held at Demaine Funeral Home with burial in the Shipley plot in Maryland on April 30. The Shipleys are original owners in Ravensworth Farm. A registered nurse, Mrs. Shipley was the school nurse at Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington for 15 years.



CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in The *Farmer* at no cost to Ravensworth Farm residents. Classified ads may be placed by sending them to rfcafarmerr@ravensworthfarm.org or to PO Box 1020, Springfield, VA 22151. The classified ad section is a service to Ravensworth residents and is not intended for business or commercial use. Ads for house sales, commercial services, etc. will be run in this section once. If you wish to repeat your ad, you will need to purchase advertising in The *Farmer*.

FOR SALE	Due to a change in plans, we have a pair of prime lots in Fairfax Memorial Park 9900 Braddock Road. Priced at cost. Jim Shipley, tel: 703-321-7454, best after 4pm.
SERVICES	Announcing the opening of Springfield Services! We are a group of around nine high school students from the Farm looking to earn money for college and help out our community. We will offer excellent services, at low prices including: Dog walking, Car Washing, Pet Cleanup, Pet Sitting, Babysitting, Tutoring younger kids, Moving trash bins to/from the curb, Gutter cleaning, Garage clean-outs, and much, much more! If there's anything you think we can help you with, let me know, and we'll get it done. Please contact me at KidwellNate@gmail.com or (571)-699-4758 - your satisfaction guaranteed!
HELP DC HOMELESS	Usable clothing and shoes, blankets, canned foods, etc., collected by a charitable foundation for the winter needs of homeless folks in D.C. Call for free pickups 703703-321-9268. For details, visit www.Kassirfoundation.org .
WANTED	Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas, love seats, end tables lamps and TV's. Unfortunately, we cannot take sleep-sofas. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the Annandale Christian Community for Action warehouse at 703-256-1991 Call the warehouse ONLY on Saturday mornings.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 991 - OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

We live up to our Outdoor name! This past month, we camped at Elizabeth Furnace in picturesque George Washington National Park. We honed not just our Scouting and camping skills, but developed our leadership abilities and had a blast at the same time. We are now finalizing our plans for the best part of Scouting: summer camp at Camp Henderson! We will also be planning our activities for the next months that include not just camping, backpacking, canoeing and swimming, but service projects and much more...

Come join us - Boy Scouts: 6th – 12th grade boys.
Visit us Wednesday nights - 7:30pm @ Ravensworth Elementary.

Troop 991 is boy led, sponsored by the Ravensworth Elementary PTA and lives and scouts in your neighborhood! Learn more about us at: <http://www.troop991.com/>. Contact Scoutmaster Bill Mitchell @ 703-321-8072 or mitchwt@cox.net if you are interested... Or come by and see for yourself what you're missing!

JOIN RAVENSWORTH CUB SCOUT PACK 991

If your son will be in kindergarten - 5th grade and is interested in having fun and learning skills with other boys his age, consider joining Cub Pack 991. We meet at Ravensworth Elementary School once a month for Pack meetings and dens (groups of boys the same age) will meet once or twice a month on their own. We have a limited number of kindergarten slots and parents must be active participants with their boys. Our Pack is very active holding two family campouts each year, pinewood derby races, fun-filled meetings and gatherings and an annual pool party. For more information please contact Cubmaster Greg Ferrara at cubpack991@gmail.com.

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"GEM" REVIEWS

The Ravensworth Farm Community Association board wants to encourage neighbors to share great ideas with neighbors. Whether it's an eatery, theater, tool, park, repair place, preschool, or builder, if you've found a "gem"... please share. Send reviews to rfcafarmerr@ravensworthfarm.org. Thanks for sharing!

GEM Review: Rice Pot restaurant By Jan Webb

We had an excellent meal at Rice Pot (over on Backlick Road, across from Meadows Farm Nursery). Take out is available (I think we are just outside their 3-mile delivery radius, but you could ask), and the dine-in area is very nice. We had the Mongolian Beef, Crispy Szechuan Beef, and Crispy Yu Ling Duck, all served with rice. The menu seems quite extensive -- they also offer congee, clay pot, and bubble tea! One of my friends who has health issues and has to be careful about what she eats told me about Rice Pot -- they were very accommodating about her specific restrictions. If you are looking for a good Asian restaurant, you might want to give Rice Pot a try!

GEM Review: The Block By Shane Shroeder

Best described as an Asian Cuisine Food court. There's also a bar in there and an added bonus of a Snocream you no longer have to order out of a sketchy schoolbus. We ate at the Poke place and it was quite good. The Block, 4221 John Marr Dr., Annandale. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

EVEN IN SUMMER THE PTA CAN USE YOUR HELP!

Help provide the funds for special equipment and activities at Ravensworth Elementary School while buying things you would buy anyway. Combined, these items provide the school with thousands of extra dollars.

- Please clip "Box Tops for Education" box tops from products you already buy. Give them to a Ravensworth student or drop them in the collection box in the school lobby. Each box top earns 10 cents for the school.
- Register your grocery store shopper cards and your Target charge card, and designate Ravensworth Elementary as the recipient. The stores will then donate a portion of your purchases to the school. Please go to <http://ravensworthpta.org/fundraising> for the store registration link
- Use our link to Amazon.com anytime you make purchases there, and the PTA will receive 4% of the value of your purchases. The link is available at <http://ravensworthpta.org/fundraising>

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Reach more than 850 homes with news of your services or merchandise eight times over the next year. Contact Katherine Craig at Craig.Katherine@gmail.com for ad sizes, rates, and information on permanent ads in the body of The Ravensworth Farmer. If you prefer a month-to-month insert in The Farmer so you can change it each month, provide 900 copies of your flyer and a check for \$35 to Laura Asiello before each month's flyer due date. You can reach Laura at 703-321-7840 or jfasiello@aol.com to coordinate drop-off.

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WHEN A SALESPERSON KNOCKS ON YOUR DOOR

Posted on March 31, 2017 at
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/5-tips-when-a-salesperson-knocks-on-your-door/>

Spring is here and with the warm weather comes an increase in the number of salespeople that may be knocking at your door to sell you new siding, lawn or tree work, magazine subscriptions and the list goes on...

Before you open your door to a salesperson, review these important tips:

1. Know the Regulations

- Door-to-door salespeople must be licensed by Fairfax County.
- Door-to-door sales are restricted to between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- A salesperson may not solicit at a residence which posts a "No Peddlers or Solicitors" sign.
- Solicitors must provide, upon request, a written receipt that includes a brief description of the goods or services sold, the total purchase price, amount of cash payment, if any, and the balance due and terms of payment.

2. Ask to See License

- When a salesperson knocks on your door:
- Ask to see their license to solicit in Fairfax County.
- If they do not have a valid license, ask them to leave.
- Close and lock your door.
- If they do not have a license, immediately call Fairfax County Police (non-emergency) at 703-691-2131 (TTY 711) to report the violation.

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3. You Have the Right to Cancel

Here are a few basics to know if you want to cancel your order with a door-to-door salesperson.

- Virginia law gives consumers the right to cancel a home solicitation contract for \$25 or more at any time prior to midnight of the third business day after the date of the transaction.
- Consumers have up to 30 days to cancel if the seller has misrepresented the nature or purpose of the transaction.
- Cancellation occurs when you (the buyer) give written notice of cancellation to the seller.
- Under federal law, the seller must give you two copies of a cancellation form: one to keep and one to send.
- After you cancel within the permitted timeframe, the seller has 10 days to refund your money.
- Buyer beware, as always. Unscrupulous salespeople often create a sense of urgency and danger to compel a resident to hire them to perform work. This type of sales pitch is prohibited by law. One well-known scam is by sellers called “woodchucks” who are selling tree work and prey on the elderly.

4. Exemptions

There are some people and organizations who can knock on your door without a Fairfax County license:

- Fresh farm food products, including produce and dairy products.
- Newspapers or newspaper subscriptions.
- Real estate or insurance, when the salesperson is licensed by Virginia.
- Girl Scouts that solicit in Fairfax County are members of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital, which is exempt from licensure by Fairfax County because the organization has registered with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Each Fairfax County School is authorized to conduct two school-wide fundraisers each year, which may include soliciting. One popular school fundraiser in Fairfax County is known as “Tag Day.”
- There are no specific exemptions for neighborhood children who might sell lemonade, shovel snow or mow lawns; however, Fairfax County does not issue solicitor licenses to individuals under the age of 16 because state labor laws prohibit children younger than 16 from working as solicitors in Virginia.
- Political parties and political campaigns that file federal and/or state financial statements are exempt.

5. We're Here to Help!

Fairfax County's Consumer Affairs staff are available to answer your questions about door-to-door salespeople. Call: 703-324-5966 or 703-324-5943 (TTY 711) or email DCCS-RALB@fairfaxcounty.gov.

'NEW NEIGHBORS' NEEDS HELP

Pam Ryan of the New Neighbors “committee” is having trouble keeping up with welcoming new neighbors. Although it doesn't take long to do, welcoming up to 15 families by herself is hard. It's a great thing that sets our neighborhood apart from others and she wants to continue it but really needs a committee to assist. At this time, no one has volunteered. Please e-mail Pam at pkryan74@gmail.com if you would like to help or please let Ms. Elissa Myers know if you would like to be a block captain. (You can do both!)

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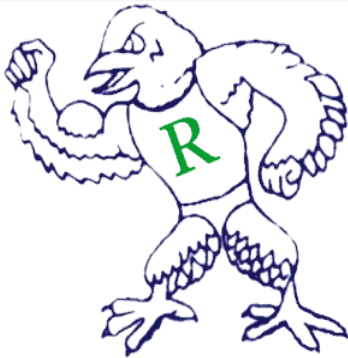
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