



## Meet Your Trustees • Len Zinnanti

If you haven't done so already, make it a point to get to know Trustee Len Zinnanti. You'll be glad you did.

Appointed by Mayor Manger and the Board of Trustees this past July, Len has, in a short amount of time, left his mark on the Village and continues to work hard on behalf of all residents.

Len previously served as the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, helping formulate the capital and operating budgets, the comprehensive four-year Village financial forecast and assisting in various operational and management issues. He conceived of and executed various quality-of-life initiatives including the 311 (See Click Fix) system, among others. He also serves on the Village Clean Water Task Force as a resource for management and finance issues.

With a family home on Burnett Street since 1977, Len has volunteered his time to chair the Village Budget and Finance Committee; his responsibilities as a Trustee include liaison to Southampton Cultural Center, Village Justice Court and Village Code Enforcement. He also works with the Village Planning Commission, taking a fresh approach to quality-of-life initiatives such as improving cellular and other communications by the Village Public Safety entities, Police, Fire and EMS, as well as the public.

Len brings incredible experience to his role as Trustee, culling from an illustrious career in government as well as leadership roles at iconic cultural institutions and centers for public higher education. These include 28 years in the New York City Mayor's Office of

Management and Budget; the final 8 as Senior Deputy Budget Director. There he led a large group of budget analysts overseeing the city budgets of criminal justice agencies, large infrastructure agencies (such as DOT, DEP), the city's administrative agencies, libraries and cultural institutions, and the fire, parks and sanitation departments.

Following his time in government, Len became Administrative and Financial Officer at the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society where he headed up the Business Affairs for the orchestra's historic trip to North Korea and

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worked with Lincoln Center leadership to develop and implement a wide range of administrative, financial and infrastructure functions. He spent fifteen years at the City University of New York (CUNY), performing three distinctive roles: University Controller, (overseeing CUNY's \$3 billion entity) and served two campuses as Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President -- Hunter College and The City College of New York.

More recently, he worked on operational, budget and management issues for Suffolk County with the Deputy County Executive and the County Executive. During the COVID pandemic, County Executive Bellone assigned him to lead the County's COVID Fiscal Impact Task Force, where



### Trustee Leonard F. Zinnanti

he performed a detailed review of the effect of the pandemic on budget and revenue.

He is currently working with the County's Asset Management Program to manage a multitude of County facilities and space more efficiently. He is also working on budget and finance issues for the County Civil Service Department.

He holds a Professional Certificate in Higher Education Management from Harvard University, a Master of Public Administration from SUNY Albany and a Bachelor of Arts from Merrimack College and is a Mentor for the Long Island Bio Mentor Initiative at Stony Brook, a Board Member at CUNY Graduate Center Auxiliary Enterprise Board and consults for Hunter College on budget and finance issues.

When he is not at Village Hall, Len can be found hosting friends and family at his home in the Village, barbecuing in warmer months. An avid runner, he loves to traverse the beach streets of Wyandanch and Gin Lane and back up First Neck. He loves frequenting Village restaurants and has an open door policy when it comes to meeting residents!

# Winter Safety Tips

From our Superintendent of DPW, Stephen Phillips Jr.

Winter brings unexpected weather to the East End, and sometimes motorists find themselves sharing the road with snowplows. In order to best prepare our residents for road safety, we have put together the following tips:

- Motorists need to give snowplow trucks a wide berth on the road.
- When driving behind a snowplow spreading salt, please keep back at least 200 feet and BE PATIENT!
- Even better, during heavy snow, try to stay off the roads.
- Do not park your vehicle in a Village right-of-way. (Your vehicle could sustain damage if parked too close to the road.)
- When shoveling snow, place the snow with the flow of traffic, not against the flow of traffic. When the plow comes by again, it will push the snow back into the area you just shoveled out.
- Keep these emergency numbers nearby:
  - PSEG **1-800-490-0075**
  - Police Department **631-283-0056**  
(For Emergencies, dial **911**)
  - National Grid **1-800-490-0045**
- Utilize the See-Click-Fix APP

**Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year!**

## First Responders recognized for Outstanding Service

**September 14, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**

Chris Epley	Kenny Lockard	Robert Sior
Richard Fowler, Jr.	Kristine Lockard	Gary Spangler
Graham Fynes	Jessica McGuinness	Robert Vecchio
Colby Gill	Kyle McGuinness	Matthew Zuhosky
George Herheart	Dean McNamara	

## New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Recognition – Longevity Service Award

**September 14, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**

Danielle Burns, Tax Receiver

Suzanne Hurteau, Chief, SVPD

Herman Lamison, Detective Sergeant, SVPD

Mark Maddock, Department Head, Central Garage

Christopher Wetter, Detective Lieutenant, SVPD

## Employee Recognition Award

**November 9, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**

Kurt Grodski, Dispatchers Squad 3

Dan Farrell, Dispatchers Squad 3

Kyle McGuinness, Police Officer SVPD

James Moore, Police Officer SVPD

Tim Muller, Police Officer SVPD

Lee Pulliam, Police Officer SVPD

*nominated by Sergeant David P. Dorchak*

## Inviting All Seniors ♥ Please Join Us!

### Southampton Cultural Center

Cuban Salsa

Life Drawing classes

**(631) 287-4377 • scc-arts.org**

### St John's Episcopal Church

Knitting Group

Valentines' Day Tea Party

**(631) 283-0549**

**stjohnsouthampton.org**

### Rogers Memorial Library

Monthly Senior Luncheon

Caregiver Support Group

Classic Movies

Book Groups

Piano Concerts

Veteran's Resource Table

Mahjong • Bridge

Yoga • Tap Class

**(631) 283-0774 • myrml.org**

# Letter from Mayor William M. Manger Jr.

Creating and maintaining a positive working relationship with other governmental entities is important for Southhampton Village and its residents.

I attended the inauguration of Suffolk County Executive Edward Romaine and Southhampton Town Supervisor Maria Moore, both of whom said they will work with me to tackle issues facing the Village. Ed Romaine appointed me to his Transition Team, where the issue of traffic on County Road 39 was highlighted. Maria Moore and I got to know each other earlier in the fall at the NY Conference of Village Mayors. I look forward to working with both of them and other elected officials for the betterment of Southhampton Village.

I want to thank Barbara Wilson for her tenure as Village Justice since 2002. Upon her resignation from office, I appointed attorney Linda Riley to replace Judge Wilson. Since taking the bench, Judge Riley has done an outstanding job for the Village, and I wish to thank her for taking on this important position.

During the fall, our Department of Public Works, under Steve Phillips, installed five new drainage systems on roads where flooding has been a significant issue. After last summer's rains we have taken action to mitigate severe flooding. The Village also continues to add bioswales to aid in cleaning stormwater runoff. The one along Windmill Lane was planted, and additional projects will be located on Coopers Farm, Bowden Square and in the West Main Street parking lot. The Village was the beneficiary of grant money for all of these projects.

At the end of the year, I worked with the Town leaders and the Community Preservation Fund to purchase the vacant lot at 137 Pond Lane so that it will be preserved. I testified at the Town Board hearing that it was important to purchase the property as parkland so that the Village could "swap" it for land on the opposite shore of Lake Agawam where the algae harvesters will be placed to filter and clean the lake water. The Village

received a \$10 million dollar grant for the harvesters from the Town and Federal government. Our goal is to have the equipment in place later this year.

The Village Board and I continue to adopt recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan. One major step was rezoning Meadow Lane west of Halsey Neck Lane from a minimum of two to three acres. This "upzoning" will prevent possible subdivisions in that environmentally sensitive part of the Village.

Your Village Board recognizes the need to enhance cellular service, and we are working on it. This is very important for our first responders who utilize cell service on calls to protect and serve our Village. It is also important for residents who experience poor coverage and interrupted service, especially if they are seeking emergency assistance.

We also continue to address the infrastructure of the Village that has experienced deferred maintenance. Village Hall is finally having the exterior lead paint abated and the rotten trim replaced and repainted. The floors in the barroom and kitchen of Veterans' Hall are being replaced after years of disrepair. Johnson Controls is replacing old, inefficient mechanical systems in various Village buildings with carbon-reducing boilers and furnaces.

I want to thank Andrew Pilaro, Mark Parash and everyone on the Christmas Committee, along with Village employees, who put in the hard work to make our Village shine at the holidays. If I do say so myself, the tree lighting, with fireworks and snowmakers in Agawam Park was simply fantastic! The fire truck parade that preceded it saw departments from Riverhead to Montauk participating – more than ever before. I was also honored to light the menorah for Rabbi Konikov's congregation on Main Street on December 10th. I hope everybody was able to enjoy the holidays with their loved ones.



*New plantings on North Sea Road.*

At the end of 2023, I was able to sign the labor contract for our hard-working dispatchers. This contract languished for four and a half years. I was very glad that we could reach an agreement and get it done before the new year.

The Southhampton Village Volunteer Ambulance Corps and I look forward to a brand-new ambulance joining the fleet in January. This state-of-the-art vehicle will provide excellent service for our volunteers and residents.

Finally, I would like to highlight the enhancements to the North Sea Road entrance to the Village. We added a new "island" in the middle of that wide road which better delineates the traffic patterns there. The Parks Department, under John Flick, added nineteen London Plane Trees. Streetlights will be added to either side that match the ones on Main Street this spring. By summer, drivers turning off County Road 39 will be welcomed to our Village by an entrance that befits Southhampton.

It is an honor and privilege to serve you as Mayor. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at Village Hall through my assistant Karen Bontempo.

With all best wishes for 2024.

# Sustainable Southampton Village

*Our future-focused carbon reduction project.*

**By Deputy Mayor Gina Arresta**



Southampton Village has partnered with Johnson Controls Sustainable Infrastructure for a comprehensive, village wide project that will focus on facility improvements and public health. The initiatives adopted by village officials as a direct result of this effort include facility utility

cost reduction, carbon emission reduction strategies and lengthy deferred maintenance concerns.

The \$6.8m. project will be supported by facility upgrades such as LED lighting and solar renewable energy focusing on all village-owned properties. The project is estimated to reduce utility costs by \$6m. over the course of 20 years. This type of effort is a long time coming.

The partnership began in 2022 with a full facility energy audit. Johnson Controls engineering team analyzed and calculated the benefits of this type of project, focusing on energy solutions and carbon reduction strategies. The result is multiple energy conservation measures being upgraded throughout our facilities.



*Solar array field behind the Police HQ and Ambulance Barn.*

## Facility upgrades include:

- Interior and exterior lighting
- Street lighting
- Building envelope – weatherization
- Building temperature controls
- Pipe insulation
- Boiler replacement
- Air handling unit replacement
- Energy efficient AC upgrades
- Renewable energy – Solar photovoltaic generation
- Window refurbishment
- Roof replacement

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## Welcome Anthony M. Carter



With an extensive background in leadership, strategic planning, and project management, Anthony Carter brings a wealth of experience and a positive attitude to his recent appointment as Village Administrator. He is committed to prioritizing the goals of the Village and demonstrates a

keen understanding of the needs of a local community while fostering a safe and thriving environment.

In 2021, Anthony became Deputy Police Commissioner of Administration and Operations in the Suffolk County Police Department after serving nearly 28 years in the New York City Police Department. In this role, he created several new

crime-fighting strategies, increased operational efficiencies, and worked with local businesses and community members to foster stronger partnerships. Carter was directly involved in the Gilgo Beach Homicide Investigation, where he worked with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, bringing new strategies and emerging technologies into every aspect of the case. During his tenure with the NYPD, he held several supervisory ranks and commanded several units, finishing his career in the executive rank of Inspector and serving as the Commanding Officer for the Chief of Department. Anthony has fostered long-term partnerships with public safety leaders around the world and has demonstrative experience with public policy, inter-agency coordination, domestic terrorism, and risk management. He holds a master's degree in Homeland Security from the Naval Postgraduate School in California.

## JANUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1	2	3	4 PC 5:30pm
8 ARB 6pm	9	10	11 BOT 6 pm
15	16 PB 5:30pm	17	18
22 ARB 6pm	23 BOT 6pm	24	25 ZBA TBD
29	30	31	

## FEBRUARY

5 PB 5:30pm	6 ZBA TBD	7	1 PC 5:30pm 8 BOT 6pm
12 ARB 6pm	13	14	15
19	20 BOT 6pm	21	22 ZBA TBD
26 ARB 6pm	27	28	29

## MARCH

4 PB 5:30pm	5	6	7 PC 5:30pm
11 ARB 6pm	12 ZBA TBD	13	14 BOT 6pm
18 PB 5:30pm	19	20	21
25 ARB 6pm	26 BOT 6pm	27	28 ZBA TBD

<b>BOT: Board of Trustees</b>			
<b>PB: Planning Board</b>			
<b>ZBA: Zoning Board of Appeals</b>			
<b>PC: Planning Commission</b>			
<b>ARB: Architectural Review Board</b>			

# First Responders Deliver a Baby, Preserve History and Save Lives

**By Trustee Roy Stevenson**



It has been my pleasure to serve as liaison to the Southampton Village Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) and the Southampton Village Volunteer Ambulance (SVVA) -- two organizations who do a fantastic job of keeping our community safe and serving those in need of emergency assistance.

Led by Chief Kyle McGuinness, 1st Assistant Chief Chris Epley and 2nd Assistant Chief Colby Gill, the SVVA has a volunteer staff of 78 full and auxiliary volunteer members -- paramedics, EMTs, drivers and helpers. The SVVA accomplishes this by focusing on membership recruitment, top notch training and member retention. We're adding a brand-new ambulance this month, replacing a twenty-year old ambulance, to our fleet.

In 2023, the SVVA responded to 779 medical 9-1-1 calls. We successfully resuscitated multiple cardiac arrest patients and are proud to announce that our team aided in the delivery of a healthy baby boy in the back of the ambulance, enroute to the hospital! The SVVA also provides medical support at various events within the Village and provided services to several parades, water rescues, walk/runs and more. The SVVA responds 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The SVFD's 143 volunteers, led by Chief Manny Escobar, 1st Assistant Chief Polis Walker and 2nd Assistant Chief Ricky Fowler and ably supported by FD Manager Dennis Chuppe, responded to 1,443 calls. One notable call was putting out a fire at Union Burger at Bowden Square, preserving this Village landmark with their quick and efficient response. Even off duty, SVFD members serve our community. A patron at Fellingham's collapsed and stopped breathing and several citizens including FD veteran David Raynor performed CPR to save a life. At the department's fund-raising barbecue, a guest experienced a life-threatening medical emergency and several SVFD members resuscitated the individual and saved their life.

The Department added 8 new members in 2023 and will gain two new fire/police trucks in February. These vehicles are typically the first to respond and will be equipped with significant improvements to increase safety.

I love living in the Village for many reasons but most of all it is the safety and security that our first responders provide. All residents should express their appreciation whenever and wherever they happen to meet them.

# Moody's Gives Village Triple A Bond Rating

by Trustee Leonard Zinnanti

After analyzing the Village of Southampton's financial documents, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) has assigned an increased rating to the Village: An AAA rating, up from AA1. This was given to the Village with respect to its issuance of approximately \$6 million in Public Improvement Serial Bonds. Additionally, Moody's has assigned the Village a stable outlook.

This excellent news is a result of strong budgetary management and an improved financial position over the recent past. The strong budgetary management, along with a comprehensive four-year financial forecast, are key drivers of the improved rating. The Bonds will finance

the critical green initiatives that will be implemented by Johnson Controls and will take the Village into a new era. Solar panels, insulated windows and LED lighting are all included in the green initiatives. The Bonds will be repaid by the electrical and other budget savings that will be derived from these improvements.

The fact that Moody's has recognized the strong budgetary management and transparent financial planning of both the Village's Capital and Operating budgets is important because **these new initiatives will provide years of interest savings to the Village taxpayers.**

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## The Path for the New Year: Safer Roads, Less Traffic

By Trustee Robin Brown

In a collaboration between the Southampton Village Police Department and the Department of Transportation, a visionary plan has been set forth to pave the way for safer roads and alleviate the burden of traffic congestion. Spearheaded by the indomitable Sergeant Dunkirk and Officer Cassell, this pioneering initiative aims to revolutionize the inspection process for commercial vehicles, ensuring that they adhere to the highest standards of safe driving conditions.

During the spring and summer inspections, a disconcerting revelation came to light - a considerable number of commercial vehicles were found to be in violation of safety regulations. This alarming discovery underscored the urgent need for further action. Thus, Phase 2 looms on the horizon, ready to be unveiled. This next phase will entail comprehensive inspections that specifically target the perils posed by over tonnage, a longstanding issue that has jeopardized the integrity of our village roads and the safety of pedestrians.

As the Safety Liaison, I take immense pride in our overarching

mission to educate and enforce.

Through the strategic placement of signage and the implementation of random checks utilizing scales, we seek to send a resounding message: only commercial vehicles that meet the stringent criteria of safety will be permitted on the designated streets allocated for commercial use. Our aim is twofold - to educate commercial drivers about the importance of adhering to safety standards and to rigorously enforce these guidelines. By doing so, we hope to discourage the usage of our village roads as mere shortcuts for unsafe and overweight commercial vehicles, instead redirecting them to the designated commercial village roads and County Road 39.

In pursuing this multifaceted approach, we strive for safer streets and a reduction in the burden of village traffic. Our commitment to the well-being and security of our community is unwavering. We envision a future where our roads are not only safer, but our residents can traverse our streets with peace of mind.



Celebrate Black History Month with us!



February 7th at 7pm via Zoom

Join us in a ZOOM presentation with Brenda Simmons, founder of the Southampton African American Museum and Dr. Georgette Grier-Key, Executive Director and Curator of the Eastville Community Historical Society for a discussion celebrating Black history.

To register please visit the calendar on the Hampton Library website at: [myhamptonlibrary.org](http://myhamptonlibrary.org) or call the Hampton Library at 631-537-0015

# What's Happening in The Village

**Our esteemed Village institutions have much in store to keep residents and visitors stimulated this winter. Check out some highlights:**

The **Southampton African American Museum** collaborates with Bold Art Society to connect high school artists and professional artists for Black History Month. *The Black Power Exhibit: The Revolutionaries* is a provocative and educational exhibit that takes visitors on a journey of Black revolutionaries and revolutions from around the world from the 14th century to the present day. Additionally, a group of high school students from Innovation Charter School in East Harlem will highlight their artistic visions of Black Superheroes. Accompanying their artwork will be essays about their Superhero's name, powers and how they use their abilities to unite, support and uplift the Black community worldwide. The exhibit runs January 13th – March 31st and opens during Martin Luther King Weekend with a special celebration on January 13th. The exhibit will feature interactive activities so visitors can immerse themselves in the artwork while learning about history not often taught in schools. Special programming will take place throughout the exhibit.

**Southampton History Museum** hosts their popular Ghost Hunting at the Rogers Mansion on January 20th, February 24th and March 23rd. On February 27th, check out *The Art of William Sidney Mount: Long Island People of Color on Canvas* with Vivian Nicholson-Mueller, co-Sponsored with The Rogers Memorial Library.

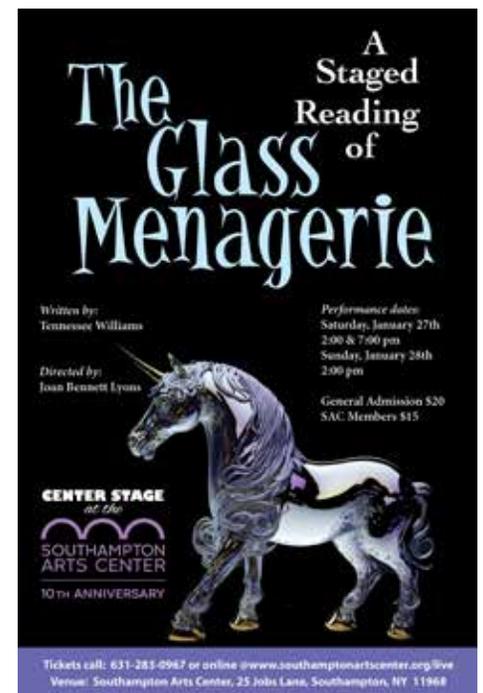
Speaking of the **Rogers Memorial Library**, a slew of activities are sure to keep the winter blues at bay. On January 21st, the **Friends of the Rogers Memorial Library** present a *Mandolin Journey with Andrew Joseph* — classical mandolin accompanied by Dr. Ann Zalkind on piano. The Teen Winter Reading Club, “Back in the

Day,” starts January 2nd and teens can register online. Programs based on the theme run all winter long and teens who read 2 books will be invited to the end of Winter Reading Club trip to New York City to see “Back to the Future” on Broadway on March 28th! Start the new year with a deep breath and a Tai Chi class on January 11th or take Introduction to Beekeeping with Deborah Klughers, Certified Master Beekeeper on February 7th. Catch a classic film, *Casablanca*, on January 29th and check out their abundant children's programs and extensive Events for Seniors. There's truly something for everyone at our great library.

At the **Southampton Cultural Center**, Adam Baranello's “This is my Art” is on exhibit through February 26th; the Southampton Artist Association Winter Show takes place February 28th - March 10th, followed by Long Island Photography, March 11th – 31st. “Love Letters” by Pulitzer Prize finalist A.R. Gurney and starring Bonnie Grice and Matthew O'Connor, runs February 9th-11th and is not to be missed. The extremely popular Sticks and Stones Comedy Club will host side-splitting shows on Fridays in January, February and *most-of*-March, with January 19th and February 2nd Open Mic + All Star Comedy lineups. Don't miss a special March 15th *Kiss Me St. Paddy's* comedy show!

“I give you truth in the pleasant disguise of illusion,” says protagonist Tom Wingfield in the opening monologue of Tennessee Williams' acclaimed “The Glass Menagerie,” a live reading of which will be held at the **Southampton Arts Center** January 27th and 28th. The play has strong autobiographical elements, featuring characters based on its author, his

histrionic mother, and his mentally fragile sister, and was Williams' first successful play; he went on to become one of America's most highly regarded playwrights. Live Jazz at the Center is a fun-filled night of music and February 17th, the Azar Lawrence Jazz Quartet will perform. Opening February 24th and running through May 5th, *Look at The Book* is an arresting exhibit of 25 artists who use and create books as the central element of their works. Accordion books, talking books, video books, sculptures made of books as well as photographs will all pay homage to books with a series of panel discussions



and workshops accompanying this exhibition. On March 21st, in conjunction with the American Institute of Architects Peconic chapter, a film and panel discussion on Women Architects takes place, in honor of Women's History month.

**There's no excuse to stay home with such an amazing plethora of activities in Southampton Village.**



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**GO GREEN**

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*Our Village supporting Southampton Rotary in placing a "Peace Pole" beside the Rotary Clock on Jobs Lane.*



## A Word from The Chief

**by Chief of Police Suzanne Hurteau**

With another year coming to an end, I want to thank our community for their continued support of the Police Department. 2023 was a very productive and memorable year. I set department goals early on in 2023, and I am pleased to say we have met all of them. They include the creation of a Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement Team, increased foot patrols in our business district and

the hiring of a new police officer and two new public safety dispatchers. We also promoted Ashley Jones to the rank of Lieutenant and promoted Brian Lamonica to a Public Safety Dispatcher II. Furthermore, we have dedicated two police officers to be a part of a multijurisdictional Emergency Response Team.

We had a highly active summer season, especially in our waterways. Drones were deployed to help our lifeguards monitor the shark infested waters. I am proud of the teamwork demonstrated by the officers and our Coopers Beach Lifeguards to keep our residents and visitors safe. Sadly in 2023, we lost a retired member of our police department. Retired Lieutenant Chester Yastrzemeski passed away in November. Lieutenant Yastrzemeski served over 30 years with the police department.

In 2024, I look forward to establishing new goals that will benefit our community and officers.

**I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!**

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