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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WE ASK YOUR HELP

Our history, discussed below, shows that the Harwood Civic Association (HCA) has played a vital role in representing the interests of the greater Harwood area. Over the years we have had a stable Board of Directors involved in the work of the Association. Next year the Board is facing the loss of four, and possibly five, of its Directors, which will necessitate an infusion of new volunteers to serve on the Board and efficiently carry on operations of the Association. We will continue our efforts as we have done the last thirteen years.

We seek members of our Association to serve as Directors on the Board. The Board of Directors meets quarterly to discuss the Associations' business and to vote on matters brought before the Board. The members of the Board help draft and publish the HCA Newsletter and represent the Association before County elected officials and agencies.

Please consider helping our Association by volunteering to serve as a board member. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Joan Turek at 410-867-0715; jlturek@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

I remind those who have not yet renewed their membership in HCA to please take the time to do so. The membership year began with the Annual Meeting in May and runs to the next Annual Meeting in May 2014. If you are not yet a member, I invite you to please join.

There are three classes of membership: Individual (\$15.00), Family (\$20.00), and Corporate (\$50.00). You can find a membership/Renewal form at our web site www.harwoodcivic.org at the "Membership" Tab under "Ready to Join".

ANNUAL MEETING

The Harwood Civic Association had a very successful

Annual Meeting on May 14, 2013. There was an excellent turnout for the meeting at the Galesville Memorial Hall.

The first speaker was Laura A. Neuman, the County Executive. She spoke for several minutes and then took many questions from those in attendance. Among the topics she discussed were her rationale for her veto of the Storm Water Fee legislation, her efforts to revitalize county government staff and make them more responsive to the citizenry, her experiences with local farms as head of the Howard County Economic Development Authority, the issue of left hand turn lanes on Maryland Route 2, and county libraries and the high priority that she gives them. Ms. Neuman said that she heard loudly and clearly our desire to keep South County rural.

The other speaker at the Annual meeting was Christopher J. Phipps, who was appointed Director of the Department of Public works in August of this year. Mr. Phipps gave a thorough and interesting presentation on the necessity for storm water abatement and the data in support of the development of the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program and Fee, which is discussed in more detail below.

The program was well received by those present. In light of the presence of the County Executive at our Annual Meeting we extended invitations to several of our neighboring civic associations.

HARWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION PAST AND PRESENT

The Harwood Civic Association (HCA) was founded in 1998. Its founders, Joan Turek and Mike Stricker, were responding to the need for Harwood residents to have a voice in the county's small area planning process, which guides South County land use decisions.

Since that time HCA has advocated on a broad variety of community issues and has sponsored events that foster a sense of community for Harwood residents. It has kept residents informed on county government activities, shared information on community businesses such as the Thanksgiving Farm winery and Dick and Jane's Farm, followed the Harwood real estate market, and provided a

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calendar of events for a variety of South County activities. Detailed information is available on the HCA website (www.HarwoodCivic.org) under the History and Newsletter sections. Also included are historic pictures of Harwood.

The following information highlights some of HCA's achievements since its inception thirteen years ago:

1. Supported elimination of the Family Conveyance Law loopholes that allowed excessive concentration of developments that were inconsistent with the rural character of South County.
2. Mounted an aggressive campaign to preserve the Harwood Post office. As a consequence of these efforts we retained our identity as a community rather than being absorbed by another jurisdiction.
3. Opposed development of the Target Mall in Waysons Corner, a project that contradicted the South County Small Area Plan's recommendation for a viable commercial area that meets the needs of South County.
4. Sponsored social events including picnics, yard sales, and lectures on Harwood history and other topics.
5. Worked with officials at the county's Department of Public Works to ensure that rebuilding the Stocketts Run Bridge would not result in through-trucks over fifteen tons being permitted on Harwood Road, a scenic and historic road.
6. Worked to "Keep South County Rural" during the state mandated Comprehensive Rezoning process, which updates the county's General Development Plan. HCA has joined with other civic associations in a lawsuit opposing certain zoning changes that were not in keeping with the rural nature of South County and were deemed by the county Department of Planning and Zoning to be "spot zoning" that would have permitted additional unwanted land use changes to the Harwood and South County landscape. The plaintiffs contend that the proposed changes failed to implement and are inconsistent with the General Development Plan and therefore violate state law. This litigation continues to make its way through the court system. An argument on our appeal is scheduled in November before the Court of Special Appeals.
7. Worked to complete the new floating dock and boat launch at Wooton's Landing, giving Harwood residents direct access to the Patuxent River for recreation.
8. Advocates for continued testing of the closed PST rubble landfill on Sands Road in order to protect the health and safety of residents near the landfill as well as the elimination of landfills as a land use permitted

under RA zoning.

9. Supports Southern High School through donations to the career center, the prom breakfast, and the sports boosters.
10. Continues to advocate for improved safety on Route 2. Most recently, HCA has raised concerns about the scale of proposed left turn lanes and has asked the State Highway Administration to consider more conservative approaches, taking into consideration the concerns of neighbors who would be directly impacted. HCA supported installation of speed humps along Owensville Sudley Road and has hosted a traffic forum with the State Highway Administration and Anne Arundel County police.
11. Continues to sponsor candidates forums giving residents an opportunity to discuss the issues prior to elections.

New issues keep emerging, and old issues need to be readdressed as political forces change. Protecting Harwood's rural way of life is a never-ending process that requires that HCA remain ever ready and vigilant as new threats appear. HCA also serves to foster a sense of community, which brings the wide spread parts of Harwood together.

THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF JUG BAY WETLANDS SANCTUARY

Our March 2013 Newsletter reported on the departure of Chris Swarth, who managed Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary for twenty-three years. The new superintendent is Dr. Patricia Delgado.

Dr. Delgado grew up in Costa Rica. She received a B.S. in Marine Biology from Universidad Nacional de Heredia in Costa Rica. She also has a M.S. and Ph.D. in Oceanography and Coastal Sciences from Louisiana State University.

Dr. Delgado has conducted wetland research for over twenty years. She was formerly the research coordinator for the Maryland Chesapeake Bay Estuarine Reserve. Dr. Delgado also worked at the Jug Bay Wetland Center in the past with Chris Swarth. She brings a wealth of experience to the Job.

The Jug Bay Wetland Sanctuary is a local treasure. It is a component of the Anne Arundel Recreation and Parks Department. The Sanctuary protects more than 1,500 acres of natural lands along the Patuxent River estuary in southern Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Each year about 10,000 people visit the Sanctuary to enjoy the scenery, to view wildlife, and to participate in educational and research programs. The Sanctuary is located at 1361 Wrighton Road, Lothian, MD 20711, 410-741-9330. It is open to the public: Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, 9 am-5 pm; Fridays, 7 am-sunset.

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Dr. Delgado has a small staff of six, mostly part time, with which to manage the vast sanctuary containing diverse fauna and flora and its mission of environmental education, resource conservation, and citizen science. The Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary has many volunteer opportunities that are critical in assisting the staff with its projects.

TWO DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST TO SOUTH COUNTY RESIDENTS

Watershed Protection and Restoration Program

The Watershed Protection and Restoration Program is one that some may be aware of and which was discussed at some length at the Annual Meeting in May. A state law passed in 2012 mandates the program. The program requires a system of stormwater remediation fees and a local watershed protection fund (WPRF) to be implemented by counties and municipalities subject to a certain stormwater discharge permit requirement. Ten counties in Maryland are covered, including Anne Arundel County.

Every time it rains, pollutants such as fertilizers, motor oil, soapy water from car washing, and septic tank overflow get washed into nearby tributaries and eventually the bay. This runoff is the fastest-growing source of water pollution in Maryland.

Each of the ten counties must assess property owners a stormwater remediation fee, which is to provide a dedicated source of revenue for the operation, maintenance and capital improvement expense of stormwater management programs required by state and federal governments. Anne Arundel County went through an extended process whereby the Department of Public Works made recommendations, the County Council passed the required remediation fees, the County Executive vetoed these fees, and finally the County Council overrode the veto. The annual Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee is identified as a separate line item on your real property tax bill.

The WPRF pays for stormwater management and stream and wetland restoration projects to improve water quality and reduce phosphorus and nitrogen flowing into the Bay. At the Annual Meeting Mr. Phipps showed instances of erosion damage caused by stormwater runoff and it was not a pretty picture. He identified a number of remediation projects such as retrofitting stormwater ponds, fixing drain outfalls and the nearby damage from the rain water rushing through them. Restoration of streambeds severely damaged by years of runoff will come later. The WPRF also pays for public education and outreach as well as operation and maintenance of existing stormwater management programs and facilities and for local stormwater management planning activities.

Anne Arundel County is in the process of establishing a system of rebates and credits to offset the assessed Stormwater Remediation Fee based on the level of on-site stormwater management provided by the property owner.

According to the draft policy, these credits will be available for multifamily, nonresidential and residential property owners who successfully apply for them and implement and maintain Best Management Practices. The maximum credit available would be 50% of the stormwater remediation fee. To be eligible for the credit, residential property owners must be subject to an Inspection and Maintenance Agreement for private stormwater management executed after 2002 between the current owner and the County. According to the draft policy an application for a stormwater credit must be submitted by January 1, 2014 to be applied towards the stormwater remediation fee for the initial taxable year and by October 1 for any future taxable year. A credit application does not stay the requirement to pay the stormwater remediation fee.

Stormwater management practices include alternative surfaces such as permeable pavement and/or green roofs; filtering practices such as rain gardens, bio-retention facilities, and bio-swales; disconnection practices such as cisterns, rain barrels, sheet flow to buffer, and dry wells; as well as other structural practices such as infiltration systems, filtration systems, wetland systems, wet ponds, and/or a combination of these practices to provide appropriate stormwater runoff treatment from the developed areas of a site.

If you have any questions regarding the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program and Fee call Customer Relations of the Department of Public Works at 410-222-7582. Also see Anne Arundel County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Program Stormwater Remediation Fee Credit Policy and Guidance (Multi-Family, Non-Residential and/or Residential Properties with an Inspection and Maintenance Agreement for Private Stormwater Management) August 30, 2013 (DRAFT).

GROWTH TIERS

In 2012, the General Assembly passed and Governor O'Malley signed the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012. The legislation is intended to decrease nutrient pollution to the Bay and other water resources and to reduce the amount of forest and agricultural land lost to large lot development. The legislation does this by limiting major residential subdivisions served by onsite septic systems. The Act addresses the disproportionate land consumption and pollution impacts from development on septic systems.

Counties and municipalities have the option to adopt a growth tier map identifying where residential major and minor subdivisions may be located and what sewerage system will serve them. Without adoption of such a growth tier map, jurisdictions may not authorize a major residential subdivision served by on-site septic systems, community systems or shared systems. Four Tiers are described in the Act.

³⁵/₁₇ Tier I are areas currently served by sewerage systems.

³⁵/₁₇ Tier II are areas planned to be served by sewerage systems.

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³⁵₁₇ Tier III are areas not planned to be served by sewerage systems. These are areas where growth on septic systems can occur.

³⁵₁₇ Tier IV are areas planned for preservation and conservation and prohibit residential major subdivisions.

The Office of Planning and Zoning for Anne Arundel County adopted Growth Tiers administratively on June 17, 2013. See the Office of Planning and Zoning web page to see the Growth Tier map.

Planning and Zoning adopted the following language regarding the Tiers:

Tier 1

Criteria

- areas served by public sewer systems

- areas in locally designated growth area

Development Requirement

- major and minor subdivisions are permitted
- all new subdivisions must be connect to public sewer systems

Tier 2

Criteria

- areas that are planned to be served by public sewer (per the County's adopted Water and Sewer Master Plan)

- areas in locally designated growth area

Development Requirement

- major subdivisions are permitted and must connect to public sewer systems
- minor subdivisions are permitted and may connect to public sewer systems or utilize on-site septic systems
- minor subdivision using on-site septic systems are considered interim and must connect to public sewer when available

Tier 3

Criteria

- areas not planned for public sewer service

- areas planned and zoned for large lot or rural development

Development Criteria

- major and minor subdivisions are permitted and must utilize on-site septic systems or private community systems
- public sewer systems not available

Tier 4

Criteria

- areas not planned for public sewer services

- Rural Legacy and Priority Agricultural Preservation areas

- areas subject to conservation easements or covenants

- areas planned and zoned for land, agricultural, or resource protection or preservation

Development Requirements

- major subdivisions are not permitted
- minor subdivisions are permitted and must utilize on-site septic systems

- public sewer systems are not available

Development requirements apply to new residential subdivisions and do not apply to commercial, industrial, institutional or other non-residential development. A minor subdivision creates five or fewer residential lots. A major subdivision creates six or more residential lots.

Of particular interest to Harwood and South County residents is that the Harwood area and most of South County are designated as Tier 4 which will be a help in keeping South County rural.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Below are some results of the 2013 legislative session.

Death Penalty. The Death Penalty was repealed. Anyone found guilty of first-degree murder must be sentenced to imprisonment for life or imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole. The bill also changes the Governor's authority to commute or change a sentence of death. The Governor may change a sentence of death to a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

Gas Tax Increase. The Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013 increases motor fuel taxes and base fare prices via the MTA beginning in fiscal 2015 in order to increase transportation funding. Under the law the Governor must include funding in the operating or capital budget to the State Highway Administration for use in complying with the Watershed Implementation Plan. The law prohibits transfers from the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund without legislative approval under strict requirements.

Gun Control. The Fire Arm Safety Act made several changes to firearm legislation. It changed the scope of the current assault pistol prohibitions to prohibit all assault weapons and defined an assault weapon as an assault long gun, an assault pistol, or a copycat weapon. The statute also reduced the allowable detachable magazine capacity that may be manufactured, sold, purchased, received, or transferred in the State from 20 to 10 rounds of ammunition for a firearm. The law further defines "restricted firearm ammunition" (the so called "cop Killer bullets) and prohibits possession of or use of the ammunition during or in relation to a crime of violence. The Act prohibits carrying or possessing a firearm, knife, or deadly weapon of any kind on public school property with some exceptions. It also requires applicants for a handgun license to be at least 21 years old, pass a State and national criminal history records check, submit a complete set of fingerprints, complete a safety training course, with exceptions for the military and for those who lawfully own a regulated firearm. Further, it strengthens mental health-related restrictions on the possession of firearms.

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Cell Phones. The use of a cell phone while driving will become a primary rather than secondary offense on October 1, 2013.

Cyber Bullying. Legislation known as Grace's Law, named after a girl who committed suicide due to the traumatic effects of prolonged harassment and threats over the Internet and in school, was enacted. The legislation prohibits a person from using an interactive computer service to maliciously engage in a course of conduct that inflicts serious emotional distress on a minor or places a minor in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury. An "interactive computer service" means an information service, system, or access software provider that provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, including a system that provides access to the Internet and cellular phones. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to maximum penalties of one-year imprisonment and/or a \$500 fine.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Captain Avery Museum

The 2014 Winter Luncheon Lecture Series at the Captain Avery Museum, at 11:30 on six consecutive Wednesdays. Luncheon consists of soup, specialty breads, deserts and beverage. Doors open at 11:00.

January 15 David Gendell, *Schooner AMERICA*
January 22 Dr. Al Luckenbach, Archeologist, *Five Years of Excavation at Pig Point*
January 29 Kelly Richard, Sculptor, *Not Your Mama's Paper Mache*
February 5 Bill Eggert, Author, *Gentlemen of the Harbor: Stories of the Chesapeake Bay Tugs and Crew*
February 12 Marcia Talley, Author, *Maryland Can Be Murder*
February 19 Norman Hazard & Eric Steinlein, *Working Water Fowl Decoys of the Chesapeake*
Purchase reservations at www.captainaverymuseum.org.

Historic London Town and Gardens

The following events will occur at London Town and Gardens. Go to www.historiclondontown.org for more details.

November 7-10 Muddy Creek Artists Guild Annual Winter Show
November 9 Annual Critter Sale
December 7 London Town by Candle Light and Family Program
December 7 Wreath Workshop

Galesville Heritage Society

The following are some events from the Galesville Calendar. Thursday Nights Irish Dance classes at the Galesville Memorial Hall

Contact Joanie Ohrt, 703-930-9911, for information November 30 Square Dance and Pot Luck Dinner at Galesville Memorial Hall, 5:45-10:00 p.m. For more information call 301-926-9142

Harwood Civic Association

December 5, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 PM. Call 410-271-5010 for location and directions.
March 5, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 PM
May 14, 2014 Annual Meeting, 7:00 PM, Galesville Memorial Hall

NOTE :HCA members are free to attend board meetings. Please contact Tony Gamboa at itgamboa@me.com or Joan Turek joan.turek@hhs.com and we will give you the location for the meeting. Anyone considering volunteering to be a board member should attend a board meeting to see what is involved.

SOUTH COUNTY CHARITABLE/NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

A number of charitable and other nonprofit organizations operate in South County providing assistance to area residents. We highlight eight of these organizations to inform you of their activities and the services that they provide to local residents. All have volunteer opportunities for those interested and all rely on donations to continue their beneficial activities.

South County Assistance Network (SCAN), 5757 Solomons Island Road, Lothian, MD 20711; 410-867-2838. SCAN operates a food pantry serving southern Anne Arundel County and is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon. Call the above number for more information on volunteer opportunities and donations of food or money.

South County Faith Network, P.O. Box 529, 6248 Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD 20746; 410-867-1128; <http://www.southcountyfaithnetwork.org>; socofaithnet@verizon.net. South County Faith Network works to improve the quality of life for seniors and disabled adults in southern Anne Arundel County. The organization provides a variety of services to such individuals such a grocery shopping, Sunday church transportation, minor home repairs, and yard work. See the website listed above for more information to include a list of services, volunteer opportunities and how to donate. Services can be requested at the telephone number provided above.

WestRhode Riverkeeper, Inc., 4800 Atwell Road, #6, Shady side, MD 20764; 410-867-7171; www.westrhoderiverkeeper.org. The WestRhode Riverkeeper, Inc. works with the community to enforce environmental law, to promote restoration and to advocate for better environmental

policy. The organization has a full time Riverkeeper and two part time support staff and is assisted by volunteers. The organization has an 18-foot Boston Whaler and a pump out boat to perform its activities. See the organizations web site for additional information including volunteer opportunities and how to donate.

Owensville Primary Care (OPC), 134 Owensville Road, West River, MD 20778; 410-867-4700; Owensville@comcast.net; www.owensvillepc.com.

OPC is a nonprofit community health center and relies on tax-deductible donations to fund its operations. OPC serves a wide variety of patients from all income levels and treats all patients regardless of their ability to pay. See the organization web page for additional information including services, volunteer opportunities and how to donate.

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue, 3200 Ivy Way, Harwood, MD 20776, 410-798-9559; www.ruderanch.org. Rude Ranch is a cage-less sanctuary for abused, abandoned and special needs animals. It also provides low cost spay and neuter services and pet adoptions. Rude Ranch relies on donations to conduct its operations. See the organization's web site, cited above for additional information including volunteer opportunities and how to donate.

Hospice of the Chesapeake Mandarin Inpatient Care Center, 3675 Solomons Island Road, Harwood, MD 20776; 410-798-0791. Mandarin House is a general inpatient hospice facility for those who qualify for a more intense level of care. It is part of the Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122; 410-987-2003; www.hospicechesapeake.org. See the Hospice of the Chesapeake web site for additional information.

Southern High School Music Booster Association, 4400 Solomons Island Road, Harwood, MD 20776; www.sites.google.com/site/southernmusicboosters/. The Association is dedicated to help raise funds to support all music students in their endeavors at Southern High School. It plans and conducts fund raisers. Inquiries should be directed to shsmba@gmail.com. Also see the web site cited above for additional information

Carrie Weedon Science Center Foundation, Inc. (CWSCF), 911 Galesville Road, Galesville, MD 20765; www.carrieweedon.org. CWSCF hosts science field trips for elementary grades one through five. Lessons are designed to support the Anne Arundel County science curriculum. Private schools and educational institutions are also welcome. See the CWSCF web site for additional information.

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South County Rezoning Case Goes Back to Court on Thursday

Chesapeake Legal Defense Fund attorney Russ Stevenson will be back in court on Thursday (Nov. 7) on behalf of a South County group to argue before the [Court of Appeals](#) that the [Circuit Court](#) wrongly tossed their rezoning lawsuit last October. Stevenson said that the trial judge tossed the case last October (2012) after ruling that the groups that were a party to the suit didn't have legal standing—or a stake in the case. The case goes back to 2011, that is when countywide comprehensive rezoning took place, where the [Anne Arundel County Council](#) had the opportunity to rezone properties outside of the traditional zoning process. This comprehensive rezoning takes place every ten years. Generally, this process is used to align property zoning designations to actual use—or to otherwise fix zoning irregularities.

In the 2011 round, Council District 7, (including parts of South County) had the most changes introduced, all of which were up-zones, making denser property use acceptable.

Typically, properties go through the Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and Zoning on Riva Road for any zoning changes. There, professional planners help to determine if properties are correctly zoned for business, residential warehouse, marine or commercial. A property owner goes in, gets a hearing, brings reasons for the change. Signs are posted on the property and letters are sent to neighbors in case they might have reason to intercede.

At a hearing, planners give thumbs up or thumbs down, neighbors may testify and a hearing officer makes a decision. At the end of the process, you are finished—whether you got the answer you wanted or not. There is no place else to go. If they say no, it isn't going to happen.

But the legislative process before the County Council allows property owners to take a different bite of the rezoning apple. In the legislative process, constituents can lobby their elected representative to get the change, even if county planners don't

agree. Through comprehensive rezoning, it is up to the [County Council](#) and the [County Executive](#). Neighbors are not notified, signs don't get posted—it is a whole different process.

During the 2011 rezoning, properties including parcels at the Lothian traffic circle (where Maryland Routes 2, 422 and 408 come together) were upzoned, or changed from a rural/agricultural zoning to a business/commercial zoning. In addition, the former police station at the entrance to Edgewater Beach was up-zoned to allow a car dealership to go in.

The lawsuit claimed that up-zoning the parcels violated the [General Development Plan](#) and the [Small Area Plan \(PDF\)](#). These two documents represent a roadmap of sorts—outlining how general and specific areas of the county will be utilized. Some areas will be commercial corridors, others residential. Some parcels can have marine-related enterprises, while others are allocated for agriculture or rural use.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of a number of plaintiffs, including the [South River Federation](#), Friends of Jug Bay, the civic associations of [Lothian](#), [Davidsonville](#) and [Harwood](#) and nine citizens of Districts 6 and 7.

In October 2012, [Circuit Court Judge Philip Caroom](#) tossed the case. [We wrote about it here](#).

Stevenson said that there is no time frame for having the Court of Appeals rule on the motion to reinstate the case. They will make the arguments, then wait and see. If the case gets kicked back to the Circuit Court, Stevenson said, they may go again before the same judge, or be assigned someone new.

That is a ways down the road. Clearing the hurdle of the appeal is what's next. The public can attend the hearing on Thursday, but the docket isn't posted in a way that makes it very convenient for observers because they don't assign a specific time for each case—they are heard in succession.

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