



# Otsego VIEW

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City Planner: Daniel Licht

City Engineer: Ron Wagner

Parks and Recreation Director: Ross Demant

Street Operations Manager: Kevin Lamson

Utility Manager: Kurt Neidermeier

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council: 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month.

Planning Commission: 1st and 3rd Monday of the

Month. Parks & Recreation Commission: 3rd Tuesday

of the Month. Heritage Preservation Commission: 2nd

Tuesday of the Month. Public Safety Commission: 2nd

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call city hall to confirm dates and times.

#### EDITOR

Otsego View Editor: Tami Loff



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## FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Utility Operations Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the City in October. Flushing the hydrants removes sediment and mineral build up within the City's water lines to maintain water quality and also tests the system for adequate flows.

Note that the cap may be left off of some hydrants after the water is turned off to allow the fixture to drain completely but City staff will return to replace the cap. The schedule for flushing is as follows:

- East Public Water System (East of City Hall) October 1st - 15th
- West Public Water System (West of City Hall) October 15th - 30th

## OTSEGO BUSINESS BUZZ

Napa Valley Liquors celebrated their 10 year anniversary in March.

Riverbend North, Phase 1 construction is underway of 164 unit apartment complex at the corner of CSAH 42 and HWY 101.

Edina Realty, 8690 Parson Avenue (across from Target), held a groundbreaking on June 26 for their new office location.

## Harvest Corn Maze & Fall Festival



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## [ Mayor's Corner ] GREETINGS NEIGHBORS!

In July 2019, the City of Otsego officially adopted the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan to use in conjunction with the 2012

Comprehensive Plan. The Master Plan, which took a year to complete is based on extensive input from our residents, athletic associations, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and City Council to guide the continued build out for the parks, trails, open space and recreation programming for our community. The Master Plan document will serve to guide decision making by the City Council, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, residents, and developers in expanding our neighborhood parks, greenway corridors, and trails that are adjacent to major roadways. This process will continue for the most part to be parallel to on-going residential development and street improvement projects. The Master Plan also addresses opportunities for the City to acquire and develop more community-oriented facilities and the means by which such improvements may be financed by the City. The Master Plan is a tool, therefore, that will be used by the City in conjunction with the 2012 Comprehensive Plan, the Capital Improvement Plan, and the City Budget to meet the needs and priorities for our community. If you have time, take an opportunity to review the full plan on the City's website under the Parks & Recreation tab.

MAYOR *Jessica Stockamp*



At the City Council meeting on May 28th the Bank of Elk River presented to the City a donation to the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$6,000. The City Council appreciates the continued partnership. THANK YOU BANK OF ELK RIVER!



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## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR TACKLES POLLUTION ISSUE

Otsego resident and Spectrum High School senior William Koch is making his last year of secondary education count. Honored this past April as an Elk River Rotary Student of the Month, William already has his eyes set on a few colleges where he plans to study veterinarian medicine. Before he graduates, however, William has other ambitions to carry out, including his senior project to clean up the Mississippi River.

William hopes to combat coastal pollution by focusing on inland waterways. An estimated 14 billion pounds of trash is dumped into the world's oceans every year. The Mississippi River, which drains 41 percent of the continental United States, contributes to those shocking statistics. Whatever the current picks up along the river's 2,300-mile path, from the Mississippi headwaters at Minnesota's Itasca State Park to the Gulf of Mexico, could end up in the Atlantic Ocean.

William intends to address this far-reaching environmental issue at a local level.

After consulting with Otsego Parks and Recreation Director Ross Demant, William is focusing his efforts on Carrick Waterfront and Norin Landing Park, which opened this summer. Both developments are nestled alongside the Mississippi River and have been littered with windblown trash from nearby Highway 101 and U.S. Route 169.

William's project involves picking up trash along the shoreline, planting flowers in Norin Landing Park, and making fishing rod holders to prevent visitors from breaking sticks off the trees to prop up their poles. He plans to invite a cleanup crew of up to 30 friends and neighbors, inspiring young and old to follow in his footsteps toward a cleaner earth.

For more information about Otsego's park system and cleanup opportunities, visit [ci.otsego.mn.us](http://ci.otsego.mn.us) or call 763-235-3148.



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- **Otsego Public Safety Commission**  
(Nashua Ave)
- **Otsego Rod & Custom**  
(Quaday Ave)
- **Otsego Lions**  
(85th Street/Quaday Ave/87th St/88th St NE)
- **Hoppenyan**  
(MacIver Ave/80th St NE)
- **K. Beaudry & Family**  
(77th St NE Nashua Ave/MacIver Ave NE)
- **Randelin Family**  
(Odean Ave)
- **Ink Kings Tattoo**  
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## LOCUSTS AND GINSENG



On the 19th of August in 1856 the residents of Otsego saw dark clouds approaching.

These clouds were made of thousands of locusts that destroyed crops. They laid their eggs in the ground to hatch in the spring, and then they moved on.

In the spring of 1857 when the eggs hatched, most of the farmers did not plant crops but many used their plows and harrows to dig deeply, hoping to destroy the insects.

This was the beginning of a financial panic which was dealt with creatively by some of the residents of Otsego who had moved from Virginia where they had dealings with a commodities trader named Colonel Robert Blaine. He brought ginseng to China where it is prized for its medicinal properties.

Ginseng is an herb with a thick forked root that grows wild in shady wooded areas. It was plentiful in this area in the mid 1800s when Otsego was a part of Minnesota called the "Big Woods."

Colonel Blaine offered to pay cash to those who could find it, 5 cents a pound in the spring and 8-10 cents a pound in the fall for green roots. He also told people that mud should be plastered around the roots to keep them fresh and he would not dock them for the weight of the mud.

The settlers figured that at the going price of \$1.25 an acre, 25 pounds of ginseng would buy an acre of land. So they started digging and Colonel Blaine paid up and helped the homesteaders to recover from their losses to the plague of locusts.






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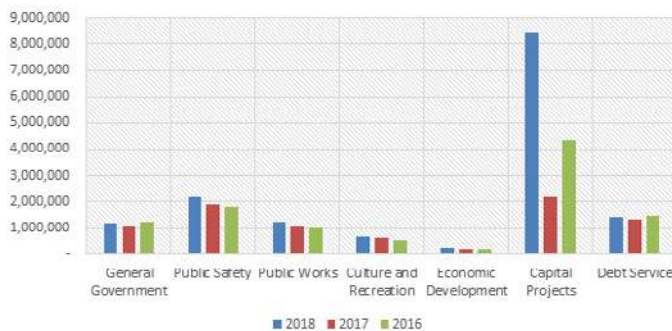
## FINANCIAL RESULTS

The City of Otsego annually prepares a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the financial statements within the City's CAFR must be audited on an annual basis, which was completed by BerganKDV. On June 10th, BerganKDV presented their opinion on the financial statements to the City Council, with the City receiving an Unmodified Opinion, also known as a clean opinion, and is the best opinion that can be given. Summary information regarding the City's financials are provided below.

## Governmental Funds

The City's governmental funds account for all operations, capital projects and debt payments, with the exception of the public utilities of water, sanitary sewer, and storm water. Those funds are excluded as they are operated like businesses and are intended to be self-sufficient.

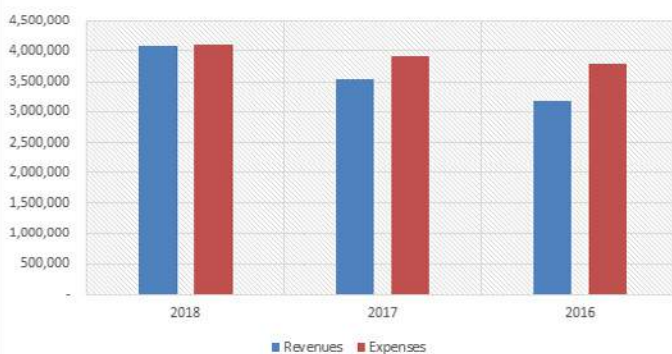
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## Utility Operations

The City of Otsego operates public Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Utility Systems, with nearly 4,000 customers. The Utility operations are not included with Governmental Fund operations and are not funded through the property tax levy. Rather, the Utility operations are fully self-funded through user charges to the customers on the public systems.

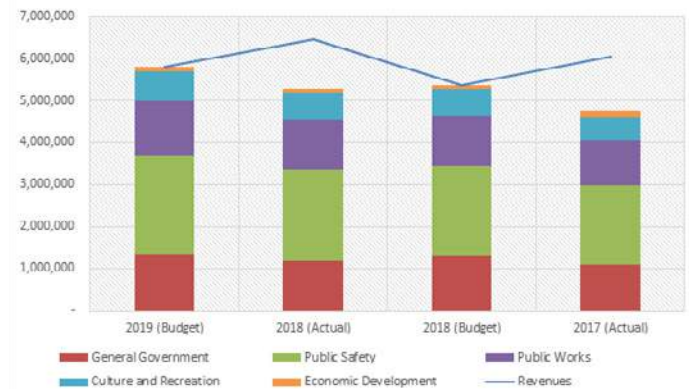
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## General Fund

The General fund is the City's primary fund and accounts for all of the day-to-day operations of the City.

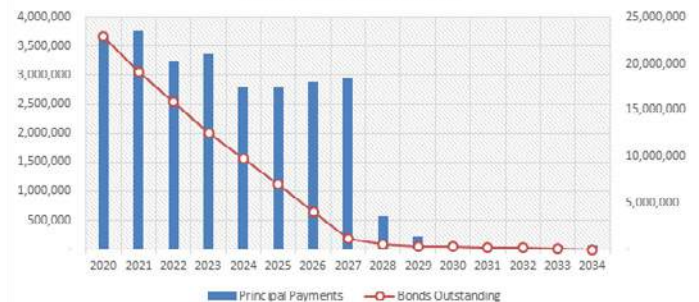
GENERAL FUND



## Debt

The City of Otsego has seven outstanding debt issues, which have been used to finance projects ranging from public streets, city buildings, and utility system infrastructure.

OUTSTANDING DEBT



## Contact

The City's CAFR is available for viewing on the City's website by clicking on the Finance page under the City Departments tab at the top of the page. Always feel free to contact the City Finance Director, Adam Flaherty at (763) 441-4414 with any questions.





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## BURNING PERMIT

The City together with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regulates open burning within the City in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 4, Section 5-4-4 of the City Code.

A burning permit is required for all open burns larger than an 3-foot by 3-foot area. A burning permit may be obtained at City Hall or from the DNR website at [webapps8.dnr.state.mn.us/burning\\_permits](http://webapps8.dnr.state.mn.us/burning_permits). Once a

burning permit has been issued, it is the permit holder's responsibility to confirm that no burning ban is in effect prior to starting an open burn or recreational fire and the permit holder must be constantly in attendance of the fire. No fire may be allowed to smolder with no person in attendance and the open burn or recreational fire must be completely extinguished before the permit holder leaves the site.



## RECREATIONAL FIRE GUIDELINES

General recreational fire guidelines in Otsego include:

- Maximum size of 3-by-3 feet.
- Must be 20 feet from any combustible structures such as homes, sheds, decks or fences.
- Recreational fires are limited to dry, clean wood that is unpainted or untreated including cord wood, branches, limbs, twigs, dimensional lumber cut into lengths no longer than three feet.

## TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY

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## 2019 FALL & WINTER PROGRAMS

### PUMPKIN PATCH DAY



#### PUMPKIN PATCH

The Otsego Parks and Recreation Commission would like to invite everyone to this fun family fall event! There will be free pumpkins given out as long as supplies

last! There also will be jumpies, games and lots of prizes!  
*Please bring a non-perishable food item for CAER.*

Saturday October 12 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: OTSEGO PRAIRIE PARK 13355 90TH ST.  
 FREE**

#### HOWLIN' HALLOWEEN

Bring your four-legged friend down for pictures, costume contest and prizes!



Costume Contest: 12:45 p.m.

Prize Drawing: 12:50 p.m.

Saturday October 12 12:30-1:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK DOG PARK, 8899 NASHUA AVE.  
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#### AUTUMN CRAFT & BUSINESS SHOW

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Saturday October 12 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE.  
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#### DRIVE IN MOVIE: DOUBLE FEATURE

Let's go back to the 50s when drive-in theaters were all the rage and having a great family fun night while sitting in the car and watching the movie.

The sound will be played on your car radio as well as outside.

Saturday October 12 6:45 p.m. Hotel Transylvania 3 (G)

Saturday October 12 9:00 p.m. Insidious (13+)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK BALLFIELDS, 13355 90TH ST.  
 FREE**

#### COUPLES CANOE TRIP

Couples will park at Carricks Landing Park (next to Cowboy Jack's) and be bused to Norin Landing. They will then be guided down the Mississippi River. Couples will have the opportunity to see the beautiful fall foliage and wildlife and will end their journey back at Carrick's Landing Park. Canoes, paddles and life jackets are also included so sit back and enjoy a day on the river.

Saturday October 5 10:30 a.m. \$50 per couple

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### INTRO TOT TUMBLING

#### 2-3 YEAR OLDS

This camp gives an introduction to preschool girls and boys to the fun and excitement of tumbling. Your child will develop skills of coordination, flexibility and balance using basic equipment. Parents are expected to participate with your child.

Wednesdays Sept. 18-Oct. 9 (Session 1) 10:30-11:00 a.m. \$35  
Wednesdays Oct. 16-Nov. 6 (Session 2) 10:30-11:00 a.m. \$35

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER**

### MULTI SPORT CAMP

#### 2-3 YEAR OLDS

This camp gives an introduction to preschool girls and boys to the fun and excitement of sports. There is no pressure, just lots of fun! Sports that will be introduced will be soccer, tball, kickball and basketball.

Wednesdays Sept. 18-Oct. 9 (Session 1) 9:45-10:15 a.m. \$35  
Wednesdays Oct. 16-Nov. 6 (Session 2) 9:45-10:15 a.m. \$35

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER**

*Sign up for two classes and get a \$5 discount.*

### INTRO TO TUMBLING

#### 2 YEAR OLDS

In this toddler-and-me class, your child will develop skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, rhythm in a fun and safe atmosphere where they will be introduced to the balance beam, bar and vault. Students are encouraged to wear leotards or shorts, sweatpants, and t-shirts. Please tie back long hair. Parents are expected to participate with their child.

Thursdays Sept. 19-Oct. 10 5:45-6:15 p.m. \$35  
Thursdays Nov. 7-Dec. 5 5:45-6:15 p.m. \$35

(Not Meeting Nov 28 Thanksgiving)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE NE**

### TUMBLING BASICS

#### 3-4 YEAR OLDS

In this class, your child will develop skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, rhythm in a fun and safe atmosphere where they will be introduced to the balance beam, bar and vault. Students are encouraged to wear leotards or shorts, sweatpants, and t-shirts.



Thursdays Sept. 19-Oct. 10 6:20-6:50 p.m. \$35  
Thursdays Nov. 7-Dec. 5 6:20-6:50 p.m. \$35

(Not Meeting Nov 28 Thanksgiving)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE NE**



## BASIC DANCE LINE CAMP

### 3-5 YEAR OLDS

In this class, your child will learn basic creative dance movements in a fun, interactive and musical atmosphere. Students are encouraged to wear leotards or shorts, sweatpants and t-shirts. Please tie back long hair.

Thursdays Sept. 19-Oct. 10 7:00-7:30 p.m. \$35

Thursdays Nov. 7-Dec. 5 7:00-7:30 p.m. \$35

(Not Meeting Nov 28 Thanksgiving)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE NE**

## FALCON SPORT CAMPS

### 2 YEAR OLDS

These camps help your child with developmental milestones like running, kicking, throwing, and interacting socially with other kids. Get a \$5 discount and sign up for both Falcon Sport Camps together \$65! **PARENTS/ADULT ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE WITH YOUR CHILD.**



### FALCON BASKETBALL CAMP

Skills that will be worked on are: dribbling, shooting, passing, and team work.

Saturday Oct. 26-Nov. 16 9:00-9:30 a.m. \$35

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE NE**

### FALCON SOCCER CAMP

Players will start to develop their soccer skills through fun and interactive games and challenges.

Saturday Oct. 26-Nov. 16 9:35-10:05 a.m. \$35

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE NE**

## WILDCAT SPORT CAMPS

### 3-4 YEAR OLDS

Wildcat Sport Camps help build your child's confidence by refining their physical skills and abilities while teaching them how to work together as a team. Get a \$5 discount and sign up for both Wildcat Sport Camps together \$65

### WILDCAT BASKETBALL CAMP

Campers will learn good techniques in dribbling, shooting, and defensive stance.

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### WILDCAT SOCCER CAMP

Campers will continue to refine their basic soccer skills and techniques.

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AGES 3-6

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Saturday February 8 9:30-11:00 a.m. \$20  
(Deadline to Register: February 3, 2020)

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE NE

## YOUTH SNOWMOBILE TRAINING

The Otsego River Riders is offering snowmobile safety training to receive your Minnesota Snowmobile Safety Certificate. Students can register if they will be 12 years of age or older by January 1, 2020. Students 16 years or older are encouraged to do the on-line training found at the Minnesota DNR website.

This is 2-day class and both sessions must be attended to pass the certification. There will be an outdoor driving course on Saturday, November 23, students need to dress for the weather and bring a helmet if you have one. The driving test will be held with or without snow in the parking lot.

Must Pre-Register by November 19, 2019 and please bring child's birth certificate to the Thursday evening class.

Thursday November 21 6:00-9:00 p.m. \$5  
Saturday November 23 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \$5

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## OTSEGO PARKS & REC DAYS AT HOLIDAY INN WATERPARK



Get out and enjoy one of the gems of Otsego; the Holiday Inn and Wild Woods Water Park is pairing up and offering Parks and Recreation Days throughout the winter months. All kids and parents who are swimming pay only \$10 each and one adult per swimmer is free to observe! All kids must be accompanied by an adult. Quantity of swimmers is limited so please register early to guarantee your spot.

Sunday	January 12	12:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 23	12:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday	March 15	12:00-4:00 p.m.

**\$10 online registration deadline to register online is five days before the event or \$15 each swimmer at event (if available).**

**LOCATION: HOLIDAY INN WATER PARK, 9200 QUADAY AVE NE**

## SANTA DAY

A "Real" Santa Claus is coming to the Otsego Prairie Center! This annual event hosted by the Parks and Recreation Commission is in its sixteenth year. Planned activities include children visiting with Santa Claus, meeting and reading stories with Mrs. Claus, cookies and hot chocolate, and horse drawn sleigh rides for the whole family. Quality Photo will also be present to take pictures of your children with Santa for purchase or you may bring a camera and take your own. People attending are also encouraged to bring food goods for donation to CAER in the spirit of the season.



Saturday December 7 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE NE  
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## SANTA PAWS

Dogs bring your humans down for pictures with Santa Claus! Bring your own camera or Quality Photo will be here to take pictures. There will be treats for everyone.

Prize Drawing: 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 7  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

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**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: OTSEGO PRAIRIE CENTER**

Schedule:

Mondays 10:00 a.m. – Cards (500 or Hand and Foot)

Mondays 1:00 p.m. – BINGO

Second Monday of the Month 12:00 p.m. – Book Club

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. – Bridge

Entertainment, trips and exercise classes are also scheduled. Please check the website for more info or call the Parks and Recreation line at 763-235-3148.

## SENIOR FITNESS (FREE)

**Line Dancing**

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## MONDAY ENTERTAINMENT (FREE)

2:30-3:30 p.m.

September 16 Karl Achilles Magic

October 21 Fall Pie and Bingo Social \*1:00-3:00 p.m.

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## QUESTION 1

An operating levy increase to fund school materials, student support and academic programs.

## QUESTION 2

Bond funds to address enrollment growth, deferred maintenance needs across the district's more than 20 buildings, more flexible learning spaces and updated physical education and athletic facilities at all three traditional high schools.

**! Question 2 can only pass if Question 1 is approved**

## IF VOTERS **APPROVE** BOTH QUESTIONS?

- ▶ Both questions would address classroom, budget and building needs across the district and at every level - benefiting **ALL** students.
- ▶ ISD 728 would be able to:
  - ▶ **Address** growing enrollment with a new middle school in Otsego.
  - ▶ **Improve** equity and access to quality learning environments for ALL students.
  - ▶ **Help** protect our community's investment in its schools.

## IF VOTERS **DO NOT APPROVE** BOTH QUESTIONS?

There would be continued budget cuts and inadequate funding for our school buildings, resulting in:

- ▶ Increased class sizes.
- ▶ Decreased academic support for struggling students.
- ▶ Fewer and outdated classroom resources for students.
- ▶ A growing list of building maintenance needs - such as roofs, HVAC systems and parking lots - without adequate funding to address them.
- ▶ Spaces that are not equitable or adequate for students throughout ISD 728, such as classroom spaces, indoor physical education and outdoor athletic facilities.
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