

The Woodlands



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A Little About The Woodlands Association

Recently, we've received suggestions that we provide some background on the purpose, authority, and recent activities of the Woodlands Association.

The Woodlands Association was incorporated as a California non-profit civic organization in 1965. As part of the incorporation, a set of by-laws were submitted to the State that describe the purpose as "group action towards the betterment and protection of the common interests of Woodlands residents, and for considering such other matters as may arise involving the interests of the households as a group, including but not limited to community and civic improvement."

The State of California in approving the corporate by-laws, granted that boundaries of the Woodlands Area were to be defined as the interior of the following four boundaries:

- The Contra Costa Canal on the North (Concord/Walnut Creek Border)
- Oak Grove Road on the West
- Ygnacio Valley Road on the South
- The Ygnacio "Relief Canal" on the East (Lime Ridge open space)

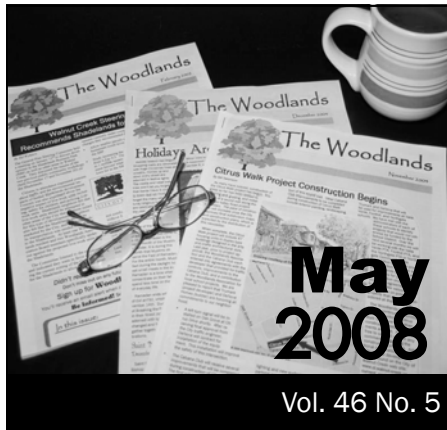
Over the past four decades, the Association has been active by representing the Woodlands with governing agencies to assure the interests of our residents are considered. Many issues relate to development of nearby properties, traffic problems, and school boundaries. The Association was very active in the planning of the Citrus Center shopping center, Citrus Walk, numerous proposed projects in the Shadelands Business Park, and traffic changes on Oak Grove and Ygnacio Valley roads. Our participation with City of Walnut Creek, Mount Diablo Unified School District, other agencies, non-profit organizations and numerous developers regarding their decisions helped assure that possible impacts to our community are adequately addressed.

For example, during the planning of Citrus Walk, the Association participated in numerous meetings with the City design review and planning commissions. Through this participation, we influenced some project design features and negotiated outcomes that were beneficial to our community. These included additional improvements to the Cabana Club, a dedicated turn signal from Oak Grove to Citrus Ave, and funds from the developer which we have used to make improvements at Northgate, Foothill, and Valle Verde schools.

The Association publishes monthly newsletters to keep residents informed of about issues of interest to Woodlands residents. The costs of the newsletters are offset by advertising, and we are deeply grateful to an army of volunteers that reliably deliver them to your front door every month.

We often receive requests to resolve disputes about parking, landscape maintenance, property upkeep, and other similar matters. Because of our charter, we have no direct authority to intervene or enforce City codes. However, we often try to remind our residents about basic good neighbor courtesies and point them in the right direction for city assistance where it is needed.

The board of directors is comprised of four defined positions plus additional positions to address newsletter production and other needs. We are always seeking interested residents that want to participate in improving the quality of life in our neighborhood and welcome your attendance at our monthly meetings. Please join us when you have an opportunity.



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Fun in the Sun!

Remember last summer when it was so hot that you felt like if you rode your air conditioner any harder the folks from PG&E would throw a party for you as their biggest spender?



Well those days are coming back. Give your AC some time off for good behavior come down to the good old Cabana Club instead.

For members who have renewed your memberships, thank you. For new and prospective Cabana Club Members, get ready for a cool summer as you soak in one of our three pools, take advantage of the large BBQ and party area, or just spend time with neighbors.

For membership information please contact Raymond or Cindy Thierry at 934-1247 or email at Thierry@astound.net

Stamp Out Hunger

Saturday, May 10th, 2008.

The national Association of letter carriers, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, and the help of the Woodlands homeowners (community) will be collecting non-perishable food items like canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal, beans and rice on Saturday, May 10, 2008. This national event will help families in need in our local community. You can help by bringing your food donations to the cabana club where a trailer will be parked to receive your donated items, or you can place your items near your mailbox.

Thanks,
 Ken Lewis, Letter Carrier

Upcoming Board Elections



The Woodlands Board of Directors is made up of four elected and several appointed positions. All residents of the Woodlands over the age 18 are eligible for elected or appointed positions on the Woodlands Board of Directors.

The July 2008 newsletter will include a mail-in ballot that will allow Woodlands residents to vote for Secretary for a two-year term. The Secretary maintains records for the Association, including legal documents, meeting minutes, and other related written actions. Interested candidates for Secretary should prepare brief (up to 200 words) statements of interest to the Woodlands Board for consideration. Statements of interest for eligible candidates will be printed in the June 2008 newsletter. All submissions should be sent to the Woodlands Board at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com no later than May 10, 2008

Woodlands Association Board of Directors

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Board email ID's can be found at www.WoodlandsAssn.org

Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, May 3rd
 at 8:15 am
 and
 Saturday, June 7th
 at 8:15 am
 in Carl's Jr.
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Girl Scouts and Woodlands Give Back!

Under the tutelage of Joan Tomasini of the Contra Costa Food Bank, Troops 30308 and 31865 from Valle Verde piloted the first ever Girl Scout Food Drive in the Woodlands subdivision this past week. The Scouts left empty bags on front porches during the week and collected the filled bags on Saturday April 13. The response was overwhelming and the girls collected well over 200 grocery bags of food! Thank you to the generous Woodlands residents and the Girl Scouts for their energy and community spirit! Given the high flying success of the Food Drive, an Association wide drive is the goal for next year!

The troops send their apologies if your house didn't get bags (Citrus Walk and Peachwillow between Oak Grove and Primrose) and if they inadvertently missed your generous donation that you left on the porch!



Pictured Left to Right:

Stephanie Aiello, Hannah Morrow, Madison Blumer, Sophie Weimer, Christina Tsapouklis, Solenna Vaucheret, Julia Corrales and Hannah Carter. Not pictured is Katie Rinella.



Hello Woodlands' Families! Last month I accidentally left off two very important Girl Scout Leaders from the thank you article I wrote. Karen Worthington and Karen Brajkovich bring so very much to Girl Scouts (and Boy Scouts, too!) I am very remiss in leaving their names off because they are very special women to all of us. They, too, exemplify the Girl Scout Promise and Law and teach leadership to their girls and to their families. So, when you run into Karen W. or Karen B. in the neighborhood, at school or on the baseball field, please thank them for all they do for our daughters. (Gloria Bertolozzi)

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO BUILD A POOL

Northgate High School currently has no aquatic facility to house its water polo and swim teams and to accommodate its popular and growing aquatics programs. Coaches have to locate a pool for every season, and our student athletes must travel to practice at remote pools at inconvenient times.

A new aquatic center will permit on-campus programs for all students as well as our community members. Many local recreational and year-round swim clubs and water polo teams could make use of the new center. Handicapped access facilities could make community health and exercise programs available to more area residents.

Although the 2nd annual Lap-A-Thon is now, (May 3rd, 9 – 12 at the Woodlands Cabana Club) it is not too late to sponsor a participant. All donations are appreciated. For more information on how you can sponsor a swimmer call Jan Dolliver @ 937-1668 or e-mail your questions to jandolliver@hotmail.com.



Throw a Block Party

Throwing a block party is a terrific way to meet your neighbors, build a sense of neighborhood, and just plain have fun! The City of Walnut Creek encourages neighbors to throw block parties and has a variety of resources to help residents plan and throw a block party.

Step 1. Have a Planning Party. Invite a few neighbors over to plan the party. Think of the planning process itself as an opportunity to have fun and make some lasting friendships. Try to involve neighbors you don't know well who may know other neighbors you don't know well. Don't stress over planning the perfect party - sometimes the most casual events are the most fun.

Step 2. Choose a Location. You may be able to close off the street in front of your block if you want to hold activities right in the street. If you want to close a street, you will need to get a free Block Party Street Closure Permit from the City. You will also need to obtain insurance; although as an incentive the City has agreed to pay for the insurance for the first 15 block party permits submitted each year (these go quickly, so get your permit soon!). If you want to hold the party in yards and don't want to close a street, the City doesn't require permits or insurance. Despite these requirements, closing the street does have the advantage of making your party feel like a true block party rather than a private event.

Step 3. Choose a Date. Try to pick a date 4-6 weeks in advance to allow plenty of time for planning, notifying neighbors and obtaining a Street Closure Permit if needed.

Step 4. Decide on Food.

Step 5. Decide on Activities.

Step 6. Deliver Invitations. Deliver invitations at least a month before the party to allow people to plan and as a courtesy to neighbors with special needs (e.g. daytime sleepers, expecting deliveries) who may need to communicate with you. Invitations are most effective if they are personally delivered. You may want to put reminders under people's doormats about a week before the party.

Step 7. Set Up. If you will be closing a street, the City will deliver barricades prior to the party.

Step 8. Observe Neighborhood Courtesies. Remember to make your block party a positive experience for all of your neighbors, even if they choose not to attend. Make it easy for neighbors to get out of their driveways and through the street. Keep noise levels low after 10:00 p.m.

Step 9. Have Fun!

Step 10. Enter the Block Party of the Year Contest and maybe you'll win the Golden Barbecue Award!

For more information regarding Block Parties and other neighborhood events please contact the Walnut Creek Public Services Department at 943-5899.

Foothill School News

Source: e-Gazette 4/02/08

From the PFA



Do you know where your PFA dollars are spent? Thanks to your financial support, each year the PFA is able to provide supplemental materials for all core classes (\$11,000), crisis counselors (\$29,000), a computer technician (\$17,000), library books (\$7,000), computer maintenance and replacement (\$19,000) and much more. Last month the PFA provided funds for over \$2,000 worth of emergency supplies (with more to come) and will soon pay for \$12,000 worth of document cameras that assist teachers with visual instruction.

Thank you for supporting Foothill's PFA!

Community Events

2nd Annual Lap-A-Thon

Help Northgate High School Build a Pool

Save the date - Saturday, May 3, 2008. The second annual lap-a-thon will be held to raise funds for the building of an aquatic center at Northgate High School. Join us at the Woodland's Cabana Club, any time between 9 - 12 noon, the morning of May 3rd. Swim laps, collect sponsored funds and gain the feeling of community pride as you contribute to the Northgate Community Pride Foundation's efforts to build this aquatic center. Anyone may participate. Volunteers are needed to count laps during the event. For more information on how you can help or to obtain a sponsor form, please contact [Jan Dolliver](#) (937-1668).

Parent Faculty Board Members Needed!

Attention all Eighth Grade parents of soon-to-be Northgate Freshmen, Class of 2012!

We are looking for interested parents to get involved at Northgate by being a part of the Parent Faculty Club Board next year. There are many different areas to get involved including:

- Webteam member
- Auditor
- Student Directory Co-chair
- Financial Secretary
- Disaster Preparedness
- Purchasing
- Landscaping/Memorial Garden
- Volunteer coordinator
- Hospitality

Please contact Donna Warnken-Brill if you are interested or have any questions by calling #934-7504 or email rhinojwb@astound.net

This is a great way to support Northgate and your student! Thank you!!

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Musical Theatre Summer Camp - July 14 - August 9, 9-3pm, M-F
Location: St. Matthew Church (399 Wiget Lane, WC) and DVC Performing Arts Centre

Tech Track - learn about sound, lights, costumes, sets, will be part of the stage crew
Performance Track - sing, act and dance instruction with performance of **THE WIZ** the last weekend of camp.

Camp will fill up quickly. [Click here](#) to request registration information.



Northgate High School News

Source: PFC e-Newsletter 3/30/08

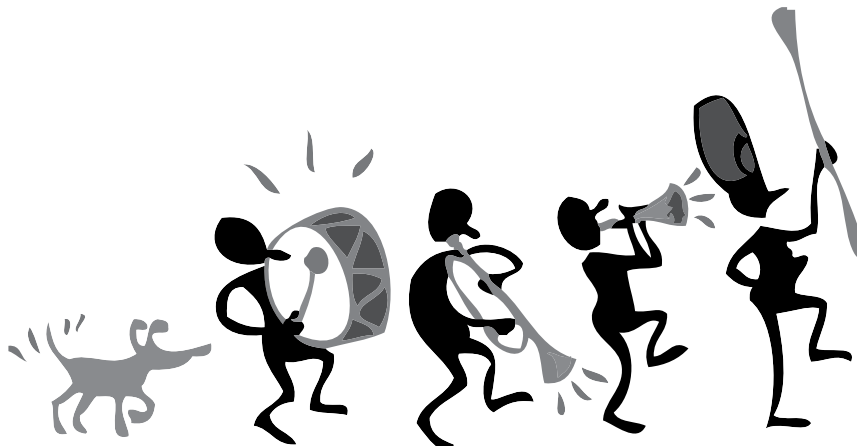
Concerts

May 13, Tuesday, 7p, Spring Concert at the Lesher Center

This concert features the best pieces of our Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble. It is their Grand Finale, a culmination of their efforts this year and is in a wonderful venue befitting their last and most formal concert of the school year. Tickets are now on sale through the [Lesher Center!](#) by phone at 943-7469 or on the web at http://lesherartscenter.com/onstagenow/buy_tickets

May 19, Monday, 8p & 10p, NHS Jazz Band at YOSHI'S

This is an incredible opportunity for our own Jazz musicians to play in the world-class Yoshi's Jazz Club at Oakland's Jack London Square. There will be two performances; 8pm and 10pm. As a convenience, you may [pre-order your tickets from](http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/files/2008_FINAL_Yoshis_Concert_Flier2_1_.pdf) http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/files/2008_FINAL_Yoshis_Concert_Flier2_1_.pdf, and they will be available for pick up at Northgate's Open House on May 8th. You may also order your tickets directly from Yoshi's at 510-238-9200 or on the web at <http://yoshis.inticketing.com/>.





WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to John Gregory
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*

08-5922 03/12/08 09:42:32 3400 BL BAYBERRY DR REQUESTING CITE, X STREET FROM ADDRESS BLK FORD TRUCK @8E95316/. DISPO: PSO FILE. MARKED 3/12 AT 1934HRS BY P329. Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 –

08-5975 03/12/08 23:31:27 3000 BL CITRUS CR REPORTING 2 AMAS DUMPSTER DIVING ASSOC W/ WHI TOYT PK @4P07683/. DISPO: RP CALLED BACK TO CANCEL, SUBJECTS LEFT. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 –

08-6103 03/14/08 16:17:40 3000 BL CITRUS CR REPORTS 4 SUBJ'S INVOLVED IN 594. KID TAGGING SIGN IS WEARING BLU PLAID FLNL JKT.. DISPO: SUBJECTS GONE ON OFFICER ARRIVAL. AREA CHECK NEG. Vandalism 3 80 Estrada

08-6109 03/14/08 17:14:24 PEPPERTREE RD / CITRUS AV REPORTS GRY 4DR IN FIRE LANE.. DISPO: VEH CITED Parking Complaint 3 80 Prado

08-6305 03/17/08 07:22:25 3200 BL PEACHWILLOW LN RPTS THEFT FRM UNLOCKED GLD TOYT TUNDRA PK @7P33860/ LOSS:GPS,CAMERA,TOOL BAG. OCC'D SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT.. DISPO: CONFIRMED THEFT FROM UNLOCKED PICKUP PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY DURING THE PAST NIGHT Theft 3 80 Rebello

08-6309 03/17/08 08:20:44 WINTERGREEN LN / PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS 459 TO BLK BMW X5. OCC'D BTWN 0815 TO TIME OF CALL. POE: WINDOW SMASH. LOSS: PURSE. DISPO: AUTO BURG. OCCRD 3/17/08 0810-0820 HOURS. MOE WINDOW SMASH. LOSS PURSE. NO LEADS. Burglary 3 80 Lingua

08-6337 03/17/08 13:37:21 600 BL CANDLEBERRY RD REPORTS SUSP CIRC (Redacted 01) ****LOBBY****. DISPO: DETERMINED NO CRIME. CASE REQUESTED FOR DOCUMENTATION. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Lingua

08-6409 03/18/08 10:41:48 OAK GROVE RD / PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS 11-82. BEIGE MERZ VERSES TRUCK. PARTIALLY BLOCKING.. DISPO: MISC TRAFFIC Miscellaneous Traffic 3 70 Norlund

08-6453 03/18/08 17:55:55 PEACHWILLOW LN / BANYAN CR REPORTS ABANDONED TRAILER @1CB4323/. DISPO: PSO FILE. VEH GOA Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 Zuniga

08-6504 03/19/08 08:26:54 3200 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS BURG TO GRY HONDA CIVIC. OCC'D WITHIN THE LAST 5 MIN. POSSIBLE SUSP: WMA, HEAVY SET TEENAGER WEARING BAGGY JEANS, NO SHIRT DESC. DRIVING METALLIC BLU POSS SUV WITH DOT TOWARDS OAK GROVE RD. DISPO: AS REPORTED. POE: PASS SIDE WINDOW SMASH. LOSS:PURSE. SUSP. WMA, SHORT , STOCKY WITH SHORT HAIR AND BAGGIE JEANS Burglary 3 80 Clemente

08-6650 03/20/08 22:13:35 PERADA DR / CITRUS AV REPORTS 2 VEHS POSS GOING TO RACE AT THE END OF PERADA.. DISPO: AREA CHECK OF PERADA AND CITRUS AS WELL AS SURROUNDING AREAS CLEAR. Service to Citizen 3 80 Lingua

08-6694 03/21/08 14:01:08 3000 BL CITRUS CR SUBJ IN LOBBY REQ ADVICE RE CIVIL ISSUE(Redacted 01). DISPO: ADVICE GIVEN Civil Matter 3 80 Norlund

08-6947 03/24/08 16:09:31 500 BL BANYAN CR 11-24. BLU HOND CIVIC IFO THIS ADDRESS. ONGOING PROBLEM. DISPO: MARKED 3/25 AT 1906HRS BY P329. Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 –

08-6983 03/25/08 02:59:19 3200 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS JUVS AT THE PARK BEING LOUD. 4GIRLS 1BOY. DISPO: QOA/GOA/UTL Noise Complaint 3 80 Mangini

08-7025 03/25/08 15:41:47 ROCK OAK RD / BAYBERRY DR REPORTS 11-24 BLK FORD PK @8E95316/(Redacted 01). DISPO: PSO FILE. MARKED 3/25 AT 1854HRS BY P329. Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 –

08-7167 03/27/08 08:29:14 3400 BL SUGARBERRY LN 11-24 GREEN FORD TAURUS NO PLATE OBTAINED BY THE RP. DISPO: MARKED 3/27 AT 1508HRS BY P476. Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 Zuniga

08-7367 03/29/08 13:06:49 500 BL BANYAN CR REPORTS THEFT OF CHANGE AND IPOD FROM UNLOCKED PURPLE FORD RANGER.. DISPO: AS REPORTED. LOSS IPOD CAR ADAPTER AND CHANGE. Theft 3 80 Lyons

08-7377 03/29/08 15:18:34 3200 BL SUGARBERRY LN RPTS A THEFT FRM HER UNLOCKED VEH. TAKEN:2 PAIRS OF SHOES. DISPO: OCCURRED PAST NIGHT. LOSS: 2 PAIRS OF SHOES. POSSIBLE SUSP: BMJ, 13 YRS, SHORT DRK HAIR, 5'3", THIN. NO FURTHER. Theft 3 80 Rangel

08-7440 03/30/08 02:10:33 PERADA DR / TORREY PINE CT BETWEEN KELOBRA AND TORREY PINE ON PERADA. REPORTS 2 OR MORE SUBJS YELLING AND SWEARING WAKING UP THE NEIGHBORS.. DISPO: CONTACTED SUBJECTS IN AREA. UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE CRIME. ADVICE GIVEN Noise Complaint 3 80 Lingua

08-7457 03/30/08 08:37:28 200 BL ROCK OAK RD REPORTS FINDING A BLU BOYS BIKE IFO RP'S RESD.. DISPO: BLU TREK MT BIKE(Redacted 01) FOUND. COLLECTED AND BOOKED INTO WCPD. Found Property 3 80 Sadler

08-7468 03/30/08 11:49:59 500 BL BANYAN CR ADVICE NURSE RPTING FEMALE W/ SUSP INJURIES. FEMALE CALLED ADVICE NURSE ABOUT INJURIES RESULTING FRM BEING PUNCHED IN THE STOMACH BY A MALE SUBJ LAST NIGHT. (Redacted 01). DISPO: CONTACTED RP (Redacted 01). PUNCHED IN THE STOMACH BY A MALE (FRIEND OF A FRIEND) IN CONCORD. DECLINED MED & INFO. Assault 3 80 Sadler

08-7532 03/31/08 09:51:51 600 BL WINTERGREEN LN RPTS THE THEFT OF A GARAGE DOOR OPENER FRM HER UNLOCKED VEH.. DISPO: DETERMINED A THEFT FROM UNLOCKED CAR PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY OF RESIDENCE OCCURRED DURING PAST NIGHT. LOSS:GARAGE DOOR OPENER Theft 3 80 Rebello

08-7570 03/31/08 18:09:42 600 BL CANDLEBERRY RD REPORTS VIA LETTER TO DISPATCH - VEH BROKEN INTO ON 3/27/2008. LOSS: VHS TAPES.. DISPO: RP NOT HOME. MSG LEFT Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Rohwer

08-7790 04/03/08 11:05:36 3400 BL PERADA DR BLK HONDA CIVIC 2DR HAS BEEN PARKED IFO HIS HOME FOR 2 WEEKS, PEOPLE COME AND GO AND WORK ON THE VEH EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE. REQ 1124 TAG.. DISPO: Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 –

08-8013 04/06/08 04:12:49 3200 BL PRIMROSE LN REPORTS NEIGHBORS VEH BROKEN INTO. VIC VEH: HYUN OR ACURA, METALLIC. RP HEARD A CAR ALARM GOING OF APPROX 30 AGO.. DISPO: ATTEMPT 459 TO HYUNDAI SUV VIA WINDOW SMASH THWARTED BY AUDIBLE ALARM AT APPROX. 0345 HOURS. NO LOSS. Attempt Burglary 3 80 Watson

08-8245 04/08/08 18:36:01 3200 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTING GROUP OF JUVS SILLY-STRINGING THE PLAY STRUCTURES ON THE PLAYGROUND. HAVE BEEN ASKED TO STOP/ LEAVE AND REFUSE.. DISPO: BOY SCOUTS (TROOP 832) ON PLAYGROUND ENGAGING IN SANCTIONED EVENT, ADULT TROOPMASTER ON SCENE, WILL CLEAN WHEN DONE. Service to Citizen 3 80 Keeler

08-8298 04/09/08 13:02:25 3300 BL CITRUS AV CFD REQ ASSSIT FOR FORCED ENTRY ON MEDICAL. (Redacted 01). DISPO: CFD CANCELLED PRIOR TO OFFICER ARRIVAL Assist Agency 3 80 Coffin

08-8364 04/10/08 02:22:48 3600 BL PERADA DR REPORTS HER POWER WENT OFF BRIEFLY, CAME BACK ON AND THEN HER MOTION LIGHT SENSOR WAS TRIPPED. REQ A DRIVE-THRU OF NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT NO CONTACT.. DISPO: DRIVE THRU OF THE AREA DONE AS REQUESTED. NOTHING SUSPICIOUS NOTED. Service to Citizen 3 80 Estrada

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May 15, 2008

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