



AUGUST 2023



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“WHAT’S UP IN MEDFORD”

Above Photo—Birchwood Lake

***ADDITIONAL EVENTS:**

(*please check the Twp. website & official Facebook page for more details & updates)

[Township Special Events Page](#)
[Special Events 2023 Calendar](#)

YOUTH SPORTS: [MYAA](#)

THE ARTS: [Medford Art Center](#)

HISTORY: [Medford Historical Society](#)

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DPW SERVICES:

-[Brush and Leaf Collection](#)
-[Brush and Leaf Zones](#)
-[Recycling](#)

-Trash Related Issues-

Missed Collections and Can Replacements and/or repairs
Please contact our vendor Republic Services directly at 215-744-2995; or email:

LWilliams@republicservices.com
or
Gburnsjr@republicservices.com

IMPORTANT DUE DATE INFORMATION:

[Water & Sewer Bill Due Dates](#)
[Property Taxes Due Dates](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS:

-[Town Calendar](#)
-[Medford Police](#)
-[Medford Fire & EMS](#)
-[Senior Citizens](#)
-[Parks and Recreation](#) & Pavilion Rentals

AUGUST 2023 EVENTS

The Medford Township Police Department Invites You To

National Night Out 2023



Tuesday August 1, 2023
6-9 p.m.
Freedom Park

- **First responder equipment and vehicle displays**
- **Police K-9 demo**
- **Cooper helicopter demo**
- **Coast Guard helicopter demo**
- **Inflatable games**
- **Dunk Tank**
- **Giveaways**
- **Ice cream**
- **Axe throwing**
- **Public Safety hot dog eating and tug of war contests**
- **DJ**
- **And more!**



Medford First Friday & Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, August 4th from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. www.MedfordMainStreet.com

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street — August 17th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Click [here](#) or check the Twp. website for a list of participating trucks and their menus. Food trucks are located throughout the Village on Main Street from 45 South Main Street to 57 North Main Street. Trucks are not in the same place each event, so stroll the street to see what varieties of food can be found at the various trucks along Main Street. Businesses, eateries & breweries on Main Street are OPEN! Many have specials, events & sales so please stop and shop! Plus live music in the Gazebo!

*Tables to sit with the family! *Streets are open and multiple crosswalks are available. *Parking is plentiful & easy! *Port-a-potties for your needs!

Tours of Kirby's Mill - offered every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm by the Medford Historical Society. www.MedfordHistory.org.

Play Music on the Porch Day—Saturday, August 26th from 3:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants Association. www.MainStreetMedford.com



BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Township officials announced last month that Brush will be collected on a monthly basis. This trial program will run for six months through December, 2023.

The collection program will follow the monthly schedule below:

July, 2023:

- Week of 7/3 – Zones 1 and 2 will be collected
- Week of 7/10 – Zone 3 will be collected
- Week of 7/17 – Zone 4 will be collected
- Week of 7/24 – Zone 5 will be collected
- Week of 7/31 – crews will complete any areas that may have been delayed

August, 2023:

- Week of 8/7 – Zones 1 and 2 will be collected
- Week of 8/14 – Zone 3 will be collected
- Week of 8/21 – Zone 4 will be collected
- Week of 8/28 – Zone 5 will be collected

September, 2023:

- Week of 9/4 – Zones 1 and 2 will be collected
- Week of 9/11 – Zone 3 will be collected
- Week of 9/18 – Zone 4 will be collected
- Week of 9/25 – Zone 5 will be collected

October, 2023:

- Week of 10/2– Zones 1 and 2 will be collected
- Week of 10/9 – Zone 3 will be collected
- Week of 10/16 – Zone 4 will be collected
- Week of 10/23 – Zone 5 will be collected
- Week of 10/30 – crews will complete any areas that may have been delayed

November, 2023:

- Week of 11/6 – Zones 1 and 2 will be collected
- Week of 11/13 – Zone 3 will be collected
- Week of 11/20 – Zone 4 will be collected
- Week of 11/27 – Zone 5 will be collected

December, 2023:

- Week of 12/4 – Zones 1 and 2 will be collected
- Week of 12/11 – Zone 3 will be collected
- Week of 12/18 – Zone 4 will be collected
- Week of 12/25 – Zone 5 will be collected

January, 2024:

No collections will be made in January as the program will be evaluated for continued implementation

Requirements for brush collection will remain the same. All brush must be placed at the street no earlier than ten (10) days before a scheduled collection. In the fall months, brush and leaves must be separated. Brush must be at the street by 6 am on the Monday of the scheduled collection week. Each street will be collected once.

For more information, please refer to the Township website here: <https://www.medfordtownship.com/content/233/251/327.aspx>

For a map of the Zones that can be found on the Township website, use this link: https://www.medfordtownship.com/.../Medford_Leaf_and...

Questions about this trial collection program should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 609-654-6791.

We appreciate any feedback on this program as it runs through the next six months.



IMPORTANT UPDATE ON 2023/2024 TAX BILLS

As of July 31st, the Township just received and confirmed the final 2023 Tax Rate from Burlington County in order to print and mail the 2023/2024 Tax Bills. It will take approximately two (2) weeks to print and mail the bills. **An extended grace period will be provided until close of business on Friday, September 8th to pay the 3rd quarter tax bill.** (by State law this is 25 calendar days from the date they are mailed). The mailing date and due date information will also be noted on the tax bills, posted on the News Feed on the website, and also posted on the Township's official Facebook page.

Starting tomorrow (8/1/23), property owners can review and pay their Tax Bill on our secure on-line portal here: <https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0320>.

Pre-scheduled ACH payments will be deducted on **Thursday, August 24th**.

CHANGE IN AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The first Council meeting in August, originally scheduled for Wednesday, August 2nd, has been cancelled. Their August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15th beginning at 7:00 pm in the Police Administration Building located at 91 Union Street. All Council meetings are livestreamed via the link on the homepage of the Township website, and archived for later viewing.

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE HOURS ADJUSTED IN AUGUST

The Planning and Zoning Office will be closed to the public on Fridays in August (August 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th) We apologize for any inconveniences.

Inquiries may be sent via email to abell@medfordtownship.com and will be answered as soon as possible.

RICH PARKS RETIRES FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES POSITION

Richard "Rich" Parks, Director of Public Works & Utilities, will be retiring as of August 1st. He has been an employee of the Township since March of 2015. As Director, he was responsible for administering all Public Works activities, including park and playground maintenance, road maintenance, building and grounds, leaf collection, brush collection and solid waste collection, and providing managerial and organizational support to the water/sewer division.

Rich started his career in public service with Eastampton Township, serving as their Director of Public Works, Recycling Coordinator and Code Enforcement Officer for over 25 years. He was also actively involved there as a volunteer firefighter.

The Township Council, Township Manager and his fellow employees all thank Rich for his exemplary service to the residents of Medford and wish him well in his retirement.

RON FOWLER APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

Township Manager Kathy Burger is most pleased to announce that she has appointed Ron "Ronnie" Fowler as the incoming Director of Public Works & Utilities, effective August 1st. Ronnie currently serves as the Assistant Director.

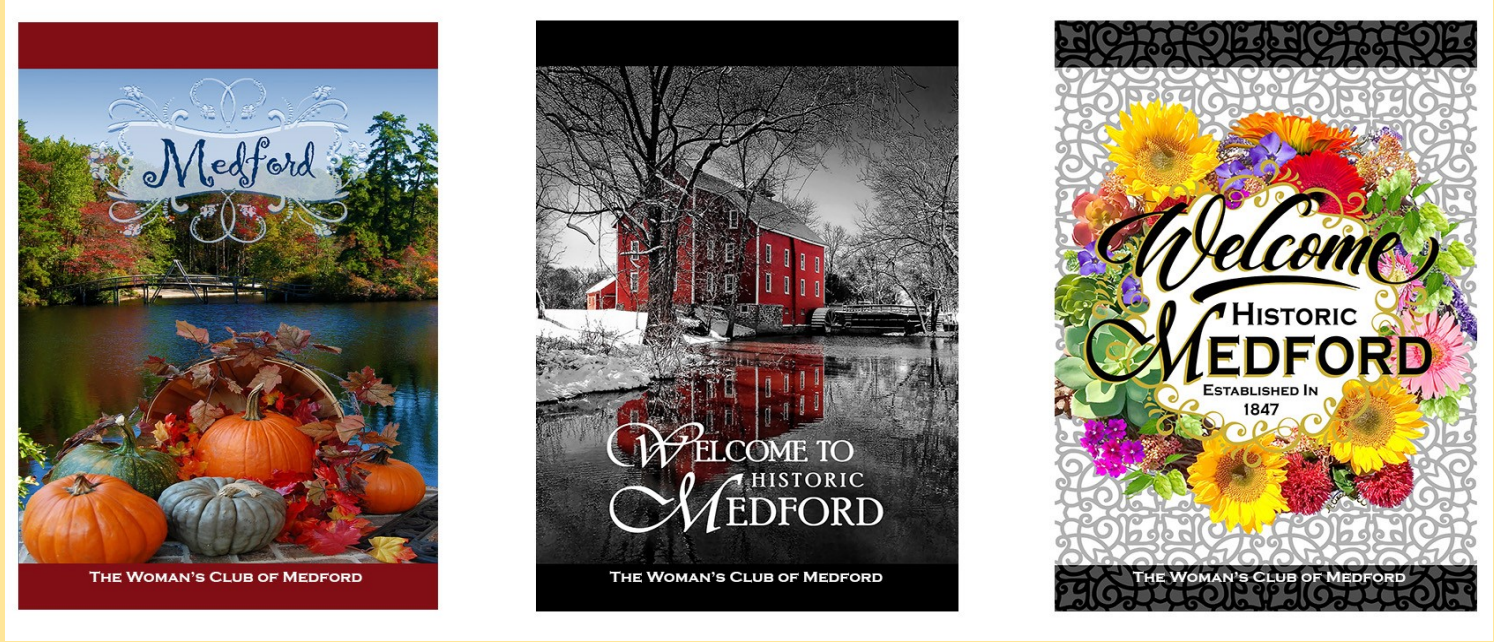
Ronnie started with Medford Township in the Utilities Division in November of 1998 as a Linesman in the Utilities Department. Through his 25 years of service to Medford, he has been steadily promoted to Assistant Operator, Millwright, Repairman, and Foreman. He has served as Assistant Director of Public Works & Utilities since May of 2020.

Ronnie is Certified by Rutgers as a Public Works Manager, and holds a number of water & sewer utility operator licenses. He is also a certified welder.

NEW WEBSITE TO DEBUT THIS MONTH



The Township Council, under the direction of the Township Manager, is happy to announce that it will be debuting a new website this month. Designed to be more visual and easier to navigate, popular features such as the News Feed, live-streaming of Council meetings, and service requests will remain; along with new features including an integrated Facebook feed, enhanced e-mail capabilities, a Google Calendar that can be downloaded to personal devices, and on-line park & recreational facility reservation portal. Our website address will remain: www.medfordtownship.com.



MAIN STREET BANNER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

It's time to produce new Main Street banners. Sponsorship opportunities are now available; starting with Fall banners to be displayed beginning in September 2023.

***Sponsor one, two or all three seasons!
Each Banner Sponsorship is \$60***

**All monies collected are to pay for the cost of the banner only.
Medford Township will provide all hardware and staff to hang the banners.*

ORDER FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

☐ Fall Banner ☐ Winter Banner ☐ Spring/Summer Banner

SPONSOR'S NAME: Please print clearly, one line of text only not to exceed 30 characters maximum, including spacing (no company logos)

Send your order ASAP (no later than August 25, 2023)

Make checks payable to: **Township of Medford** and mail to:
**Township of Medford · Manager's Office ·
49 Union Street · Medford, NJ 08055-2432**

If you have questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 609-654-2608 x330

(Banners will be placed randomly along Main Street. Precise placements cannot be guaranteed, but Main Street businesses or residents will have their sponsored banner placed as close as possible to their address.)





FREE ADMISSION
ALL AGES

MEDFORD OKTOBERFEST AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

featuring LOW CUT CONNIE & MORE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 1:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Click Here for Band Details on our Facebook Page...

NATIONAL TOURING ARTIST LOW CUT CONNIE TO HEADLINE MEDFORD OKTOBERFEST & MUSIC FESTIVAL IN FREEDOM PARK ON SEPTEMBER 15-16th

The Medford Business Association (MBA) announced that the annual Medford Oktoberfest & Music Festival will be held on **Friday September 15, 2023 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday September 16, 2023 from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at Freedom Park, 86 Union Street. Considered “Medford’s Biggest Party of the Year,” the event is organized and promoted by the Medford Business Association, with ShopRite of Medford as its

Presenting Sponsor. **Parking & admission are free**, and the event is open to all ages.

This year’s event will feature a massive beer tent, sponsored by Taunton Forge Liquors, that will serve not only well-known national and international brands and Oktoberfest brews, but also local crafts from area brewers. Plenty of food trucks will be on site offering a variety of options, as well as a vendor offering traditional German food favorites.

The event will feature over 20 musical artists on two stages. Friday night’s main stage lineup includes a full set from national-touring artist **Low Cut Connie** in support of the band’s highly anticipated new album, *Art Dealers*. Joining Low Cut Connie on the Friday night main stage will be the Katie Henry Band and Velvet Rouge. Music starts at 5:15 p.m. with Low Cut Connie hitting the stage around 7:30 p.m.

Popular country rock artist **Kenny Curcio**, who grew up in Medford and now splits his time between New Jersey and Nashville, will headline Saturday’s main stage lineup. Kenny’s newest single, *Jersey Shore*, quickly became a summer anthem when it was released in June. Kenny will be making his second appearance at Oktoberfest, but the first with his Nashville-based band. Saturday’s main stage will also include performances by Kyle Sparkman, Groove Merchants, Calista Garcia, The Vaughns, and a closing set from Oktoberfest-favorites My Funky Brethren, making their third appearance at the festival.

Both days will feature a second music stage located in one of Freedom Park’s large open-air gazebos. On Friday night, the Gazebo Stage lineup opens with groove band The Triple T’s, followed by pop artists Sun Psychic, before turning it over to local up-and-coming bands Sunrise Cries and Wasted Potential.

Saturday’s Gazebo Stage lineup opens with a classic rock cover set from The Loan Rangers, followed by singer-songwriters The Gender Gnomes, Ian Miller, and Ryan Jesse. As the sun starts to fade, some of the region’s favorite bands take over – Only on Weekends, All Systems Go, Out of Service, and Brian Quirk.

This year’s event will also feature three heats of a Bavarian Stein-holding competition, sponsored by King’s Road Brewing Co., with judges from the United States Steinholding Association. One heat will be held on Friday and two on Saturday, with the winners of each heat advancing to the NJ State Finals on October 21 at the Feed Mill in Medford. Interested participants can sign up in person at the event while spots last.

Saturday will also feature a business fair with scores of local businesses, crafters, artisans, and more. Children of all ages are welcome to attend both days, and there will be special activities just for them on Saturday.

Free parking is available at Freedom Park and surrounding areas. In addition, shuttle buses will run from Sharps Run Plaza parking lot on Route 70 and Medford Village.

Medford Oktoberfest and Music Festival is sponsored by:
Medford Business Association, *Event Organizer*; ShopRite of Medford, *Presenting Sponsor*; True Value Hardware & Rental Medford, *Sponsor for Tents, Lights, Tables, Chairs and Fans*; Taunton Forge Liquors, *Beer Garden Sponsor*; Archer Law, *Main Stage Sponsor*; King’s Road Brewing Company, *Steinholding Competition Sponsor*.

For more information and to become a sponsor, food or business fair vendor, go to: www.medfordbusiness.org or www.medfordoktoberfest.com





THE VILLAGE AT
TAUNTON FORGE
PRESENTS

THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Thursdays at 7 p.m. June 29 - August 31

FREE CONCERTS

8 BANDS
8 DATES

6/29 John Byrne Band	8/3 Lost in Brunswick Band
7/6 Jeff LeVine Acoustic	8/10 The Flim Flam Band
7/13 David Falcone	8/24 The Classic Rock Band
7/27 Josh Holland	8/31 Oliver Dagum

JUNE 29 · JULY 6, 13, 20, 27 · AUG 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Village at Taunton Forge
200 Tuckerton Rd., Medford, NJ

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
VILLAGEATTAUNTONFORGE.COM
@ SHOPTAUNTONFORGE
VILLAGE AT TAUNTON FORGE



THE MEDFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING A HIRING PROCESS FOR A POLICE OFFICER. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, QR CODE AND BELOW LINK WILL YOU GIVE YOU DIRECT ACCESS TO WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED.
<https://forms.office.com/r/BFaRKFP7bn>



**Medford Township Police
Department**
91 Union Street Medford, New Jersey 08055



Arthur E. Waterman, *Chief of Police*

Capt. William Dunlevy, Executive Officer
Lt. George Jackson, Bureau Commander
Lt. James D'Averso, Bureau Commander

Emergency: 9-1-1
Police Dispatch: 609-267-8300
Police Admin. Building: 609-654-7511
Admin. Fax: 609-654-5996
www.medfordpolice.org

**Hiring Announcement
Medford Township Police Department**

The Medford Township Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. The Medford Township Police Department is located in Burlington County and currently employs 36 full-time officers. The Department is accredited by the New Jersey State Associations of Chiefs of Police. Applicants should be energetic, willing to learn and take great pride in the community that they serve. Additional information on recruitment can be found by visiting www.medford-police.org. Applicants must minimally possess the following qualifications:

1. Must be 21 years of age.
2. Be a citizen of the United States of America and the State of New Jersey
3. Be able to read and write the English Language.
4. Not have been convicted of any violations of the laws of the State of New Jersey or the United States, except minor traffic offenses, nor shall have been convicted of any crime or offense involving moral turpitude.
5. Provide proof of a high school diploma or approved high school equivalency certificate.
6. Have a Valid New Jersey driver's license.
7. Submit to a complete background investigation.
8. Submit to and successfully pass physical and psychological testing.
9. Submit to and successfully pass drug screening.
10. Non-certified applicants or SLEO II waiver applicants will need to complete a P.T. test on or about September 9, 2023.

Interested persons should complete the Department Law Enforcement Diversity Applicant Entry below by September 1, 2023.

The Medford Township Police Department is accepting applications from:

- Persons with no prior police training or experience.
- Persons possessing a valid Police Officer certification from the New Jersey Police Training Commission or currently enrolled in a N.J. P.T.C. certified police academy.
- Persons possessing Police SLEO II waiver eligible certifications will be considered.



PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – POLICE DEPARTMENT

28 hours per week. (Position does not include benefits.) Applicants must be detail oriented and comfortable working with the public. Experience in Word and Excel preferred. Must have valid driver's license and no criminal history. Send resume to Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, Personnel Office, 49 Union St., Medford, NJ 08055 by Friday August 11, 2023. EOE.

HELPER - PUBLIC WORKS (Full-time)

Helper within the Public Works Department. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and be a minimum of 18 years old. The successful candidate will perform various tasks including road maintenance, buildings and grounds maintenance, park and playground maintenance, leaf collection and snow removal. Applicants should possess or have the ability to obtain a NJ Commercial Driver's License, Class B with Air Brake endorsement within one (1) year of employment and have a clean driving record. Applicants should be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds, be in good physical health benefits package. Candidates must submit to a thorough background and drug screening prior to employment. Salary for this position is \$18.43/hour or \$38,334.40/year. Position includes paid holidays, vacation time, sick time, as well as a comprehensive health benefits. Applications may be obtained by clicking [HERE](#) or at 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055. Resumes or applications should be sent to Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, Personnel Office, 49 Union St., Medford, NJ 08055 by Friday, August 11, 2023. EOE.

LINESMAN -UTILITY DEPARTMENT (Full-time)

Linesman within the Department of Public Works-Utilities Division. Position includes paid holidays, vacation time, and sick time; as well as a comprehensive benefit package. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and be a minimum of 18 years old. Applicants should have a mechanical ability and experience in use of power equipment. Applicants should possess or have the ability to obtain a NJ Commercial Driver's License, Class B with Air Brake endorsement and have a clean driving record. Applicants should be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds, be in good physical health, and submit to a thorough background check and drug screening prior to employment. Salary for this position per the Union Contract is \$17.62/hour or \$36,649.60/year. Applications may be obtained by clicking [HERE](#). Applications or resumes should be sent to Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, at the above address by Friday, August 11, 2023. EOE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (Part-time)

The Department of Fire & EMS is currently accepting resumes for Part-Time Emergency Medical Technicians. Applicants must hold current NJ EMT-B, current CPR Certification, a valid NJ driver's license & be physically capable of performing all duties involving emergency medical services. Interested applicants will complete an oral interview, criminal background check, and a physical agility test. Send resume to Township of Medford, Personnel, Attn: Chief Robert Dovi, 1 Firehouse Lane, Medford, NJ 08055. EOE

CROSSING GUARDS

Substitute positions available. Obtain application from the link below or at Medford Town Hall, 49 Union St., Medford and submit to the Personnel Office. EOE

All employment opportunities and a Job Application Form are posted to the Twp. Website here:
<https://www.medfordtownship.com/JobOpportunities>.



CRANBERRY HALL SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Watercolors & Acrylics for Beginners

Begins Monday, September 18th 10:00 am—12:00 noon

8 week session; register by September 11th

Program Fee is \$100

Instructor: Eileen Caporaso

This class teaches the basics of watercolors &/or acrylics in a step by step method. Geared for the first time artist or intermediate student wanting to advance, the instructor will go through the basics of line drawing, composition, design and color. Learn to paint in this relaxing and informative class. Supplies are necessary; a list is provided upon registration.

(Note: This class is on-going; and held in four (4) 8-week sessions throughout the year.)

For more information & to register, email the instructor, Eileen Caporaso, at eileencaporaso@comcast.net.

PINELANDS BRANCH LIBRARY AUGUST HAPPENINGS

Red Cross Blood Drive - Monday, August 21st

The Pinelands Library is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Monday, August 21st from 1:30-6:30 pm.

It only takes 15 minutes of your day to save up to three lives.

Appointments can be scheduled on the Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code is Medford Community.



*Kindness is
in your blood*

Help save a life.

Schedule your blood donation
appointment today.



Meet Libby.

The one-tap reading app
from your library

Libby

Did you know that the Burlington County Library System (BCLS) has thousands of ebooks and audio ebooks you can borrow for free? All you need is a library card and a device. Thanks to the Libby app, it takes just a few taps to find and borrow a title. Libby is an easy-to-use reading experience from OverDrive, the library's eBook and audio-book provider. This user-friendly app is available for free in the App Store and Google Play.



Town Hall Address:

49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055-2432

Phone: (609) 654-2608 // Fax: (609) 953-4087

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



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