

CHATHAM COUNTY CONNECTION



October 17, 2011



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I would like to remind all of our citizens to get out and exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, November 8th. The Chatham County Voter Registration Office has provided all sorts of information re-

garding this year's elections. This is a municipal election for voters that live in Savannah, Garden City, Pooler, Port Wentworth, Tybee Island and Vernonburg. This is also a county-wide election for those that live in Bloomingdale, Thunderbolt and the Un-Incorporated area for three important ballot questions. The list of candidates and the referendums can be found in the information that Voter Registration has provided.

The MPC staff has completed the first draft of the Unified Zoning Ordinance

and the public review and comment period has been extended to January 31, 2012. The draft is available for view at all branches of the Live Oak Public Library and at www.unifiedzoning.org. The Unified Zoning Ordinance will be the primary implementation tool to determine how all land in unincorporated Chatham County and Savannah can be used. If you have any questions regarding this draft document please take the time to go to the library or to the website.

Finally, Live Oak Public

Libraries is once again hosting the always successful Savannah Children's Book Festival on Saturday, November 19th from 10AM to 4PM in Forsyth Park. This annual festival attracts over 25,000 young readers every year and this year should be no exception. Celebrated the joy of reading, storytelling and the power of the written word, this festival is open to "children of all ages" and I look forward to seeing you there.

It is a pleasure to serve the citizens of Chatham County and may you all be blessed.

Chatham County is Having a Municipal/Special Election on November 8, 2011.

What does this mean for Chatham County voters?

Voters that reside in the city limits of Garden City, Pooler, Port Wentworth, Savannah, Tybee Island, and Vernonburg and are registered to vote are **eligible to vote for mayor, city council members and/or the referendum questions.**

Voters that reside in the Un-Incorporated areas of Chatham County, Bloomingdale, and Thunderbolt, and are registered to vote are **ONLY eligible to vote on the referendum questions.**

<p>County Wide <i>Referendum Questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remove Term Limits on Office of County Chairperson Sunday Alcohol Package Sales Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) 	<p>City of Garden City <i>Referendum Question:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Alcohol Package Sales <p><i>Candidates running for the November 8, 2011 Election:</i></p> <p>Mavor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennyson Holder Gary Monroe <p>City Council:</p> <p>At Large</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott George <p>District 001</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy Shuman <p>District 002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Bethune <p>District 003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Campbell Gwyn Hall <p>District 004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosetta Bryant Cody <p>District 005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean Jacques Bellemare Bessie Kicklighter 	<p>City of Pooler <i>Referendum Question:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Alcohol Package Sales <p><i>Candidates running for the November 8, 2011 Election:</i></p> <p>Mavor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travis B. Cowart, Jr. Michael F. Lamb (Incumbent) <p>City Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Allen (Incumbent) Rebecca C. Benton (Incumbent) Shannon Black (Incumbent) Ashley Brown David M. Burke (Incumbent) Laura Chan Jonathan P. Curry Jeff Rayno Michael D. Royal (Incumbent) Stevie E. Wall (Incumbent) 	<p>City of Tybee Island <i>Referendum Question:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Alcohol Package Sales <p><i>Candidates Running for the November 8, 2011 Election:</i></p> <p>Mavor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason Buelterman Shirley Sessions James (Dick) Smith <p>Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marianne Bramble Barry Brown Donald (Tybee Dae) Cowart Wanda Doyle William (Bill) Garbett Thomas Groover David McNaughton Jerry Onyskiw Montgomery (Monty) Parks Clifford (Frank) Schuman, Sr. Paul Wolff 	<p>City of Savannah <i>Referendum Question:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Alcohol Package Sales <p><i>Candidates running for the November 8, 2011 Election:</i></p> <p>Mavor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edna B. Jackson Regina D. Thomas Ellis Peniston Cook Jeff Felsler Floyd Adams, Jr. James Dewberry <p>Alderman At-Large Post 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suresh Persad Carolyn H. Bell Russ Sill <p>District 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Van R. Johnson Ruel Joyner Tonia Miller <p>District 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry M. Stuber John Hall <p>District 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Hagins Warren Hickman Estella Edwards Shabazz <p>Alderman At-Large Post 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Gillespie Tom Bordeaux Clinton Young <p>District 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Osborne Gretchen Ernest <p>District 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pamela Anne Miller Mary Ellen Sprague <p>District 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tony Thomas 	<p>Town of Vernonburg <i>Candidates running for the November 8, 2011 Election:</i></p> <p>Intendant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James R. Hungerpiller <p>Town Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gustavous Holmes Bell, IV Frank A. Chisholm, Jr. Edward J. Derst, III Richard R. Schulze, Jr. 	<p>City of Port Wentworth <i>Referendum Question:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Alcohol Package Sales <p><i>Candidates Running for the November 8, 2011 Election:</i></p> <p>At Large:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James E. Curry (Incumbent) Tim Holbrook <p>District 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary W. Norton (Incumbent) Ernie Stanhope <p>District 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silas W. (Bill) Herrin (Incumbent) Joseph S. Kiser
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 11, 2011	Registration Deadline —For new registration, address changes, and name changes
October 18, 2011 - November 4, 2011	Advance Voting for General/Special Election
October 29, 2011	Saturday Voting —Located at the Voter Registration Office from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
October 31, 2011 - November 4, 2011	Additional Advance Voting Locations will be open
November 4, 2011	Last Day for Advance Voting and the Mailing of Absentee Ballots
November 8, 2011	General Election/Special Election
November 28, 2011 - December 2, 2011	Advance Voting for General/Special Runoff (if Required)
December 6, 2011	General Election/Special Runoff (if Required)

ADVANCE ABSENTEE IN-PERSON VOTING

Voting in-person for 2011 General/Special Election: The Chatham County advance voting period will start on *October 18, 2011 and go through November 4, 2011.* Any eligible registered voter desiring to vote during this period may do so in-person at the Voter Registration Main Office, 1117 Eisenhower Dr., Suite E, Savannah, GA 31406, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. No reason is required for absentee in-person advance voting.

Additional 2011 Voting Sites for General/Special Election: In-person absentee advance voting will be available at the locations and times shown below:

Locations	Address	Hours
Voter Reg Main Office	1117 Eisenhower Dr., Suite E	8:00 am – 5:00 pm (M, W, F)
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Civic Center	301 W. Oglethorpe Ave	9:00 am – 4:00 pm (M – F)
Mosquito Control	65 Billy B. Hair Dr.	9:00 am – 4:00 pm (M – F)

Voters who cast their votes in person must show one of six forms of photo identification.

Bring One to Vote

1. A Georgia Driver's License, even if expired
2. A valid United States military photo ID card
3. A valid state or federal government issued photo ID, including a FREE Voter Identification Card issued by your county registrars office or the GA Dept. of Driver Services (DDS)
4. A valid employee photo ID card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States, Georgia, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of Georgia
5. A valid United States passport
6. A valid tribal photo ID card

911

THE VITAL LINK

WHAT THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM CAN DO

SELECTIVELY ROUTES CALLS:

Two Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) exist in Chatham County, The Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and the Tybee Island Police Department. The system is designed to determine which police and fire departments respond to a caller's location, and routes the call to the 9-1-1 communications center that dispatches for these departments.

Calling 9-1-1 from different types of phones

USING A HOME or SIMPLE BUSINESS PHONE AUTOMATIC NUMBER AND LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

When you call 9-1-1 from a wire line (landline) phone, the phone number and location you are calling from automatically display on a screen at the 9-1-1 center. If you are unable to give your location, the call taker will know where you are and can send help. If you move and maintain the same phone number, you must contact the communications center coordinator at 912-652-6337 to update your information.

USING A CELLULAR PHONE

If you are dialing 9-1-1 from a wireless phone carrier, your location information may not be provided to emergency operators. Please be prepared to provide your exact location if you are dialing 9-1-1 from one of these phones.

- Most cell phone calls can be traced to the nearest cell tower, but it is helpful if you can tell the 9-1-1 call taker your specific location. Check for nearby building addresses or street signs.
- If you call 9-1-1 from home but use a cell phone, your address will not be visible on the call taker's screen.
- Always lock the keypad when not in use to avoid accidental 9-1-1 calls. You may also want to consider deactivating any one-button function keys to dial 9-1-1, especially if you have a non-flip style phone.
- If you do accidentally call 9-1-1, please don't hang up. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher you misdialled.
- Do not leave your cell phone where it can be accessed by children. Do not allow old cell phones to be used as toys; cell phones without a service plan will still dial 911.

USING INTERNET or BROADBAND (VoIP) PHONE

If you are dialing 9-1-1 from a non-traditional phone carrier your location information may not be provided to emergency operators. Please be prepared to provide your exact location if you are dialing 9-1-1 from one of these phones. Before signing up for a VoIP/Broadband Phone, we encourage you to read all 9-1-1 information so you clearly understand the 9-1-1 capabilities of VoIP/Broadband Phone service.

USING A BUSINESS PHONE EXTENSION

Obtain an outside line (usually by dialing "9") Then dial 9-1-1. Sometimes large companies or office buildings have PBX system phones. A PBX phone system is a multi-line/multiple phone system. This is important to know because the correct address may not accurately display when calling 9-1-1 from these phones. It is important to give the calltaker the name of the office building or complex, numerical address if available, suite number, name of a contact person and a telephone number where they can be reached in case the calltaker needs to call you back for additional information.

USING A PUBLIC PAY PHONE

All 9-1-1 calls from public payphones are free. Just lift the receiver and dial 9-1-1 to be connected.

Shady Dealings

With its mission to become the "Greenest County" in Georgia, the County Commission set a goal to plant 365 days per year. To implement its goal, the County developed a working partnership with the Savannah Tree Foundation and various neighborhood groups on tree planting and landscape beautification projects. In addition, the County's Conservation Land Program preserves natural areas with tree canopies. While not newly planted, these forests provide mature canopy trees within a protected area.

In summary during the past two years alone, Chatham County has planted 2,710 trees, 11,800 bareroot seedlings, and protected some 90,000 trees in its Land Conservation Program. Key highlights include:

At Litchfield (mitigation area), the County Engineer's Office managed the following tree plantings in 2011: 1,000 trees (3 gallon containers)-bald cypress, green ash, swamp chestnut oak, cherry bark oak; 4,200 bareroot seedlings---bald cypress, green ash, swamp chestnut oak, cherry bark oak. In 2010 at Litchfield (mitigation area), the County Engineer's Office managed the following tree plantings in 2010: 60 trees (4 gallon containers)-bald cypress on littoral shelf; 600 trees (3 gallon containers)-containers)-bald cypress, green ash, swamp chestnut oak, willow oak; 500 trees (3 gallon containers)---bald cypress, green ash, swamp chestnut oak, willow oak; 7,600 bareroot seedlings---bald cypress, swamp tupelo, green ash, swamp chestnut oak, cherry bark oak, overcup oak, laurel oak

At Westlake-Lamarville, in partnership with Savannah Tree Foundation, Georgia Forestry Commission and

neighborhood associations, the project planted 550 trees (15 and 30 gallon)-loblolly pine, magnolia, bald cypress, swamp chestnut oak, cherry bark oak, laurel oak; the 550 trees are planted on five acres, which will infill the adjoining forested sites of 10 acres and 30 acres.

In the past two years, Land Conservation Program projects protected 1,500 acres of property. At an average of 60 stems of hardwood and pines per acre, this would total 90,000 trees preserved.

Current year beautification projects include the US 80 Talahi Island median landscaping and adding trees to Mother Mathilda Beasley Park. Previous year projects including Mother Mathilda Beasley Park, Placentia Canal, and Yacht Club estates beautification.

In other words, in two years, the County has planted 40 years worth of trees towards its goal.



2011 CHATHAM COUNTY ADULT FISHING TOURNAMENT



Location: Tybee Pier & Pavilion

Date ; Saturday, October 29, 2011

Time: 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

Captain's Meeting: 7:45 AM

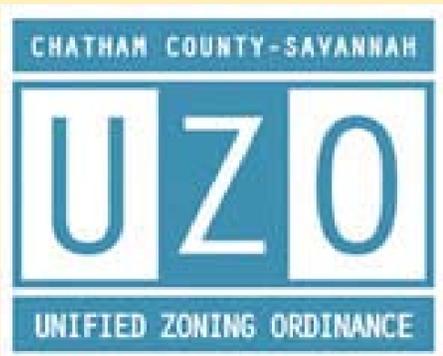
Entry Fee: \$10.00 Pre-registration

\$12.00 Day of Event

(ONLY CASH ACCEPTED)

CASH PRIZES...Based on the Number of Participants





(UZO) First Draft: Available for Your Review and Comment

The first draft of the Unified Zoning Ordinance (UZO) and zoning map for unincorporated Chatham County and the city of Savannah are available for public review and comment thru January 31, 2012.

The draft is available for view at www.unified-zoning.org and at all Chatham County public libraries. A hard copy can also be purchased at the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) staff led the drafting and mapping process with the assistance of city and county staffs, Savannah Area Geographic Information (SAGIS) staff, consultants, a Technical Committee and an Advisory Committee. The Technical Committee consisted of approximately 30 private and public sector individuals with zoning-related experience who began preparing the draft ordinance. That draft was then reviewed by an Advisory Committee, a group of approximately 80 individuals, including 33 representatives from neighborhood and homeowner's associations. Over the course of 14 Advisory Committee meetings, more than 400 questions and comments (posted at www.unifiedzoning.org) were provided to further refine the draft ordinance.

Final refinements of the UZO draft will occur during the public review and comment period which began on June 28 and extends thru January 31. This is an opportunity for you to provide feedback. The best place to begin your review is at www.unifiedzoning.org. Because draft revisions and other updates will be posted throughout the public comment period, please visit the website frequently to stay informed.

In addition to the draft ordinance, you can view the existing and proposed zoning district for any property within the unincorporated county or the city of Savannah using the UZOOM tool. Links provide you with the ability to compare existing and proposed uses, as well as existing and proposed development standards for the district. A help document is also provided should you have any questions about UZOOM.

MPC staff can assist you in a number of ways: 1) call the UZO hotline at 651-1499 from 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday thru Friday; 2) contact us at uzo@thempc.org; or, 3) post a comment on the UZO blog (<http://www.unifiedzoning.org/index.php>). MPC staff is also available to meet with individuals and groups to answer questions and discuss concerns.



One of the Worst Things for a Child to Experience is Being Lost

They are scared, often times alone, and without food and water. In 1981, the body of 9-year-old Jimmy Beveridge was found four days after he went missing. Jimmy was camping with his parents and brothers in California and he never made it back to camp. After his death a program was created to help teach children how to stay safe if they ever become lost and to give rescuers a better chance of finding them.

The Chatham Emergency Management Agency's Search and Rescue (SAR) Team is committed to reducing the number of children lost each year. SAR Team members are trained to teach the principles of the Hug-A-Tree program which is recognized by the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR). Countless lives have been saved since the program's inception in 1981.

The concept of the program is simple; if children become lost they are taught to hug a tree or a stationary object. Children are also taught what to do if they don't have food and water and what to do if they become scared or see animals. In 1984, four-year-old Eli became lost while on a walk with his mother in California. He was found after a 23-hour search. He had seen Hug-a-Tree four months earlier at his brother's Cub Scout pack meeting and his first words to his rescuers were, "What took you so long?"

You may be thinking here in Chatham County we don't have a lot of heavily wooded areas. Of course when you get away from the more populated areas, you'll

see more trees; however, this program can help children who become lost in a busy shopping mall or downtown River Street. Three-year-old Andy was separated from his mother at a Michigan shopping mall in 1985. He was found by the store manager, who said Andy insisted on hugging a tree just outside the store. His brother, a first grader, had told him to hug a tree if he ever got lost. In 1988, two boys on a school field trip became separated from their group and when they realized they were lost, they sat down. One of the boys had a whistle with him and kept blowing it until the teacher found them.

The 30 minute program features a short video, educational demonstrations and a brief question and answer session. It is geared towards children ages five through 12. The program can be taught in schools, boy/girl scout meetings and church organizations. However, in an effort to conserve the resources of the SAR Team, we ask that the program be presented to a large group of students in a general assembly setting. If you have a special event, programs will be considered on a case by case basis.

If you are interested in bringing this program to your school, event or church, please contact Kelly Foster at the CEMA office at 912-201-4500. One of our highly trained SAR team members would love to talk with your children and teach them the simple skills on ways to stay safe if they are ever lost.



The Chatham County Sheriff's Office has a lot of be proud of...

On August 6, the American Correctional Association reaccredited the department.

This is a very important and prestigious honor. The CCSO is one of only six agencies in the State of Georgia accredited by ACA and one of only 132 correctional facilities in the nation that is accredited.

Jail Administrator Colonel Terry Enoch, Captain Ethan Davis, Lt. Pam Green-Scott, Kendra Crawford and Michelle Gavin traveled to Kissimmee, FL to accept this accreditation which is valid until 2014.

"I was proud to be there on behalf of the Sheriff and our employees to accept the accreditation certificate," said Col. Enoch. "It

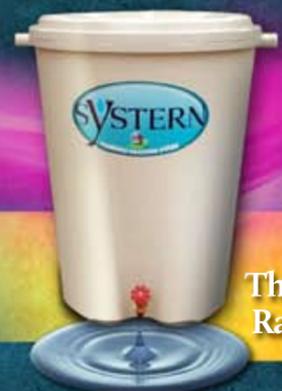
highlights the excellent staff we have and the top-notch services we provide not only to the community, but our inmates."

The CCSO met 100% of the ACA's mandatory standards. The accreditation team that came to Savannah examines all the office's Standard Operating Procedures, the cleanliness of the facility, and the professionalism of the people who work here.

"This just goes to show why we are a model agency and model jail in this region," Enoch said. "And I believe we owe a lot to ACA. They make us stay on top of our game."



Kendra Crawford, Colonel Terry Enoch, Lt. Pamela Green-Scott, Cpt. Ethan Davis

ONE day EVENT

Truck Load Sale

East Broad Elementary School

Saturday, October 22th, 9am - 3pm

The Earth Machine™ Compost Bin

- Diameter: 33"
- Height: 33"
- Capacity: 80 gallon

a \$100 value for only **\$45.00** tax included

The System Rain Barrel

- Diameter: 26.1"
- Height: 34"
- Capacity: 55 gallon

a \$120 value for only **\$55.00** tax included



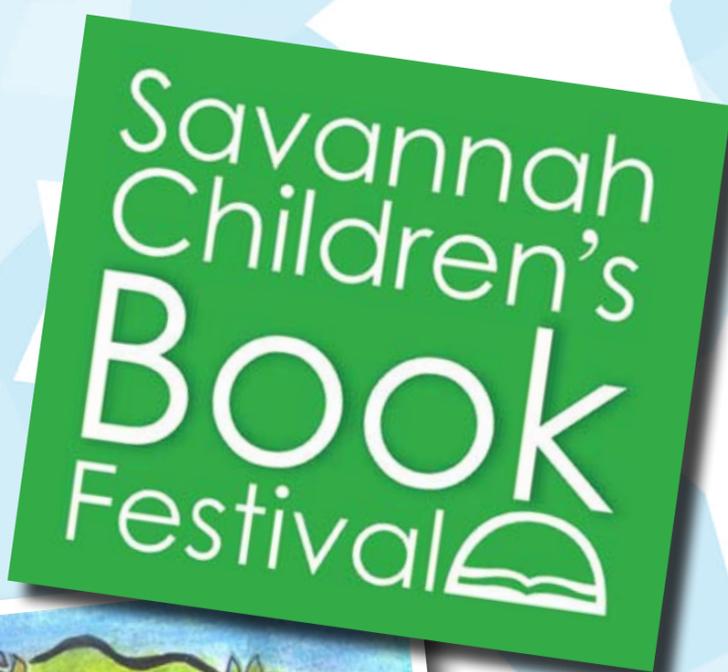
Check and credit card only. For more information, call Environmental Affairs at 912.651.6943

Live Oak Public Libraries
and the City of Savannah
present the

**Saturday,
Nov. 19, 2011**

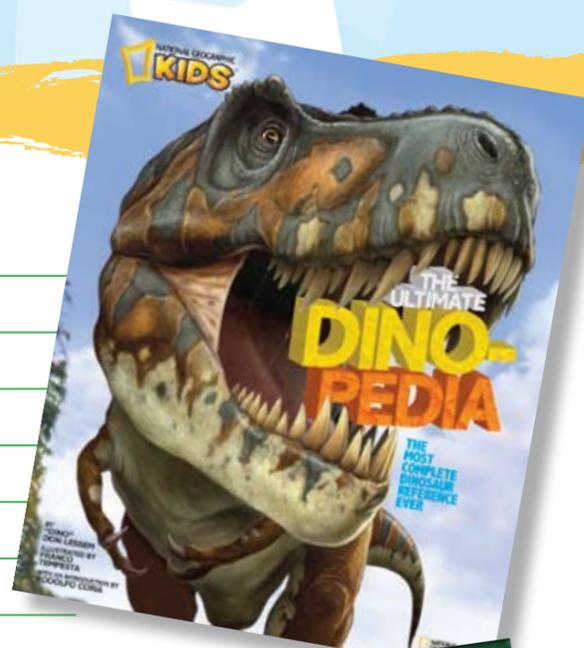
10am – 4pm | Forsyth Park

Rain location: Savannah Civic Center



Celebrate
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- Josephine Angelini "Starcrossed"
 - Michael Buckley "Sisters Grimm" and "NERDS" books
 - Alyssa Capucilli "Katy Duck" and "Biscuit"
 - Peter Catalanotto "Ivan the Terrier" and "Emily's Art"
 - Lucia Gonzalez "The Storyteller's Candle" and "The Bossy Gallito"
 - John Harris "Jingle Bells: How the Holiday Classic Came to Be"
 - Steve Jenkins and Robin Page "Never Smile at a Monkey"
 - Brian Jordan "Overcoming the Fear of the Baseball"
 - Helen Kimbrough "Ocean Waves and Other Tales"
 - Michelle Knudsen "Library Lion" and "Argus"
 - "Dino" Don Lessem, author of 25 books on dinosaurs
 - Kadir Nelson "Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African-Americans"
 - Miles & William Rabun "My Grandma's Backyard"
 - Calvin Alexander Ramsey "Ruth and the Green Book"
 - Vicky Alvear Shecter "Cleopatra's Moon"
- Plus more than 60 Coastal Authors & Illustrators!



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