MAYWOOD COMMUNITY NEWS

March 2023- MOVING MAYWOOD FORWARD TOGETHER



Greetings Maywood Community:

2023 is off to a great start! The month of February was a short, but busy one as we celebrated the rich diversity within the Village of Eternal Light for Black History Month. As we enter the spring season, you will notice a lot of activity around town. We have several infrastructure projects that have begun including the Washington Blvd. Resurfacing project and Phase I of the Storm Sewer Separation project. We have introduced our new village website (www.maywood-il.gov) which translates to more than twenty languages.

We're gearing up for our annual Village Pride Village Wide initiative as we spruce up our community together. This month, we celebrate Women's History Month and the contributions that women have and continue to make to change the world! Be sure to check all things Elements of a Healthy Maywood by signing up at bit.ly/healthymaywood

Village President, Mayor Nathaniel George Booker





Celebrating Community Engagement in February SCHOOL DISTRICT 89 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

























NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CITIES ADDRESSING FEES & FINES EQUITABLY



<u>Village of Maywood</u> Partners with the <u>National League of Cities</u> to Reduce Harmful Effects of Municipal Fines & Fees Working to Address High Property Taxes

The Village of Maywood is proud to join a new peer-learning cohort led by the National League of Cities' (NLC) to reduce the inequitable and harmful impacts of fines and fees on residents' financial health. Maywood, IL joins seven other cities across the nation as part of the Cities Addressing Fines and Fees Equitably (CAFFE) initiative. Participating cities will engage in peer learning opportunities, virtual and in person. In addition, participants will receive tailored technical assistance from NLC staff and national content experts to help advance the city's efforts in expanding economic opportunities for low-to-moderate-income families through policy reforms and access to financial services.

"The Village of Maywood is the highest taxed community in <u>Chicago</u>land's Western Suburbs of <u>Cook County</u> and of the 1,300 cities/ towns/villages in the State of <u>Illinois</u> we are among the top taxed statewide. I am happy National League of Cities along with <u>JPMorgan Chase & Co.</u> is providing resources, funding, and expertise to finally address this issue that has plagued our community for decades. To know we are the only community selected with less than 100K in population truly highlights the gravity of the issue and notes how there are so many other smaller communities that can benefit from the awareness and outcomes", said Maywood Village President, <u>Mayor Nathaniel George Booker</u>.

The initial planning phase of the work will begin followed by project implementation. This will cover support for data collection and analysis from external partners, stakeholder engagement with community organizations, residents, and other partners. In Moving Maywood Forward Together, the village will implement innovative financial empowerment approaches to help our residents, businesses, and regional competitiveness.

"Local fines and fees create a disproportionate amount of financial shocks to underserved communities, especially communities of color. Finding sustainable and equitable solutions to them will be key as communities continue to navigate the impact of the pandemic, said Sarah Willis-Ertur, Head of Financial Health, Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase.

"NLC has been a leader in this space, helping cities recognize their critical role in building financial security and supporting financial empowerment among residents. We are pleased to launch a new phase of this program at a time when cities are examining how fines and fees impact their most vulnerable residents," said NLC CEO and Executive Director Clarence Anthony.

Mayor Booker also cited, "many historically Black communities have been destroyed due to high property taxes once the family home has been passed down to the next generation. Annual property taxes should not be as much as paying rent. When an elder dies and leaves the home, they paid off to the family, too many times the family cannot afford the property taxes". Multiple cities have implemented strategies to address these negative impacts, including reforming fines and fee structures and enacting ability-to-pay policies as an alternative solution.

In addition to Maywood, the seven other cities joining the project include @Birmingham, Alabama; Dallas, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; Maywood, Illinois; Montgomery, Alabama; Pueblo, Colorado; St. Louis, Missouri; and Washington, D.C. Maywood is the only city selected by NLC with a population of less than 100K. This cohort program runs from January 2023 through February 2024.

CAREER & LIFE READINESS INITIATIVE Maywood-West Cook Scout Pack (grades K - 5)









The **Village of Maywood** in partnership with **D89 Education Foundation** meet with the Maywood-West Cook Pack every Friday at the Lightford Recreation Center. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Recognition is important to everyone. The advancement plan provides fun for the Scouts, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with them on advancement projects. Sign Up Today at bit.ly/maywood-ilyouth







CAREER & LIFE READINESS INITIATIVE Maywood-West Cook Exploring (ages 13 – 19)





Science & Industry Museum Field Trip





The Village of Maywood in partnership with the Maywood Homeland Security & Public Safety and D89 Education Foundation celebrates the success of our Career & Life Readiness Initiative. Each week our youth have received instructional mentorship from organizations such as Impact Technology, UIC Extension, Loyola Medical, Maywood Fire, Cook County State's Attorney Office and more.

Exploring is a unique career exploration program for young men and women ages 13 -20. The program provides students with an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of career fields and network with professionals already working in those fields. You get hands-on experience to determine whether a particular career field is right for you.

Explore careers in:

Arts and Humanities + Aviation + Business +
Communications + Engineering and Technology + Fire
and EMS + Health Care + Law and Government + Law
Enforcement + Recreation + Science + Skilled Trades +
Social Services

Thank you <u>Congressman Danny K. Davis</u> for assisting with Federal funds and Senate Majority Leader <u>Kimberly Lightford</u> for State funds to ensure the success of this program.

SIGN UP TODAY - bit.ly/maywood-ilyouth



CITY INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM



Village of Maywood Joins City Inclusive Entrepreneurship Program with National League of Cities

Maywood, **IL** – The Village of Maywood announces it has joined the City Inclusive Entrepreneurial program. This commitment was made at the National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit as part of the City Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE) program, which will provide Maywood with resources and support to help entrepreneurs of color and from other under-represented backgrounds achieve greater economic mobility, reduce the racial wealth gap, and improve access, opportunity, knowledge, and funding for historically under-represented groups.

"Maywood is a historic culturally rich community. By the 1960's, our Village of Eternal Light had a Black Business District of 65 Black-Owned Businesses," said **Nathaniel George Booker**, **Village President of Maywood**. "Today, none of those businesses are open and the district is now residential with nothing to show it ever existed. As we focus on Elements of a Healthy Maywood and continue in Moving Maywood Forward Together, I am excited about this partnership. The CIE will be a part of Elements of a Healthy Maywood; Social & Cultural Cohesion and Economic Opportunities focus areas."

The CIE program, an initiative of the <u>National League of Cities</u>, helps cities adopt policies, programs and practices to give underrepresented entrepreneurs more opportunities for economic advancement. Participants select an area of focus for their programs to support economic growth in their communities, including working with startups, creating microlending platforms and improving access to procurement opportunities for MWBEs. Now in its fourth year, this network has grown to include more than 200 cities, 250 local partners, and \$100 million in committed resources.

"Leaders of America's cities, towns and villages recognize that racial and gender equity are key ingredients to economic growth in communities," said **Clarence E. Anthony, CEO and Executive Director of NLC.** "We look forward to working with new members of the City Inclusive

Entrepreneurship program to bring their commitments to fruition and create economies in which everyone wins."

Maywood joins 55 other cities from across the country that have made a total of 71 commitments. As part of its participation in the CIE program, Maywood will receive direct technical assistance, information sharing with other cities and partner organizations and financial support to help implement its program. The CIE program is made possible in partnership with and support from Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. For more information about the program, click here.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AROUND MAYWOOD

DLD for Youth, Inc. was established to facilitate a learning environment that will help young men who are undeserved, underprivileged, and in disenfranchised populations. Their program teaches computer literacy, economic literacy, vocational skills, and violence prevention. It helps expand social education through recreational and community services for students and their parents. Learn more at www.dld4youth.org



ALPHA QUEST YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM is for young men in grades 6-12 enrolled in a school within Maywood-West Cook that meet monthly at the Lightford Recreation Center in Maywood, IL. The mentors promote leadership development, academic encouragement, cultural enrichment, and a plethora of other educational, career, communication, and financial education.

They strive to ensure that participants become balanced individuals in the form of their leadership capabilities and appreciation of cultural competence. The Alpha Quest program motto is "he who does not know, can know from learning". The aim is to arm the students with knowledge and encouragement to ensure they complete their journey of high-level educational attainment and mature as leaders in the classroom and community. Learn more at www.pzl1906.org/alpha-quest-mentoring-program/

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Rho Zeta Lambda Chapter



ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY MAYWOOD State of the Black Man Symposium



Thank you for everyone who attended the State of the Black Man symposium. During the discussion we focused on topics surrounding; Homicide Rates, Death Rates,

Arrest/Incarceration Rates, Poverty, Violence, Fatherhood/Mentorship, Substance Abuse, Income/Wealth Levels, School Performance, Food Insecurity and Nutrition, Heath Rates and Access.



- ✓ Proposed measures to alleviate and remedy the underlying causes
- ✓ Recommended changes to laws
- ✓ Gave recommendations for how to implement related policies, and
- ✓ Provided recommendations for how to create, develop, or improve quality of life

We will continue the conversation and solutions as we focus on Moving Maywood Forward Together through our Elements of a Healthy Maywood initiative that includes:

- ✓ Access to Care
- ✓ Affordable Quality Housing
- ✓ Community Safety
- ✓ Economic Opportunity
- ✓ Educational Opportunity
- ✓ Environmental Quality
- √ Food Access
- ✓ Community Design
- ✓ Parks & Recreation
- ✓ Social/Cultural Cohesion
- ✓ Social Justice
- ✓ Transportation

Sign Up Today bit.ly/healthymaywood

Thank you to our panelists:
Pastor John Harrell,
Rodney Alexander , Tyronne Muhammad
Pastor Chauncey Brown, Charles Colston Kenneth Campbell, and Dion Dawson











ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY MAYWOOD The Hampton Foundation Family Discussion



I would like to thank Chairman Fred Hampton Jr. and The Hampton Foundation for allowing The Village of Maywood the opportunity to partner in this epic family discussion.

As we focus on Elements of a Healthy Maywood, Maywood West-Cook Healthy Communities Foundation, and advancing the <u>Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation</u> Pillars, this discussion with the family members of Emmett Till, Fred Hampton Sr, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Jacob Blake helped continue to conversation for work that has been and yet to be done.

Thank you to the Emmett Till Legacy
Foundation, Breonna Taylor Foundation,
Inc., The George Floyd Memorial
Foundation, Inc., and Proviso Township
High Schools District 209 for partnering to
make this possible.

To stay updated on all things signup at bit.ly/maywoodhampton





Moving Maywood Forward Together | Mayor Nathaniel George Booker | nbooker@maywood-il.org

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE Washington Boulevard WORK BEGINS!!!



Washington Boulevard reconstruction includes a full replacement of concrete curb and gutter, driveway aprons, ADA sidewalk crossings, new lighting improvements, traffic signal improvements at 19th Avenue and 9th Avenue, storm sewer drainage improvements, certain watermain improvements, combined sewer repairs, the installation of a marked bicycle lane and landscape restoration.

Underground improvements will include intermittent repairs to the existing sanitary sewer, new curb line drainage structures, new storm sewer laterals pipes and manholes and water main/service replacement work. Once underground improvements are completed on each street, the roadway will be constructed with intermittent curb and gutter replacement, ADA sidewalk compliant roadway crossings improvements, roadway base reconstruction, hot-mix asphalt roadway paving and landscape restoration.

Washington Boulevard is to be fully reconstructed with a geo-grid base stabilizer, twelve-inch (12") aggregate base course and a seven-inch (7") hot-mix asphalt pavement section. All intersections are to be fully reconstructed as well. The intersections of 19th Avenue and 9th Avenue along Washington Boulevard will have the entire traffic signal system replaced to current modern standards.

All of the existing light poles will be replaced with new LED lights and modern poles. The project is scheduled to be completed by mid-November 2023, based on anticipated "working days" as defined by IDOT. The stages of work with descriptions are listed below:

- Stage 1 Washington Boulevard from 19th Avenue to 13th Avenue.
- Stage 2 Washington Boulevard from 13th Avenue to 10th Avenue. This work near the school is scheduled to be performed between June 1st and August 15th.
- Stage 3 Washington Boulevard from 21st Avenue to 19th Avenue. 19th Avenue to be constructed half at a time to allow for one way traffic southbound at all times
- Stage 4 Washington Boulevard from 10th Avenue to 9th Avenue. 9th Avenue to be constructed
 half at a time to allow for one-way traffic southbound at all times.

The project will include watermain improvements at both 19th and 9th Avenues. The work will include new water mains, water service replacement and fire hydrant replacement. Various water services are to be replaced along Washington Boulevard as part of the project. This work will necessitate a shutdown of the water main and corresponding water supply to residents. Residents will be notified 24-48 hours in advance of the water system shut down.



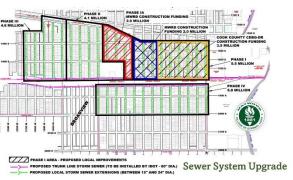






INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE Storm Water Sewer Separation Project

<u>Village of Maywood</u> RESIDENTS INVITED TO INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE ON VILLAGE STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT Thursday, March 9th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



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<u>Garfield Elementary School</u> (1514 S. 9th Ave, Maywood, IL 60153)

Attendees are asked to enter the school through Door D.

The purpose of this public event is to provide an overview of the storm sewer project and timeframe; Present detailed information about the project's initial construction area, impacts, and schedule; and answer resident questions about the project.



Phase I improvements are located between Harrison Street, Van Buren Street, 2nd Avenue and 9th Avenue. Work will include the installation of new storm sewer and water mains, drainage structures and other related water services. Certain sections of curb and gutter, sidewalks, and pavement will be removed, replaced or reconstructed in the project area. In addition, work will also involve parkway landscaping restoration and other needed improvements.



The Village is receiving \$4,000,000 in funding from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Storm Water Partnership Program for Phase I construction, as well as \$3,564,000 in funding from the Cook County Government
Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program. The Illinois Department of Transportation is also partnering with the Village and supporting future stages of the project. "Our sewer system for this area as a major project has gone neglected for decades. I am excited to start this 1st phase of many," says Mayor Nathaniel George Booker. "Our infrastructure needs much more work, but the installation of new storm sewer and water mains is an amazing step in Moving Maywood Forward Together."



Thank you to Congressman Danny K. Davis, Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, MWRD President Commissioner Kari K. Steele, Cook County Government, and so many more who are assisting in what will be a multi-year phased approach to addressing our neglected infrastructure. Members of the public can learn more about the project, review exhibits, and provide comments at www.MaywoodSewerProject.org.

VILLAGE PRIDE VILLAGE WIDE Save the Date – Saturday, April 22, 2023 (9a – 1p)





REFRIGERATORS
WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS
CENTRAL AIR & HEATING

AND CLEAN UP EVENT that involves the ENTIRE Maywood community. Volunteers' pickup litter, debris, and other unsightly clutter around yards, streets, alleys, businesses, places of worship, vacant lots and abandon buildings. Participate in beautification projects to plant, paint, or create focal points of beauty. Last year volunteers cleaned our village, planted flowers, removed graffiti painted, and mulched our playgrounds.

Join us for an organized BEAUTIFICATION





- √ We Need Community Area Leaders
- ✓ We Need Resident & Business Commitments
- √ Social Media, Newsletter, and Online Sharing
- √ Would You Like Gardening Seeds or Help?
- √ Would You Like Clean Up Supplies or Help?
- √ Would you Like Flower Seeds or Help?
- √ Would you like a Yard Sign? Order Today!

Start and finish location: Maywood Park Gazebo (5th Ave & Oak St.)

Locations in need of special attention or specific beautification will be pre-identified. Rakes and brooms are welcome. Gloves and bags will be provided, Village Pride T-Shirts, prizes, and refreshments will also be available.

Sign Up Today bit.ly/vpvw2023





ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES





- GROWTH PROJECTS
- ✓ OPERATIONS PROJECTS
- ✓ WORKFORCE PROJECTS
 - LEADER SHIP PROJECTS

Cook County Reinvented Grant Program & Fully Reimbursable Projects

We would like to thank the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center IMEC and Cook County Government for coming to the Village of Maywood to discuss grant funded opportunities to enhance, expand, and/or grow your businesses. Looking forward to more great opportunities. Learn more at www.imec.org/













CONGRATULATIONS BUDDY BEAR





ELMENTS OF A HEALTHY MAYWOOD Housing Opportunities

Thank you, <u>Cook County Government</u>, Board of Review Commissioner <u>Larry Rogers</u>, <u>Jr.</u> and his team along with <u>Proviso Township</u> for coming to <u>Village of Maywood</u>. This event helped provide property tax appeal education and awareness. Residents were able to submit their appeals and get assistance in real time. Proviso you have until March 18, 2023, to file an appeal.

File at appeals.cookcountyboardofreview.com/









FREE HOME REPAIRS FOR VETERANS

Apply today! Cook County is proud to partner with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago to provide veterans with free indoor and outdoor home repairs. The County has allocated \$1.25 million to improve at least 30 veteran-owned homes over the next two years. The veteran home repair program focuses on warm, safe and dry priorities or the need for home modification improvements. For more information and to apply, visit: cookgov.me/vahomerepair









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Moving Maywood Forward

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- ✓ West Cook Regional Enterprise Zone
 Maywood Business Improvement Grant Program
 - Wintrust's Business Investment Micro-Loan Program

Follow us on

CHRISTOPHER J PARKER

Vice President, Director of Community Banking CRA Officer, Community Impact Liaison

Thursday, March 30, 2023 @ 12p – 1p Lightford Recreation Center 809 Madison St., Maywood, IL 60153

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: bit.ly/maywood33023

For more information contact Director of Community Engagement

LaSondra Banks at Ibanks@maywood-il.org







Here in the <u>Village of Maywood</u>, <u>Governor JB</u>

<u>Pritzker</u> announced recommendations from

Children's Behavioral Health Transformation

Initiative. This marks a new beginning in behavioral health care for Illinois' children. The Blueprint for

Transformation providing state-of-the-art and best-practice treatment and services will change lives and provide guidance to families. Here's how:

- ✓ Create a Care Portal.
- Offer universal screening in education and pediatrics
- ✓ Centralize oversight of residential beds
- ✓ Improve coordination of service
- ✓ Increase our statewide capacity

And to provide kids the care they deserve, it'll take an interagency approach with the Dept. of Human Services, Dept. of Children and Family Services, Dept. of Juvenile Justice, Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services, Dept. of Public Health, and the Illinois State Board of Education. Watch the full video at

https://fb.watch/iZCmzUoqiR/

Thank you, St. Eulalia for the Invitation

The Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner event sponsored by Sacred Heart & St. Eulalia Parish was great! This event supports the community/outreach efforts of several organizations in/around Maywood including the Quinn Center at St. Eulalia, Housing Forward, and Catholic Charities.



MAYWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY Say Hello to the New Executive Director





Hello Maywood Community! Just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. On Wednesday, February 15, the Maywood Public Library Board of Directors voted to offer me the position of Library Director.. I was so excited and happy to accept. My first day was Tuesday, February 21st and I'm in the process of meeting the staff and getting familiar with the library. In the very near future, we will have some sessions where you can come meet me and talk about ways we can work together to make the Maywood Library an even better community resource.

A little about me: I spent the last ten years working at the Stickney-Forest View Public Library, and the last three years working as Director; my wife and I live near Berwyn; I am an avid sci-fi fanatic; I am currently reading The Girl Who Kicked the wasp's nest; and my initial word in wordle is AROSE. I look forward to meeting you all - Leighton Shell

Check out this month's displays at your library! Featured displays are Women's History and artwork by Aaron Canino, a local artist. The books featured are all about different women and how the contributed to making history.





LET'S TALK MAYWOOD UPDATES ON BUSINESS MORATORIUM & BUSINESS CORRIDORS



Design our new kids' library card!



We are getting a new kid library card, and we need your help to design it! Here are the rules:

- 1. The design has to be your own original work, have not been copied from others or from previous designs.
- 2. The library card's design should reflect the values of the MPLD including the importance of reading, creativity, innovation, and community.
- 3. The design should incorporate the MPLD name (abbreviated or spelled out).
- 4. The design must be appropriate for a professional business setting.
- 5. Entries must be submitted as JPEG files.
- 6. The design with the most votes will be our new library card design!

Directions:

- 1. Create your original design in the square below.
- 2.Once you finish your design, fill out the information on the back of this sheet.

This summer, we will be launching our new kids' library card and we need your help designing it! From March 1 to March 31, submit your entry for the chance to become the designer of our new kid's library cards. All designs should be submitted at: maypublib@gmail.com



THE QUINN CENTER & HEALING NOTES MUSIC GROUP

Invite YOU to join us for

Musical Bingo

Thursday, March 23 | 5:00 PM

Join us in person at the Quinn Center or on zoom using a phone or computer visit web.zoom.us/j/83513223421

or call (312) 626-6799 and enter Meeting ID: 835 1322 3421



RSVP with your name and address for a Bingo board at QCcaregivers@quinncenter.org or 708-397-6951

PAID OPPORTUNITIES Election Day Worker





WORK ON ELECTION DAY

APRIL 4, 2023 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY

ELECTION JUDGE \$250

POLLING PLACE TECHNICIAN \$385

TO WORK APPLY AT: COOKCOUNTYCLERK.COM/WORK

Visit <u>cookcountyclerk.com/work</u> to apply TODAY!

Election Judges have many responsibilities and perform several tasks on Election Day, including:

- ✓ Complete online and hands-on training classes.
- ✓ Serve in a suburban Cook County polling place
- ✓ Set up the polling place with your fellow judges before Election Day
- ✓ Work on Election Day from 5 a.m. until the results are transmitted and the equipment has been packed up at the end of the night
- ✓ Serve voters while polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Equipment Managers have many responsibilities and perform several tasks before and on Election Day, including:

- ✓ Serve in a suburban Cook County polling place and work outside your home area if necessary
- ✓ Complete a three-part training class and pass an open book test after each section
- ✓ Complete an online training course
- ✓ Set up voting equipment (with assistance) before Election Day
- ✓ Assist voters and manage equipment from 5 a.m. until
 the results are transmitted and the equipment has
 been packed up at the end of the night
- Deliver materials from your precinct to a nearby receiving station

VILLAGE HALL

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Nathaniel George Booker

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Isiah Brandon

ACTING VILLAGE MANAGER

James Krischke

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Non-Emergency	450.4471
Fire Emergency	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	343.5595
Mayor's Office	450.6366
Clerk's Office	450.6360
Public Works	450.4482
Water Dept.	450.6324
Manager's Office	450.6301
Code	
Enforcement	450.4405
Finance Dept.	450.6300
Community	
Development	450.6351

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