

## Bloomfield Water Completely in Compliance with State and Federal Guidelines



Bloomfield's Department of Engineering has been proactive in testing water interconnections and helping residents test their home faucets for water contaminants, and long-term investments are starting to pay off throughout town. In the most recent test taken late last year, over 90% of the 65 faucets sampled had less than 12 parts per billion of lead (the EPA standard for lead content is 15 ppb) and disinfectant byproducts were well below the maximum levels established by the EPA.

Continued improvements to the Township's water piping system, such as water main cleaning and lining projects and elimination of dead ends have insured the drinking water remains at compliant levels throughout the system. **This is great news for Bloomfield residents.**

## Senior Exercise and Events

Senior-oriented Spring exercise classes are ongoing. Classes are \$20, or \$18 for Senior Club members. You can register online at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org), by phone **973-743-9074**, or in person at the Civic Center – 84 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ.

### Senior Exercise

Tuesdays & Thursdays through April | Senior Exercise 10:00 – 11:00am

### Qigong

Mondays from 10:00-11:00am. Classes are \$20, or \$18 for Senior Club members.

### Zumba Gold

Wednesdays & Fridays 10:00-11:00am. Both Zumba classes are \$30, or \$28 for Senior Club members. **Read more here.**

Seniorcise | Channel 35, for Verizon Fios tune into Channel 30 - Monday – Friday 10:30am and 3:30pm. A new class each day.

### Bloomfield Senior Citizen Club

The Senior Club is a non-profit 55+ group that meets on the third Friday of each month at 12:00pm (except for January and August) in the Civic Center, Senior Lunch Room, 84 Broad Street, Bloomfield. Gatherings sometimes include, music, guest speakers, discussions, lunches and refreshments. There is a yearly fee of \$20 to join.

### **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**

Friday, March 20

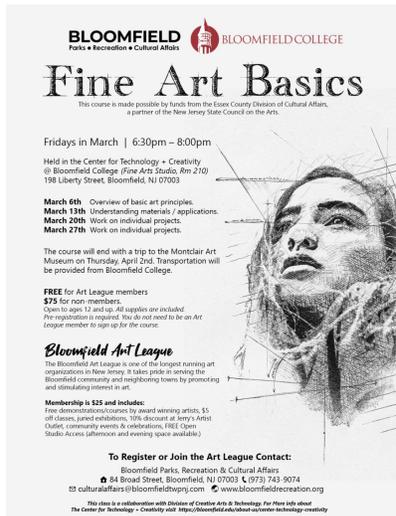
Bloomfield Civic Center

FREE for Members - \$10 for Non-Members

12:00 to 3:00pm

Please RSVP to Dana Morton at **973-743-3332** or [dmorton@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:dmorton@bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

# Spring Recreation



**BLOOMFIELD**  
Parks • Recreation • Cultural Affairs

**BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE**

## Fine Art Basics

This course is made possible by funds from the Essex County Division of Cultural Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Fridays in March | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Held in the Center for Technology + Creativity  
@ Bloomfield College (Fine Arts Studio, Rm 210)  
198 Liberty Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**March 6th** Overview of basic art principles.  
**March 13th** Understanding materials / applications.  
**March 20th** Work on individual projects.  
**March 27th** Work on individual projects.

The course will end with a trip to the Montclair Art Museum on Thursday, April 2nd. Transportation will be provided from Bloomfield College.

**FREE** for Art League members  
**\$75** for non-members  
Open to ages 18 and up. All supplies are included.  
Pre-registration is required. You do not need to be an Art League member to sign up for the course.

**Bloomfield Art League**  
The Bloomfield Art League is one of the longest running art organizations in New Jersey. It takes pride in serving the Bloomfield community and neighboring towns by promoting and stimulating interest in art.

**Membership is \$25 and includes:**  
Free demonstration courses by award winning artists, \$5 off classes, special exhibitions, 10% discounts at Jerry's Artist Outlet, community events & celebrations, FREE Open Studio Access (afternoon and evening space available).

**To Register or Join the Art League Contact:**  
Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs  
84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, 973-743-9074  
culturalaffairs@bloomfieldwpnj.com www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

This class is a collaboration with Division of Creative Arts & Technology. For more info about The Center for Technology + Creativity visit: <http://www.bloomfieldcollegecenterfortechnologycreativity.com>

Bloomfield has some of the best public parks in the state, and it's on all of us to keep them that way. Please observe simple rules to respect and preserve our public parks. **Read more here.**

All athletic field use is by permit only. **Read more here.**

### Join the Bloomfield Art League!

There are so many perks to joining, including Open Studio access, huge discounts from Jerry's Artist Outlet, and community events. The next Art League events are Fine Arts Basics Courses Fridays in March (free for members, \$75 for non members). **Read more here.**

### Open House

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is hosting its Spring Program Open House on March 14 from 1:00-3:00pm. Meet instructors and learn about upcoming and ongoing programs.

### Spring Program Registration

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department's Spring Program registration begins Wednesday, March 4th! This season's programs will include a wide variety of adult and children's programming:

Adult Programs – Yoga Wednesdays and Saturdays, Pilates, Zumba Tuesdays, Sunset Classic Training, and more.

Children's Programs – Art, Tumble Tots, Gymbble Tots, Pee-Wee Baseball, Rookie League Softball, Kids Safe Martial Arts, US Sports Tennis, Baton, Hip Hop Dance, Tap and Ballet, Chef It Up, Zumba Kids and more!

### Middle School Open Courts

Back by popular demand! The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department will be offering both **Volleyball Open Court for boys on Monday nights** at the High School and **Tennis Open Court for boys and girls on Tuesday afternoons** at Clarks Pond South tennis courts. For more information please contact Tom DeSiervo at [tdesiervo@bloomfieldwpnj.com](mailto:tdesiervo@bloomfieldwpnj.com) or 973-743-9074.

### Girls Softball Registration

**Peppermint and Suburban Softball** registration for girls in Grades 3-8 is now taking place. There is a \$55 registration fee on or before March 4. After March 4 the registration fee is \$60. Registrations will only be accepted up until Monday, March 9. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** to participate in evaluations/tryouts. Player evaluations will take place in a Bloomfield High School Upper Gyms on the following dates and times. Please wear athletic clothing, sneakers and bring your glove.

**Monday, March 9**

Minors (Grades 3-5) – 6:00 – 8:00pm

**Wednesday, March 11**

Majors (Grades 6-8)

6:00 – 7:00pm – Running, Fielding & Throwing

7:00 – 8:00pm – Hitting

8:00 – 8:30pm – Pitching (*optional*)

Peppermint Softball Opening Day will be held on Sunday, April 19 and the season will go until early to mid-June. Games and practices take place 2-3 days a week, Monday – Saturday.

**Bloomfield Little League Baseball registration is currently over and tryouts are currently underway. Opening Day Ceremonies will be on Saturday, April 18 in the morning. More details to follow in the next edition of the E-Buzz.**

### **Friday Fun Night**

Parents, do you find it difficult to break away for a few hours and have some time to yourself? Let the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department's energetic, fun and responsible staff members watch your children (grades K-6) for the evening while you enjoy yourself knowing that your children are well taken care of. Each session is \$20 and requires registration. This month's event *Chef it Up* on Friday, March 13 from 6:00 – 9:00pm. Registration is full, but spots still remain for April 17. Signing up also enrolls parents in raffles for our sponsors, Brookdale Tavern & Kitchen, Town Pub & Frank's Pizzeria.

[Read more here.](#)

### **Sports Equipment Exchange**

Do you have lightly used sports equipment that you or your children have grown out of? Do you have children interested in sports for the first time but want to see if they like the sports before you buy equipment? Then the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department's Equipment Exchange Program is for you! The Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street currently has a wide variety of equipment. To donate, all items must be in reasonably good condition and proper working order.

To acquire this free equipment you must be a Bloomfield resident and visit the Civic Center during regular business hours Monday – Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm and Wednesday Nights 6:00 to 8:30pm. For off hours please call 973-743-9074 to schedule an appointment.

### **Consider this business sponsorship opportunity**

If you own a business and need a viable sponsorship opportunity, why not support the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs 2020 Summer of Fun. It is a great way to support Bloomfield while getting exposure for your business! The "Summer of Fun" is a collection of popular, well attended events including nine musical concerts in the parks, holidays celebrations and so much more! Multiple sponsorship levels are available. For details, email the Director at [msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

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## **Women's History Month Events**

### **Women of Bloomfield Networking Event**

Sponsored by the Women of Bloomfield's Town Council, Bloomfield Center Alliance, and Bloomfield College, Westminster Arts Center, Room 110.

**Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Register by March 20.**

Please join Councilwomen Cruz, Davis, and Mundell and special guest speakers from Bloomfield College to network and celebrate Valiant Women of the Vote and the vast contributions women have made and continue to make throughout history and today.

### **Feminine Hygiene Product Drive**

Sponsored by the Women of Bloomfield's Town Council and Girl Scout Troop 20611 Government assistance programs like SNAP and Medicaid do not consider feminine hygiene products as "essential" and do not cover their cost. 1 in 5 girls in the United States are kept out of school during their monthly cycle because they don't have access to feminine hygiene products.

Items Needed: Tampons, Maxipads, Pantyliners, Deodorant, Menstrual Cups, and Other Hygiene Products. Products will be collected through March and donated to Bloomfield elementary, middle, and high schools.

Collection sites located at Bloomfield Public Library, Civic Center, Municipal Building, Police Headquarters, F45, Powerflow Yoga, Lovlee Art Studios, and Shooting Star Dance Center.

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## **ATTN: Animal Owners**

**Pet Licenses**

## ANNOUNCING: AHS Mobile Spay Van!

Hosted by the Bloomfield Animal Shelter, 61 Bukowski Pl, Bloomfield, NJ



February 25, 2020  
March 24, 2020  
March 31, 2020  
(9 am drop off)

Registration required!  
Email [cpawnj@gmail.com](mailto:cpawnj@gmail.com)  
**Ferals Only.**



All Essex County TNR cats covered by Essex County grant as long as funds last.

Be part of the lifesaving solution of  
Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return (TNVR) and help us  
Spay It Forward! in 2020!

If you need help with outdoor cats,  
contact us at [cpawnj@gmail.com](mailto:cpawnj@gmail.com) or visit  
[cpawnj.org](http://cpawnj.org) and click on Get Help Here.



Compassion with a **PURR**pose! [www.cpawnj.org](http://www.cpawnj.org) #spayitforward

The Township of Bloomfield requires a license for dogs and cats within the township limits. The license can be obtained by mailing or dropping off the documents at the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Our renewal process will start mid-April, 2020 and all licenses should be issued by June 30, 2020. Requirements:

Pet License Application (found on our website or in the Municipal Clerk's Office- Room 214)  
Copy of Rabies Vaccination Certificate (Valid until after May 1, 2021)  
Fee \$22 (Spayed/Neutered) or \$25 Not (Spayed/Neutered) payable only via check or credit card.

CPAW NJ and the Bloomfield Animal Shelter are "**Spaying It Forward**" in 2020. CPAW NJ (Communities Promoting Animal Welfare NJ) and the Bloomfield Township Animal Shelter are teaming up to trap, neuter and release as many feral/community Bloomfield cats as possible over the winter in a new program called "Spay It Forward."

Essex County, in conjunction with CPAW NJ, is sponsoring the Associated Humane Society's Spay/Neuter van at the Bloomfield Shelter on Tuesday, March 24 and Tuesday, March 31, for feral cats only. Feral cats from Bloomfield and other Essex County towns are welcome.

For more information about CPAW NJ, see their website at [www.cpawnj.org](http://www.cpawnj.org).

Residents are being reminded to clean up after their animals. According to **ordinance 134-10 of the Bloomfield township code** "Any person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog or cat which soils, defiles, defecates on or commits any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park or any place where people congregate..shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog or cat by any sanitary method approved by the local health authority." Fines for not cleaning up after your animal range from \$250-\$1,000.

## Recycling Guidelines and News

In addition to regular curbside recycling, residents can bring recyclable items to the Public Works Yard located at 230 Grove St. every Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm. No garbage or bulk drop off. **Recycling codes: 1, 2 and 5 ONLY.**

Bulk pickup of large items occurs on the second garbage pickup day of each week. Three items maximum.

Metals and appliances (not electronics) are picked up every Tuesday. Call DPW at **973-680-4127** no later than 3:00pm the Monday before your scheduled Tuesday pickup.

The Township of Bloomfield has **partnered with Recycle Coach** to help residents reduce waste and become better recyclers. The Recycle Coach App is available for FREE download on Android and iPhones.

March Recycling Schedule:  
Week of 3/2-Commingled  
Week of 3/9-Mixed Paper  
Week of 3/16-Commingled  
Week of 3/23-Mixed Paper  
Week of 3/30-Commingled

For more information, visit the DPW Facebook Page or call **973-680-4127**. Their hardworking staff tries to respond to messages 7 days/week.

## Public Library Events

Hours: Mon-Wed: 10:00am-8:00pm  
 Thur-Fri: 10:00am-5:00pm  
 Sat: 9:00am-5:00pm

### Special Events & Services:

3/18 @ 6:30pm: Poetry Club Reading in the theater  
 3/25 @ 6:30pm: Mickey Gilbert's College Readiness Program  
 3/28, 2:00pm: John & Abigail Adams  
 3/31 @ 6:30pm: Concussions in Youth Sports Presentation

### Adult Programs:

Monday & Thursday movies - 12:15pm  
 Genealogy – (email lcohn@bplnj.org)  
 Book Clubs – Call for topics and dates.  
 Finance Club – Tuesdays @ 6:00pm  
 Bridge Club – Fridays @ 12:00pm  
 Knitting Club – First & Third Thursdays @ 12:00pm.  
 Poetry Club -Wednesdays @ 6:30pm (2/12- )  
 Gaming Club - Weds @3:30pm

## 3/3-6: Read Across America, Dr. Seuss Storytime programs with special guest readers all week.

3/3 @ 11:00am: Spring Storytime Series begins with Spanish Storytime  
 3/4 @ 1:30pm: Storytime Boogie at Shooting Star Dance Center  
 3/7 @ 3:00pm: Open Craft Studio  
 3/17 @ 1:30pm: Community Storytime at Lovlee Art Studios  
 3/21 @11am: Read to Brady  
 3/28, 10:00am-12:30pm: Sensational Summer Fair (at Fairview School)

Please contact the library for updates or more information on these and other programs.

[www.bplnj.org](http://www.bplnj.org) or call us at 973-566-6200

Sign up for Homebound Delivery Service by visiting our website or calling us.

## Bloomfield Health

View the **March Nursing Calendar here.**

For information on this and all other screenings, call **973-680-4058**, and follow @BloomfieldHDNJ

@BloomfieldHDNJ

The department also has a representative at town hall who can provide residents information and screenings for food stamps (SNAP) benefits. Please contact the Bloomfield Division of Human Services at **973-680-4017** to make an appointment.

Don't miss the 5th annual Senior Extravaganza, coming in April. This free event invites residents 60 and older to a nice meal and dance. Spots are limited. If interested, call **973-680-4017** to register by March 15.

Security deposits and rental assistance available to residents who qualify for assistance through a homelessness prevention grant. Residents must be struggling with a one time emergency and be sustainable going forward. Utility assistance programs and help with registering with insurance also available. Call Human Services at **973-680-4017**.

There are many people who struggle on a daily basis to pay their bills. They do not have enough money to pay for extra food or presents during the holidays. Their children do not get free and reduced lunch or breakfast during the vacation, which also causes extra stressors. If you would like to sponsor a family for the holidays, please contact Human Services **973-680-4017**.

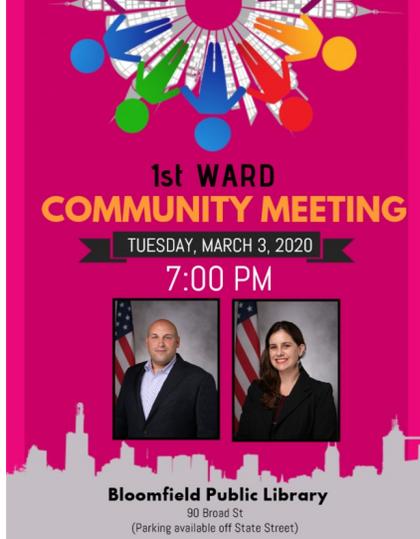
MARCH 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Vaccines Clinic, Ages 4 & above By Appointment	3	4	5 Blood Pressure Screening 9:30-10:30am	6 Bloomfield Women, Infants & Children (WIC) 9:15am - 3:15pm By appointment (973) 395-8860	7
8	9	10	11	12 Shuttle Blood Pressure Screening 10:00-12:00pm	13 Bloomfield Women, Infants & Children (WIC) 9:15am - 3:15pm By appointment (973) 395-8860	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Morning Appointment 10:00am-12:00pm By Appointment	18 Blood Pressure Screening at Star Ridge Four-Station 10:30-11:30am	19 Blood Pressure Screening at Star Ridge 10:00am-12:00pm Provided by Mountsinclair Hospital	20 Bloomfield Women, Infants & Children (WIC) 9:15am - 3:15pm Call Center about Pressure Screening 11:00am-12:00pm Pap & Mammography Screening by Appointment	21
22	23	24 Blood Chemistry Screening 9:30-10:30am By Appointment	25 Child Health Conference Starting at 8:00am By Appointment Only	26 Shuttle Diabetes Screening 10:00am-12:00pm	27 Bloomfield Women, Infants & Children (WIC) 9:15am - 3:15pm By appointment & Vaccines Clinic Ages 4 & above By Appointment	28
29	30			Connect with Navi for mental health free information. Sign up at <a href="http://www.navimh.com">www.navimh.com</a> at the Bloomfield Public Health Training Office upon obtaining Indiana.	All-All Vaccine Program (18 years of age and over) at 973-680-4017. Appointment required. Call for information and eligibility requirements.	Flu Shots: All 18+ (18+ years of age and over) can have their flu shot. Flu shots are available at the Bloomfield Public Health Training Office upon obtaining Indiana. Call 973-680-4017 for more information.

## Community Bulletin

- **Street Sign Auction Continues Monday!**

**The Township replaced all street signs in town over the past year**, and rather than throw away the old signs, wanted to make sure residents interested in Bloomfield history could claim signs of their choosing.

**The Township is continuing a sign auction** which was held in December and saw approximately 800 signs from



Bloomfield's recent past sold to happy owners. There are approximately 400 more signs available, which will be available from **9:00am March 2 until 9:00am March 11**. Bids for all signs begin at \$10. Register now at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

- **First Ward Community Meeting with Mayor Venezia and Councilwoman Mundell**

**March 3, 7:00pm** at Bloomfield Public Library

Get to speak with your representatives. Free parking available in lot behind library off of State Street.

- **Live Music in Bloomfield**

The Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra will be **performing the second concert of its 88th Season on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 3:00pm** at the **Bloomfield Middle School**. The BSO returns with its *ANNUAL Family and Children's Concert*.

Maestro Israel Herman and the orchestra will be performing music from *Star Wars*; *James Bond 007*; all four *Star Trek TV Series*; a medley of *Beatles* tunes written for the BSO; the *Trumpet Concerto* by Joseph Haydn, performed by trumpeter **David Schneck**; *Finlandia* by Jean Sibelius; the *Triumphal March* from Giuseppe Verdi's *Aida*; the concert debut of the Bloomfield Woodwind Quintet; instrumental demonstrations and a narrated work about symphonic music.

These **Family Concerts** have always been a favorite of Bloomfield audiences, presenting a fun afternoon of light music featuring Bloomfield's own Symphony Orchestra.

Here is the full **Federation of Music 2019-2020 Concert Season in one flyer**.

- **Census**

To coincide with the first invitations to answer the Census being sent throughout the US, Bloomfield is holding a Census kick-off event on **Thursday, March 12th at 6pm** in front of the Municipal Building. Show your support and join your community to learn more about the Census.

Answering the Census is safe, easy and important.

Don't let Bloomfield miss out on funding opportunities over the next 10 years.

You Count! And Bloomfield Counts! So don't forget to answer. For more information visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

- **Council Meetings and Voting**

The Bloomfield Township Council will meet twice in March, in Council Chambers:  
**March 16 at 7:00pm**  
**March 30 at 7:00pm**

The Essex County Superintendent of Elections will be here with the new machine for a demonstration at the March 16 conference meeting (Council Chambers). Video of the demonstration of the machine for channels 30 and 35 and also placed on the municipal website.

To pick up petitions to run for Bloomfield Ward Council, visit the Clerk's Office, room 214 on 1 Municipal Plaza.

March 30 is the deadline to file petitions for the June Primary.

- **Gardening**

Want to join a community garden where you can grow your own vegetables, share seeds and crops with others, and compost daily? Rent a 4' x 8' ft. raised garden bed at **Milbank Park** (located on 264 North 17th Street) for \$50 per season (from April through November). To request a garden plot rental application, please email the Bloomfield Township Community Garden Volunteer Committee at: [BloomfieldNJGardens@gmail.com](mailto:BloomfieldNJGardens@gmail.com) or call: **862-621-9071**

Please note: *Must be a Bloomfield Citizen. One plot per family. Fee Waived for Veterans. Offered on a first come, first serve basis. Note: Pulaski Park Community Garden located at 24 Mt. Vernon Ave is now full. To join the Pulaski Park Community Garden Waitlist email [bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com).*

- **Public Safety**

**Coffee with a Cop** brings residents together with members of Bloomfield's Community Policing Division. To sign up, email **Lt. Zepeda** or **Officer Aponte**.

Want to get involved in the Bloomfield Neighborhood Watch Program? **Learn from Bloomfield's Finest.**

- **Bloomfield School Deemed “High Performing District” by the NJDOE**

The District recently underwent the State Mandated NJQSAC (The Quality Single Accountability Continuum) monitoring process. Every three years Districts in New Jersey must take part in a comprehensive review of five areas of focus. The five areas are Instruction/Program, Governance, Operations, Finance & Personnel. This resulted in being named a High Performing District. Read more [here](#).

- **Keys to Safe and Effective Rodent Control**

If you have rats or mice in your house or yard, it's tempting to reach for the rat poison. But poisons can also be dangerous to children, pets and other wildlife, including cats, hawks, owls and other predators that may eat poisoned rodents. According to the Bloomfield Environmental Commission, experts recommend three safer and more effective methods: Prevention, Sanitation, and Exclusion.

Keep rodents out of your home by sealing cracks or openings, preferably with hard-to-chew-through metal mesh; keeping food in tightly-sealed containers and cleaning dishes/cookware every day (after every meal if possible); and rinsing all food/drink containers before putting in trash or recycling.

Outdoors, always use tightly-covered trash cans (it's the law); keep compost/brush piles away from buildings and avoid planting thick ground cover, such as ivy, that provides both cover and food for rodents. If these are not effective, experts recommend the use of child/pet-safe traps. Poisons applied by a licensed pest-control professional should be used only as a last resort. And remember, outside, the occasional mouse in a yard is inevitable, and best kept under control by natural predators.

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