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Sun & Mon..... Office Closed
Tues..... 10 am—2 pm
Wed..... 3:30—7:30 pm
Thurs..... 10 am—2 pm
Fri..... 10 am—2 pm
Sat..... 8 am—12 pm

NORTHWEST CROSSING

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

2021 is here at last and with it the hope of better times ahead! We have faced up to the many challenges of the virus so far. We look forward to seeing the impact of more vaccinations taking place and the number of cases and hospitalizations declining. With that, we hope to see the easing of restrictions and growth in employment opportunities. We will, of course, follow whatever governmental guidelines are in place while still making as much of our facilities available to you.

THANK YOU to the almost 80% of homeowners who have already taken care of their 2021 assessments.

We are well along in the implementation of our new CellBadge ID card program and encourage everyone to sign up before swim season arrives (see instructions on page 9). We plan to discontinue the plastic ID cards so you will need to register in the CellBadge system to gain access to the facilities. The 2019 financial audit is near completion and no negative findings have been indicated.

A continuing concern for 2021 is the homeless camps that pop up in the undeveloped areas around our neighborhood. We have been working with District 6 staff, SAPD, City DHS, Northside ISD Police, and others to get help to those who will accept it and otherwise eliminate the camps. There have been issues with fires in the camps that necessitated the fire department to respond. According to the city staff, several safety issues accompany the camps to include fire, crime, drug use, and disease (including tuberculosis). Please report any homeless activity in our neighborhood to our Security and SAPD. For your safety, **DO NOT** engage the individuals or approach the camps! We have had some success in eliminating (or at least getting them to move) two camps on the west side of the neighborhood.

The annual meeting covered the 2020 finances and the 2021 budget, as well as the 2020 projects completed and the projects planned for 2021. The reports are on the Patriot website (password required). The list of 2020 projects completed can also be found on page 11 of this newsletter. Lastly, we elected three board members for 2021 - Helen McAndrews, Ben Saine, and Diane Lopez. Many thanks to Randy Elguin and the rest of the 2020 Board members for their service to our community. Your 2021 Board is listed in this newsletter. Thanks also to Dusty, Wendy, Karen, Dawn, and Cassie who created the safe environment for our annual meeting.


Everyone please stay safe and continue to be good neighbors.

Lost & found

Lost your keys? Wallet? Cellphone?... If you've ever lost an item in Northwest Crossing, please be sure to check with the office at Northwest Crossing Weybridge Clubhouse!
All turned in items will be secured until their safe return to their rightful owners.




HELPFUL NUMBERS

ON-SITE OFFICE..... (210) 647-0689
 Clubhouse rentals, Community Events, Volunteering
WEBSITE..... www.nwchoa.org
EMAIL..... nwc@nwchoa.org
JOIN  @Northwest Crossing Association of San Antonio

ON-SITE MANAGER..... (210) 837-7774

24-HR SECURITY PATROL..... (210) 363-5770

PATRIOT OFFICE..... (210) 568-1558
 (210) 354-7403
 Payments, Deed restriction violations, Architectural Control Requests
PATRIOT FAX..... (210) 568-6198
WEBSITE..... www.patriothoa.com
EMAIL..... info@patriotcm.com

SOCCER PROGRAM..... nwchoa.soccer@gmail.com
FOLLOW ON  @Northwest Crossing Soccer

SWIM TEAM..... nwcrdolphins@gmail.com
WEBSITE..... www.nwcrdolphins.com

NISD POLICE..... (210) 397-5600
CITY SERVICES..... 3-1-1
 Solid waste, animal care services, code violations, graffiti

EMERGENCIES..... 9-1-1
 Non-EMERGENCY SAPD..... (210) 227-7201
 PRUE SUBSTATION..... (210) 694-7600
 SAPD SAFFE, OFFICER PRUDENA.. (210) 207-7169
 FIRE/EMS..... (210) 207-7744
 CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6..... (210) 207-3749

Please note numbers for non-emergency SAPD and 24-hour security patrol above. If you believe a serious crime is being committed do not hesitate to call 911. We need your participation in eliminating opportunities for crime.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Board of Directors

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm
 Weybridge Clubhouse
 10280 Dover Ridge

Homeowners are invited to attend. To schedule time to address the Board, contact Dusty (210) 837-7774.

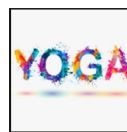
Homeowners

4th Thursday of January annually
 NW Crossing Elementary Cafeteria
 10255 Dover Ridge

NWC HOA ACTIVITIES AT-A-GLANCE



Zumba Fitness. CURRENTLY ON HOLD due to COVID-19. Check nwchoa.org and NWC Facebook page for updates on when you can once again join to burn over 500 calories/hour with this fun, energetic workout.



Yoga. 8:00-9:30 am, Weybridge Clubhouse. Check nwchoa.org and NWC Facebook page for updates on when you can once again join our group for increased peace, flexibility, and wellness. Space is limited. If you are interested, please contact Instructor Thomas Shipman. Thomas.peacefulliving@gmail.com (210) 781-022



Community Cleanup and Dial-a-Trailer. Sat, March 20th @Weybridge Pool, 9:00 am—12:00 pm



NWC Community Garage Sale. April 9th, 10th, and 11th. All Garage sales will be held at your own address. Must obtain your own permit. Contact the NWC office to add your garage sale to the master list for advertising: (210) 647-0689.



Monthly NWC HOA BOARD Meeting. 3rd Wed. February 17th and March 17th 6:30pm, Weybridge clubhouse.



Holiday decorations must be taken down 45 days after the Holiday.

Thank you to all of our sponsors for advertising in our neighborhood eNewsletter. We wish you a very successful 2021!

In order to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the NWC community will suspend the Easter event this year. Do not let this stop you from continuing the Easter egg hunt tradition with your close family members and feel free to share pictures with us to feature in our next newsletter. We also hope you and your little ones enjoy this cultural brief, that a member of our community, Dr. Mario Longoria, shared with us.



CASCARONES

Researched by Mario Longoria, Ph.D.

What are Cascarones? They are brightly colored/decorated eggshells filled with confetti and made by parents, children, or elaborate hand-painted masterpieces by artists. The cascarones are used in numerous community celebrations:

Easter in particular. In Mexico, they are popular during the time of Carnival. But in reality, people from many cultures use them in many festive occasions.

Where did they come from? Historically, the cascarones originated in China and were first brought to Italy by explorer Marco Polo. From Italy, the cascarones traveled to Spain and eventually made their way to the Americas. In the beginning, the eggs were quite elegant and valuable; instead of confetti, they were filled with perfumed powders, making them popular in high-society circles.

In the case of Mexico during the middle 1860s, the self imposed French Emperor Maximilian and his wife Carlota brought the idea of the cascarones to the Mexican culture where filling the eggs with perfumed powder was replaced with confetti. It is at this point in Mexican history the former perfume-powdered eggs were given the name “cascarones,” which is the plural form of “cascara,” which is translated from Spanish and means “shell.”

Today, the tradition of making and using cascarones are very popular in the American Southwest, though some areas of Mexico still practice the use of cascarones. The legend of the cascarones dictated that good fortune falls upon the person who has the cascaron cracked over their head while the smashing of a cascarone upon someone’s head is also a sign of affection. Young adults often use them to engage in mild flirtation.

Although the “cascarones” lend themselves to Easter egg hunts, they are also very popular during other occasions including birthdays, New Year’s Day, Halloween, Cinco de Mayo, 16 de Septiembre, the Day of the Dead, and the Fiesta celebration in San Antonio. There are also wedding cascarones that can be filled with rice.

Significance of the egg before becoming a cascarone. The Romans coined the phrase “All life comes from an egg.” Accordingly, the egg is a universal symbol of birth and resurrection, employed in burial practices of the ancient Egyptians and Greeks. The concept was eventually adopted by the Christians in the second century and associated with the current celebration/commemoration of Easter.

References

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Hoyt, Dale. “Cascarones: Egging on Mexican fiestas! And Cultural Arts.”

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HOT TOPICS!

Northwest Crossing HOA is proud to be pet-friendly and welcomes four-legged family members as part of the community. Of course, it's important that these pets don't create an unpleasant environment for everyone else. To avoid unnecessary disputes and potential rule violations, here are some guidelines owners should follow to ensure their furry friends continue to be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Read the Rules

As residents we encourage you to become familiar with the association's governing documents or Bylaws for more information. In Northwest Crossing, our HOA Covenants, Codes, and Restrictions take priority over City ordinances when they are more restrictive. Our HOA Bylaws state "that no more than four adult pets, i.e., two adult dogs and two adult cats may be kept in a single lot. All such animals shall be kept in strict accordance with all local laws, HOA Covenants, and City ordinances (including leash laws). It shall be the responsibility of the owners of such household pets to prevent the animals from running loose or becoming a nuisance to other homeowners."

Keep it Clean

No one wants to see, smell, or accidentally step in the "gift" your dog left on a grassy common area. So, when a dog needs to go, it needs to be properly disposed of, preferably in a pet waste disposal can. Not only will this keep our community looking better, but it will help keep ground water clean and help prevent the spread of fecal-borne diseases. Please DO NOT FEED FERAL cats in the front yard of your home; it becomes a nuisance to your neighbors!

Quiet Down

Pets will be noisy from time to time. However, if you are one of the lucky ones who has a neighbor's dog that is constantly barking, please keep in mind that the complainant cannot be the HOA, it must be the party affected. In order to file a complaint with the HOA, the complaining party must prove that the dog is obstructing your Texas Property Owner's right to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of your property. If the HOA issues a letter for barking dogs, remedial actions should be taken such as confining them to an area where they feel calm while the owner is away, removing or blocking as many stimuli as possible, exercising them more, or spending more time with them. If the problem continues, the complaining party should call 311 to file a complaint with the City or they can go to the Municipal Court and swear out a complaint using the complaint/file number you were given by 311. The Municipal Court will then serve the defendant with a court date.

No Wandering

The On-site Office receives many calls regarding animal control issues. Please remember that San Antonio has a leash law that states:

"All dogs and cats must be confined to their owner's property at all times except when on a leash. Animal-care Officers have the legal authority to enter unenclosed front yards or private property to impound unrestrained animals."

Non-restrained animals should be reported to Animal Control by calling 311. If you are attacked or bitten by a dog, please call the police to make a report as well as Animal Control Services.



THE 3 R'S TO GRAFFITI PREVENTION:



1. Report 2. Record 3. Remove

1. REPORT. Graffiti in progress or to file a police report, contact the non-emergency police number, 210-207-7273. Contact partner agencies to clean up.

- **Graffiti on public property:** Call 311 (Drainage channels, curbs, sidewalks, retaining walls, traffic control boxes, signs, and parks.)
 - **AT&T (cabinets, huts & pedestals):** 1-800-246-8464
 - **Clear Channel (Billboards):** 210-227-3451
 - **CPS Energy (utility poles, transformers, etc.):** 210-353-2525
 - **Grande Communications (cabinets):** 210-320-4600
 - **SA Water System (recycled water tanks, treatment plants, and pump/lift stations):** 210-704-SAWS
 - **Texas Dept. of Transportation (highways, signs, underpasses, etc.):** 210-623-4431
 - **Time Warner (boxes, pedestals, and buildings):** 210-244-0500
 - **Union Pacific (railroad-related infrastructure):** 1-888-877-7267
 - **VIA Metropolitan Transit (bus shelters, benches, signs and VIA vehicles):** 210-362-2020
- Unsure of who to call? 210-207-BUFF**

2. RECORD. Take a picture of the graffiti for homeowner's insurance and or police report.

3. REMOVE. Remove the graffiti from your property within 24-48 hours to prevent graffiti from spreading and reoccurring. Maintaining the appearance of your neighborhood decreases crime, and increases quality of life.

FREE SUPPLIES! Paint, rollers, and frames are available by contacting the Graffiti Abatement Program (GAP) Graffiti Hotline, 210-207-2833

Volunteer to Wipeout Graffiti

There are three ways to volunteer to help wipeout graffiti:

Community Volunteer Program

Individuals can pick up a supply kit, free of charge, from their respective city council district field office. Kits include wipes for smooth surfaces, disposable gloves, napkins, and water bottle (safety vest and goggles available upon request).

Adopt-A-Park

A one-year commitment may include: graffiti removal, litter pick-up, small-scale gardening and landscaping, sweeping walkways, painting, tree planting, and stewardship.

Mini Graffiti Wipeout

Scheduled for groups of at least 10 volunteers. Paint, supplies, and a location are provided for the 1.5-2 hour clean-ups. Community Service vouchers are available upon request. Ready to sign up? Call 210-207-2833!

Free Paint Disposal!

Dispose properly of household hazardous waste (HHW), such as oil, paint, pesticides, anti-freeze, batteries, and household cleaners by taking them to the City's HHW Drop-Off Center. The HHW sites are free for City of San Antonio solid waste customers who pay an environmental fee. This fee appears on the CPS Energy bill, which must be shown to the attendant on duty, along with a picture ID.

Drop-Off Centers are at 1800 Wurzbach Parkway and 7030 Culebra Rd.



NWC Association has an On-site Office at 10280 Dover Ridge across from NWC Crossing Elementary. Staffers Karen and Wendy would like to welcome you to the neighborhood.

Although a visit right now under the current circumstances will be brief, please stop by. They have a welcome packet full of helpful information and can guide you through the process of account set up and the CellBadge ID registration process.

Welcome to NWC!

HELP MAKE NWC SAFER, CLEANER, BETTER!

DUE TO COVID-19 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP WILL BE DONE INDEPENDENTLY, BUT HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- ✓ Work with your family to cover graffiti, clean up sidewalks, clean up NWC parks.
- ✓ Clean out your garage.
- ✓ Tidy up around your yard and patio—repair furniture, touch up paint, clean up garbage.
- ✓ Pressure wash driveway and siding to remove mildew and stains.

San Antonio Solid Waste will have a **Dial-a-Trailer** in the Weybridge Pool parking lot on **March 20th from 8:00 am to 12:00pm** to dispose of bulky items and brush - must be separated.

Not accepted: bricks, commercial waste, concrete, construction/remodeling materials, hazardous waste, sod or soil, railroad ties



NORTHWEST CROSSING ASSOCIATION of SAN ANTONIO, Inc.

On-site Office:
10280 Dover Ridge
San Antonio TX 78250

Mailing Address:
1826 Grandstand Dr
San Antonio TX 78238

Phone: 210-647-0689
E-mail: nwc@nwchoa.org



STAY IN THE KNOW

Would you like to receive notifications of what's going on in your neighborhood?

We recommend three ways to stay in the know.

Go to **Nextdoor.com** and sign up for an account; your address is required. You can personalize settings and notifications to receive email updates or alerts to your phone. NWC HOA security and SAPD highly recommend you join. *Please note: This is not a good way to contact NWC On-site Office or NWC Security.*

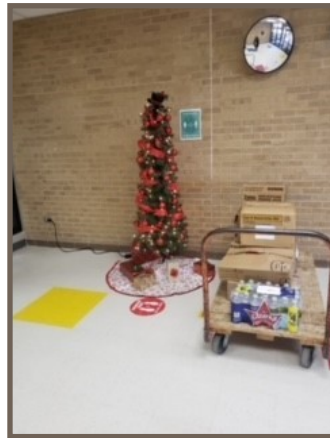


We are on Facebook @NWCSATX. Follow our page for important announcements from the community.



Email! Send us an email at nwc@nwchoa.org. In the subject line type: **Join**. We will add you to our email group.

KUDOS KORNER



Thank you Diane Lopez! Last month she organized a food drive to help families in the NWC Community. With all the donations from community members, Diane Lopez got in touch with Northwest Crossing Elementary School and with the help of School Counselor, Erica Gentry, they were able to help three families in need of assistance from our community.



A big thank you to Nancy Gonzales, Erika Prieto, and Carmen Aguilar from Humana Insurance who volunteered to clean up and sanitize all three Northwest Crossing parks!!!



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT:

Aisha Ward, “Symbolic Soul” Writer, Poet

Symbolic Soul was born and raised in the Jazzy vibration within New Orleans, Louisiana, but later on transported to the historic mark of Alamo City known as San Antonio, Texas where she had discovered what God purposed from her crosses.

Taking pain from abuse and transforming it into a sole mission and joy in heart Symbolic Soul utilized a preparation to minister by healing lost and broken souls through her electrifying existence in a poetic style.

Graduating as Phi Theta Kappa in the honor society she pursued further to obtain a degree in sociology, while constructing the blueprinted format of becoming an electrifying singer, writer, lyricist, and performer.

Symbolic Soul has enchanted spectators with her libretto in church groups, night clubs, podcasts, wireless telegraphy, and live performances.

Outputting her joy in life Symbolic Soul constructed towards healing souls by striving through the outspoken rhythmic roar that echoed far and near imprinting words of love.

Acquiescing that God isn't finished with her yet, Symbolic Soul walks upon the bricks that her Father so lays before path's footprinted purpose and as a published author of “Healing Souls Turning Pain Into Purpose” she delivers an inspirational message.



Next is a poem by Symbolic Soul entitled Victory:

In my heavenly father's eyes I
rock. All fears and self doubt
instantly stops. I climb straight
to the top because I can't stop
and he won't let me stop.

All my enemies take their shots
and miss. I live my life for
Christ and I'm not ashamed to
prove it. Just when you thought
I was through I turn right
around and surprise you.
Through all my adversities I
still came out a winner and
claimed Victory.

Yes that's right Victory was
always mine. All those times I
was faced with trying times. my
future was being designed right
before my eyes.

No more depression or crying.
God introduced a new
storyline. My script has
changed and I gladly accept the
new role that I landed in.

Planted to make a difference.
I am his chosen one and I
have been signed, sealed, and
delivered.

Uniquely made and
transformed by his grace.
Jesus Christ paved the way
and the Holy Spirit sets my
pace.

As I strive to obey and display
the way grace has taken over
my negative ways. I can't help
but to Rejoice and praise
because these days I live by a
powerful phrase. **VICTORY
IS MINE... ALWAYS**

**Symbolic Soul can be followed
on Instagram: [Symbolicsoul77](#)
Facebook: [Symbolicsoul77](#)
Website: [Symbolicsoul77.com](#)**

SPOTLIGHT SEARCH

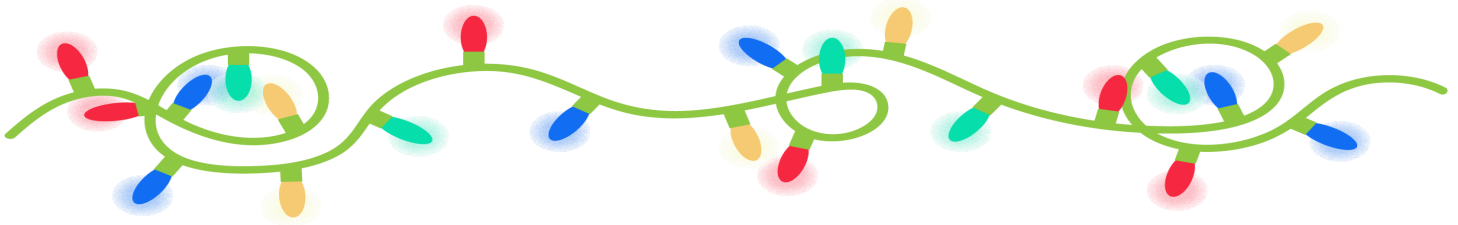
We are looking for inspiring
spotlights for future issues of
the NWC newsletter.

Do you or your neighbor have an
interesting job?

Do you serve in the community
or have you observed another
giving service?

Has your neighbor overcome
seemingly insurmountable
obstacles?

How about a good person you
think others would like to know
more about? Send us a story!



Neighborhood Holiday Display Contest

We love it when NWC dresses up for the holidays! Every year one residence from each NWC subdivision is picked as the BEST holiday light and decoration display.

Congratulations to our 2020 winners!

The Meadows – 7647 Rimhurst
Grand Junction – 7201 Pine Branch
Mill Run – 7207 Valley Trails
Briarwood – 9914 Kelton
Summer Point – 9333 Silent Oaks
Autumn Wood – 7515 Garden Grove
The Hills – 9201 Linbrooke
Woodbridge – 7303 Sunscape Way

Note: Winners cannot be recognized two consecutive years in a row.

Don't forget to pick up your prize at the On-site Office during regular business hours.



Starting in January 2021, Northwest Crossing implemented a new ID Card system. **CellBadge** is a safe security badging application that uses your smart phone as your ID card, replacing the old plastic badge.

If you are ready to get started just follow the steps below:

1. Log into NWCrossing.cellbadge.com
2. To register, select "Initial Add Request"

and you will receive a PIN number, log in using that PIN and then enter your last name, address, phone number, emergency phone number, and e-mail address.



3. All information will be confirmed and approved by an administrator and you will be sent a confirmation email. For the first year, an administrator will need to add your photo. Please send photos to nwc@nwchoa.org (assign the person's name on pictures!), and attach proof of residence for all adults (18+) in the household.
4. After you receive the "Welcome Message" click the link, the link will take you to another window requesting a phone number (the phone number should be the main registration number for all adults), a code will be sent to the registration number, enter the code to access the final step. Once operational, you will be able to use your smart phone to access pools and tennis courts by clicking in the facility you want to access.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

Northwest Crossing Spring Garage sale is scheduled this year on April 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Please remember the garage sale is held at your own property. All homeowners having a garage sale need to obtain their own City Garage Sale permit, which can be purchased at any HEB or at: [Garage Sale Permits | City of San Antonio](#).

We will advertise on our social media and place signs around the community. If you decide to place signs you are only allowed to place two, and they need to have the sticker provided by the City on the back. Please remember signs are not allowed on private property.

Call the office at 210-647-0689 to ensure you are added to the garage sale map of the NWC community. This map will also be available on the Northwest Crossing website at:

www.nwchoa.org



NWC HOA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Graduation is approaching! And NWC HOA is very proud to support their young community members by offering two \$500 scholarships (annually), to seniors of this community about to graduate. This scholarship is also available to those NWC residents already attending college.

If you are a parent of a senior or a college student, encourage them to apply! Applications will be available early March and must be submitted no later than Friday, May 3rd at 12:00 pm.

Please make sure to carefully read all the requirements before submitting your application.

For more information, contact the On-site Office during regular business hours at (210)647-0689 or send an email to nwc@nwchoa.org.

2020 NWC COMPLETED PROJECTS SUMMARY:

- Replaced two sections of WB pool fencing
- Painted and Repaired park fencing at WB park.
- Upgraded lighting at DR tennis court
- Installed gates at MB park
- Installed new security system for WB office
- Installed Kimber Road fencing at Alverstone Way HOA property to prevent dumping.

2021 NWC PROJECTED SUMMARY:

- Clean up and Clear up Helotes Creek property
- Replace picnic tables as needed
- Replace siding and shingles on Sportsplex shed
- Install pad and Shelter for DR baby pool pump
- Install new entry signs (12)
- Replace park signage
- Hydro-mulch the Sportsplex field

DR = Dover Ridge
MB = Misty Brook
WB = Weybridge

2021 is here! Promote your business and advertise with us!

Northwest Crossing HOA

Bi-Monthly Newsletter Advertising Options

REACH NEARLY 4,000 RESIDENCES IN NW SAN ANTONIO!

Northwest Crossing HOA is made up of nearly 4,000 homes including single-family residences and duplex condos. Every other month the On-site Office staff produces an electronic Newsletter to keep residents and homeowners informed about community events, volunteer opportunities, safety and security concerns, homeownership tips, and other information. Local businesses are invited to advertise their services and products in the electronic newsletter. Below is the issue schedule and pricing.

Issues are published on the 1st day of the first of the two months listed:

February/March

April/May

June/July

August/September

October/November

December/January

Contact NWC HOA On-site Office at (210) 647-0689 or nwc@nwchoa.org.

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\$200*

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5" X 3.75"

\$100*

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\$50*

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