



NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP

2013-14 Annual Report
Leadership • Advocacy • Service



TOWNSHIPS SERVE PEOPLE

OUR MISSION

The mission of New Trier Township is to provide leadership, advocacy and resources to benefit the physical, mental and social well-being of Township residents.

TOWNSHIP GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The Township's primary role is to identify and address the needs of our community.
- Our efforts are to create new, energetic ideas and programs while maintaining existing programs that are relevant and effective.
- Our intent is to support, given due diligence and fiscal accountability, programs providing services to our neighbors: including youth programs; senior citizen supports; aid to persons with disabilities; food, shelter and emergency relief for people in need.
- We seek opportunities to meet community needs by providing assistance directly to individuals as well as indirectly, through third-party sources/providers.
- The Township will pursue coalition-building with other community entities and advocate on behalf of Township residents.
- We believe that people have the freedom to choose where they receive services and assistance, including those the Township provides and supports.

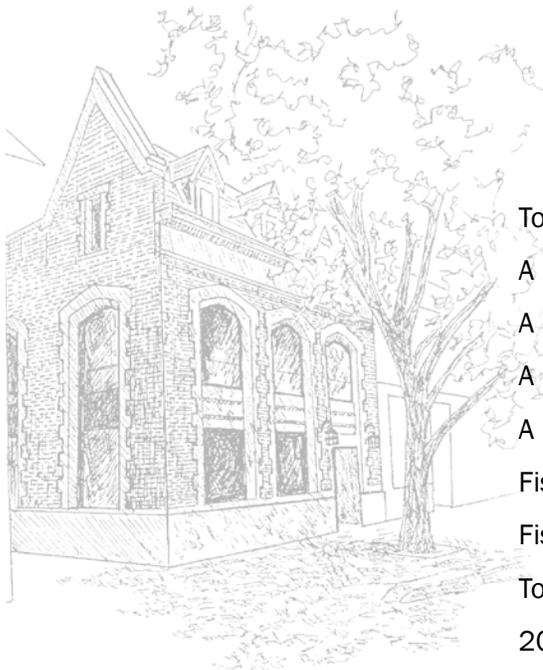
WHOM WE SERVE

Established in 1850, New Trier Township government serves the more than 56,000 residents in the villages of Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka and Glencoe plus portions of Glenview and Northfield and a small unincorporated area in Winnetka.

165th Annual Town Meeting April 8, 2014

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**TOWNSHIP ELECTED
OFFICIALS & STAFF**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Supervisor
Paddie Brennen



Clerk
Jerome Hoynes



Interim Assessor
JoAnn Shrier Gordon



Trustee
Hamilton Chang



Trustee
Jan Gargula



Trustee
Gerri Kahnweiler



Trustee
Stefan Mozer

Director of Administration & Finance Diane S. Tye

Social Services Administrator Jeanne Winsted Rosser, LCSW

Acting Social Worker Michelle Kator, LCSW

Community Services Administrator Brian Leverenz

Deputy Assessor Lois Cross

Deputy Clerk Sandy Forrester

Communications Director Debbie Van Solkema

Administrative Assistant Vicky Jurin

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR



The theme for this year's Annual Town Meeting—Honoring Community Partnerships—epitomizes the spirit in which the Township operates. We could never begin to dream as big as we do without the support of local businesses,

organizations, faith groups and individuals who make so many of our programs possible. This year we honor The Grand Food Center because of their longstanding commitment to the Township Food Pantry. We are grateful for the flexibility with which they offer solutions to the ever-changing needs of Pantry clients, their compassion, consistency and generosity. There are so many others who quietly donate, volunteer, share expertise and support our efforts in various ways, and we continue to be thankful on a daily basis for the many kind people who make Township programs a reality.

This year we have launched several new initiatives to serve residents, and we are pleased with the response we have received. A program of which we are most proud is the Bridge the Gap partnership with Conney's Pharmacy, our neighbor across Elm Street. With Conney's support we created a system through which residents who have a financial crisis such that they are unable to purchase needed medications can have prescriptions filled on an emergency basis at Conney's, Walgreens and CVS.

Another major initiative has been to make the Township Office available to elected officials for office hours so that their services are closer to residents and thus more readily accessible. Kris Sadur, Constituent Advocate from the office of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, now holds regular office hours at the Township. We have invited Senator Mark Kirk to send a representative to hold office hours, and we understand that soon a constituent advocate from Senator Kirk's office will join us as well. These individuals are able to guide residents in issues relating to social security, immigration and a host of other topics for which residents need access to government agencies.

In addition, a Program Specialist from Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA), Brittany Slaughter, also holds regular office hours at the Township. Ms. Slaughter provides intake assessments and case management to assist low-income individuals with the CEDA Dental Care, Vision Care and Auto Repair Programs.

Another regular at the Township Office these days is Medical Ethicist Peggy McDonnell. As Director of the Center for Ethics and Advocacy in Health Care, Ms. McDonnell is able to assist residents in resolving problems dealing with healthcare decision-making. She specializes in giving people the tools to make their own choices under difficult circumstances.

In addition to the new programs the Township has begun to offer, we continue to provide residents with assistance on property tax issues through the Assessor's Office, passport and voter services

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

through the Clerk's Office, and financial support for those with challenges through Community Support Grants, Child Care Financial Assistance, Emergency Assistance, General Assistance and the Food Pantry. Your Township is here to serve you, and we hope that those who haven't had a chance to visit us recently will feel inspired to do so. Come by to say hello and see what's happening at the Township Office. As always, we encourage you to get involved

by participating on an Advisory Committee to be part of our grant process which funds agencies that serve residents in our community. Mostly, we thank you for your interest in our work. We are grateful to all the individuals and groups who understand the importance of Township programs and support us through partnerships large and small. We couldn't do it without you!

Paddie Brennan,
New Trier Township Supervisor

SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

- 1,859 visits to the Food Pantry serving 141 households made up of 354 persons
- 500 students qualified for Back to School gift cards
- 150 residents received financial assistance for shelter, utilities, and medical needs
- 126 holiday dinners were distributed
- 94 seniors received holiday gift cards for groceries
- 80 children from 39 families received holiday gifts
- 28 families comprising 81 persons received food deliveries as well as gift cards and children's gifts
- 107 families received financial aid for child care expenses
- 154 Community Support Grants awarded
- 6,148 Dial-A-Ride cab fares subsidized
- 104 escorted rides to medical appointments
- 35 Peer Jury cases resulting in 1,887 community service hours



A MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK



2013 was a positive and productive year for the township as we said goodbye to several longtime dedicated leaders and have welcomed a dynamic new group of elected officials. The Board of Trustees includes Supervisor Paddie Brennen and our Trustees Hamilton Chang, Jan Gargula, Gerri Kahnweiler and Stefan Mozer; they are successfully

collaborating to examine the current practices and responsibilities of township government while they are determining the goals of New Trier Township and how we should efficiently and effectively address the needs of our residents.

The traditional duty of the Clerk has been to maintain all Township records. Please visit our website www.newtriertownship.com to review Agendas & Meeting Minutes and to stay up to date with Township programs and initiatives. The Clerk's Office continues to be the central point in the Township for election information and voter registration. Among our day-to-day activities, we provide assistance such as serving as a passport acceptance

facility, issuing temporary disability placards and distributing vehicle stickers for residents of unincorporated Cook County.

Starting my second term as your Township Clerk, I pledge to continue to enthusiastically support the efforts of the Board of Trustees, coordinating the Annual Town Meetings, diligently keeping and posting Township records and offering a variety of voter services.

Deputy Clerk Sandy Forrester and I are committed to learning how to run the best clerk's office possible and are therefore both actively involved with both the Townships of Cook County Clerks Association (TOCC-CA) and the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division (TOI-CD) attending meetings, conferences and seminars to keep up with the latest changes concerning voting and election laws, open meeting requirements, public records retention and destruction guidelines, as well as freedom of information request regulations.

It is my sincere honor to continue serving as your Township Clerk.

Jerome Hoynes,
New Trier Township Clerk

SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS



- 169 temporary disability parking placards issued
- 186 passport applications processed plus 28 clients assisted with passport renewals
- 37 unincorporated Cook County vehicle stickers sold
- 33 voters registered
- 15 Township board meeting minutes recorded
- 8 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP INTERIM ASSESSOR



I have resumed the job of Township Assessor, on an acting basis, since the resignation of Martin Houlihan in May last year. We were all disappointed when he resigned and wish him well.

This fiscal year our office fielded about the same number of inquiries as the prior year, approximately 2,500. We

provided information and assistance to homeowners, potential buyers, realtors, attorneys, appraisers, villages, schools and park districts. We processed 576 building permits, up from 449 the prior year. Sales started out strong but slowed in the last quarter, moving up slightly from the prior year to 1,056.

2013 was a triennial reassessment year for the Township. The median assessed value of properties fell by 11.36% according to the office of Cook County Assessor Berrios. Of course, that is the median so experiences of individual homeowners may have been significantly different. We filed approximately 800 appeals for residents at the Assessor and Cook County Board of Review levels and provided comparables and instructions for appeals to many more. In addition, we co-sponsored two evening community outreach programs to assist residents with their questions and appeals.

Because of the continued drop in assessment levels, the 2012 tax rates again rose from the prior year as the cost of government services is not falling. As we have discussed previously, tax rates go up to offset declines in aggregate value, thus resulting in the necessary funds being available for the taxing bodies.

The Cook County Assessor announced that his office recouped about \$2 million from repayment of erroneous exemption savings received by taxpayers. A newly passed state law provides the procedure for requiring repayment from homeowners who received exemptions improperly.

I would like to give a special thank you to our Deputy Assessor, Lois Cross, for her continued hard work on behalf of Township residents.

Thank you to those of you who attended this year's Annual Town Meeting. Please call or stop by the office with your property tax assessment issues. You can always email us as well. If you haven't already, we urge you to register your email on our website www.newtriertownship.com so that we can send you emails about the latest property tax assessment and exemption information and filing deadlines during the year.

JoAnn Shrier Gordon,
New Trier Township Interim Assessor

SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS



- 2,500 inquiries
- 800 reassessment appeals filed
- 1,056 property sales processed
- 576 building permits processed

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE



Each year a Trustee highlights the past year's accomplishments. As a new Trustee, I'd also like to mention some of what I have learned about the activities of the Township and the needs of our Township communities. I have become acquainted with the Township funding committees and the work of the volunteers

who review grant proposals and make decisions about the allocation of Township resources. I have learned that despite the fact that we live in very well-to-do communities, there are many people who are struggling to meet their basic needs and require assistance from our Food Pantry or other Township services or who receive some sort of assistance from one of the Township funded agencies.

I have been amazed by the wide variety of non-profits in the community that provide a diverse array of services. These agencies and programs are resources that help local citizens meet both basic social service needs and provide support and services to people of all ages facing challenges and personal or family crises. I'm pleased to note that New Trier Township plays an important part in the non-profit community as a funder of agencies and programs, as an evaluator of non-profit performance, as a coordinator of efforts of these many organizations and finally as an agency that keeps abreast of new and emerging needs in the communities we serve. Indeed, we are fortunate to have so many local agencies looking after the community and so many talented and dedicated people who have made their mission to help others.

It has always been the philosophy of New Trier Township that it's better for local non-profits to operate and administer specialized services than it is for a unit of local government to do so. Professionals in such diverse fields as counseling, services for seniors, youth and persons with disabilities are much more qualified to operate programs than we are, so we limit our services to operating the Food Pantry, administering some financial assistance programs, or to coordinating the efforts of local agencies such as through our Peer Jury program. We operate very few services ourselves. We are a small unit of local government and have among the fewest staff of any Township in the state, yet we are closer to the community and more in touch with its needs because of it. Unlike some Townships who operate their own youth center, daycare program or senior center, we choose simply to coordinate funding and resources for local providers of services. Our job is to make sure quality services are available to meet a broad range of needs, but not to operate those services ourselves.

To facilitate funding of local services, the Township has three funding committees that review grant requests of local non-profits serving our residents. These committees are Mental Health, Agency Oversight and Money Follows the Person, and each committee evaluates agencies that deliver a specific type of service and makes funding recommendations to our Board of Trustees. Combined, these three committees have approximately 25 volunteers and during this cycle those volunteers reviewed 35 agencies that operate 45 different programs. A list of funded agencies and services can be found on page 8 of our Annual Report.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

As a Trustee who actively participated in this funding process, I learned that it can be just as difficult to give money away as it is to raise it. Committee members have to make difficult decisions, balancing their own perceptions of need with those of other committee members, as well as applying their own values and a sense of community to the process. Requests from agencies always exceed the available level of dollars, and Trustees are always pained to know that it's impossible for us to meet all the demands

for funding and therefore all the needs for services in the community. Thankfully, with the help of an involved and generous community, New Trier Township is doing an excellent job trying to meet the social service needs of our residents.

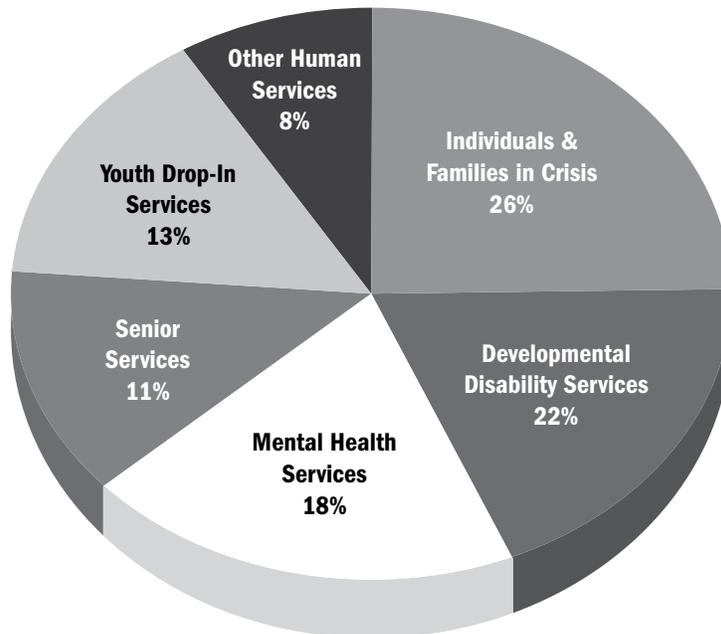
Jan Gargula,
New Trier Township Trustee

SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS



- \$1.34 million awarded
- 45 different programs funded
- 35 social service agencies supported

AGENCY FUNDING BY CATEGORY



Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage.

FY2013-14 FUNDED AGENCIES / GRANT AWARDS

Developmental Disabilities Services

Clearbrook	\$ 10,000
Glenkirk, Inc.	\$131,000
Our Place of New Trier Township	\$ 75,000
Special Gifts Theater, Inc.	\$ 12,500
The Arts of Life	\$ 15,000
The Center for Enriched Living	\$ 22,000
The Lambs Farm	\$ 20,000
Glencoe Youth Services	\$ 15,000

Individuals and Families in Crisis

Family Service of Glencoe	\$ 36,000
Family Service Center of Wilmette	\$ 57,000
Family Service of Winnetka/Northfield	\$ 32,000
The Harbour, Inc.	\$ 10,000
Haven Youth and Family Services	\$116,000
Peer Services, Inc.	\$ 76,000
The Children's Advocacy Center	\$ 4,500
YWCA Evanston, North Shore	\$ 25,000

Mental Health Services

Caner Wellness Center—Northbrook	\$ 10,000
Erika's Lighthouse	\$ 15,000
National Association of Mental Illness— Cook County North Suburban (NAMI)	\$ 2,500
New Foundation Center	\$ 70,000
The Josselyn Center	\$147,290

Senior Services

Meals at Home	\$ 8,000
North Shore Senior Center	\$130,400
Services for Adults Staying In Their Homes (SASI)	\$ 12,000

Youth Drop-In Services

Glencoe Junior High Project	\$ 20,000
Glencoe Youth Services	\$ 38,000
The Warming House Youth Center	\$ 48,000
Winnetka Youth Organization	\$ 48,000
Youth Connection	\$ 25,000

Other Human Services

Career Resource Center	\$ 10,000
Links—North Shore Youth Health Service	\$ 62,000
Open Studio Project	\$ 5,000
Rebuilding Together	\$ 10,000
The Kindness Connection	\$ 10,000
The Volunteer Center of New Trier Township	\$ 8,000



NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01

An ordinance appropriating for all town purposes for New Trier Township, Cook County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of New Trier Township, Cook County, Illinois.

SECTION 1: That the amounts hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of New Trier Township, be

and the same are hereby appropriated for the town purposes of New Trier Township, Cook County, Illinois, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014.

SECTION 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of revenues and expenditures is hereby adopted for the following funds: General Town, General Assistance.



Township staff recently hosted our annual pizza party honoring volunteers from Our Place of New Trier Township. These volunteers provide daily maintenance for the Food Pantry and keep things running smoothly.

FY2014 BUDGET – GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET

II. GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET

Beginning Balance -

March 1, 2013 (unaudited) \$594,815

Estimated Revenues

Property Tax	247,343
Interest Income	1,200
Miscellaneous Income	<u>200</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	<u>248,743</u>

Total Estimated Funds Available: 843,558

Budgeted Expenditures

Administration	143,100
Home Relief	111,500
Hospitalization & Insurance	28,000
Pantry	<u>25,000</u>
Total Expenditures/Appropriations:	<u>307,600</u>

Estimated Ending Balance

February 28, 2014 \$535,958

APPROPRIATION DETAIL: GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

A. Administration

Personnel

Salaries	50,000
IMRF/Social Security Contribution	<u>13,000</u>

Other Expenditures

Office Expense	5,000
Emergency Assistance	75,000
Town Fund Support Projects	<u>100</u>
Total Other Expenditures	<u>80,100</u>

Total Administration \$143,100

B. Home Relief

Budget Grants	100,000
Access to Care	1,500
Outpatient Services	<u>10,000</u>

Total Home Relief \$111,500

C. Hospitalization & Insurance

Hospitalization	25,000
Hospitalization Insurance	<u>3,000</u>

Total Hospitalization & Insurance \$28,000

D. Pantry

Food/Pantry	<u>25,000</u>
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Total Pantry \$25,000

SECTION 3: That the amount appropriated for town purposes for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014 by fund shall be as follows:

GENERAL TOWN FUND	2,855,390
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	307,600
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,162,990

SECTION 4: That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: That each appropriated fund total shall be divided among the several objects and purposes specified, and in the particular amounts stated for each fund respectively in Section 2, constituting the total appropriations in the amount of Three Million One Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$3,162,990) for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014.

SECTION 6: That Section 3 shall be and is a summary of the annual Appropriation Ordinance of this township, passed by the Board of Trustees as required by law and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

SECTION 7: That a certified copy of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk within 30 days after adoption.

ADOPTED this 7th day of May 2013, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of New Trier Township, Cook County, Illinois.

CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED REVENUES

I, Padraig H. Brennen, hereby certify that I am the Chief Fiscal Officer of New Trier Township, and as such Chief Fiscal Officer, I hereby certify that the Estimate of revenues by source to be received by New Trier Township for fiscal year ending February 28, 2014, is as follows:

GENERAL TOWN FUND	2,189,294
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	248,743
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES:	\$2,438,037

TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Mental Health Committee

Chuen Tam, Chair
Linda Tam
Carole Rosen
Mona Golub
Rosemary Gwyther
Jennifer Hull
Tammy Smiley

Money Follows the Person Committee

Ann Sickon, Chair
Dan Streiff
Denise Fisher
Debby Hahamy
Nancy Perovic
Keith Dronen
Diann Sheridan

Agency Oversight Committee

Janet Lerman, Chair
Barry Hoobler
Barbara Ruth Engel
Jerry Ginsburg
Kathryn Healy
Marilyn Applebaum
Pete Kula
Ronald Drucker
Ronald Thomas

Disabilities Committee

Barry Fleischer, Chair
Barbara Takahashi
Jan Gargula, Trustee
Christine Walker
Diane Wojcik

Peer Jury Program

Adult Volunteers

Donna Lebovitz
Elliot Robbins
Joni Johnson

Food Pantry Volunteers

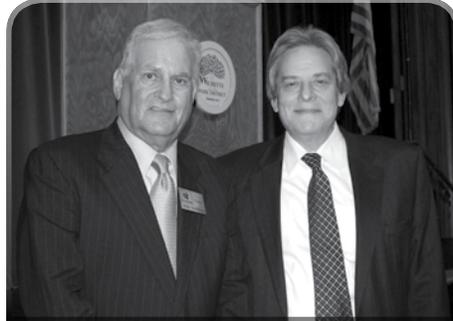
Frank Craven
Jane Gallery
Derrick Schram
Mary Louise Schram
Lynette Stone
Our Place of New Trier Township



**2013 ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



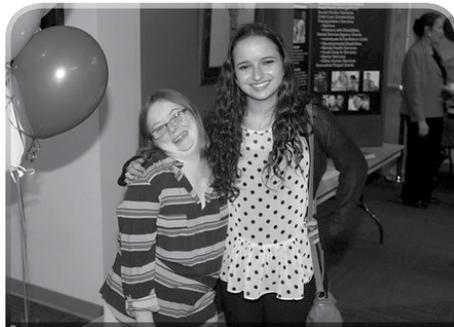
Supervisor Paddie Brennen with past Supervisor Pat Cantor



Recently retired Trustee Alan Goldberg with Trustee Stefan Mozer



Scouts of Kenilworth Boy Scout Troop #13 (left to right) Rich Nicolaides, Tony Kirrish, Matt Roberts and Charlie Brown pictured with former Congressman and keynote speaker Robert Dold



Superior Service to Persons with Disabilities Award Winner Sarah Aiken of Wilmette with Francesca Maddock also of Wilmette



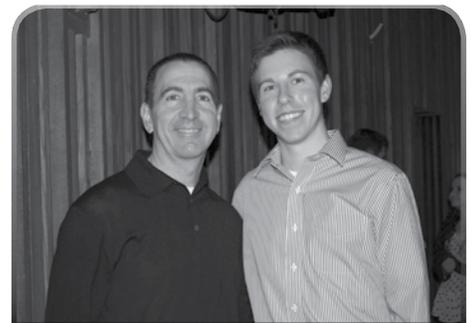
Peer Jury Scholarship Award Winner Carolyn Rodman with Community Service Administrator Brian Leverenz



Trustees Jan Gargula and Hamilton Chang with former Trustee Diane Fischer



Former New Trier Citizens League President Pete Schellenbach and Clerk Jerome Hoynes



Superior Service to Persons with Disabilities Award Recipient Spencer Savitz with his father Stuart Savitz



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