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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Fall is really here. It's getting much cooler and I now get up in the dark to get ready for work. Soon the leaves will start changing colors and we'll be raking again. It's a good time of the year for taking a nice walk and looking forward to a cup of tea or hot chocolate when you get home.

Things are pretty quiet as I write this. The two big issues we have spent so much energy on recently are waiting for the next action. I appointed three HSIA board members to the committee that will negotiate the final lease with the Hillsmere Pool Association (HPA). HPA requested that, instead of meeting to talk about the points in the recent HSIA motion setting the basic terms of the new lease (see last month's Sea Breeze), we should incorporate them into an actual lease document. That was a reasonable request and we are working on getting that done as quickly as possible. Due to the bad weather we had in the last week of September, the September HSIA board meeting was rescheduled for October 7th. At that board meeting we will approve the draft lease so that the negotiations can begin right away. The HPA officers and members at the September 8th Special HSIA Board meeting

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Jan 28

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Mar 25

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Mar 11

Membership Chairperson

(President's Comments continued)

seemed very positive about the motion that was passed. I am hopeful that we will be able to get the new lease finished in the next two months.

Another big issue waiting for the next step is the proposed sale of parts of the community property on East Bay View Drive (the beach strip). As you know, ballots were sent to the community so that HSIA members and Hillsmere property owners could vote to approve or reject the sale that the HSIA board negotiated and recommended to the membership. The ballots were to be mailed in or brought to the October 7th Special General meeting. As of this writing, we have received over 100 ballots. I believe that the sale will be approved. If it is, then we still have a lot of work to do to make the sale happen before the end of the year. That is very important to us from a tax point of view as well as getting this entire issue behind us.

Even though it's quiet now and even if the two issues mentioned above are quickly settled, there is another issue that the board and the community will have to deal with next month. That issue is security and the amount of money we are spending on it. From FY2003 to FY2008 the security budget was about \$40,000 (about \$33/lot) with the ratio of private security companies to off-duty police at about 3:1 (75%) private and 25% off duty police). In FY2010, the community considered hiring a full time county police officer. That would have cost about \$120,000 per year or about \$98 per lot. There were strong feelings on both sides of the issue, but the community voted to not hire the officer. The community voted, instead, to increase the security budget to \$80,000 or about \$66 per lot. That is where the security budget has been for the last two years. With that money, we hired Blueguard to patrol at least 30 hours a week year round and we increased the number of hours that the off duty county police officers patrolled. Some HSIA board members think that we should greatly reduce the security budget. Others feel that it should remain the way it currently is. At the HSIA General Meeting held on Thursday, November 11th, the community will get to vote on the new proposed Special Tax budget. There will be several options for security spending presented to the community at that meeting. In the November Sea Breeze, there will be articles from board members on both sides of this issue presenting their position. I urge you to come to the General meeting and participate in this vote.

As you know, we will have our elections at the General meeting in November. HSIA elects officers and directors in alternate years. This year the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary positions will be up for election. If you are interested in running, please contact Ted Shepherd at elections@hillsmereshores.net or leave a message on our 24 hour voice mail at 410-263-4456.

Finally, I want to tell everyone about a web site called patch.com. It is a local news, event, and general interest web site. There are several articles about Hillsmere mostly written by our own resident, John Wilfong. You can go to the site, select Maryland, and then Greater Annapolis or just go to www.greaterannapolis.patch.com. Search on "Hillsmere" to see all the articles. Let John know if you have any ideas for an article that would be of interest. You can email him through the web site.

I want to thank Kate Penn and the beach committee volunteers who cleaned up the beach on Saturday, October 2nd, the day after the big storm. It's people like them who make this community so wonderful by working so hard to make it a better place to live. Enjoy the last few warm days by taking a walk to the beach or marina. The bay is really beautiful this time of the year.

-Bill Shuman
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

HSIA NEWS

Call for Candidates (from Ted Shepherd, Nominations Chair) - Are you interested in serving your community as an Officer of the Board? It can be you! You've got the desire, along with the ability to understand issues and people. Is it noisy? Is it combative? Is it well understood? Is it recognized for the stretch it demands from those involved? Is it applauded for the time and energy it demands? Will it make you a larger person than you were before? Yes. Yes. No. No. No. Yes. But if you're ready for an adventure, please offer your name as a candidate for officer to lead the assembled multitudes that make up Hillsmere Shores. Candidates are welcomed for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please send your name, why you are seeking office, and a statement that tells how you think you might add value to the community through that office. Send this information to Ted Shepherd, Nominations Chair, at elections@hillsmereshores.net or you can call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456. Now, on behalf of the community, let me be the first to say "Thank you!" We will have our election at the November 11 General Meeting.

Fall Yard Sale - The Fall yard sale was good, despite the rainy weather we had before the sale. There wasn't as many residents selling items, but we had a really good turnout of people browsing and shopping at the beach. Be sure to mark you calendar for the Spring yard sale scheduled for Saturday, April 30.

Environmental Committee - Don't forget the 3 Rs — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Let's go green in Hillsmere. Remember the Anne Arundel County challenge by recycling at least half of everything you throw away. If you want to help with the Environmental Committee or have any ideas, please contact environment@hillsmereshores.net.







CANDIDATE BIOS

Bill Shuman - running for re-election to President 399 Harbor Drive

I have been proud to serve as President of HSIA and to work with the other officers and directors. We have built a team that has made a real difference in our community. There have been some very tough issues to deal with, but we have met the challenges and done what was best for Hillsmere Shores. We have improved the community beach, marina, and boat ramps. We have reduced our debt and greatly increased security. As your president, I have cultivated relationships with the police, fire, and our elected officials that have consistently benefitted our residents. I have worked with the Southern District Police to solve traffic problems and investigate criminal activity. My relationship with our county officials has been invaluable when dealing with everything from making sure our streets were cleared during last winter's major storms to zoning and criminal enforcement. It is a lot of work but the thanks I have received by phone, email, letter and in person make it all worthwhile. I would be happy to continue to serve our wonderful community.

Bruce Walker — running for re-election to Treasurer 543 Beach Drive

I have served you for six years on the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association Board, one year as a director and five as Treasurer. As a Director, I served as chairman of the Zoning & Covenants Committee, launching that Committee by creating a Mission, Vision, Plans, and Operating principles. I also became a member of the Budget Committee and the Bylaws Committee. I was appointed Treasurer in July, 2004 and was elected to that position in 2006 and 2008. In my Budget Committee role, I created a 12 month rolling cash flow projection for HSIA to help the Board understand its cash position, spending, and its debt status. As Treasurer, I have helped put HSIA on a sound financial footing and opened the budgeting process for board and HSIA membership involvement. Debt is falling and financial reserves are rising. I guided the reduction in HSIA debt from \$508,000 in 2004FY down to \$125,819 today, while still managing the financing of a sizeable list of projects each year and the rebuilding of the Contingency fund after Hurricane Isabel. My goal is to keep HSIA on a sound financial basis and to help the Board understand the financial impact of their decisions as we make those decisions. In 2005, I initiated and chaired the Hillsmere Shores Community Survey project. The Community responded with over 100 volunteers to create/conduct the survey and a fantastic 64% return of the 110 question survey. Over the next four years, HSIA implemented many action plans as a result of the survey and the survey continues to be a guiding light for the Board. In 2008, I became the Hillsmere Shores community and HSIA representative for the Dredging of Duvall Creek. It is now the highest dredging project for the State in Anne Arundel County. In 2009 and 2010, I worked on the future of the HSIA pool and am the lead Board member on negotiating and achieving the sale of the beach strip property to the East Bay View residents.

Biography: I grew up in Maryland, as did my wife. I graduated from university in chemical engineering. We have two sons and 4 granddaughters. I worked for The Dow Chemical Company for 31 years in a variety of positions. My wife is a retired RN. We became a lot owner in Hillsmere Shores in 1996 and residents since 2001. We looked all along the coastline of the Chesapeake for where we would like to live and chose Hillsmere Shores because of the location and the people who reside here. We wanted a down-to-earth, diverse community where people are friendly and neighborly and that is what we feel Hillsmere Shores is like. I would like to continue to give back to this community by serving again as your Treasurer.

Mark Jones — running for re-election to Secretary 101 Boyd Drive

I currently serve as the HSIA Secretary and the Chairman of the Piers and Harbor Committee. Prior to this, I was a volunteer working with the Piers and Harbor Committee. Having grown up in Hillsmere as a child, young adult and now an adult and parent myself, my family and I have and continue to enjoy our community and the amenities it offers us as residents. I would like the opportunity to continue to serve in the position as Secretary and continue to work on behalf of the community as an officer of the HSIA Board.

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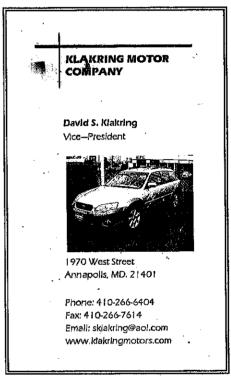
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Please join us for our annual Halloween parade. Since Halloween is on a Sunday this year, and we have our parade on Sunday, we scheduled the Halloween parade for the week before Halloween. Please join us for a fun-filled parade to the beach on Sunday, October 24th. Meet at the Key School parking lot on the corner of Hillsmere and Carroll Drives at 1:00 pm. We'll parade to the beach and have refreshments.



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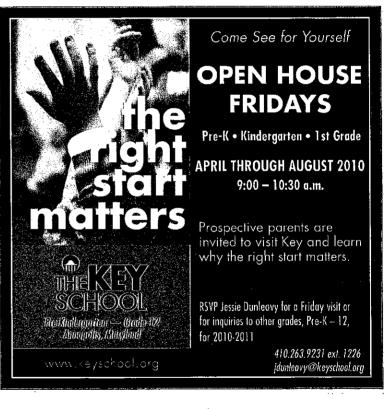
The Garden Club invites men and women to the Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library at 12:30 pm for a "cup of tea" and an interesting program related to gardens. You do not have to have a "green thumb" to participate in our monthly meetings. We have arranged to have talented gardeners and historians present programs for us.

On Wednesday, October 20, Ms. Mary Stuart Sierra of Lower Marlboro Nursery will discuss native plants. How do you know the natives from the invaders? On Wednesday, November 17, Ms. Mollie Rideout, the Horticulturist from Paca Gardens, will be at our meeting to describe the gardens of Mr. William Ferris. On Tuesday, November 30, we will prepare the greens for decorating the entrance at Hillsmere and the gates to Quiet Waters Park. This is when we need your decorating talents as we prepare for the holidays.

For more information, please contact Katie Berry at 410-263-1937.

Want to make a donation to the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation? You can. Please make checks payable to ANPF and send donation to ANPF c/o HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403.







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HSIA 2010 Fiscal Year End Highlights: July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Overall: We ended the year with cash accounts balances as follows:

General Fund: \$ 31,777 increase of \$10.699 Piers & Harbors: \$143.248 increase of \$38,510 Special Tax Fund: \$ 57.897

decrease of \$44566

Total cash balance: \$ 232,904 overall an increase of \$4,643

We ended the year \$40,259 better than the original budgets set due to Special Tax being \$18,051 better than plan and Piers & Harbors being \$17,384 better than plan. Since 2003, we have reduced HSIA debt from \$508,000 to \$124,762.

Specifics:

General Fund: Net: \$4,824 better than budget: Revenue was \$6,778 better than plan. Expenses were \$1,954 over budget. The rental house made a profit of \$6,552 (vs a profit of \$4,025 in 2009fy and loss of 2,654 in 2008fy). The \$6,552 includes a recovery of \$3,979 of 2007fy default rent and a cost of \$2687 for a new furnace. The General Fund also spent an unbudgeted \$5000 on a rain garden at Phipps and Great Lake to decrease the amount of storm water runoff. The \$5000 will be paid back to the General Fund from STF in 2011fy.

Piers & Harbors Funds: Net: \$17,384 better than budget. Revenue was \$3,985 better than plan. Expenses were \$13,399 better than budget. We paid down \$5,159 of debt in addition to our bank loan payments and added \$16,641 to the Contingency Fund. The Contingency fund/L26Fund ended the year at \$39,230 plus the \$17,384 we were better than budget/plan bringing it up to \$56,614. The plan was to have the CF up to \$50,000 at the end of 2011fy so we arrived a year earlier than plan. Since 2003, we have reduced P&H debt from \$296,000 to \$51,313 (includes L26 accounts). Overall, with three new piers, one redone boat ramp, 26 new slips, and low debt, Piers and Harbors status has never been better. However, P&H is facing dredging expenses and a bulkhead replacement project sometime in the next 5 or so years.

Special Tax Fund: Net: \$18,051 better than budget. Revenue was \$4,936 better than plan as the County paid us 2009fy tardy tax collection and more prompt 2010 tax collection. Expenditures were \$13,115 lower than our \$221,664 budget. The revamping the Beach parking lot, its fence structures, and its storm water management projects were completed. As promised. we slowed the Beach shoreline projects to a pace that will allow appropriate studies to be conducted, to allow good communication of proposals, and enough time to get quality feedback. The unspent monies will go toward the 2012FY budget that will begin July 1, 2011. Since 2003. we reduced HSIA Special Tax debt from \$212,000 to \$73,449.

Over the last 6 years as we have steadily pushed to get competitive bids for work being done, our savings have been significant reducing costs from grass mowing to Sea Breeze printing, from armor rocks on the shoreline to rebuilding our piers.

Bruce Walker **HSIA Treasurer** 7/18/2010



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Item (Excl Escrows)	10FYBudget 2	2010 Actual	10 How We Did	
General Fund Budget			Actual - Budget	
Income:				
Rental Income	\$12,000	\$17,758	\$5,758	\$3583 2007fy default paid back
Interest	\$0	\$396	\$396	\$396 interest on 2007fy default
Dues	\$9,000	\$9,115	\$115	
Building Permits	\$200	\$145	(\$55)	
Donations/Misc	\$600	\$740	\$140	
Pool Lease	\$1	\$1	\$0	
STF repay to GF '08FY legal	\$8,886	\$8,886	\$0	
T-Shirts/Misc	\$700	\$1,124	\$424	\$1113 for rain barrels
Total Income:	\$31,387	\$38,165	\$6,778	
Expenses:				
Administrative	\$ 5,761	\$5,216	(\$545)	
Income Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,480	\$480	
Rental Property			\$0	
Taxes	\$4,500	\$3,124	(\$1,376)	
Water/sewer	\$400	\$734	\$334	renter default on wastewater
Insurance	\$400	\$397	(\$3)	
Grass Cutting	\$1,000	\$840	(\$160)	
Maintenance	\$2,000	\$5,094	\$3,094	New furnace- approved budget
APS Management Fee	\$1,440	\$1,413	(\$27)	incr to \$5000
Community Activities	\$7,500	\$2,843	(\$4,657)	
Storm Water Projects	\$ 0	\$5,000	\$5,000	Approved budget incr to \$5000
T-Shirts/Misc	\$1,300	\$1,114	(\$186)	\$1113 for rain barrels
Total Expenses	\$25,301	\$27,255	\$1,954	

General Fund Summary \$4,824 (Positive number is good for income, bad for expense, and good for summary number)

Item (Excl Escrows) Piers & Harbors Budget Income:	10FYBudget 2	2010 Actual	How We Did Actual - Budget	
Slip Rentals	\$71,465	\$74,420	\$2,955	
Dinghy/Canoe Racks	\$2,135	\$2,415	\$280	
Ramp Keys	\$8,500	\$8,700	\$200	
Boat Storage	\$3,500	\$4,050	\$550	
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Income	\$85,600	\$89,585	\$3,985	
Expenses:				
Administrative	\$9,950	\$9,931	(\$19)	
Insurance	\$3,400	\$3,139	(\$261)	
Utilities	\$5,000	\$7,489	\$2,489	Approved budget incr to \$7000
Ground Maintenance	\$9,400	\$8,669	(\$731)	IceEaters
Loan Payment	\$12,400	\$12,381	(\$19)	
Repairs/Improvements	\$15,000	\$7,642	(\$7,358)	
Dredging Project	\$2,250	\$750	(\$1,500)	
Debt repayment/C.F. Rebuilt	\$21,800	\$21,800	\$0	\$16,641 put into Cfund
Security/Cameras/Internet	\$6,000	\$ 0	(\$6,000)	·
Total Expenses	\$85,200	\$71,801	(\$13,399)	
Piers & Harbor Summary			\$17,384	

\$17,384

Item (Excl Escrows) Special Tax Budget Income:	10FYBudget	2010 Actual	How We Did Actual - Budget
County Tax	\$148,832	\$153,000	\$4,168
Interest + Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reimbursements	\$400	\$393	(\$7)
Newsletter Ads	\$8,500	\$9,275	\$775 [°]
Total Income:	\$157,732	\$162,668	\$4,936
Expenses:			
County Admin Fee	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Administrative:	,	• •	\$0
Administrative	\$13,400	\$11,432	(\$1,968)
Audit	\$3,000	\$2,500	(\$500)
Insurance	\$2,200	\$2,150	(\$50)
Newsletter	\$21,328	\$19,985	(\$1,343)
FrontFootageB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ground Maintenance:			\$0
Community Property	\$22,750	\$20,716	(\$2,034)
Dumpster	\$1,500	\$1,133	(\$367)
Utilities	\$1,600	\$1,400	(\$200)
Security	\$80,000	\$78,112	(\$1,888)
Legal Fees	\$15,000	\$11,555	(\$3,445)
Payback '08fy excess legal	\$8,886	\$8,886	\$0
Repairs/Improvements	\$20,000	\$19,637	(\$363)
Loan Repayment	\$30,000	\$29,043	(\$957)
Total Expenses	\$221,664	\$208,549	(\$13,115)

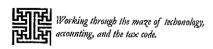
Special Tax Summary

\$18,051

(Positive number is good for income, bad for expense, and good for summary number)

Summary - all accounts Overall (Excluding Escrows)	Budget	Actual	Actual - Budget	
2009 Total Revenue	\$274,719	\$290,418	\$15,699	
2009 Total Expense	\$332,165	\$307,605	(\$24,560)	
2009 Cash Flow	(\$57,446)	(\$17,187)	\$40,259	Better than plan

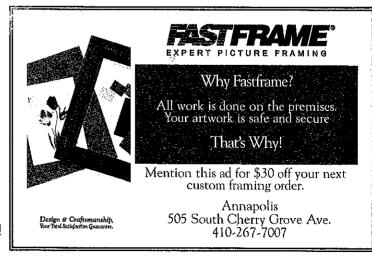
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BUILDING PERMITS

An HSIA Building Permit is required: Every time an Anne Arundel County Building Permit is required. The responsibility of obtaining an HSIA Building Permit does not fall on your builder, it falls on you.

The following items are needed to obtain an HSIA Building Permit:

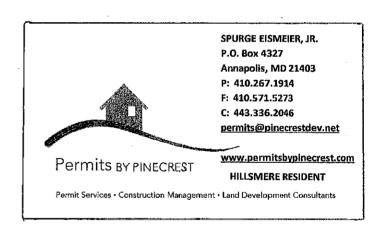
- 1. A copy of the Anne Arundel County Building Permit.
- 2. A copy of the construction location on the property when required by the County.
- 3. Cash or check in the amount of \$5.00 made payable to HSIA, unless we sent you a certified letter. Then the cost is \$20 for the permit.
- 4. Mail to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403



Permits are required for construction of new houses, new sheds, additions to houses or sheds, retaining walls, piers and bulkheads. When in doubt, or if you have any questions, please call the HSIA Building Permit Chairperson, Bill Anderson, at 410-263-4456.

Hillsmere Resource Guide

Do you run a business that you would like listed in the "Hillsmere Resource Guide"...It's FREE! The guide lists the services and businesses that are owned/operated by our Hillsmere neighbors. It can be found on our website at www/hillsmereshores.net. Please send your information to Nuala O'Leary at nules99@hotmail.com.





ITEMS OF INTEREST & FYI

HILLSMERE READERS

A reminder that this column welcomes your calls for community-related items of interest for services, affinity groups and appropriate announcements. Please feel free to take advantage of this.

★ Key School News - Key School 5K/10K Run and Family Fun Run, Sunday, October 24, 2010. Runners can opt for the classic 10K Run, enter in the 5K Run, or participate in the Family Fun Run (approximately one mile). Runners of all ages and experience levels are welcome. Refreshments will be available for all. Online registration is available at active.com or runners can download a PDF of the registration form at Key School's website, www.keyschool.org and mail it to The Key School, 534 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403. Please mail by October 15. Runners can also sign up on the day of the race. Packet pick-up 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. For additional race information or to download a race registration form, visit www.keyschool.org.

Entry Fees:

5K/10K Run: \$22.00 online active.com (closes October 22); \$25.00 (Mail-in postmarked by October 15, Drop-off,

or Race Day)

Family Fun Run: \$15.00

Snooze-in: \$20.00 (Pay a discounted registration fee, sleep in late on race day, and receive a race T-shirt for your

support with this option.)

- **◆ Farmer's Market -** Riva Road & Truman Parkway, Saturdays until December 18 and Tuesdays until October 26, 7 am noon; Annapolis Mall parking lot next to Sears Automotive, Sundays until October 31, 11 am 3 pm; Annapolis Towne Center/Whole Foods (on sidewalk along Towne Centre Blvd), Wednesdays until October 27, 4 7 pm.
- ♦ Household Hazardous Waste ~ The next Hazardous Waste Disposal is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th at the Millersville Landfill, 389 Burns Crossing Road in Severn, from 8 am to 2 pm. Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days provide opportunities for County residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals. Unless used and disposed of according to directions, these household chemicals present a threat to the environment. Special handling is required to dispose of them properly. Materials collected are recycled, or disposed in hazardous waste landfills or incinerators. A licensed private company under contract to the County provides these services.

New disposal chambers at the Millersville landfill, called "cells", are not only double-lined, but include a system that collects any liquids (leachate) which pass through the trash. This liquid still must be removed, treated, and disposed of at a County water reclamation facility. Despite advances in landfill management that minimize environmental risk, it is still important that the waste stream be rid of wastes that are hazardous. For questions and comments on household hazardous waste drop-off days call (410) 222-7951.

HSIA Board Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2010
7:00 pm
Key School Science & Library Center

HSIA General Meeting

Thursday, November 11, 2010 7:00 pm Key School Multi-Purpose Building

Deadline for the **November Sea Breeze** is October 22, 2010



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3	4	5	6	7 HSIA Special General Meeting	8	9 Beach Social Happy Hour
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
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24 Halloween Parade	25	26	27	28 HSIA Board Meeting	29	30
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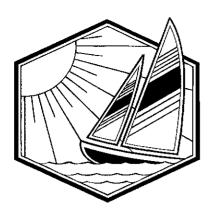
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