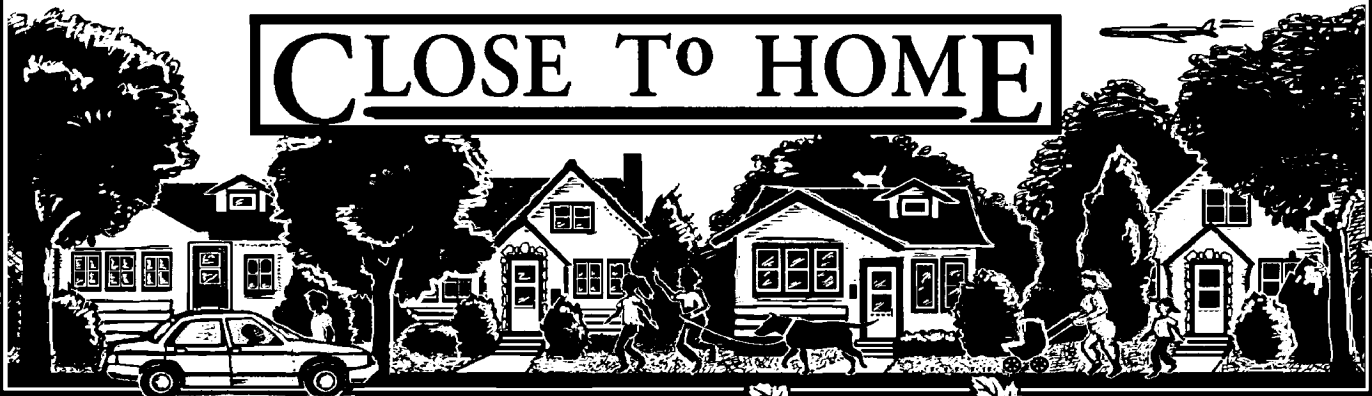


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The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

April-May 2006

FRNNG Annual Meeting & Elections - April 27

Have something that you want to see get done in the community? Join us on Thursday, April 27 from 7- 8:15 pm at McRae Park, for the FRNNG Annual Meeting and Board Elections. The FRNNG Board is elected by the community, so please come and vote for Board members, give us your input, or run for a position yourself! The following positions are open seats that will be filled at this meeting: Vice President, Program Committee Chair, Secretary, Field Neighborhood Rep., Regina Neighborhood Rep., Northrop South rep. and Northrop North rep. You must be a resident of or own a business in the Field, Regina, or Northrop neighborhoods to run for the FRNNG Board. Newly elected Board Members begin their term on June 1st and serve for 2 years, except for neighborhood reps, who serve for only 1 year. If you are interested in running or know someone who would make a great contribution to the Board please contact Gerry Sell at 823-3248. Nominations will also be taken from the floor the night of the meeting. Descriptions of the positions are available in the FRNNG office or online at www.frnng.org.

Revised Bylaws to be Voted on at Annual Meeting

FRNNG has been working on updating and revising the bylaws to make them more accurately reflect the operation of the neighborhood group. The revised bylaws will be presented at the Annual Meeting and will be open for discussion and consideration. The revised bylaws are available for you to read at McRae Park, at the FRNNG office, online at www.frnng.org, or at Field School. Please attend the Annual Meeting to give your input on the revised bylaws. If you have any questions please contact the office at 721-5424 or frnng@mtn.org.



From the President...

Paulette Wilson, FRNNG President

Happy Spring!

It seems like only yesterday, we were at McRae Park hosting the FRNNG 2005 annual meeting, it's hard to believe a year has passed by and we are busy preparing for the upcoming 2006 FRNNG operating year, and the annual community meeting which is scheduled in April.

The board has been busy preparing for the annual meeting. Since early December FRNNG board members have been participating in an **Organizational Assessment of the Board, including a review of:**

- Board policies and procedures
- Board roles and responsibilities
- Board committee structure
- Communication between board members, staff and community
- Mission Vision of FRNNG
- Core values
- Critical issues
- Key strategies

The Board focused on:

- Establishing goals
- Establishing means to measure and monitor success

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Calendar

April to May

April

- 3 FRNNG Housing Committee
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 11 FRNNG Business Committee
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 7 pm
- 12 SCABA
Pepito's, noon- 1 pm
- 16 *Easter*
- 18 FRNNG Community/Safety Committee
McRae Park, 7 pm
- 19 FRNNG Executive Board Meeting
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6 pm
FRNNG Board Meeting
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 26 Block Club Leaders, McRae Park, 6:30 pm
- 27 Annual Meeting and Elections
McRae Park, 7 pm
- TBD: Form a Neighborhood Celebration Committee

May

- 1 FRNNG Housing Committee
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 5 *Cinco de Mayo* (celebrated on 5th & 6th)
- 6 DEADLINE: articles for June/July
Close to Home
- 8 Parks Committee, McRae Park, 7 pm
- 9 FRNNG Business Committee
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 7 pm
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- 14 *Mother's Day*
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FRNNG Board Meeting
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 23 FRNNG Communications Committee
Chicago Deli, 6:30 pm
- 24 Block Club Leaders, McRae Park, 6:30 pm
- TBD: Neighborhood Celebration Committee meeting(s)
- TBD: Parade Committee meeting(s)

11th Ward Update



by Council Member Scott Benson

To my friends and neighbors with FRNNG—Thank you for the opportunity to update you about the happenings at City Hall. I will try to keep my column short but informative. If you have any questions or want to learn about something more in depth, please feel free to e-mail me: scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call my office at 673-2211.

Health, Energy & Environment Committee

The City of Minneapolis has a wealth of good initiatives and ideas to improve the city's energy sustainability and to enhance the environment, but there has been no real structure in place to coordinate those efforts. Therefore, Council Member Benson worked with his colleagues to adjust the Council Committee structure to create the Health, Energy & Environment Committee.

Council Member Benson was elected chair of the committee in January. The purpose of the committee is:

- Develop and champion policies, programs and initiatives that promote a sustainable city.
- Strive for equity and wellness in people, families, community, and environment.
- Make appointments to various boards and commissions

The Committee will also oversee the 23 different sustainability indicators adopted by the city to insure that the indicators are integrated into the business plans of all city departments.

Electronic Newsletter

I publish an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you would like to receive this update, please e-mail me at scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and put the words "E-mail Update" in the subject line.

Chrysalis Sponsors *Night of the Butterfly*

April 1 is just around the corner, so mark your calendars for the 2006 *Night of the Butterfly!* Join us for a fantastic evening of food, wine, auctions, and entertainment by Bruce A. Henry and friends, all to benefit Twin Cities women, children, and families in need.

Celebrate under the stars at International Market Square, and take home one of our many fabulous auction items. Highlights include a week at your own private condo along the Mediterranean Sea in Málaga, Spain (and some additional treats), a day-long Montage Retreat at Salon Montage, a private suite to the MN Lynx, a gourmet dinner for four prepared in your home, home improvement services, weekend getaways, glittering jewels, elegant art, and many other spectacular items. The ever popular Surprise Balloons will be back, along with the new attraction, Diamonds in Champagne, giving participants the opportunity to win a beautiful diamond pendant valued at nearly \$3,000!

Tickets at the door for \$80 or call 870-2431.

From the President *from page 1*

- Defining staffing requirements and resources
- Developing communication protocols
- Understanding how we represent and engage the community that we serve
- Establishing how community approaches/deals with the board
- Program effectiveness

Our next steps

Sharing our recommendations with the community via the website and at the Annual Meeting in April and getting your feedback and suggestions.

Mark Your Calendar- FRNNG Annual Parade and Fun Day Festival

Get ready for the FRNNG Annual Parade and Fun Day Festival & Art Show at McRae Park.

When and Where:

Saturday, June 10, 2006

Parade at 10 am, marching on Chicago Ave. from 43rd St. to the park
McRae Park Fun Day Festival

11 am - 3 pm, McRae Park

There will be an art show, games for kids and families, food, music, clowns on stilts, sports figures, raffles, and local dignitaries.

We invite any organization or person who would like to march in the parade or volunteer to contact McRae Park at **370-4909**. Artists who would like to show their wares please call **821-9324**. No charge for a booth.

Come and bring friends, and show your support for our neighborhood park.

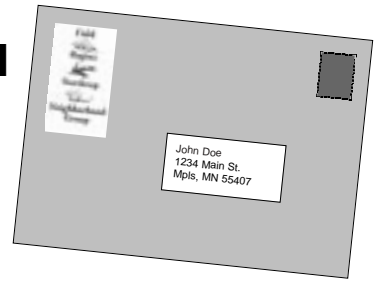
Calling all Block Leaders

Over the years the FRNNG list of Block Leaders has diminished – people have moved in and out of the neighborhood and positions have changed hands. But you can help us update and complete our Block Club Leaders list! If you are a Block Club leader and would be willing to share your contact informa-

tion with FRNNG (or if you have updates to your information) please contact the office and let us know. The Block Leaders are a vital part of our community and we want to make sure we know who you are! If there isn't currently a Block Leader on your block, contact the office about organizing your block to be part of the FRNNG Block Club network: **721-5424** or frnng@mtn.org.

Your Fridge Card is in the Mail

Want a great way to stay up-to-date on all of the community meetings going on in the neighborhood? FRNNG will now be sending out a monthly "fridge card" which will list all upcoming community meetings for the month. This card will replace our meeting reminder cards for each individual committee or group and will provide a great way for you to have complete information for all FRNNG meetings right at your fingertips! If you would like to receive our handy fridge cards please contact the FRNNG office at **721-5424** or frnng@mtn.org.



It's All About Family

All About Family is a neighborhood group that began in the Field Regina Northrup Neighborhood. It began as a Dads and Kids/Kids and Dads Group that brought Dads and their Kids together for an activity. After seeing the need for families to connect as a whole, our group developed into a Family Group that does activities to bring family together in a community setting! Some of the main sponsors are McRae Park and the Field Regina Northrup Neighborhood Group.

These activities are being consistently held at McRae, and All About Family will be hosting one of the table events for the Spring Easter Event held at McRae on April 8th from 11 am - 1pm. We will also be hosting other events throughout the year at McRae Park. For more information or to get on the email list, please call Brian at **824-4900** or email kelly01@visi.com.

Groups, Online and Walking

The Community & Safety Committee of FRNNG is changing with the times! For years, the Committee has focused on neighborhood livability, meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm to discuss its agenda, and for some time has called McRae Park its home.

Rest assured none of that will change. But in its effort to reach as many people as possible in the neighborhood, Community & Safety soon will debut an online group where neighbors can hold discussions about issues identified by the Committee, post questions, download documents, and find links to websites containing relevant information. An agenda will be posted prior to the monthly meeting, and minutes afterward for those who are interested but unable to attend. Pending legal review, the Committee is also exploring a way to post photos of suspicious vehicles and activity to keep neighbors informed.

Starting this spring, the Committee also will start taking sign-ups to participate in walking groups. Meetings are being held right now to organize the effort, and the Committee is receiving input from existing walking groups to determine the safest and most effective methods used in other neighborhoods. Dog walkers beware—we will be recruiting you! No matter how much or how little you're able to participate, your assistance will be instrumental in discouraging many types of crime in the neighborhood

Watch the Field Regina Northrup website (www.frnng.org) for details.

Finding Your Green Thumb

by Dina Sweeney

Although one can never predict what kind of weather March in Minnesota will bring, a few days of forty-degree weather tend to inspire green thumbs to head outside and plan for the season's garden.

If you're feeling inspired to dig in the dirt but are a gardening novice, fear not. A few simple steps can take the intimidation out of planning for a garden lush with vegetables, flowers or both.

- Have the right tools. To get started, you'll need a hose, a shovel, a hoe, fertilizer, seeds or plants from a nursery, and gardening gloves.
- Start small. Gardening can be a lot of work, and if you're just getting started, it's best to start with container gardening or a small plot.
- Follow the sun. Most plants require around eight hours of sunlight a day, so plot your garden accordingly. Read the labels on seed packets and nursery plants on specific sunlight needs for each plant.
- Test the soil. Pick up a soil pH balance test kit to check your garden's topsoil. Most plants like a neutral pH of 6.2-6.8, but some are more particular. Read your plant labels for specific requirements for each plant.
- Timing is everything. When do your flowers bloom? When will your vegetables be ready to harvest? Include plants that peak at different times and enjoy your garden from the spring through early fall.
- Know your zone. Minneapolis' plant hardiness zone is 4a. Make sure that whatever you choose to plant will flourish in this zone.
- Get to work. Once you've planted your garden, spend time maintaining what you worked so hard to create. You'll need to fertilize, water and weed your new garden.
- Keep a journal. Don't reinvent the wheel each year. Document what worked and what should be improved for next year's garden.

Here are some local gardening stores to help get you started:

Parkway Hardware: 4748 Chicago Ave., **823-2600**

Twiggs Home & Garden: 4753 Chicago Ave., **823-8944**

Tangletown Garden: 5353 Nicollet Ave., **822-4769**

Mother Earth Gardens: 3738 42nd Ave., **724-2296**

Community Gardens

The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood has two community gardens that offer camaraderie and fun for gardeners at all experience levels.

UMC Oakland Church community garden (4413 Oakland Ave.). If you are interested in gardening here, contact Roy Vanderwerf at **822-1926** to set up an arrangement with the church. At the end of the season, the church coordinates a large collard feed with the greens that were raised in the garden.

St. Joseph's Home for Children community garden (1121 E. 46th St.). Each gardener gets a 10-by-15-foot plot in which he or she may plant whatever they choose. There is a \$15 fee for the plot, and gardeners are required to attend spring and fall clean-up sessions and serve on a committee. This garden also holds an end-of-the-season event – a picnic where people share veggies and garden goods that they raised.

There are 22 plots available on a seniority basis, and the open ones go quickly, so act fast if you are interested in planting here. Contact Brian Cullen at **827-6241**, ext. 431 if you are interested in learning more.

Hale-Field Plant Sale

Hale and Field Community Schools will be hosting their third annual joint plant sale on Saturday, May 13 from 8 am to 2 pm. The sale will be held at Hale School, located at 1220 E. 54th St. (the corner of 54th St. and 12th Ave.).

A wide variety of annuals will be available individually, in packs and in patio planters, as well as a selection of grasses and other perennial plants and an array of garden accessories, all sup-

plied by Pahl's of Apple Valley, a highly rated and family-owned nursery.

All profits from the sale go to the Hale and Field PTAs, where they are used both for landscaping projects and to provide much-needed supplies for the schools.

Don't miss this chance to beautify your garden and contribute to your neighborhood schools! Come to the sale on May 13, or guarantee your best selection by pre-ordering before April 11.

Call Deb Geraghty at **823-6591** for details.

Thinking of Trees

2005 was a tough year on our natural urban canopy. We lost several trees throughout the Field, Regina, and Northrop neighborhoods due to storms and the scourge of dutch elm disease. If you've lost a tree on your property, or have a boulevard elm that might potentially be affected by dutch elm disease, there are programs to help you out.

The City of Minneapolis is making a thousand trees available to its residents, to help repair some of the damage done by storms and dutch elm disease in 2005. Residents can order one tree per address, and folks can choose from four varieties: Autumn Spire Maple, Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, Bicolor Oak, and Black Hills Spruce. The trees cost \$15 each, and are each about 6 feet high with a 1-inch trunk. The thousand trees will be made available on a first come, first served basis, and trees should be ordered by April 15.

To order a tree, visit Mayor Rybak's website at:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mayor, or go to the Tree Trust site at:

www.treetrust.org.

For more information, contact Lorrie Stromme with the City of Minneapolis at **673-2003**, or call Mimi Hottinger with Tree Trust at **651-644-5800**.

The FRNNG Parks Committee is in the process of developing a program to assist residents in protecting elm trees that are in danger of being infected with dutch elm disease. The typical cost of

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Senior Helpline

Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors, located at 4553 34th Ave., is open every Thursday morning for “Nurse is In” from 9 am until noon. You can schedule a pedicure or get your blood pressure checked. If nothing else you can stop in to chat over a cup of coffee and Scandia bakery coffee cake.

At Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1830 E. 41st St., we sponsor two monthly support groups. The Low Vision Support Group meets at the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10 am until 11:30 am. Julie Rindlaub from Vision Loss is the facilitator. On the last Thursday of the month the Caregiver Support Group meets at 1 pm and is facilitated by Aggie Sorenson. The group is open to anyone serving as a caregiver for a loved one. If you have any questions about these groups please call the office at 729-5499.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors also sponsors two community blood pressure clinics. On the first Thursday of the month at

12 noon seniors can go to congregate dining at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1720 E. Minnehaha Parkway. In addition to having your blood pressure checked you can eat a meal there by calling Evelyn at 729-6669 two days ahead. The cost of the meal is \$3.00. The other blood pressure clinic is held at Standish Green, 2210 E. 40th St., at 12 noon on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Health Programs are monthly meetings designed to promote your health. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, (3430 E. 51st St.). These programs are free and open to the public. If you need a ride to any of these activities please call Margo at 729-5499.

April 26th, 1:30pm
“Hearing Loss and Aging”
Julie Rindlaub
Vision Loss Resources

In the spirit of reducing waste, please remember to bring your own mug to the programs.

Volunteer Opportunities Call FRNNG at 721-5424

All Committees Open to New Volunteers

Interested in helping your community on issues of Housing, Business, Communications, Parks, Education, Community and Safety?

Commitment: Once a month if possible.

Tutor a Child

Volunteers are needed who are willing to tutor one or more elementary children in reading, math, or both. Daytime and evening sites available in the neighborhood.

Commitment: Two hours per week for a minimum of 10 weeks.

More Block Leaders Needed!

Our neighborhood has over 64 percent of the block organized into active block clubs. If you don't have a block club call the FRNNG office and we can help you get organized.

Commitment: Training from Third Precinct CCP/SAFE, one meeting per year on your block and National Night Out in August.

Your Parks Need You!

Are you interested in preserving open space or improving park programming? If so, join the FRNNG Parks Committee! Call committee chair, Jon Steadland, for more information at 722-9661.

Volunteers Needed at Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery works in partnership with parents in crisis and the community to help prevent child abuse and neglect. We are the only residential crisis nursery in the state of Minnesota. We have shelters in Golden Valley and South Minneapolis.

Below are our most urgent volunteer needs at the South Minneapolis shelter located at 4544 4th Ave.:

- Receptionist Coverage: Volunteers are needed to cover the reception area from 9 am-5 pm seven days per week. We can split the day into two 4-hour shifts. You can serve daily, weekly, or monthly. Please contact Pam Olsen at 460-2138 if you are interested in this opportunity.
- Cook for Kids teams: Cook for Kids teams are composed of 4-6 members. Teams incur the cost to purchase the ingredients for a meal, do the shopping, cook the meal, serve, eat with the children and staff, and clean-up. Lunch teams arrive at 11 am, serve lunch at noon, and with clean-up are out by 1 pm. Dinner teams arrive at 4 pm, serve dinner at 5 pm and with clean-up are out by 6 pm. Teams typically serve 1 meal per month, although quarterly and semi-annual times are available too. Please contact Kathy Vigil at 460-2148 if you are interested in this opportunity.

Pam Olsen, Volunteer Services Manager
Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery
460-2138
www.crisisnursery.org

McRae Park Schedule

906 East 47th Street

This is a sample of spring/summer programs offered at McRae. The complete program schedule is available at McRae Park or online below. You can register for programs at the address listed. Contact the park for more information.

www.minneapolisparcs.org
370-4909 (voice) 824-4170 (fax)

New programs coming to McRae this spring and summer:

- Beginning basic computer skills for senior citizens
- Adult exercise class
- Singing group/class for youth
- Beginning tennis
- Intermediate tennis

Look for the spring schedule in April.

Sports news

Want to play baseball or t-ball this year? Sign up for spring/summer baseball or t-ball at the park by March 28.

McRae Football Camp

Ages 8-14

June 26 - July 1

Registration: June 25, 1-6 pm

Chuck "Spence", wrestling coach, says the team is doing really well. They have won most of their meets and are having a lot of fun doing so.

Pat Wilson, coach of basketball teams, has had a great turnout, and the kids are learning great skills about teamwork.

The indoor playground for ages 3-5 with parent/guardian is very successful, so we have extended our program and added Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Upcoming event

Bunny Breakfast on Saturday, April 8 at 11 am. Lots of great food and games and fun! This is a fundraiser for the park so we can add more programs and activities for the kids. Bring your family and friends. Adults \$3, children and seniors \$2.

The multi-purpose room (our gym) can be rented for birthday celebrations, family reunions, wedding receptions, sports banquets, and meetings. We have a very workable kitchen that comes with booking the room.

Girl Scout groups still meet regularly at the park.

Dance class with Laurie White continues to draw from all over. The classes are 7 weeks throughout the year:

Tuesdays

4:30-5:30 pm, 6-7 pm one class is full \$40.00

Indoor Playground

Ages 3-5 w/parent or guardian

Mon, Wed, & Fri

10 am-12 noon

Free

Kids Club

Ages 6-12

Mon-Fri

2-6 pm

\$25/weekly

Computer Corner

Ages 6-12

Mon & Wed

4-4:45 pm & 5-5:45 pm

Free

Games Galore

Ages 6-12

Fridays

3-4 pm

Free

Teen Night

Ages 13-16

Fridays

7-9 pm

Free

Adult Computer Time

Thursdays

6:30-8 pm

Free

For more information on our programs and school release day field trips access our website at:

www.minneapolisparcs.org

McRae Park has new board members that meet the first Monday of every month. The Board just elected a new Treasurer, Dave Weingartner, who is in the process of drawing up bylaws and

Articles of Incorporation (non-profit). If you are interested in getting involved with the community serving as a board member, please call Kris Hammes at 370-4909.

Volunteer Coaches and Parent Council Members wanted! Call the park for more information!

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McRae Park Director

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Mpls, MN 55407

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Parks & Recreation...

The Benefits are Endless!



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treating a regular-sized, healthy elm tree is between \$300 and \$500. Though the final details have yet to be worked out, FRNNG will provide a percentage of the cost to homeowners who meet certain qualifications. Only trees on the boulevard will be eligible for funding. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please call Jon Steadland at 722-9661.

The Parks Committee is always looking for volunteers to help us better assist the activities of McRae Park and look for new ways to protect our valuable open spaces. We meet the 2nd Monday of every other month. Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 8 at McRae Park.

Thanks to our Sponsors!

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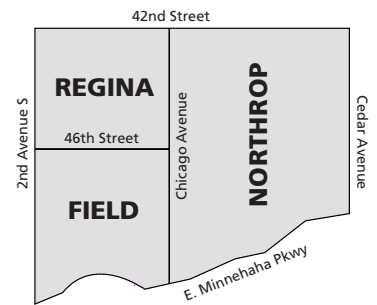
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