

Village Views

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

JULY/AUGUST 2001

July 4th Fest to be Bigger and Better Than Ever

There will be food – lots of food. There will be plenty of entertainment. There will be games for the kids. There will be fireworks.

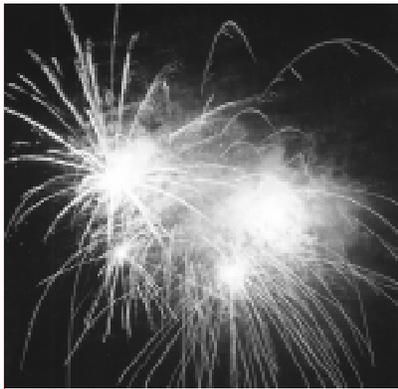
That sums up what's in store for the thousands expected to attend the annual Taste of Wheeling and July 4th celebration. It will all kick off at noon when participating restaurants open their booths and roll out the food.

“At this time, we have 12 of our famous restaurants,” said Trustee Judy Abruscato, “plus Amvets serving snow cones. The VFW will offer popcorn, and the Senior Special will feature volunteers from the Pavilion Senior Center serving up ice cream. It's a nice, refreshing addition at a reasonable price that everyone can afford.”

Entertainment Roster

The entertainment roster this year, Abruscato said, includes Greg Koeppen from Medleys in Motion, Larry Bemben's Big Band Orchestra, local group Jake and the Boys and magician Joel Brash. “New this year, Jimmy and the Mauds, also a local favorite, will present rhythm and blues from the 60s and 70s,” she added.

The traditional Independence Day



Celebrate!

4th of July

Wheeling style

Parade at 6 p.m.

Launch 1,200 balloons

Fireworks

\$25,000 worth of pyrotechnics fire into the sky

Taste of Wheeling, noon-11p.m.

parade will begin with the launch of 1,200 balloons from the reviewing stand in front of Village Hall, 255 West Dundee Rd., at 6 p.m.

“We have more than 70 units in the parade,” Abruscato said. “Featured performers will include a Mariachi band, the Cubs Band, the Honey Bears

and Jake and the Boys. It's endless.” Super Senior of the Year Dolly Hein will be the grand marshal of this year's parade.

Fireworks will begin at dusk in Heritage Park, with \$25,000 worth of pyrotechnics firing into the night sky. “We're indebted to businesses and residents of the Village of Wheeling for their generous support of the fireworks display,” Abruscato said.

See Flyer for Schedule of Events

For more information, call Trustee Abruscato at **541-8783**. Please see the July 4th flyer enclosed in this newsletter for details about event times, sponsors and participants.

State Police Rollover Vehicle Is a 'Smash Hit' at Wheeling Open House

The Illinois State Police “rollover vehicle” was a smash hit at the Village of Wheeling open house, May 5. The exhibit demonstrates what happens to the occupants of a vehicle when it rolls over.

For more on the open house, turn to page 2.



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Hospital Laundry Services to Move 450 Jobs to Wheeling

Hospital Laundry Services (HLS) will move its Chicago operations and corporate headquarters to Wheeling, according to Economic Development Director Bill Whitmer. The move, which will immediately bring 450 jobs to the Village, is part of an expansion and consolidation plan centered on a 310,000 square-foot building at 43-47 Hintz Rd.

The Wheeling plant, which HLS intends to purchase, will house state-of-the-art equipment to wash, finish and handle garments. HLS currently operates its Sterile Recovery Division in Wheeling, where it produces sterile surgical packs. The unit, which employs 80 people, will be folded into the combined facility.

It is expected the relocation, which will unite all HLS operations under one roof, will be completed by May 2002.

The company anticipates its work force will total about 600 employees within two years.

HLS conducted a protracted search for appropriate sites throughout Chicago and the suburbs and concluded the 16.5-acre Wheeling location best suits its present and future needs. The company regarded transportation as a key factor in its decision, with Wheeling offering ready access to such major highways as I-294 (the Tristate Tollway) and I-94 (the Edens Expressway).

The company’s current Chicago location is land-locked, surrounded by residential neighborhoods, and cannot be expanded. HLS has occupied the Addison Street location, a general linen-rental plant, since 1972.

HLS’s warehouse and purchasing departments will be the first to move in early summer. The corporate staff will follow by early fall.

“With this move,” said Whitmer, “HLS instantly becomes one of the Village’s largest employers. Their arrival is the result of months of searching and negotiating. We welcome them.”

Village Opens the House



Village doors were open on May 5 for inspection by residents and friends. Visitors got a glimpse at the Police Department’s firing range, with a briefing from Officer Randy Olsberg (bottom right). Meanwhile, Wheeling firefighters sliced open an automobile just as they would when extricating victims of an accident. And PC, the remote-controlled mini police car, delighted children as it weaved and dodged with them.



Roads to Close for “Ride for Kids”

Wheeling Rd. will be closed for a short period on Sunday, July 15, to make way for an estimated 1500 motorcycle riders passing through the Village as part of the annual Ride for Kids. Sponsored by the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the US, the ride will begin at the Allstate Insurance Northbrook headquarters, then west on Willow-Palatine Rd. to Wheeling Rd., and finally north on Rt. 83 out of town. The roads and related intersections will be closed for about a half hour beginning at 9:30 a.m. Motorists should use alternate routes, such as Milwaukee Ave., Wolf or Buffalo Grove Rds.

New to Town? You Might Like to Know...

The Wheeling Board of Trustees and the Village staff welcome the new arrivals to town. We want to see you get established and offer some suggestions about how to settle in.

If you haven't already, you will need to contact the Finance Department to establish your water and sewer account. Deposit fees vary. Contact the water-billing clerk for more information at **459-2607**.

No Vehicle Stickers

Unlike many other Illinois communities, Wheeling does not require vehicle stickers. Parking on Village streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is prohibited, as is parking across sidewalks.

The only commercial vehicles permitted to park in a residential area are those with license plates bearing an "A" or "B" designation. Commercial vehicles higher than nine feet or longer than 20 feet may not be parked anywhere on residential property.

The Village also has occupancy standards for residential dwellings. The limits are based on bedroom size. Every occupant of a bedroom may have no less than 50 square feet of floor space.

If you are planning major changes to your home, such as an addition or a fence, you should contact the Community Development Department at **459-2620** for a permit. Specialists there can help ensure that you receive quality work.

Citizen Participation

The Wheeling Board of Trustees meets in "workshop" meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month. "Regular" meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays. The board welcomes residents to attend all public meetings, and encourages citizen participation. Village President Greg Klatecki invites residents to become active on the various boards and commissions, which are listed on page 7 under "Community Calendar." Applications are available on the Web at <http://vi.wheeling.il.us/Government/BoardsAndCommissions/BoardsAndCommissions.htm>

Refuse Collection

Your trash will be picked up by Waste Management Northwest. You can make arrangements with them

by calling **800-964-8988**. You will probably want to participate in the Wheeling recycling program, one of the most well-established programs in the Northwest suburbs. You are entitled to one free recycling bin. (Wheel kits cost \$7.50.) You can request them from the Public Works Dept. from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Recreation

Wheeling Park District offers an array of recreational programs, ranging from its soccer teams and fitness activities to its Aquatic Park and Chevy Chase Country Club. Call **465-3333**.

Getting Around

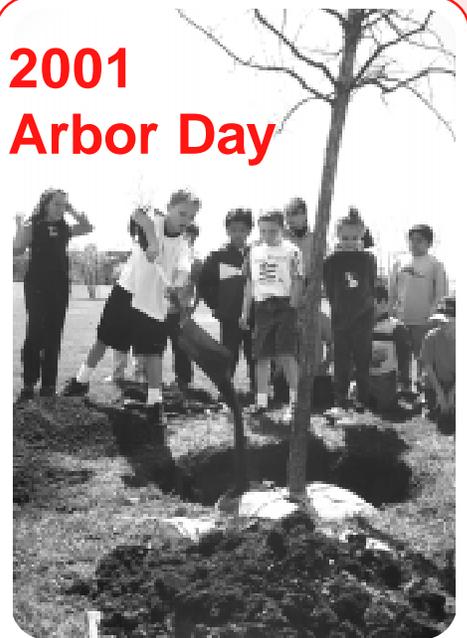
Transportation in the area is easily accessible. In addition to a well-maintained network of state, county and local highways, Wheeling offers ready access to the Metra commuter rail line and Pace, the suburban bus line. Pace Route 234 serves the Village to Des Plaines, Holy Family Hospital, the Mt. Prospect Metra Station, Randhurst Shopping Center, Wheeling High School, the Wheeling Municipal Complex, and, during rush hours, the Buffalo Grove Terminal. Metra's North Central Line serves Wheeling from the northern suburbs to downtown Chicago.

You can obtain travel information for either Pace or Metra, from 5 a.m. until 1 a.m., at **836-7000**. On the Internet, for Pace, go to www.pacebus.com. Or, for Metra, www.metrarail.com.

School Registration

Registering your children in school will mean contacting either District 21, District 23 or District 214, depending on where you live and your children's ages. District 21 elementary and middle

2001 Arbor Day



Students of Mark Twain School fill in the hole dug by the Wheeling Public Works Dept. to mark Arbor Day 2001. The event also commemorated the 10th year that Wheeling has been recognized as a Tree City USA.

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Wheeling Bonds Rated 'AA' By Fitch Research

Fitch Research, the international credit-rating agency, has assigned a rating of "AA" to \$3 million in general obligation bonds for the Village of Wheeling. The rating is among the highest possible, marking the bonds as "investment grade." Proceeds from the bond sales will be used for street, water and sewer improvements in the village.

Citing Wheeling's overall low indebtedness, Fitch also reaffirmed \$13.1 million in existing general obligation debt with the "AA" rating.

The Fitch report mentioned Wheeling's "expanding and diversifying economy, above average wealth level, sound financial position and a low debt burden." Fitch recognized the growing presence of such large retailers as K-Mart, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and a forthcoming Target store on Lake Cook Rd., now under construction, for

their contributions to the village's revenue stream.

Additional factors in the Fitch analysis included an unemployment rate consistently lower than state and national averages, with per capita income equaling 122 percent of the state average and 128 percent of the national average.

Sale of the bonds closed on June 15, with maturity dates ranging from December 15, 2002 to December 15, 2011. The bonds will earn an overall interest rate of 4.22 percent.

"The Fitch rating ensures that Wheeling continues to enjoy ready acceptance in the market for its financial instruments," said Finance Director Robert Fialkowski. "It also means that we can more efficiently channel tax revenues to areas not readily financed by bonds."

New in Town?... *Continued from page 3*

schools are headquartered at 999 W. Dundee Rd. in Wheeling. Phone **537-8270**. District 23, which covers the southern boundary of the Village and Prospect Heights, is at 700 N. Schoenbeck in Prospect Heights. Phone **870-3850**

School District 214 is located at 2121 S. Goebbert Rd. in Arlington Heights. It encompasses a number of high schools in the northwest Chicago suburbs. Dist. 214 includes Wheeling High School and Buffalo Grove High School, which serve the Village of Wheeling. Call **718-7600**

If you are business-minded, the Wheeling/Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce will be pleased to talk with you about participating in their many activities. Call **541-0170**

Indian Trails Public Library, 355 Schoenbeck Rd., is a recently expanded, modern facility. It offers services that provide knowledge and entertainment on many levels. Trained librarians are available at **537-4011**.

Of course, if you have questions about Village services and functions, you are welcome to call Village Hall at **459-2600**. If you see violations of littering, signage or other Village codes, please call our Hot-Line at **459-CODE**. You will receive a response if you request it. You are always invited to complete the "Speak Out" form printed in each issue of *Village Views* and on the Website at www.vi.wheeling.il.us. Welcome to Wheeling!

2nd Annual Multicultural Festival a Success

*Lori Alejandro (right) fires
the raw materials she uses
to make beaded baubles.*



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Welcome New Businesses

ABC Security Corp.— Jerry Robinson, 339 Egidi Dr., 272-7080, electronic security

Americash Loans LLC — Dustin Mauldin, 790 W. Dundee Rd., 419-9777

Benihana — Joel A. Schwartz, President, 150 N. Milwaukee Ave., restaurant

El Burrito Loco — Valentin Ramos, 733 W. Dundee Rd., restaurant

IF Gallery (International Furniture Gallery, Inc.) — Mr. Kim & Mr. Oh, 903 W. Dundee Rd., 229-9060, retail furniture

J. Divita & Assoc.— John Divita, 525 N. Wolf Rd., 520-0317, general contractor

S Mechanical Inc. — Gisela L. Torres Sabal, resident, 9930 Capitol Drive, 808-9100, HVAC office

STA International Inc.— Alan H. Fox, 380 W. Palatine

Wheeling is on the Web at www.vi.wheeling.il.us

Multicultural Festival a Success

Hundreds of people visited dozens of vendors, bounced to the music and sampled the foods of other nations on May 6. The Johnny Wagner Band (right) fills the air with traditional German music, yodeling and the Alpine horn. Some of the many visitors examine wares from Southeast Asia (bottom right). Kids flocked around the Indian Trails Library booth to make crafts from around the world.



Wheeling Police Department Receives Accreditation

The Wheeling Police Department has received a renewed three-year certification from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The milestone followed an intensive review of department policies and procedures by a team of police assessors sent by CALEA from around the country.

"The assessors," said Commander Eric Larson, "talked to people and looked at our work product to make sure what needs to be done is getting done according to professional standards."

CALEA's 439 standards cover such areas as a requirement that alert procedures be in place in the event of a holding-cell emergency; the setting of policies covering the discharge of weapons; and the establishment of procedures for staffing criminal investigations, among others.

"The standards include mandatory requirements as well as some optional

areas that don't apply to Wheeling," Larson said. "We elected to apply 78 of the optional standards. Even though they're optional, we were assessed for compliance with them."

CALEA, based in Virginia, is a non-profit organization formed 25 years ago by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Sheriffs, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the Police Executive Research Forum. Its primary objective is the accreditation of police departments in an ongoing effort to professionalize law enforcement agencies. Just 480 of 35,000 US police forces (less than two percent) have CALEA certification.

"We welcomed the review of our procedures," Larson said. "It's a process for building and maintaining a professional police department."

Update: Boards & Commissions

ZBA, Plan Commission Join Forces

The Board of Trustees approved the formation of a new Plan Commission, which includes members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Merging these two groups will help speed the process of approving residential and business requests for making property improvements in Wheeling.

Both previous groups were dissolved in May, with Village President Greg Klatecki appointing the new commission in early June. It is comprised of five members from the former Plan Commission and two from the ZBA, and assumes all responsibilities of the previous boards.

Join Commerce Roundtable

The Economic Development Commission will participate in the Northwest Municipal Conference Economic Development Roundtable, hosted by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs later this summer, and continues to correspond with numerous growth-oriented companies in the Chicago area.

The EDC also continues its busy schedule of meeting with business prospects who are interested in putting down roots in Wheeling, expanding operations or relocating. These businesses include restaurants, light industry and retailers.

Welcome New Businesses

Rd., 520-8282, commercial collections & credit management

New Owner

Dillon Auto Repair — Jaswinder S. Dillon, 1210 Elmhurst Rd., Prospect Hts., 459-5880, auto repair

Le Francais — Philip Mott, 269 S. Milwaukee Ave., 540-7470

Nail Tech 6 — Kieu Giang Le Do, 229-0437, nail salon

Software Quality Assurance Institute — Oleg Sherobinets, 215-5755, training

White Hen Pantry — Elyse Pesche, 1081 Lake-Cook Rd., 520-4428

New Location

Pico de Gallo — Leticia Herrera, 784 W. Dundee Rd., 541-7243, Mexican restaurant

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A Fitting End to Old Electronic Gear

Where should old TV sets, computers and other electronic components go when they die? To the electronic recycling events scheduled for July. Sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), United Recycling Industries and Motorola, the events will be held on consecutive Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The first will be conducted on July 14 at Motorola's Arlington Heights campus, 1501 W. Shure Dr. (a block south of the Dundee & Kennicott Rds. intersection). The second will be held on July 21 at the Motorola Schaumburg campus, 1301 E. Algonquin Rd.

No hazardous household waste will be accepted. Also unacceptable are air conditioners, humidifi-

ers, microwave ovens, large home appliances, software, disks or CDs. For more information, call SWANCC at 296-9205.

These recycling activities will be open only for residential electronic gear. To dispose of equipment from businesses, schools, government agencies and other institutions, make arrangements with a recycling contractor. Two area companies accept commercial electronics equipment: System Service International, 250 W. North Ave., Lombard, **630-629-9344**; and United Recycling Industries, 1600 Harvester, West Chicago, **630-231-6060**.

Blood Drive July 11

The Board of Health will hold its summer blood drive at the Fire Department next to Village Hall Wednesday, July 11, from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In March, the Board's blood drive collected 47 units of blood for the LifeSource Bloodbank, which provides blood products to area hospitals. Residents who would like to donate blood are encouraged to call 459-2621 to schedule an appointment, although walk-ins are always welcome.

Briefs and Announcements

Paint-a-Thon in Planning

Volunteers will fan out in the Northwest suburbs for the 14th annual Community Paint-a-Thon on September 8, with a rain date of Sept. 15. The Wheeling effort, organized by the Pavilion Senior Center, will see 2-3 local homes scraped, primed and painted. Homes occupied by owners unable to maintain their property due to age or health may qualify. Organizers want to identify qualifying homes to plan for the event. Volunteer painters are also needed. For information or to volunteer, call Senior Citizens Director Nancy Janssen at **459-2672**.

Picnic on the Green

It will be a day of reminiscence, a time for wry smiles and knowing looks.

Perhaps a laugh in a corner – a time for tales often told. Add in those photos no one wants to admit to (but everyone wants to see) and you have a recipe for a “day on the green” with the Wheeling Historical Society.

Safe Prom is Program's Goal

A mock prom party took a tragic turn when Wheeling High School senior Andrew Peternel overdosed and collapsed. Wheeling Fire Department paramedics tried to revive him but failed in a somber prom program skit staged for Wheeling high juniors and seniors the week before the spring prom. It was part of the Safe Communities program, sponsored by the High School, the Village and its fire and police departments.



That's the backdrop for an old-fashioned picnic, July 22, at Chamber Community Center and Park (251 N. Wolf Rd.), 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Add your own picnic lunch to the beverages and desserts supplied by the Historical Society. For more information, call Linda Reading at **520-0125**.

Pharmaceutical Assistance

The State of Illinois has broadened its Pharmaceutical Assistance Program for the disabled and people over age 65. Those eligible include singles earning less than \$21,218, couples with an annual income of \$28,480 or less, and three-person households earning \$35,740 or less. Prescriptions covered include those

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Community Calendar

Residents are invited to attend public meetings of the following Village boards and commissions. Most meet in the Village Hall Councilroom (unless otherwise noted).

Village Board—Every Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission—2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m.

Board of Health - 4th Tuesday, every other month, 7 p.m.

Human Rights Commission—3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:15 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

Senior Citizens Commission—3rd Monday of the month, 10 a.m., Village Hall, south half of lunch room.

Fire and Police Commission—3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Finance and Administration offices.

Palwaukee Airport Commission—3rd Wednesday of the month, Committee of the Whole meeting, 7 p.m., regular meeting, 8 p.m., Airport offices, 1020 South Plant Rd.

Economic Development Commission—1st Tuesday of each month, 8 a.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

Board of Ethics—3rd Thursday of January, April, July and October, 7 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

July

4—Taste of Wheeling playing field next to Village Hall, Noon-11 p.m.

4—Independence Day Parade, Dundee Rd. from Wheeling Rd. to Wolf Rd., then south to Heritage Park, 6 p.m.

4—Fireworks, Heritage Park, dusk.

4—Garbage collection delayed one day, until July 5.

11—Blood Drive, Fire Station 24, next to Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd. 2:30-8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Board of Health.

14—Electronic Recycling Event, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Motorola's Arlington Heights campus, 1501 W. Shure Dr. (a block south of the Dundee & Kennicott Rds. intersection).

15—Motorcycle Ride for Kids 2001, 9:30 a.m.

21—Electronic Recycling Event, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Motorola Schaumburg campus, 1301 E. Algonquin Rd.

22—Historical Society Picnic, at Chamber Community Center and Park (251 N. Wolf Rd.), 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Linda Reading at **520-0125**.

4th of July festivities will include the Taste of Wheeling, noon to 11 p.m., parade at 6 p.m., followed by a \$25,000 fireworks spectacular in Heritage Park at dusk.

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for heart disease, blood-pressure problems, diabetes, arthritis, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, glaucoma, lung disease, osteoporosis or smoking-related illnesses. Two types of pharmaceutical cards are issued. They cost \$5 for those below the poverty line and \$25 for those above. The \$25 card carries a \$3 co-payment per prescription, and no co-payment for those with the \$5 card. There is a \$2,000 annual cap, with card holders paying 20 percent of any costs above that amount.

For information and to obtain an application call the Illinois Department on Aging at **800-252-8966**

SPEAK OUT

Communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and **will receive response**. Please complete this form, detach and return to: Village Manager, Village of Wheeling, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Comment _____

Airport Disaster Drill Tests Readiness

Adozen fire departments, headed by units from Wheeling and Prospect Heights, converged on Palwaukee Airport on May 18 to test their combined readiness for a possible airplane incident.

The drill involved a mock collision caused by an automobile intruding onto the runway, resulting in a fuel spill, a simulated fire and a mass-casualty incident.

Firefighting teams used foam to extinguish the "fire," while others extricated seven "victims" suffering from trauma injuries.

"The objective of the drill," according to Wheeling Fire Chief Keith MacIsaac, "was to test the incident-command system in case of disaster. It checked the departments' ability to treat and evacuate people involved in an airport incident."

In addition to the Wheeling and Prospect Heights Fire Departments, units from 10 other districts took part. They included the



Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Glenview, Highland Park, Mt. Prospect, Palatine, and Rolling Meadows Fire Departments, as well as Countryside and Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection Districts. The Wheeling and Prospect Heights Police Departments also participated.

The Waukegan Fire Department, which is responsible for fire safety at Waukegan Airport, sent a team of evaluators to learn and provide feedback to the disaster team.

VILLAGE OF WHEELING

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Fire/Police/Paramedics

911

Non-emergency Fire	459-2662
Non-emergency Police	459-2632
Community Development	459-2620
Economic Development	459-2978
Pavilion Senior Center	459-2670
Public Works	459-2624
Water Billing	459-2607
Code Enforcement Hotline	459-CODE
Village President: Greg Klatecki	459-2988
Village Clerk: Elaine Simpson	541-8692
Village Manager: Craig Anderson	459-2617

Trustees

Judy Abruscato	541-8783	Michael Horcher	541-3276
Dean Argiris	808-8418	Patrick Horcher	419-1956
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