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HOW CAN YOU HELP?



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Please check the Facebook page for dates
of monthly Board Meetings

Help Those in Need This Holiday Season with The Calgary Food Bank

Every year Calgary's 150 community associations, the Federation of Calgary Communities, and other community partners across the city join Mayor Naheed Nenshi in the Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive, in support of the Calgary Food Bank.

Last year, over 40 community associations participated in the event and with their residents helped raise more than \$16,000 in food and funds!

We invite YOU to help us raise even more this year by donating non-perishable food items at your local community association throughout the month of December!

Items on this year's "Holiday Wish List" include canned fish, vegetables and fish, soup, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, fruit juice, baby food and formula, and diapers.

In addition to your local community association donations can also be made at any of the Calgary Food Bank partners including Safeway, Co-op, Superstore, Sobeys, Costco, and many more. Visit www.calgaryfoodbank.com for more information on items to donate and drop-off locations.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Bankview CA had a great fourth quarter with a combination of fun events and hard work (well, truth be told, the events are hard work too!) The garden was harvested and the bulbs are planted, deep in the soil for a long winter. The community gardeners and our incredible garden coordinator, Michael, can now spend their winters drinking mint tea they harvested themselves and reading books about vegetables—planning for the spring! If you are interested in having a garden plot in 2017, please email garden@bankview.org.

Did you know the Bankview CA has four sub-committees that meet outside of the regular board meeting times to get even more work done? The Policy Committee drafted new contracts for our Community Coordinator and Hall Manager positions, as well as a Code of Conduct for board members and personnel alike. Kendall and Janice's work have given our CA a firmer foundation and I am grateful. With Jen moving on to a new job in Calgary's film community (congratulations Jen!), our Personnel Committee interviewed and hired a new Community Coordinator to take her place. Big thanks to Whitney and Michelle who spent several evenings after work interviewing. They had a very hard decision to make, indeed! We look forward to introducing our new Community Coordinator in January's newsletter.

Our Development committee meets every three weeks and, recently, they have had an unprecedented amount of applications to review. What many don't know is that this committee is made up of volunteer residents who are not necessarily planners or architects by trade. Instead they are community connectors and advocates with the difficult job of trying to understand and listen to city, developer, architect and resident interests—sometimes they align in line and often they do not—while remaining neutral in public debate and not involving their own opinions in their work. While the Development Committee's letters to City Planning may not make or break an application, their voice on behalf of residents and in response to Bankview's ARP is strongly considered. See Megan Mucigant's article explaining their work and join me in commanding her and the committee for their tireless dedication and professionalism. Special thanks to Richard Burke, a Development committee member for several years. Richard's experience

provides an understanding and insight into our community that is invaluable.

Lastly, the Executive Committee was formed this fall to meet two weeks prior to our monthly board meetings. Jessica, Gail, Whitney and I aim to solve operational challenges and approve expenditures so that our board meetings can be open to plan events, set goals and host guests (in October we met our local Calgary Police Service Officer, Rich Wall and in November we had a presentation from the Calgary Public Library). Jessica, our Secretary, keeps us all organized with her incredible board packages and Gail, Bankview's long-time Treasurer, works hard to not only keep us out of debt, but well-funded through grants and managing rentals. Check out her report on the hall's recent renovations—if you've ever renovated you know how hard it is to stay on time and on budget, but Gail did it!

I could not do my role as President without this tireless group of volunteers who make up our Board. I would encourage you to consider giving back to your community through volunteerism in 2017. Our website has a new volunteer page where you can sign up to do just that! <http://www.bankview.org/volunteer/>

Happy holidays to all our friends and neighbours in Bankview!

Kate (president@bankview.org)



Wishing you,
and yours,
a happy and
healthy holiday
season.

BANKVIEW

Following an unanimous vote at our April AGM, the Bankview Community Association is pleased to announce that memberships for the 2016-17 year will be FREE!

To get yours, simply visit www.bankview.org/membership/ and complete the form reproduced below. We thank you for your enthusiasm, support, and look forward to seeing you at upcoming #BankviewCA events!

Everyone is Welcome
Become a Bankview Community Association member today by providing your information on the right.

Future Correspondance
The email address provided will be our main point of contact for communications related to the Bankview Community Association.

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We respect your right to privacy and the information provided will only be used by the Bankview Community Association.

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Postal / Zip Code Country
 Canada

Phone Number *

DECEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Gardening by the phases of the moon

December 7 First Quarter (waxing)

Moonlight is strong, encouraging leaf growth. It is a good time for planting, especially two days before the full moon. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Fertilize as close to the full moon as possible.

December 13 Full Moon (waning)

As the moon wanes, the energy is drawing down. Strong gravitational pull but moonlight is decreasing putting energy into the roots.

December 20 Last Quarter (waning)

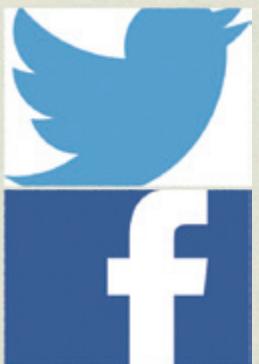
Decreased gravitational pull and moonlight. A resting period. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Dry herbs, flowers and fruit. If you want to control growth or encourage rooting, perform the necessary activities during the waning moon.

December 28 New Moon (waxing)

Increasing moonlight, lunar gravity pulls water up encouraging plant growth and proliferation. Grafting, transplanting, re-potting, and watering. Gather herbs used for essential oils. Oil content is more concentrated at this time.

We're Social!

Join us on Twitter
<https://twitter.com/bankviewca>
(using the hashtag #BankviewCA)



& on Facebook too
www.facebook.com/BankviewCA/

Follow along with the latest news from both the community association & your neighbours!

Progress Report Hall Renovations

submitted by Gail Simper, Treasurer

As of October 31, 2016, the community hall renovations are nearly complete. \$200,000 in budgeted Casino funds were allocated to be spent on renovations to the Bankview Hall.

The substantial commitment of our casino volunteers and a diligent board of directors made this happen.

These are the hall renovations completed in 2014, 2015 and 2016:

1. Bathrooms totally renovated and upgraded
2. Complete upgrade of wiring and lighting
3. New flooring
4. Exterior painting including trim
5. Mural – an "I Love My Neighborhood" grant, designed by Chris and Cam
6. The main hall completely renovated including new storage cupboards and painting
7. Energy efficient windows
8. Complete kitchen renovation including appliances and accessories

What's next on the agenda? New blinds, back deck upgrade, new vents, new art and pictures...

Recently the City of Calgary prepared a "Life Cycle" of the community hall to determine if there are any other areas which need to be replaced or repaired. We will share the results of this survey at a board meeting as soon as they are available.

Bankview community centre is planning an open house for the community to view our newly renovated hall. Watch for an announcement in the January newsletter.

Bankview hall is a place for our community. We hope to see you soon. Congratulations again to all our volunteers who made this happen.

BANKVIEW'S DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE COORDINATOR UPDATES

What We Do

The Development Committee is a group of volunteer residents who meet every three weeks to review and provide comments to The City of Calgary on applications for Land Use Re-designations, Development Permits, and Business Permits in Bankview. We look at elements like building mass, street interface, orientation of entrances and windows, shadowing, parking, impacts to adjacent properties, unit numbers, and how it will compliment the community context. On occasion we also meet or correspond with developers, City planners, and elected officials to get the best outcome for our community.

Bankview has a diverse built form that includes a range of residential dwellings from historical character homes, to modern infills, and medium density apartment buildings. It's a community that welcomes people from all walks of life and that is something to be very proud of. We as a committee rely on residents to volunteer their time to help ensure that new development respects our neighbourhood context while adding something to it.

Bankview in the Headlines: 'bv20'



After working with the applicant over a number of years, the Bankview Development Committee is pleased with the proposed development that will be going to council in November. The original submission was deemed to be inadequate by our committee and the developer went on to hire a new architecture firm (MoDA) that produced a much better design that was well-received by residents. Although this proposal requires a land redesignation, it will add five extra units but keep the same building footprint. With the innovative green-roof, this development will reach nearly 90% site landscaping and a design that has been getting national attention for its

attractive design. See our twitter feed @BankviewCA for the article in the Globe and Mail.

Update on 'The Village' Application - LOC2016-0135

An application was submitted to rezone five parcels with four heritage homes on 19 Ave at 14A St SW to medium density- a proposed 78 unit apartment building.

While public consultation was not mandated, we felt that the developer,



RNDSQR (the same developer as the bv20), should engage our community on a development of such a substantial size. Thank you to everyone who attended the session on September 21st! It was really evident how much the residents of Bankview care about this neighbourhood. RNDSQR has decided to take some additional action before advancing the application further and has contracted Civic Works, the planning firm that worked on the Kensington Legion, to consult on this project.

The application will move forward as Concurrent Submission meaning that the Land Use Re-designation and Development Permit will be submitted for approval at the same time. A traffic impact study is also to be completed. The developer has also committed to exploring voluntary developer-funded public realm investments. Examples of public realm investments can include upgrades to public spaces like the small park lot across the street from the site, fixtures such as lighting and benches, and upgraded street features like wider side walks. We expect to hear more about these changes in early 2017. More information about this development can be found on their website <https://villagepublicengagement.wordpress.com> and the project team can be reached at engage@civicworks.ca or 587-747-0317.

New Contact

The Development Committee has a new email address to make it easier to contact us! We are always looking for volunteers to help us. If you are interested in joining us, have questions or what to share something, please send us an email at development@bankview.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



Halloween events - Halloween carving



Halloween events - Source Volunteer Photographer, Cliff Kirchhoff

Halloween Events Summary

Jarett Henderson

Each fall, the Bankview Community Association hosts two free community events for Halloween. On October 29, our community carved 75 jack-o'-lanterns with Ward 8 Councillor, Evan Woolley. Following the event participants took home their creations to decorate their front stoops and balconies alike. Days later, over 100 lightly used jack o' lanterns were relit and placed throughout Buckmaster Park on November 1, giving Bankview residents one final opportunity to celebrate Halloween. Residents strolled through a parade of jack-o'-lanterns sipping hot chocolate and eating snacks courtesy of an I Love My Neighbourhood Grant. These events would also not be possible without the support of numerous volunteers who carried pumpkins, cleaned up mounds of pumpkin seeds, and lit dozens upon dozens of tea lights. The Bankview Community Association thanks each and everyone of you for your volunteer and Halloween spirits!



Xmas Volunteers

Trivia

Canada Post volunteers donate over 200,000 hours of their time each year to help Santa respond to every letter that arrives on his doorstep.



CALGARY PUBLIC
LIBRARY

Happy Holidays

Calgary Public Library will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day. The Library is open until 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Free Presents!

Need a last-minute stocking stuffer? Give everyone on your list FREE books, movies, magazines, eBooks, programs that teach and entertain, and so much more when you give the gift of a FREE Library Card!

The 2017 Reading Guide

The Library is excited to announce that the 2017 Reading Guide will be in community libraries this January! The Reading Guide has an amazing selection of books chosen by Librarians to keep everyone in your family reading all year long.

WINTER WORD *fair*

BUY GREAT GIFTS FOR THE BOOK LOVERS
IN YOUR LIFE!

Independent booksellers and bookish vendors will be on hand at Central Library with incredible book-related wares for sale.

December 1, 5:00-8:00 pm
Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE

calgarylibrary.ca



SCOUTS CANADA 18th
SCOUT GROUP

The 18th Scout Group will be having a bottle drive on January 7, 2017. Members will be going door to door between 9am-2pm looking for bottle donations. Any bottle donations are greatly appreciated.

HANUKKAH

In 2016, Hanukkah from in the evening of Saturday, December 24th until the evening of Sunday, January 1st. During Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights, a candle is lit in a special menorah (candelabra) called a 'hanukkiyah'!



Trivia

**CANADIAN,
EH?**

When Canadians say "North of the 49th" we are referring to Canada - since the Canada-US border runs along the 49th parallel. This is the longest international border in the world.



Bankview Seniors Fitness

Come and join other older adults in your neighbourhood to build balance and strength in a welcoming and comfortable setting.

Date: Wednesdays,
September 20 – December 13, 2016

Time: 10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Bankview Community Centre
2418 17th Street S.W.

Fee: FREE for all participants

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the program start time to complete registration information. Please wear runners or appropriate shoes for exercise.

For more information or to register, contact:

Kristina del Corro
Recreation Program Specialist
Social Programs & Services
The City of Calgary
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Kristina.delcorro@calgary.ca



Bankview Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Bankview MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2016	\$636,000.00	\$615,000.00
September 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
August 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
July 2016	\$1,399,000.00	\$1,350,000.00
June 2016	\$458,000.00	\$445,000.00
May 2016	\$724,900.00	\$694,750.00
April 2016	\$632,000.00	\$623,000.00
March 2016	\$514,900.00	\$492,500.00
February 2016	\$788,000.00	\$712,500.00
January 2016	\$609,900.00	\$600,000.00
December 2015	\$749,900.00	\$749,900.00
November 2015	\$875,000.00	\$836,000.00

Last 12 Months Bankview MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
October 2016	6	1
September 2016	2	0
August 2016	1	0
July 2016	2	1
June 2016	1	5
May 2016	2	4
April 2016	7	2
March 2016	4	1
February 2016	3	1
January 2016	4	1
December 2015	2	1
November 2015	0	1

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit bankview.great-news.ca

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Did You Know?

Cloverdale Paint Now Offers Discounts to Community Association Members!

Cloverdale Paint is now offering club member pricing to community association members and organizational members of the Federation of Calgary Communities!

What does this mean for you? Well, whenever you need to buy paint you simply go to Cloverdale and say you are a "Federation of Calgary Communities Club Member" and you will receive more than 25% off paint and more than 15% off paint accessories!

Cloverdale Paint approached us to set up this discount program as they understand that community associations, their volunteers, and their members are at the heart of our city, and they wanted to give back in some way.

Thanks to Cloverdale Paint for their support and commitment to the community association network and for helping improve neighbourhood life in Calgary!



Name	Age	Contact	Course
Ashlee	11	403-835-4548	Yes
Catherine	28	514-293-1395	Yes
Elaheh	44	403-808-7083	Yes
Henry	16	403-719-8282	Yes
Izzy	17	403-483-1218	Yes
Rebecca	22	403-703-2219	Yes
Sarah	17	403-671-7724	No
Tania	25	403-707-7127	Yes
Victoria	33	587-216-3232	No

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Enroll free at mybabysitter.ca and choose the Calgary communities you would like to babysit in.

Calling All PARENTS

Visit mybabysitter.ca and find available babysitters in and around your community.

Disclaimer: We recommend for your own peace of mind that references be checked when choosing your babysitter. This babysitter list is provided as a service to the community and is governed by the terms & conditions outlined at mybabysitter.ca.

BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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As we enter this time of holidays and festive gatherings, I am reminded just how fortunate I am to have family extended across Western Canada.

This time is a time we set aside for coming together, taking part and remembering the things we value most in our lives.

When I look at the news from across the region, I am startled at just how many of our young people are dying from opioid overdose. It is alarming the number of people who so swiftly fall under the spell of these incredibly powerful drugs.

While fentanyl is killing our friends, our families, our neighbours, no one chooses fentanyl, no one chooses overdose.

When we hear about another death from this deadly drug it is important to remember that this is not the beginning, this is not where this person started their journey.

Many first time opioid users come by them legitimately, many taking Tylenol 3 when they have their wisdom teeth removed, and for most, the story of their opioid use ends when the prescription runs out. Others come to it on the street by virtue of predatory drug dealers, looking to upsell new clients on more impressive highs. The insidious nature of opioid drugs is that no matter how you come to it, its ability to hook our bodies makes it too easy for the fine line between a drug being medicine and harmful substance to get blurred, and physical addiction creeps in.

By the time we hear about a Fentanyl overdose, the user has been scraping the bottom of the barrel for some time, strung out and abandoned by mainstream society, and welcomed into the open arms of the opioid drug trade. When being wrapped in the warm embrace of an opioid rush, the only thing that matters is the rush, when no one else seems to care who you are. Addictions strike fast and conditions can debilitate an individual faster than they can realize what is happening. It is an incredibly difficult path to walk alone, and recovery almost never occurs without a supportive environment.



COUNCILLOR, WARD 8 EVAN WOOLLEY

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Happy Holidays

I've always loved the holidays. It's not just because of the family dinners, or the chance to get out to the Rockies to ski or snowboard, or even the gathering of presents under the Christmas tree. It's because of the kind and generous attitude with which Calgarians approach the season and their neighbours. We are a warm and giving people, but during the holiday season we always seem to one-up ourselves. You can see it everywhere – on the faces of kids in the corner store and in the kind smiles of Calgarians bundled up behind countless layers of clothing – and it makes me immensely proud to live and be from this wonderful place.

As lights and decorations find their way onto neighbouring businesses and homes, I hope that all Calgarians will consider taking the time to spread the joy of the season through their own acts of public service. This can mean volunteering your time at a local soup kitchen, helping to shovel a neighbour's sidewalk, or donating gently-used winter clothing to those in need. The options to give back and support your community are endless. If you have questions about how you can get involved in your community, contact your local Community Association or our office through email (ward08@calgary.ca) or phone (403-268-2431), we'd love to hear from you. From the Ward 8 office, we wish you a very happy holidays and a joyful New Year!

I wish you all the very best this holiday season and through the winter. Stay warm, keep safe on the roads, and have fun. 2017 is going to be a great year.

I am so proud that our government is taking a stand, and making progress in combatting the debilitating effects of opioid addiction. While working on harm-reduction programs, we are also aiming to tackle the root causes of substance abuse through investment in prevention and research programs. To learn more about how our government is taking action on this critical issue, follow the links found here: www.health.alberta.ca/health-information.html

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BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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Join me at the Kerby Centre

Firstly, I'd like to invite you to attend my December 2nd holiday open house at the Kerby Centre (1133 7 Ave SW). We will be in the Kerby Centre's gym from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM munching on cookies and singing carols. If we play our cards right a past board member of the Kerby Centre and current president of the Canadian Club of Calgary – my father, Richard Hehr – will be in the house as Elvis to perform a classic or two. To be blunt: it will be a night to remember.

If you're able to attend, I invite you to RSVP online at my website at www.KentHehrMP.ca/events.

Secondly, it is the season for giving and, throughout this year, I have been thoroughly amazed by those of whom who have played a role in bettering our province and city. And doubly so by everyday Canadians from coast to coast to coast in their care and compassion to those impacted by this year's tragedy in Fort McMurray.

In my role as chair of the Northern Wildfires cabinet committee, where I take a leadership position in co-ordinating the federal response to the fires in Fort McMurray, I was awestruck by the generosity of Canadians. Some \$165M was donated to the Red Cross, and a majority of the funds were match by the federal government. This federal matching is in addition to the federal government's Disaster Fund initial payment of some \$300 million to the Alberta Government. The Red Cross is continuing to collect donations and is asking for assistance. If you are able to pitch in this holiday season please do so as many families in Fort McMurray are still putting their lives back together.

It is the work above that makes it clear there is a role for government, and one that is active in supporting Canadians. I am proud of the work of our government and am inspired by the actions of tens of thousands of Canadians to support those in Fort McMurray.

Finally, it has been a whirlwind of a year – with implementing our platform on supporting seniors, bringing

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Kerby Centre

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into force our middle class tax cut, increasing child benefits to 9/10 families with our Canada Child Benefit, and a \$2.5 billion EI reform package. Our job is not yet done and I look forward to what 2017 will bring.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403.244.1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.



In 1988, the **Nobel Peace Prize** was awarded collectively to UN peacekeepers in recognition of their efforts over the years to help restore peace to countries in turmoil.

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Alberta Health Care	403.310.0000
AHS Addictions Hotline	1.866.332.2322
ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403.245.7222
Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	811
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.387.5437
Kids Help Line	1.800.668.6868
Child Safe Canada	403.202.5900
Distress/Crisis Line	403.266.4357
ENMAX – Power Trouble	403.514-6100
Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414
HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE	
Alberta Children's Hospital	403.955.7211
Foothills Hospital	403.944.1110
Peter Lougheed Centre	403.943.4555
Rockyview General Hospital	403.943.3000
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403.955.6200
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403.943.9300
South Health Campus	403.956.1111
OTHER	
Calgary Humane Society	403.205.4455
Calgary Parking Authority	403.537.7000
SeniorConnect	403.266.6200
Calgary Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403.705.3250
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1.800.242.3447
City of Calgary	311
Social Service Info & Referral	211
Community Mediation Calgary Society	403.269.2707
RNR Lockworks Ltd.	403.479.6161
Road Conditions – Calgary	511
Weather Information	
Gamblers Anonymous	403.237.0654

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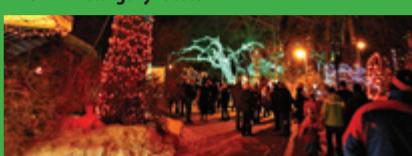
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YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

January 10 - January 21 All The Little Animals I Have

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January 13 Pop Fridays at Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra: Known as "The Ambassador of Soul" Ellis Hall is a master of classic R&B in the style of the genre's greatest legends. With an incredible career as former lead singer in Tower of Power and a protégé of the legendary Ray Charles, Soul Unlimited's hits include the music of Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, Earth, Wind & Fire and more. More info www.calgaryphil.com

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January 29 Bridal Fantasy at the Telus Convention Centre

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