

Dedicated In Memory of Doug Bade & Jim Glatzel

Charitable Gambling Ordinance

During the recodification process of the city codes for the city an issue arose regarding the Charitable Gambling regulations within the city. The existing code regulations regarding gambling envisions a local permit process and reporting. There is an existing comprehensive state regulatory scheme involving charitable gambling that must be complied with and the city staff questions necessity of the city's retaining regulations given the state regulatory scheme in place. The state had established the Gambling Control Board. In order to conduct charitable gambling a license is required from this board. A premises permit from the city would not be valid unless there was an adopted resolution in place. In the city code there are two separate reporting requirements. The council reviewed the analysis of maintaining local resolution. Maintenance and operation of the gambling permitting process requires an expenditure of effort of city staff which is not necessary because of the state regulation. Decisions of varying types will be necessary. Should existing ordinance remain in place? If the ordinance is to be modified, local expenditure requirement within trade area or makeup of organization conducting charitable gambling and/or reporting requirements. Does the city want to be involved in licenses/permits if the state deals with these issues with the realization that the state effectively requires local consent as a condition? The attorney commented that the city needs to decide what the code will cover in the future since the state already has regulatory requirements. The Carver Lions and the City Planner will discuss the issue and their position.

Metropolitan Council Meeting

An update on the Metropolitan Council meeting was requested. Comment was expressed regarding the importance of the attendance and involvement of the city's representative. The administrator and the city planner were in attendance. Report was summarized report. Concerns had been expressed regarding the methodology being utilized in the Metropolitan's Council's processes. Main concerns involved population forecasts. Updates will be given to the council. Mention was again expressed regarding the importance of attendance and involvement.

Preliminary Local Forecasts

These preliminary forecasts are revised by spring of 2014. The 2040 Preliminary Local Forecasts are works in progress. After discussing the forecasts with local governments, the Council (Metropolitan) reviews additional data, and revises the forecasts to reflect shared expectations of future growth and development. The forecasts should be reviewed and input returned.

The administrator updated the council on the Metropolitan Council Population Forecast. The staff has been collaborating with other cities and the county in the review of the forecasts. Public comments are requested. Once the Metropolitan council has reviewed all the input changes will be made. These forecasts will be used in the development of the regional plan. The city planner drafted a letter providing data supporting the City of Carver's projected population growth count for 2040. The county will also be coordinating data and preparing a combined document to be forwarded. Motion was made and carried with all ayes authorizing the drafted letter to be sent directly to the Metropolitan Council pertaining to the preliminary forecasts.

Long Range Financial Plan

The administrator presented background on the process resulting in the development of the long range planning model. Four components comprise the model to include capital planning, tax impact, revenue and expenditure and growth. This flexible financial planning tool will allow the city to establish priorities to better serve the needs of the city as it continues to grow. It will also allow the city to take a new approach in the long term allowing certain components within the model to be adjusted.

2014 Enterprise Fund Budgets

The administrator presented background on the 2014 budget process. Some new shared expenses within the Enterprise Fund involving the Public Utilities and the Public works. Upcoming in the process will be a work session, the Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing, adoption of the 2014 budget and certification of the 2014 Tax Levy.

South West Metro Chamber of Commerce

The President of the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce attended the council meeting to introduce herself. The city and the chamber are working together on opportunities to bring more awareness and promote downtown Carver. The administrator and the chamber president in an effort to coordinate communications with small businesses visited the Occasional Shops gathering contact information.

Fire Department

The Carver Fire Department extended "a thank you" to everyone involved at the Carver Fire Open House held recently. They reported that it was a fun night packed full of lots of things for everyone of all ages. Next year's Open House is scheduled for October 7th 2014.

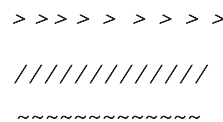
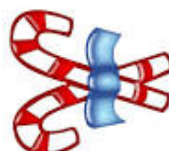
The Officer Selection process is in the works. Watch for details or ask a fireman.

Housing Developments

The city planner updated the council on the housing developments. Highlighted details noted that the orderly annexation of the Finkel property was proceeding. Rezoning was necessary for portions of Christys Bluff and Copper Hills to be rezoned as Planned Residential Districts. Staff had recommended approval.

River Bluff Estates

The council was updated by the city planner regarding the Chestnut Group's request for an extension to file an application for the Final Plat for the River Bluff Estates. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one naye adopting the resolution for amending and replacing the resolution approving a preliminary plat for the River Bluff Estates development.



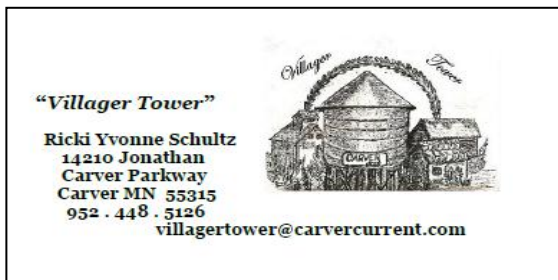
Waste Water Treatment Plant

The council reviewed the decommissioning plant with some background information. The switch to the MCES WasteWater System occurred in September of 2012. The remaining step of the MCES Interceptor Project is the decommissioning of the waste water treatment plant. One of the first steps required is removing of the bio-solids.

It was the city's opinion that it was not in the best interest of the city to act as the MCES agent for specified work. The city would prefer that the decommissioning proceed with the city and MCES handle respective responsibilities independently. This involved the city's demolition of specified items, Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the waste water treatment facility decommissioning with both entities handling respective responsibilities not exceeding specified amount.

Carver Current

Be sure to check out Dan's website for his news and the news from the *Villager Tower*, as well as others. There is a lot of interesting information on his website. Also, when you need to get information out, contact Dan to submit. It's another great way for sharing information. What is the website again? www.carvercurrent.com



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2014 Fee Ordinance

Annually each fall the council reviews various fee charges established by the council and determined appropriate fee structures necessary for the upcoming year. An ordinance each December is adopted and takes effect in January following publication. This year some fees were reviewed for increases and/or changes.

Wetland Conservation Act

The council reviewed the information regarding the wetland Conservation Act Action for Copper Hills 2nd Addition. Mattamy Homes proposes construction of Copper Hills 2nd Addition consisting of single family homes on agricultural land. Some of this property has an unavoidable impact to the Type 1 Wetland to accommodate an effective storm water management system on the site and/or facilitate the adequate separation between home basement elevations and normal water levels. The applicant proposes to meet with the Water Conservation Act replacement requirements through the purchase of additional acreage of wetland bank credits from an approved wetland bank. Agency representatives who review wetland issues collaborated on this application. The costs are the responsibility of the developer. The council reviewed the information and analysis given to the council and determination was made that the proposed wetland fill and replacement meet the requirements of the wetland act. Recommendation was submitted to permit approval of the application for the for the Copper Hills 2nd Addition.

Copper Hills 2nd Addition

The council reviewed the request from Mattamy Homes for Copper Hills 2nd Addition regarding rezoning, Planned Residential District, and preliminary plat approval. A Public Hearing was held by the Planning Commission. The council reviewed resolutions regarding the requests received.

Property has been annexed to the city and is automatically zoned agricultural. Rezoning to Planned Residential District results in compatibility with the Comprehensive Plan guidance. The Planned Residential District is intended to allow for the development of residential areas under a flexible regulatory process allowing for joint planning design efforts by the developer and the city. The process should result in benefits that preserve natural resources and amenities, assure a higher quality living environment and develop a variety of housing types and densities as a single planned entity.

The Planning Commission and the city planner recommended approval of the rezoning subject to conditions. The city engineer reviewed the revised preliminary plans for the development. A developer's agreement is necessary to be prepared for the addition.

Conditional Use Permit Amendment

The council reviewed information for request to amend the Conditional Use Permit for property on 6th Street West. Purchasers of the proposed property requested an amendment to the existing Conditional Permit to extend the time frame allowed to complete some capital improvement to the property. Staff support generally approved providing compliance with other provisions of the permit. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing. Several neighboring properties stated that the site is not being operated in conformance with the conditions of the existing permit. Public input focused on noise, operating hours, operating businesses, and storage. There was no denial of this occurring. The Planning Commission recommended denial of the amendment for the reasons that it was their opinion regardless the property would not be in compliance with or without the amendment.

The staff requested direction for drafting the resolution for approval or denial for the future meeting. The council reviewed the contents of the analysis of the Conditional Use Permit. The purpose of the permit is for the city to place conditions to address any adverse impacts of the land use and determine what additional requirements may be necessary to reduce adverse effects.

"The CUP request should be reviewed in terms of the proposed use on the health, safety, and welfare of the community, existing and anticipated traffic impacts, and whether or not it is in harmony with the general purpose of the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan. Typical conditions for a CUP for business uses adjacent to residential would relate to ensuring that the business use is compatible with the surrounding uses and minimize the impacts of this use to surrounding properties."

The council reviewed the background history of the site. The building was constructed in 1975 with continued businesses use since. Since that time development has occurred around the site that originally was agricultural zoning. Businesses have been allowed to operate at the site for the past thirty eight years. Currently the property is subject to a conditional use permit allowing limited types of specific businesses.

Conditional Use Permits run with the property, not with the applicant and the comment was clarified audibly. Conditions put into place are recommended to be specific and enforceable, particularly recognizing areas not originally addressed since it is difficult to address after the fact. New applications typically allow enforcers the opportunity to address any items that were unforeseen in the past. The Zoning Ordinance standards for Conditional Use Permits were also reviewed and discussed. The council reviewed the use of the property.

The council reviewed and discussed at length that if approval were to be considered to amend the Conditional Use Permit then extensive listed conditions would be required to be amended and implemented in the resolution with revocation for non-compliance as an ending result for non-compliance.



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

Carver County Flowers

Holiday Design Workshop

Annette at Carver Country Flowers and Gifts said that she has had several requests for floral design workshops. You bring your own container and material and the shop will show you how to make a floral design to take home and enjoy and brag about! The cost for this is \$ 40-45. If at the time of class you want bigger more expensive flowers you can upgrade.



Annette thought it would be fun and appropriate to do try this for the Christmas Season. She needs input from you which day and time is more convenient to do a workshop. She is looking at Thursday, December 19th at 6 PM until 7 PM or Saturday, December 21st, 9 AM to 10 AM. Give her a call or shoot her an e-mail telling her your decisions. Sign up in the next email newsletter from Annette.

Holiday Shopping Night

"We had such a great time at Witches' Night Out that we've been encouraged to have a similar event for Christmas. SO ... Holiday Shopping Night will be Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5-8 pm. We'll have holiday music, wine, hot cocoa, cheese & crackers and enjoy each other's company."

"Christmas merchandise will be 20% off that night ... and, if you bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share, you'll earn an additional 10% - for a total discount of 30%. (No, we won't make you dress up this time.) We've heard that some of the occasional shops will also be open that evening, so it will be worth your while to come to Carver after work that evening."

Small Business Saturday

How come the Small Business Saturday is limited to only the Saturday after Thanksgiving? Like Black Friday....why can't we apply that thought process to all small businesses throughout the holiday shopping season? They need more than just that one day. Yea, I know all the hype was over the credit card company trying to get you to spend. I was a little more focused on the small businesses all around us locally in Carver, Chaska, Jordan, Norwood, Cologne, Young America, etc. Can't we continue to promote small businesses throughout the holiday season of shopping days? Marketing, sometimes I don't get their thought process. Have to think bigger, more vision, more expanse, not just on the moment. So, go on everyone, get out there and look locally for that unique gift for someone on your list. Small Business Shopping Bizarre Bonanza until Christmas. If nothing else, our bale of hay will be waiting in heaven for us. I have a whole barn waiting! I can wait though. Happy shopping everyone!



Iris Valley Boutique & Gifts

At the Jordan store on December 7th, Saturday is 'Holiday Make-n-Take'. Anytime all day long during business hours you can stop in. All

supplies are included for \$25 to make an adorable sleigh with floral pick and ornaments. The sleigh is about 18" and made out of distressed wood, with frosted floral pick and a choice of colored ornaments.

Remember, Iris Valley is now open in Chanhassen at the Market Square. The stores are running the 'Bauble Lulu Jewelry' special presently.

Remember, shop small businesses. Help out your local businesses. Yea, I know it was for the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Who said we can't start our own shopping campaigns locally? I didn't see any signs saying marketing only allowed by those deemed by whomever can do it. I am exercising my constitutional right whichever one it is. I know, don't quit my day job won't make it as a comedian. Doesn't mean I can't promote those who support the newsletter now does it? They have great stuff!!!!

Hometown Holiday

See, here's another prime example to shop locally. Look at all the fun slated for everyone on Saturday, December 7th in Chaska. [See insert]

The Chaska History Center has a Christmas Display just waiting for you to come and "ooh and ah" over. What a day for quality family time! Get those jackets,

Hear you are going to need them and get the kids bundled up for a

day of shopping minus total strangers, traffic jams and fear. Start out in Chaska, head to Carver and over to Jordan or start in Chanhassen and work your way over to this neck of the woods. Did you hear? There's horse drawn wagon rides too. Tree Lighting Ceremony, and I just betcha' that Santa is lurking somewhere close too!



Carver Village Christmas

Santa will be over in Carver at noon until 2:30 PM. The fire truck will provide transportation to Santa while the reindeer rest up. Don't forget the camera! Make dad go back in the house and retrieve it while the car is

warming up, you will need that additional time. Treats, crafts and wonderful people are all waiting for your arrival at the Village Hall on Saturday, December 7th in Carver. Don't forget about those less fortunate and bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf. Not everyone is lucky and wealthy.



Hard to grasp the fact that the 2013 year is already at a close! Plans are being made and preparations begun for the Carver Village Christmas at the Village Hall. Sponsoring the event are the Carver Lions and the Carver Fire Department.

Santa is going to arrive on the fire truck at about 12:30 PM. Plans for holiday craft projects, lots of sweet treats, coloring contest, raffle drawing, and of course, last but not least, photos with Santa. This event grows each year by leaps and bounds, along with the fun that goes along with the event. The line keeps growing. There will be a number system in place this year to help with that long line problem. That way you can work on a project, eat your snacks, have fun or observe until your number is called. That should help with the impatience and long, long, long, what seems like a never ending wait, huh? Oh, remember to bring a food shelf donation to the event too!

Carver Senior Citizens Luncheon

Just when you think it's quieting down. The Carver Lions sponsored Eleventh Annual Carver Senior Citizens' Luncheon is December 11th (Wednesday) at 11:30 AM at the Village Hall. Social hour begins at 11:30 AM and lunch is served to our elders at noon. After lunch there are drawings for prizes and some card playing along with dominoes. So that the Lions know you are planning on attending, you MUST call for a reservation. Pretty fancy event you know! Reservations required. Wonder what the attire requirement is eh? You know the Lions will have a pretty eloquent dinner for those folks you know! Only the best for our seniors. Anyway, call Lee Ostlie at 952.448.4743 to make that reservation. They are due by December 7th. There is still time. Not much though. And once you do all that local shopping you might forget, so be sure to call before you leave. Oh yea, when you call Lee to make those reservation, be sure to tell him if you need a ride too. Those arrangements can be made too. Reservations, chauffeured? I gotta' go. It can only mean formal attire and I don't have a thing to wear. Let's see, I bet Linda's Cellar, Busy Bee, Iris Valley must have something worthy? Laterrrrrrr...



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

To: Y'all

From: Carver Lions, Carver Community Youth
Softball/Baseball Association, Carver Fire
Department,

the Carver Business Group, Carver-on-the
Minnesota, the Carver Black Sox and the
Villager Tower



Community Calendar

December 2013

December 1 st	-	Happy Birthday Chelsea !
December 2 nd	-	Drill Night Council Meeting No School
December 4 th	-	Lions Meeting Carver-on-the-Minnesota Meeting Happy Birthday Patti! Happy Birthday Schayla!
December 5 th	-	Hanukkah Occasional Shops Weekend
December 6 th	-	Happy 21 st Birthday Tommy!
December 7 th	-	Carver Village Christmas Pearl Harbor Remembrance
December 9 th	-	PTO Meeting Officer's Meeting Dahlgren Township Board Meeting Happy Birthday Katelyn!
December 10 th	-	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Happy Birthday John! Happy Birthday Cody!
December 12 th	-	School Board Meeting
December 14 th	-	Happy Birthday Aletta!
December 16 th	-	Drill Night Council Meeting
December 17 th	-	Bloodmobile Happy Anniversary Ken and Carol!
December 18 th	-	Lion's Meeting
December 19 th	-	Planning Commission Meeting Happy Birthday Jim!
December 21 st	-	First Day of Winter Happy Birthday Destini! Happy Birthday Riley!
December 22 nd	-	Happy Birthday Sandy!
December 23 rd	-	Winter Break/No School Through January 1 st 2014 Fire Department Meeting Night Park and Recreation Meeting
December 24 th	-	Christmas Eve Happy Birthday Stan!
December 25 th	-	Christmas Day
December 26 th	-	Happy Birthday Mike!
December 28 th	-	Happy Birthday Linda Rose!
December 29 th	-	Happy Birthday Miranda! Happy Birthday Sharon!
December 30 th	-	Happy Birthday Stephanie!
December 31 st	-	New Year's Eve

Carver Lions

The Lions meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come. You have no idea what you are missing!

It's almost a given that they are busy working on their next goal for the community and doing something extra special for the holiday season. Be sure to go and check out what they are up to at their next meeting. Don't forget, it's the Carver Lions 40th anniversary this year too. Thank you to each and every Carver Lions for all they do for the community.

Meaning of the Christmas Tree

By : William V Rauscher

"The Christmas tree comes to us from Germany. Martin Luther is credited with being inspired by the starry heavens one night. He expressed his feelings to his family by bringing a fir tree into their home, and attaching lighted candles to the branches. Fir meant fire. And fire is an ancient symbol for spirit. The tree also pointed toward the heavens.

Evergreens were thought to represent the ever-burning fire of life. The color green signified the life force through the year. Decorative balls represented the plants, the star radiating on top reminds us of Bethlehem. The entire tree teaches us that the universe is witness to the incarnation. Red reminds us of the fire of the spirit, green affirms nature and the ongoing life. And in the incarnation, Spirit unites with nature.

The tree also tell the story of a cosmic event – a mystery. In personal celebrations of Christmas the tree begins its use in the 16th century, and is later brought to America by German immigrants."

Look Up! It's the Upside Down Tree

"Most people are used to the usual xmas tree display that have the tree standing upright, gleaming with lights and decorations with presents piled beneath.

However, for the past several years, upside down Christmas trees have been making inroads in American homes and apartment as a 21st century tradition? [What?]

While some are outraged or perplexed by the newest trend in holiday decorating, some historians suggest that hanging your tree upside down is the more traditional – an perhaps more meaningful symbol of the holiday.

According to legend, the original tree was a religious symbol. Originally hung upside down to make sure anyone who saw a tree in the house knew it was not just a floral decoration.

While hanging the tree from your ceiling may not appeal to many traditionist, today it is definitely catching on, especially in urban areas."

History of New Year's

Watch for the December/January issue for the history of New Year's.

Hometown Holiday

Saturday Dec 7th
10 am - 6 pm

Visit Chaska's historic downtown
for a day filled with
old fashioned holiday spirit



Register at each location to win a shopping spree valued at \$425!!

1 Tommy's Malt Shop

Free fountain drink with purchase of meal

2 The Hair Studio

Complimentary eyebrow wax, refreshments

3 Sugar Creek Chiropractic

Afternoon open house with mini massages
for adults, awesome holiday crafts for kids
and refreshments for all!

4 Patron Mexican Restaurant

10% off total bill 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Half price small & medium margaritas
(classic & flavors) 3-6 p.m.

5 ValueCare Veterinary Clinic

10% off candles & fragrances
Enter drawing for one of several free exams

6 The Yellow Brick Road

Drawing for fully decorated 12' Christmas tree
(enter now thru 12/7/2013)

7 Mixed Company

Gifts, custom jewelry, candles, seasonal décor
& so much more to create that holiday magic

8 Kochenash Fine Art

Gallery, studio and art classes. Enjoy a gallery
of oils and watercolors or take an art class.

9 Linda's Cellar

Discounts and refreshments

10 Dunn Bros Coffee

Buy 1 hot chocolate, get 1 half price

11 FunkyTown Boutique

Clothing, hand crafted jewelry & more
Great holiday gifts - gift certificates available

12 Needful Things

Holiday treats and in-store specials

13 Wally's Sports & Clothing

YOUR SPORTS APPAREL DESTINATION!
\$5 off \$50 or more purchase (excludes letter jackets)
Swanny necklaces available

14 American Legion Post 57 Holiday Fundraiser

Craft Fair & Bake Sale 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Silent Auction 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Chili Feed 4-7 p.m.
Karaoke 7 p.m. to close

15 Shop 501

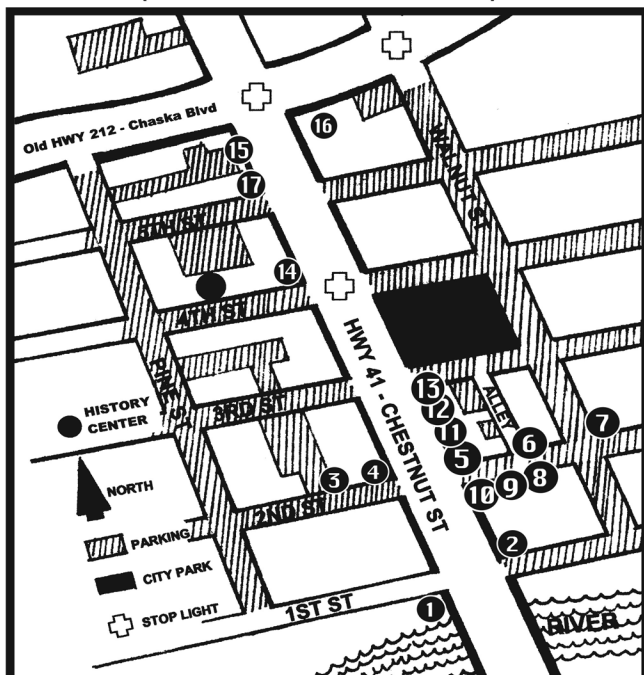
Everything from vintage to plants, children's
clothing with vintage fabric, original artwork,
unique jewelry & items made from salvage.

16 Dolce Vita Wine Shop

Wine tasting starting at noon

17 Body Expressions Consignment & Dance

Fill your Santa bag with exciting gifts at
20-40% off!



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Hometown Holiday

Saturday

December 7, 2013

Visit Chaska's historic downtown for a day filled with old fashioned holiday spirit

Downtown merchants will offer shopping and dining enticements,
hospitality & good cheer all day beginning at 10 a.m.

Santa and other jolly holiday characters
will greet visitors and shoppers throughout downtown.

Enter to win a valuable shopping spree!

Additional Free Activities

Christmas Display

Chaska History Center

112 West 4th St.

12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Free display featuring historic artifacts from the
Chaska Historical Society collection of
dolls, toys and Santas

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

Walnut St. at City Square Park

2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Free tour of historic downtown
Boarding every 10 minutes

Tree Lighting Ceremony

City Square Park

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Free community event for all ages
Guardian Angels singers, Chaska High School Choir
Visit by Santa
Bonfire & s'mores

Activities sponsored by:

The Fabulous Merchants of Chaska's Historic Downtown
Chaska Downtown Business Alliance
KleinBank Chaska
Chaska Historical Society
SayHey5K Events
Southwest Newspapers
City of Chaska
SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce
Dunn Bros Coffee
Wagner Press & Graphics



Carver Village Christmas

Carver Village Hall

Saturday, December 7, 2013

Noon until 2:30 p.m.

Santa arrives by fire truck at 12:30 p.m.
We will have treats, crafts and a coloring contest.

Fun for the whole family!

Remember to bring your camera to take
your child's photo with Santa.

*Please remember to bring a non-perishable item
for the food shelf*

Sponsored by the Carver Lions and the Carver Fire Department

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