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2014 A Progressive Year - Mayor Theis



2014 has proven to be a progressive year with the completion of the 4th phase of Center Point Road from the railroad tracks to Fisher Street. We are now in the planning

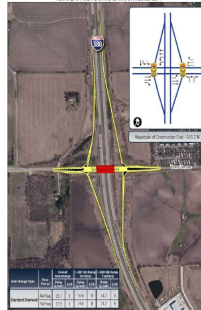
phase of the final portion of Center Point Road, which is the reconstruction of the intersection of Center Point Road, Emmons Street and Robins Road. When completed, this will finish the reconstruction of Center Point Road from Blairs Ferry Road to Tower Terrace Road. It has taken time, but the end is in sight.

We completed two residential streets this summer, 14th Avenue between Rainbow Boulevard and Cress Parkway & Eisenhower Road between 9th and 10th Avenues were totally reconstructed, awaiting a Pilot LED Street Light Program on 14th Avenue. We will continue to work on residential streets as money becomes available. We have applied for a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy grant to help with the repair of Industrial Avenue and for an Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program grant to help with the fixing of some of the concerns on Boyson Road.



Industrial Avenue is a city only project; however, we will be working very closely with Iowa Department Of Transportation on the Boyson Road project. As we work on these street projects, we continue to communicate with our legislators and local Department Of Transportation to keep focus on the need for Tower Terrace

Interchange improvements. The Federal Department Of Transportation is reviewing the Intersection Justification Report as I write. We are told it is more than likely to take six months to review.



No doubt you have noticed some changes on the corner of Center Point Road and Boyson Road. A number of homes have been purchased and removed by a private developer. Sometime next year, the area should be the new home for Dave Wright Nissan/Subaru. We also have a beautiful new building at 105 North Center Point Road which is the new home for Hawkeye Communications & Hand In Hand Daycare.



We also had a complete makeover of the Home Works building, now called the "City Center". We hope to see more redevelopment in this corridor in the future.

On December 10th, the State City Development Board will review and consider the approval of two voluntary annexations, totaling 132 acres. The land is located along Loggerhead Road and I-380, across County Home Road. It is truly nice to see the City "on the grow" again. We now have three residential sub-divisions along Loggerhead Road: Pines at Turtle Creek; Rolling Prairie Estates; and Dell Ridge;



stimulating residential growth and mixed use commercial development.

We continue to review the needs of the Library and the Fire Department for future expansions. Our Library continues to service at least three times our population annually and Fire's efforts to decrease response time for both the east and north side of the City. Each are valuable to our citizens and we take these request very seriously.

We are looking forward to 2015 with continued infrastructure projects and future economic development opportunities for our community. Along with improvements and economic development, comes the comprehensive planning and zoning code changes. The Community Development Department, Council, Planning and Zoning and staff have been investing a great deal of time streamlining and reviewing the codes for better use and interpretation.

Recently Hiawatha was named as the 7th Safest City in Iowa by Safe Choice Security Community Outreach. They compared crime statistics from the FBI's census data, with a focus on violent and property crimes. Hiawatha rated higher than 73% of cities and towns in the U.S.



Lastly, I would like to thank of the Planning & Zoning, History, Board of Adjustments, Board of Appeals, Library and Water Boards and Commissions for their dedication to the City. Each of you help make Hiawatha a better place to live, work and play. The City would simply not function as it does without you. Enjoy the holidays!

Snow Ordinance Reminder

Our Snow Ordinance will be in effect when the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts a snowfall in which three (3) or more inches of snow are expected. While the Snow Emergency is in effect, **there is no parking on any city street.** Vehicles found parked in violation of this ordinance will receive a **\$25** parking ticket and/or be impounded.



During snow removal operations, vehicles found in violation on City streets will be towed. The Snow Emergency declaration will be given to all the local media including but not limited to: KGAN (Channel 2), KCRG (Channel 9), and KWWL (Channel 7). The declaration will also be posted on the City website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Your cooperation is appreciated.

REMEMBER - Don't park in the street if:

- The 24 hour (or less) prediction by the NWS is for three (3) or more inches of snow.
- Three (3) or more inches of snow has fallen and/or your street has not been cleared.

When in doubt about parking, move your vehicle off the street. Also, the City will **NOT** generally conduct snowfall clearing operations on

all streets for a snowfall of less than two (2) inches. This policy remains unchanged from prior years. Please remember: Sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours of the cessation of snow fall, clear snow from around fire hydrants that are near your property, check with your neighbors regarding snow removal and direct sump pumps and downspouts away from hard surfaces so that water doesn't build up and freeze, creating slippery conditions on driveways, sidewalks, or streets. For the current road conditions: call 511 or log onto the Iowa DOT winter road conditions web page. <http://weatherview.iowadot.gov/>

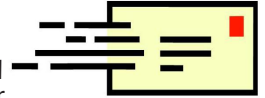


Get Connected to City Hall via E-mail for Breaking News!

The City of Hiawatha knows their residents/businesses like to be kept updated regarding important announcements. We are in the process of conducting a test to determine which and how many of our resident/businesses would be interested in receiving email notifications in regards to breaking news and weather related emergencies.

To be a part of this test group, please send an email to adminit@hiawatha-iowa.com and enter the phrase "email notices" in the subject line.

We are excited about this new opportunity and would love your input. Thank you.



Hiawatha Water Department's New Well

The Hiawatha Water Department put the City's newest water well on-line last month.

This new well is 500 feet deep and has a pumping rate of 450 gallons per minute. The well is located in the northern part of the City, along Fitzroy Road. The treatment processes at this well site will be the addition of Sodium Hypochlorite for disinfection and Phosphate for corrosion control. The Water Department will not be adding Flouride at this well because the natural flouride in the water is within EPA drinking standards.

The well was drilled by Shawver Well Company, Inc., from Fredericksburg, Iowa. The drilling of the well was completed in July 2013. This well site is also the proposed site for a future water storage tank.



Hiawatha Recognizes Two Area Businesses

Advanced Systems, Inc., Advanced Systems, Inc., an employee-owned company, celebrated their expansion in Hiawatha with an open house and ribbon cutting on November 6, 2014. The celebration was held at their newly constructed 6,000 sq. ft. building, located at 941 Metzger Drive and included prizes and hors d'oeuvres for attendees.

Advanced Systems offers a wide array of products and services to help your business run smoothly. Advanced Systems can help you find the right printing/scanning and copying systems to fit your needs and budget, they offer managed print, document management and work flow solutions.

Council member Dick Olson attended the ribbon cutting on November 6, 2014 to present a plaque to President/CEO Dave Quint and congratulate Advanced Systems on behalf of the City of Hiawatha, for their new facility.



Awaken Family Chiropractic

Awaken Family Chiropractic is now open and providing high-quality chiropractic care for the whole family. Dr. Erica Smothers, D.C. specializes in chiropractic care for children, pregnant patients and families. Her office emphasizes pediatric health and the role that a properly functioning nervous system has on a developing child. Chiropractic care has been shown to help kids suffering from: ear infections, colic, ADHD, asthma, autism, bedwetting, allergies and more!



PEDIATRIC AND FAMILY WELLNESS

Awaken Family Chiropractic welcomes patients of all ages and all levels of health, and it is their mission to help you reach your full potential in health, healing and life! The office is located at 2205 Blairsferry Crossing, Suite B and can be reached at (319) 826-6879 or visit their website: www.AwakenFamilyChiro.com.

Hiawatha Becomes a KCRG TV9 CityCam Location

On November 4, 2014, Kaj O'Mara from KCRG-TV9 installed a CityCam on the northwest side of the Hiawatha City Hall roof. KCRG now has seven CityCams operating in the Linn County area; other Linn County locations include Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Central State Bank in Coralville, Mercy in Iowa City, Uptown Marion, and the University of Iowa Community Credit Union in North Liberty.

The camera is a Canon VB-C60 with a vandal proof housing and 40x zoom capability. It will pan 360 degrees, tilt up and down, and has very good image compression to allow for decent framerate. KCRG-TV9 uses the CityCam to monitor local weather and traffic conditions.

Funding for the purchase of the Hiawatha CityCam was generously provided by Dave Wright Nissan Subaru. If you are interested in accessing the Hiawatha CityCam imagery, visit the following link: <http://www.kcrg.com>



Hiawatha Parks Offers Cork N Canvas

On December 18th, Amanda Happel, of Cork N Canvas Iowa, will provide a step-by-step painting class that's easy for those who have little or no skills. Paint an adorable santa that's perfect to add to your holiday decor or give as a gift! Bring your own adult beverage and/or snacks and create your very own work of art. \$35 per person, including all painting supplies and a 16X20 canvas. Space is Limited! Sign up at www.hiawatha-iowa.com or at Hiawatha City Hall today!



Lil' Cougar Dance Clinic

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation has partnered with the Kennedy Dance Team to hold a Dance Clinic for kindergarten through 5th graders on January 25, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. in the Hiawatha Community Center. Each child should wear shorts, a t-shirt, tennis shoes and socks to the clinic. We would like each child to bring plenty of spirit and most importantly, their smiles! Pom poms are included with your \$15 registration fee. Register online by January 23, 2015. In case of inclement weather, makeup date will be February 8, 2015.



November Kids Movie Night



November Kids Movie night was a packed house. We had several parents and children who enjoyed a free viewing of Maleficent and free popcorn, juice and water. The Parks and Recreation Department enjoys putting on this affordable family event and hopes your family can join us on January 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. for another UICCU Kids Movie Night.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for January's movie announcement!

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Santa Claus is coming to the Hiawatha American Legion

Saturday
December 13
10:00 A.M. - Noon

Santa will be at the Hiawatha American Legion, 207 Robins Road, on Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. to Noon.

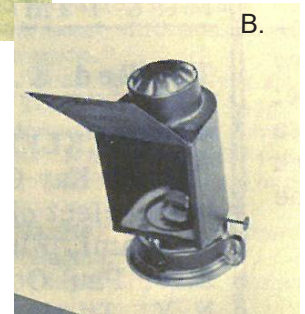
There will be drawings for toys for the boys and girls, with each receiving a bag of goodies.



Do you know what these items are?

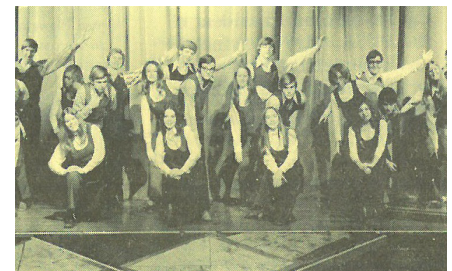
Happy Holidays from the Hiawatha History Commission!

Answers can be found on the last page.



Happiness, Inc.
Kennedy High School
1972

Anyone you know?



Requests for City Staff to Attend Home Owner's Association Meetings.

Would your Home Owner's Association group like an update on Hiawatha projects or information on City services?

Contact City Hall at (319) 393-1515 and request availability of a member of City staff to attend your next Home Owner's Association meeting.

Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

Snow is here and that means new hazards for firefighters working in cold and snow. Hiawatha is blessed with an outstanding water system. Hydrants are well distributed with good pressure. They are well maintained and water main issues are quickly addressed. However, snow presents a problem that neither the Fire Department nor the Water Department can address on their own. Buried fire hydrants. The Fire Department can lose precious time in an emergency, searching for and digging out fire hydrants. You can help us out by keeping your fire hydrants clear of snow.

Tips for keeping snow clear is to address the issue after every snowfall, so it doesn't build up or freeze and get hard. Try to keep about a 3 to 5 foot radius around the hydrant clear, especially in front of the hydrant. The Fire Department hooks up to the large discharge on the front, so it's important to have the snow clear to that side, to the street. Also remember that firefighters need room to stand to operate the hydrant.

If you have issues or concerns with a hydrant, or getting it clear, call the fire station non-emergency number at 393-4180.



Hiawatha Police Recommend Safety

Don't let your holidays be ruined by becoming the victim of a crime. Unfortunately, not everyone there has a "peace on earth, goodwill toward men" attitude at this time of year. It is always important to protect yourself from theft and fraud.

Scams

IRS warns of telephone scams targeting tax payers, including recent immigrants, throughout the country.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. The scam has hit taxpayers in nearly every state in the country.

More details from the IRS are posted here: <http://www.iowa.gov/tax/news/IRSTelephoneScam.doc>.

Locking Windows and Doors

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.

When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.

Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.

Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.

Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.

Identity Theft

www.rethinkingdebt.org offers tips to help consumers protect themselves, more can be found on their website.

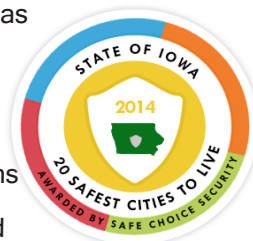
Don't carry large sums of cash. If you choose not to charge your purchases, using a debit card may be right for you.

Have a constant awareness of your surroundings. The sidewalk and malls will be crowded, and shoppers will be distracted, the perfect combination for a pick-pocket. If someone bumps into you, don't assume it was an accident.

Make copies of your credit cards. Copy both sides of all your cards. If you lose your wallet, you'll have easy access to all of your account information they contain.

Iowa's Safest Cities - Hiawatha #7

Often referred to as the American Heartland; Iowa offers a fusion of industry, agriculture and innovation. Iowans are famous for good farming and good community. Despite the peace and quiet found between the long expanses of corn ripening under the August sun, crime can still be a major problem. If you should find yourself craving a piece of Iowa for yourself, learn about which cities stand out as the safest.



After a careful analysis of the 2012 FBI Crime Statistics, Safe Choice Security created a list of the 25 safest cities in Iowa. They considered both the property and violent crime statistics to get

some realistic insight into the actual incidences of crime in the towns and cities in Iowa. With this information, you have a confident starting point for finding the ideal municipality for your next home or start-up business.

Hiawatha, IA was ranked #7 Safest Place in Iowa

Considered a north suburb of Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, IA, has experienced growth in leaps and bounds over the years. Home to Medal of Honor recipient, Sergeant Salvatore Guinta, this city has a proud tradition of maintaining American values through their commitment to a safe community and growing police department. Hiawatha also has a number of outdoor parks and recreational centers such as the expansive Cedar Valley Nature Trail. This trail is known for its abundant wildlife and wildflowers. Hiawatha, while being a suburb of Cedar Rapids, has a very low population density in comparison with the other suburbs. Dedicated to providing a safe and affordable living experience, this city has placed a lot of attention and care into its town center and public places - making it an enjoyable place to raise a family and do business.

Population: 7,141
Violent Crimes per 1000: 0.42
Property Crimes per 1000: 10.78
Crime Index: 73
Safer than 73% of US cities

Article courtesy of *Safe Choice Se-*

"Do you want your baby-back, baby-back, baby-back ribs?"

As part of the Chili's Give Back Program[®], for any patron who brings in their voucher and purchases a meal in the months of November and December, our local Chili's will give 15% back to the Hiawatha Public Library. You can pick up your voucher during library hours at the front desk.

Forgot to pick up your voucher, or left it at home? No problem! Use your smartphone and pull up the library's Facebook page under events and just show the image of the voucher to your server. You could even tattoo it to your arm! (Okay...maybe not.)

Either way, all you gotta do is show that you have the voucher to benefit the library!

Hiawatha Council Action

November 5, 2014

Ordinance 811 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 96 Building Sewers and Connections 96.02 Permit Fee and Connection Charge.
 Ordinance 812 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 115 Utility lines 115.01 Definition and 115.06 Fees Established.
 Ordinance 813 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 134 Right of Way 134.05 Permit Required.
 Ordinance 814 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 135 Street Use and Maintenance 135.02 Obstructing or Defacing and 135.09 Excavations.
 Ordinance 815 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 136 Sidewalk Regulations 136.07 Permit/Bond Requirement and 136.08 Sidewalk Standards.
 Ordinance 816 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 151 Trees adding 151.03 Permit Required.

Resolution 14-218 - Approve voluntary annexation applications submitted by Clifford A. Bowers and Diane M. Bowers and Thomas A. Burd, Trustee of Thomas A. Burd Revocable Trust and Edity M. Burd, Trustee of the Edith M. Burd Revocable Trust.
 Resolution 14-219 - Approve disposal of a portion of right of way.
 Resolution 14-220 - Approve sale of a portion of Kainz Drive Right of Way described as plat of survey no. 1929, auditor's plat #372.
 Resolution 14-221 - Approve disposal of a portion of right of way.
 Resolution 14-222 - Approve sale of a portion of City right of way on Boyson Road, described as parcel A, plat of survey No. 1952, part of lot 18, auditor's plat #372.
 Resolution 14-223 - Approve building materials for a new commercial development - Dave Wright Nissan Subaru Property located at 999 Boyson Road.
 Resolution 14-224 - Approve and adopt a street closure policy.
 Resolution 14-225 - Approve Hiawatha Building Regulations Table 1-A Building Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule.
 Resolution 14-226 - Authorize City Engineering to proceed with design plans for the construction of drainage repairs along CN Railroad.
 Resolution 14-227 - Authorize installation of three (3) LED Street lights and poles on Hawkeye Drive, Kacena Road and Stamy Road.
 Resolution 14-228 - Approve FY2013-2014 Annual Financial Report.

November 19, 2014

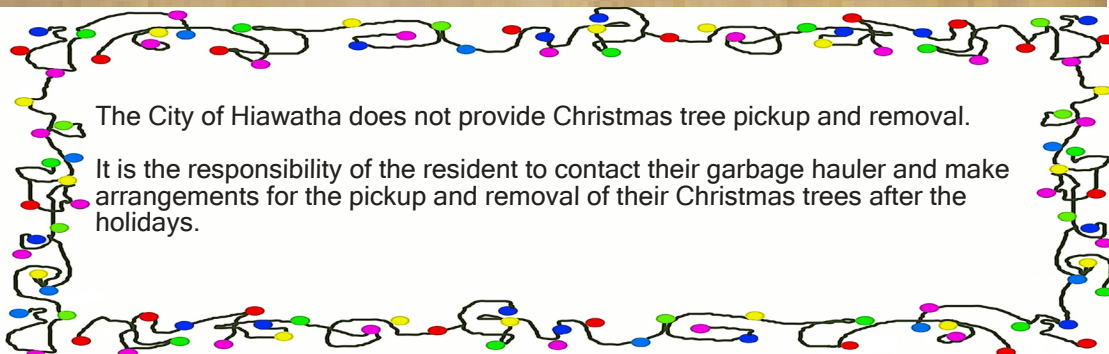
Resolution 14-229 - Approve classification of the City's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness.
 Resolution 14-230 - Approve certification of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) indebtedness to the Linn County Auditor's Office for Fiscal Year 2016 Collections.
 Resolution 14-231 - Approve and place on file Annual FY 2013-2014 Urban Renewal Report.
 Resolution 14-232 - Amend the City's current Economic Development Policy Statement by updating procedures and restrictions.
 Resolution 14-233 - Approve final plat for Rolling Prairie Estates 2nd Addition.
 Resolution 14-234 - Authorize improvement installation in regards to Next Level 22 Properties First Addition.
 Resolution 14-235 - Approve preliminary plat for Next Level 22 Properties First Addition.
 Resolution 14-236 - Approve "At Your Own Risk" Building Permit to begin construction of the foundation for a new commercial building for Next Level 22 Properties First Addition.
 Resolution 14-237 - Approve Sponsorship of a Grayfield Redevelopment Tax Credit Application made to the Iowa Economic Development Authority, by Next Level 22 Properties, LLC.
 Resolution 14-238 - Adopt Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 Resolution 14-239 - Set Holiday Schedule for FY 2015-2016.
 Resolution 14-240 - Approve Council Meeting Schedule for 2015.
 Resolution 14-241 - Authorize City Attorney to proceed with condemnation proceedings for property located at 93-95 N Center Point Road.

December Calendar

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 08 History Commission Meeting 1:30 pm
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 pm
- 09 Parks Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 11 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 16 Water Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 17 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 22 P&Z Meeting 5:30 pm
- 24 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 24 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 25 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 25 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 31 Holiday - City Hall Closed

January Calendar

- 01 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 07 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 12 History Commission Meeting 1:30 pm
- 12 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 pm
- 13 Parks Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 15 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 20 Water Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 21 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 26 P&Z Meeting 5:30 pm
- 28 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 29 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18



The City of Hiawatha does not provide Christmas tree pickup and removal.

It is the responsibility of the resident to contact their garbage hauler and make arrangements for the pickup and removal of their Christmas trees after the holidays.



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SATURDAY,
12/13/2014**

Hiawatha Public Library Training Day

The staff of the Hiawatha Public Library participated in the Metro Library network's staff training day at the Cedar Rapids Public Library. The day started out with presentations highlighting the previous year at each library. They then had a presentation on the library as a community hub by Laura Damon-Moore. Staff broke out into informational sessions for the remainder of the day, with team building fun exercises along the way. It was a great day to get to know their counterparts in the Metro Network and come together as a staff representing Hiawatha. This is the second year that the libraries have shared a day of training. *Photo courtesy of Len Struttman*



Educational Support for Hiawatha's Youngest Readers

One of Hiawatha Public Library's core goals is to offer children ages birth - five, programs and services designed to increase readiness to learn, listen, read, and write when they begin school. They do this with a number of programs and story times, including a partnership with Play and Learn of East Central Iowa.

Play and Learn of East Central Iowa, facilitated by the professional staff at Linn County/ISU Extension, is dedicated to helping parents and caregivers learn how to effectively play with young children in a way that will prepare them for school. The goals of both Hiawatha Public Library and Play and Learn led to a natural partnership and they have worked together wonderfully for the past two years, attracting large crowds of children and caregivers at the library.

Play and Learn does require financial support for its staff, materials and learning supplies. When Play and Learn lost its funding this spring, everyone worried that this beneficial program would have to be discontinued.

The organizers breathed a sigh of relief when World Class Industries stepped up and offered Play and Learn a \$10,000 grant through the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. This means that Play and Learn continues at the Hiawatha Public Library for another year. It meets most Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

The Hiawatha Public Library and Play and Learn are delighted to help more children become prepared for school, and to give more parents the resources they need to help their children grow and learn for years to come. A very special thanks to World Class Industries and the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation for their commitment to early childhood education.

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