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INAUGURAL MULTICULTURAL MUSIC FESTIVAL - SEPT 27

The Multicultural and Heritage Music Festival will bring a wide range of ethnic entertainment to Roselle Park on Saturday, September 27. Presented by the Borough of Roselle Park, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Greg Johnson Civic Association, the festival will run from noon to 5 pm at Michael Mauri Park on Chestnut Street. It will feature food trucks, a CPR information station, local displays including an exhibit highlighting Roselle Park's historic railroad system and performers celebrating diverse styles of music from around the world.

FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT AT THE FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE:

3:45 PM -- Afro Dominicano. Headlining the festival is a Latin fusion band performing what is called AfroCaribbean soul. Its traditional folkloric roots music from the Dominican Republic incorporates Afro beats, reggae, calypso, samba, funk, punk rock and other Caribbean rhythms. In addition to original songs, they include covers such as Bill Withers' Just the Two of Us and Amy Winehouse's Valerie. The band, acclaimed worldwide, features vocal, guitar, bass, accordion, drum, conga, guira and tambora.

2:20 PM – Verdict. If you like to dance and love reggae and soca music, Verdict is the band for you. Verdict is fronted by vocalist and keyboardist Roland from Monserrat, whose enthusiasm is infectious as he leads the audience to dance along with him as he plays. Guitarist Raga comes from Trinidad-Tobago and bassist Marcellino from Panama. Johnny Youth is the band leader and drummer. Their story continues as does their unending quest to play the transcendent jam, to create the perfect moment, to revel in shared experience with their fans.

1:00 PM – Pradhanica. A contemporary Kathak dance production, Pradhanica, which means "female leader," is led by Kathak dancer, choreographer and percussionist Jin Won. Its compositions use Indian rhythms for the African djembe, Spanish cajon, with Indian sitar and tabla. Exploring emotions of anger, joy, compassion and peace, Pradhanica shows the pure rhythmic aspect and emotional resonance of the dance form.

12:00 PM – Chris Bolger and the Jamesons Gang. This North Jersey-based quartet has been bringing Gaelic-flavored rock, folk and ballads to pubs, festivals and other events in New York and New Jersey for many years. In addition to guitar, bass and drums, they incorporate Irish music staples such as the bouzouki, mandolin and banjo to provide a crowd-pleasing mix of traditional and modern tunes.

Another highlight of the festival will be an exhibit showcasing the three railroads that nurtured Roselle Park's growth into a vibrant community. The Tristate Railway Historical Society is the curator of this display.

The festival is made possible through the generous support of the following sponsors:

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(above) Afro Dominicano



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COMMUNITYWIDE GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPT 26

A Communitywide Garage Sale will be held in Kenilworth on Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5, 2025. This major annual event, sponsored by the Kenilworth Historical Society, will take place, rain or shine, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. There are usually between 150 and 200 participating residences.

Residents who register and pay a \$12 fee to hold garage sales at their homes anytime during the October 4/October 5 weekend will receive a certificate representing the Borough's permission to proceed and will benefit from the Kenilworth Historical Society's statewide advertising of the communitywide event via major newspapers, websites, Facebook postings and prominently placed signage and fliers. The registration deadline is Friday, September 26.

The addresses of registered participating residences will be included in a Kenilworth Communitywide Garage Sale listing and map that will be available in quantity, free of charge, at the Kenilworth ACME Customer Service desk (801 Boulevard), Borough Clerk's Office (567 Boulevard) and Public Library (548 Boulevard) after October 2. The listing also will be posted on the Borough of Kenilworth website (www.kenilworthborough.com) and on Facebook.

Communitywide Garage Sale registration forms with instructions may be obtained at the Kenilworth Borough Clerk's Office/Borough

Hall, Public Library, and on the Borough of Kenilworth Web site (www.kenilworthborough.com). The \$12 Garage Sale registration fee may be paid by check (payable to the Kenilworth Historical Society) or in cash (exact amount required). Payment may be made by mail (to the Kenilworth Historical Society, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, N.J. 07033) or in person at the Borough Clerk's Office. For further information, please call 908-709-0434.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is sponsoring the Communitywide Garage Sale as a service to the community. Any proceeds after advertising and other related costs are paid will benefit the Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping defray operating/building expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the site fully accessible to everyone.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880), local history and culture. Further information about the organization, the Nitschke House and other upcoming events may be found at the Kenilworth Historical Society website at kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org and on the organization's Facebook page.

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Get ready to immerse yourself in the vibrant sights, sounds, and flavors of Greece at the 48th Annual Greek Festival, taking place at the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Union, NJ. This eagerly anticipated event, the largest and longest-running Greek Festival in Union County, will delight attendees from September 4th to September 7th, 2025, with a weekend of cultural immersion, culinary delights, and family-friendly entertainment.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **Authentic Greek Cuisine:** Indulge in a feast of traditional Greek dishes including souvlaki, moussaka, pastitsio, spanakopita, loukoumades, and baklava, all freshly prepared on premises with the finest ingredients reminiscent of your Greek Yia-yia's cooking.
- **Live Music and Dance:** Experience the lively rhythms of Greece with live music and dance performances featuring traditional Greek folk music and dances such as syrtaki and kalamatiano.
- **Artisan Marketplace:** Browse through a bustling marketplace offering handmade jewelry, clothing, and imported goods from Greece.

EVENT DETAILS:

- **Dates:** September 4th to September 7th, 2025
- **Location:** St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Rahway Ave, Union, NJ 07083 (Free Parking in neighboring lots)

- **Admission:** \$2 general admission; a portion of admission proceeds benefit local Union Township/Union County charities "We are thrilled to invite the community to join us for our 47th Annual Greek Festival," said Betty Spiropoulos, Festival Committee Co-Chair "This event is a celebration of our Greek heritage and a wonderful opportunity for everyone to experience the warmth and hospitality of our culture."

ABOUT THE ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH:

Established in 1928 in Newark and relocated to Union in 1984, the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church has been a cornerstone of the Union Township community, celebrated for its rich diversity and dedication to promoting Greek culture, faith, and community spirit. Over the years, it has warmly welcomed people from various backgrounds, fostering an inclusive environment that embraces cultural diversity and unity among its members.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and behind-the-scenes looks at the festival: @stdemetriosunion

Don't miss out on this unforgettable celebration of Greek culture and community! Join us at the 48th Annual Greek Festival in Union, NJ, for a weekend filled with delicious food, vibrant music, and family-friendly fun.

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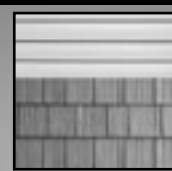
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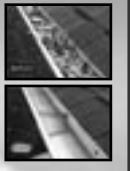
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LIBRARY SEPTEMBER 2025 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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WEEKLY CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Bingo For Children

Mondays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm
Bingo games for children ages 3 & up
September 8, 15, 22 & 29
Lap Sit

Tuesday at 10:30am – 10:50am
Interactive stories and songs for ages 0 – 2 years old
September 9, 16, 23 & 30
PJ Story Time

Tuesdays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm
September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
for ages 3 & up.

Children are welcome to attend this story time program dressed in their pajamas and bring along a favorite stuffed animal

Toddler Time

Wednesday at 10:30am – 10:50am
September 3 & 17 - for ages 2 – 3
Interactive stories and activities

Fun Friday Crafts

Fridays at 3:30pm – 4:00pm
September 5 & 19 - Ages: 4 – 9

Registration is required for each individual craft one week prior to each craft.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Registration is required for all special events.

BOOGIE WOOGIE BABIES

Tuesday, September 2

10:30am – 11:00am - for ages: 0 - 4

Interactive musical program will be presented by Tiffany Taylor. Registration required

YOGA STORY TIME

Wednesday, September 10

10:30am – 11:00am - for ages: 2 - 5.

Join us for stories and yoga poses for the youngest listeners and their caregiver.

This program will be presented by certified yoga instructor Heather Valente

Lego At The Library

Thursdays, September 4, 11 & 25

3:30pm – 4:00pm - Ages: 4 – 12

Build with Lego bricks and design your own creations. Registration is not required.

Donut Decorating Workshop

Monday, September 15

3:30pm – 4:30pm - Ages: 4 - 12

Children will have an opportunity to decorate their own box of Duck Donuts.

Each participant will receive a box containing 4 donuts, icing and sprinkles to decorate and take home for a delicious snack.

Registration required.

Space is limited.

Read To A Dog

Tuesday, September 16 - 4:00pm – 5:00pm

For early beginning readers and those who are learning to read. Young, reluctant, or struggling readers are encouraged to register for this program and read aloud for 15 minutes with a certified therapy dog, Savor.

Children will learn to associate reading with a furry, non-judgmental listener and begin to view reading in a positive way. Over time, the child's reading ability and confidence can improve because they are practicing their skills.

Registration is required.

Readers may register for a 15-minute visit.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Thursday, September 18

7:00pm – 8:00pm - Ages: 4 – adult

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Featuring husband & wife duo Blanca Cecilia González and Jesse Elder for Musiquita! a playful exploration of Spanish and English music and song. This program

combines music, language and culture into a joyful celebration, appropriate for all ages.

Registration is required - space permitting.

GOOD TYME STRING BAND

Wednesday, September 24

0:30am – 11:00am

All ages are welcome to attend and enjoy foot tapping knee slapping banjo music.

Six Week Cursive Handwriting Workshop

5:00pm – 6:00pm

beginning on Tuesday, September 30

Learn to write in cursive. Children who are currently attending fourth and fifth grade are welcome to register for this 6 week program. Children must be available to attend all 6 weeks. Registration is required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Card making group "Paper Pals."

Monday, September 8 at 6:00 – 7:30pm

Tuesday, September 16 at 2-4pm

You don't need any paper crafting experience
"Yarnies"

Thursdays, September 4, 11 & 18 at 2-4pm

September 25 at 6-8pm

You don't need any crafting experience to enjoy these creative explorations. Feel free to bring a project to work on. Watch demonstrations of knitting, crocheting and weaving.

"Spin - A - Yarn"

Tuesday, September 30 at 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Bring your spinning wheel or drop spindle and create beautiful yarns! If you don't have a wheel, you are still welcome to join us to learn.

"Weave with us"

Monday, September 15, 2025 - 5-7:30pm.

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KENIWORTH LIBRARY FEATURES PAINTINGS BY DARRIN OWENS

The Gallery-on-the-Boulevard, located in the Kenilworth Public Library, will present "Variations" by artist Darrin Owens of Westfield. The work contains variations of representational art in various mediums, including graphite pencil drawings on paper, oil paint on canvas paper, oil paint on canvas, and acrylic paint on canvas. It will demonstrate examples of still life, fan art, master copies, and stylization. He is currently President of the Westfield Art Association.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours. Artwork may be purchased by contacting the artist.

For more information or to inquire about exhibiting at Gallery on the Boulevard, please call 908-276-2451.



(above) *Stewards of the Earth*

Courtesy Photo

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Our next club meeting starting up for the fall will be on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 1 p.m. at the senior building on the Boulevard. All members are encouraged to attend; we will be starting the process of nominations for election of new officers next year. Refreshments will be served, and we welcome anyone wishing to become a new member.



BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO OF BETHLEHEM, PA.

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino in Bethlehem, Pa., on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa's School parking lot) at 8:30 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 5:30 p.m. Cost of \$73 includes comfortable motor coach transportation, an approximate 6-hour visit to the casino and \$25 in free slot play. There will be a 50/50 raffle and complimentary drawing for door prizes on the bus. The casino offers more than 3,000 state-of-the-art slot machines ranging in denomination from 1 cent to \$100, more than 150 table games – and more. The Wind Creek Bethlehem site additionally houses a wide range of distinctive outlet stores and popular restaurants/eateries.

For further information and reservations,

please call 908-709-0434. As space is limited, reservations and payment should be made by September 6 to ensure availability. Gift certificates for the trip are also available for purchase.

Proceeds from the bus trip will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the restored "living history" museum and cultural arts center fully accessible to everyone.

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MICHAEL CHALENSKI INDUCTED INTO THE DAVID BREARLEY HALL OF FAME

Kenilworth Public Schools

During the June 20 Class of 2025 graduation ceremony, Kenilworth Public Schools was proud to induct former NFL player and business entrepreneur Michael Chalenski '88 into the David Brearley Hall of Fame.

Excerpts from Principal Perillo's induction: "At Brearley, Michael excelled in basketball, baseball, and track and field. He set the NJ Group 1 record in the shot put.

After graduating in 1988, Michael brought his talents to UCLA and eventually to the Philadelphia Eagles in 1993. Over the next six seasons, he would go on to play for the Eagles, Jets, Dolphins, and Lions = holding his own in

one of the most competitive environments in all of sports. When his NFL career came to a close, Michael launched a company = Comprehensive Screening Solutions—and built it into a thriving company with dozens of employees.

Michael's success story is one rooted in lessons that began here in Kenilworth = in these hallways, on these fields, in this town. His journey reminds us that you don't have to come from a big city or a famous program to make it big. You just need heart. You need toughness. And you need the courage to keep going, even when the path ahead is uncertain."

Congratulations Mr. Chalenski! David Brearley is proud to call you an alum. Kenilworth is proud too. Go Bears!



(above) *Michael Chalenski '88, was inducted into the David Brearley Hall of Fame.*

Photo by Kenilworth Public Schools

COLDPLAY TRIBUTE BAND HEADLINES MILLBURN ROCKTOBERFEST - SEPT 13

Millburn's Rocktoberfest celebrates its 10th anniversary on September 13, 2025 (rain date 9/20)! Join the Millburn Education Foundation in Taylor Park to celebrate our milestone year with a festival that features incredible musical performances, kids' rides and games, local food vendors, retail and artisan retailers, and a beer garden.

This year, Rocktoberfest is thrilled to welcome headliner Fix You - a world-class Coldplay tribute band. Fans of the iconic band can expect to hear all their favorite hits brought to life with the passion and energy that only Fix You can deliver. Fix You was featured on Jimmy Fallon's Clash of the Cover Bands on E! Network and in shows across the US and the Caribbean. Rocktoberfest is also proud to showcase local musicians and teen bands from Millburn and surrounding towns. Each band brings their own unique sounds to the stage, offering a diverse mix of genres that reflect the spirit of our community. Whether you're into rock, pop, or Bollywood dance, there's something for every musical taste. Stella Artois' products will be available in our 21+ beer garden.

Rocktoberfest is proud to continue its commitment to inclusivity with expanded low-sensory offerings including Special Olympics New Jersey activities, silent disco, and acoustic performances at the low sensory stage that are

presented in an indoor setting for our guests who prefer a quieter experience.

This year's event will also feature a cornhole tournament in the Beer Garden, with sign-ups to be posted on the website.

Applications are still being accepted for sponsors and vendors at millburnrocktoberfest.com.



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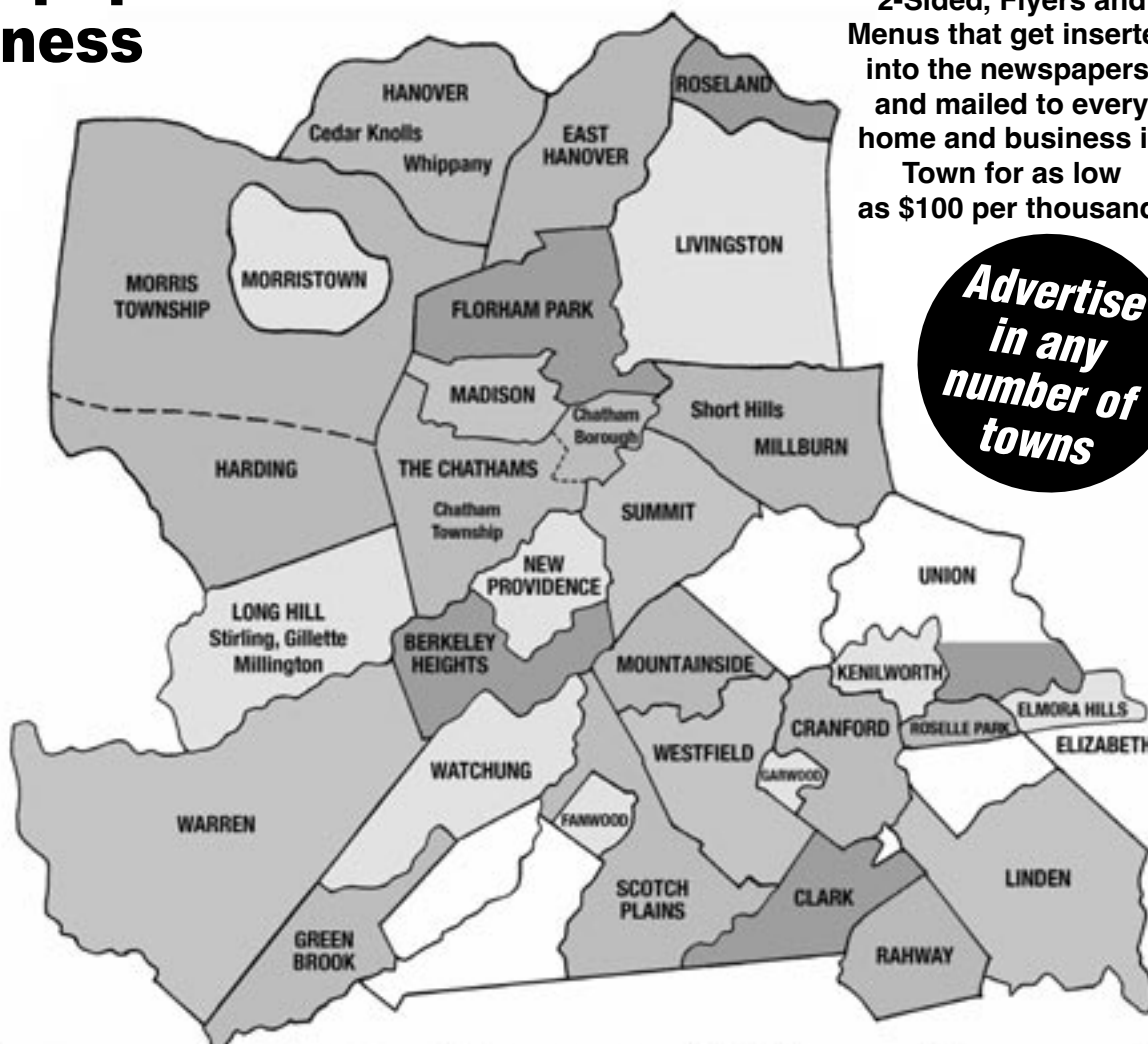
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KENILWORTH'S DISAPPEARING HILLS – PART III – “CAMEL BACK” HILLS

Ever hear of the “camel back” hills in Kenilworth? It’s a very old and rarely used term. In fact, it was a term coined by old timers who lived in the New Orange Park section of Kenilworth in the early 1900s. That’s the area of Kenilworth consisting of the older portions of Newark and Passaic avenues; and S. 23rd and S. 25th streets; and Arthur Ter.

I discovered the term “camel back” some years ago when I spoke with Connie Arthur Davis (1917-2018) of Arthur Ter., and Lillian “Lillie” Gaughan Greim (1908-2008), who at one time lived on Newark Ave. These centurions taught me something I never knew.

Connie mentioned two hills. One was at the top of Newark Ave. and one on the Boulevard at S. 24th St. Looking slightly northwest from the top of the Newark Ave. hill (aka Water Works Hill) one could see a hill on the Boulevard near S. 24th St. It’s no longer there. “As kids,” she chuckled, “We called them ‘camel back’ hills because they looked like camel humps.” Some months later I had occasion to speak with Lillie. Lillie said, “Sure, that’s what it was – two humps – just like looking at a camel.” She giggled, too.

In the 1930s two old-time families – the Ruscansky’s and the von Ohlen’s – lived almost across the street from the hill on the Boulevard.

Their homes no longer stand. Bill von Ohlen, Jr. (1923-2010) gave me a photo showing the hill in the 1930s with him and a friend in a wagon.

Research has not determined when the hill was excavated away. It appears that it may have been in the late 1930s or early 1940s as the site was used for an aviation spotters’ tower during WWII. Not only was the earth of the hill carted away but between S. 23rd and S. 24th streets there was a large hole until 1960 where the municipal building now stands suggesting it was scooped out as part of the same earth removal project.

Water Works Hill – the other hump of the camel’s back – was the name for the Newark

Ave. hill in New Orange Park. The hilltop is 108 feet above level (ASL). James Arthur (1866-1931) began developing the New Orange Park enclave of over 80 homes in the early 1900s. The first was occupied in 1906. At the top of the hill Arthur erected a 60 ft. tall water tower (aka a standpipe) to provide well water to the residents of his development. That’s how the hill got its nickname. The tower top was 168 ft. ASL and was in the back yard of his 7,000 sq. ft., 27-room mansion into which he, his wife Mary, and 8 of their 11 children moved into in 1910.

Arthur also constructed on the downside of the hill towards Michigan Ave. a power house to provide electricity to those homes. It stood at about 633 Newark Ave.

All of four of those landmarks are gone – the hill on the Boulevard, the mansion, the water tower, and the power house. But one of the camel back humps remains – the Newark Ave. Hill, aka Water Works Hill.

Read the next issue of Kenilworth Business Life for Part IV about Kenilworth’s hills.

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(above) Connie Davis Arthur, “We called them ‘camel back’ hills.”
Source: Historic Signs, Inc., 2011



(above) Top of Water Works Hill, 1920s
Source: Kenil. Hist. Soc.



(above) Top of Water Works Hill, 2022
Source: Google



(above) Billy von Ohlen and friend across from a “Camel back” hill, Blvd. & S. 24th St., 1930
Source: Hist. Signs, Inc.



(above) Approaching Water Works Hill up Newark Ave., 1915
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(above) One hump of “Camel back” hills is gone, Blvd. & S. 24th St., 2025
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