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BOY SCOUTS HONORED WITH EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Summit Troop 67

On June 4th, four Boy Scouts from Summit's Troop 67 were honored in a joint Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony held at Maskers Barn in the Watchung Reservation's Deserted Village. The ceremony was a celebration that recognized the achievements of the Scouts and officially bestowed the rank upon them. Members of Troop 67, family members and friends of each Scout, as well as local dignitaries, including Summit Mayor Nora Radest, Common Council President Marjorie Fox, and Common Council members Greg Vartan and Lisa Allen, attended the ceremony. The Scouts who achieved the Eagle Rank were:

JACK DETWEILER (6.18.2021) Jack's project involved constructing three benches and installing them alongside Martin's Brook Trail in Summit to provide a place for people to relax and enjoy nature. He also defined the trail with fallen logs and timber to make it easier to find and safer to use. An animal shelter was also built near the trail utilizing natural materials.

SEAN MCCORMICK (7.26.2021) Sean's project involved the installation and construction of a new and easily accessible platform for the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad's trash and recycling containers. Stone pavers were also installed in the back entrance of the property to improve overall accessibility to the building.

JOSH MOORE (2.24.2022) Josh's project involved building an outdoor classroom at Brayton Elementary School in Summit to be used for in-school and after-school activities. During the pandemic, the classroom gave the teachers a safe and defined space to teach outside while allowing mask breaks. The project revitalized an area of the school that had been worn down over the years.

ANDREW SIRABIAN (7.26.2021) Andrew constructed five benches and installed them on the grounds of St. Hubert's Animal Shelter in Madison. The benches prevent the dogs from digging under the supports of the pavilion on the site, as well as provide people with seating opportunities.

Nationally, only 8% of all Boy Scouts earn Scouting's highest honor. To be considered for this rank, a Scout must first fulfill requirements for 6 other ranks, including community service and leadership hours, earn 21 merit badges in different disciplines, including 13 required skill- and civic-based badges, as well as conceive, design and execute a capstone community service project. Each of these four Scouts was able to earn the Eagle Rank by embodying Scouting's core values, including the development of good personal conduct, outdoor skills, citizenship skills, leadership skills, and respect for others.

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(above, l-r) Troop 67 Eagle Scouts Josh Moore, Jack Detweiler, Andrew Sirabian & Sean McCormick

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OLIVIA BARY COMPLETES FOUR-WEEKS OF SERVICE WITH FIRE DEPT.

City of Summit

Chatham High School senior and volunteer firefighter in Chatham Township Olivia Bary will complete her four-week internship with the Summit Fire Department on Friday, June 10. In this capacity, Bary joined A Platoon as a contributing member responding to calls and participating in training activities.

“Olivia is already a volunteer firefighter in Chatham, so she is certified to go out with crews and be part of the response to calls,” explains Deputy Chief Paul Imbimbo. “She has an interest in a career in the fire service and we were glad to be able to help her along the way.”

Volunteer firefighter Bary reports that a highlight of her internship with the Summit Fire Department was the comradery among firefighters.

“It really is like a family here,” says Bary. “From a volunteer perspective, it is truly

wonderful how everyone works together to get the job done when responding to calls, training, and doing daily chores. I learned a lot and hope

to return as a volunteer firefighter one day.”

For more information on the Summit Fire Department visit cityofsummit.org/fire.



(above, l-r) Firefighter Vinny Abbate, Firefighter Christopher Esposito, Firefighter Lou Vecchia, Chief Eric Evers, Firefighter Jessica Faulks, Volunteer firefighter Olivia Bary (center), Firefighter Tom Penn, Deputy Chief Paul Imbimbo, Firefighter Matt Carbone, Lieutenant Jeff Hudkins, and Firefighter Sergio Villalobos.

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FIRST AID SQUAD HOLDS 2022 JUNIORS PROGRAM GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad held the annual graduation ceremony for its Juniors Program at its headquarters on June 5, 2022. Nine members of the program, all Summit residents, were honored for having fulfilled their commitment to the program as they graduate from their respective high schools. In addition, five members of the graduating class received scholarships as they embark on the next phase of their education.

The members of this year's graduating class follow, along with their college choice:

- **Amanda Brown**
- Boston College
- **Mary Caffrey**
- University of New Hampshire
- **Summer Cullen**
- University of Notre Dame
- **Jack Detweiler**
- St. Lawrence University
- **Lleyton Lance**
- Washington University in St. Louis
- **Olivia Lawlor**
- Dartmouth College
- **Sean McCormick**
- Loyola University Maryland
- **Natalie Peralta**
- Bowdoin College
- **Sarah Silverberg**
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Amanda Brown, Summer Cullen, Jack Detweiler, Olivia Lawlor, and Sarah Silverberg also received Alice Nichols Memorial Scholarships during the ceremony. Alice Nichols was a long-time member of the Squad and was serving as its President when she died unexpectedly in 2000. She had also been very involved as a mentor to the Squad's junior members, and the scholarships were created to honor her legacy.

The night's program was highlighted by the presentation of the first Mike D'Ecclessis Award, which was established recently to honor the illustrious career of Mike D'Ecclessis. Mike, who joined the Squad as a junior member himself, retired in December after more than 46 years of meritorious service to SFVAS and the community. The new award, which includes a \$1500 scholarship funded by Summit's Other Fellow First Foundation, will be awarded annually to the most outstanding member of the Junior Program's graduating class. Mike was in attendance on Sunday night, and he and the Squad were proud to present the first Mike D'Ecclessis Award to Olivia Lawlor.

The Squad wishes to thank the graduates and their families for their committed service and offers its sincere gratitude to senior members Kerry Witcher and Charles Vickers for their integral roles in overseeing the Juniors Program.

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The City of Summit Department of Community Programs is announcing the schedule for summer movies and concerts on the Village Green, located at 356 Broad Street in Summit.

Presented by Investors Bank, the 2022 Hot Summer Nights Concert Series will feature a variety of bands on the Village Green on Tuesday nights during July and August.

CONCERT SERIES LINEUP INCLUDES:

The Nerds on July 12

Priceless on July 19

The Counterfeiters on July 26

The Little Mermen on August 9

Brian Kirk & the Jirks on August 16

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and will be accompanied by food trucks and free ice cream courtesy of Investors Bank. The second night of the concert series, Tuesday, July 19, will serve as Community Night, welcoming local non-profit organizations to share their mission with the Summit community on the Village Green during the concert. Email David Guida at dguidajr@cityofsummit.org to sign up.

Please contact the Department of Community Programs at 908-277-2932 with any questions, online at summitcommunityprograms.com.

The 2022 Screen on the Green Movie Series will also take place on the Village Green, on Thursday nights in July and August.

MOVIE SERIES LINEUP FEATURES:

Encanto on July 7

Soul on July 14

Space Jam on July 21

Luca on July 28

Paw Patrol 2 on August 4

Each night, a family dance party will begin at 7:15 p.m., and the movie will be shown at dark. Attendees may purchase food from the featured food truck of the week at each movie screening. The rain date for each night of the series will take place the following Monday.

All concert and movie attendees are asked to bring their own blankets and chairs. Admission to all concerts and movies is free. All events held by the City of Summit are alcohol and tobacco-free events.

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Santiago Daniel Abut (Santi) was an eight-grade student at Summit Middle School, when he unexpectedly passed away in 2008 from a misdiagnosed health condition. Now in its eleventh consecutive year, the Santiago Daniel Abut Memorial Scholarship is awarded every year to a Summit High School graduating senior who demonstrates academic merit and character/citizenship. The launching of this scholarship in 2012, which would have been Santi's senior year at Summit High School, adds special meaning to it, as Santi did not get the chance to go to college, but his family would like to think that he attends college, every year, through and with the students that this scholarship contributes to finance.



(above, l-r) Sonia Abut (Trustee – TSAF), Caroline Abut (Trustee – TSAF), Carter Frey, and Daniel Abut (Trustee – TSAF)



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The next year, the congregation constructed a church building on Morris Avenue in Summit. Regular church services began.

In 1957 in response to a need for a Lutheran Church in the New Providence-Berkeley Heights area, the Summit congregation, whose facilities required expansion, moved to its current location, 524 South Street, New Providence. The congregation officially changed its name to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Providence.

On Sunday, June 12, 2022, Faith Lutheran Church of New Providence began the celebration of the 125th year of its founding. The day commenced with a festival worship service at 11 a.m. It was conducted by Rev. Jane McCready, pastor of Faith, and Rev. Robert Kriesat, Rev. Markus Vaga, pastoral associates of Faith.

Enhancing the special service was the music, led by Shea Velloso, Faith's minister of music. The sanctuary choir sang. A piano duet with Faith member, Nancy Coleman, played. Guest instrumentalists and organist, Mr. Velloso, played prior to and during the service. The congregants, regardless of their vaccination status, wore masks as a visible sign of love for neighbor.

Subsequent to the service, a luncheon was held in Faith's Educational Center, Franklin Nelson Hall. Socializing and reminiscing were thoroughly enjoyed by the guests. Games were available to the children.

June 12, 2022 was only the first of subsequent occasions on which Faith will be commemorating its 125th anniversary.

For more information visit famfaith.org.

SUMMIT EMS RESPONSES – MAY 2022

Summit's EMS Volunteers answered 194 emergency calls in May. These included 116 medical emergencies: 26 falls; 18 motor vehicle accidents, including two on a highway, two into a pole or tree, and one into a building; 12 traumatic injuries; eight cases of overdose or poisoning; one allergic reaction; one animal bite; five responses to a medical alarm, three pedestrians struck by a vehicle, and one woman in labor. Squad Volunteers also provided two "lift assists" to patients who did not require transport to a hospital.

On May 2, Squad members staffed 3 ambulances to respond to 3 simultaneous 9-1-1 calls, just as they had done the previous Monday, April 25. Squad members also responded to the Short Hills Mall on May 21 when there were multiple emergencies following a power outage and participated with all 4 vehicles in Summit's Memorial Day Parade.

Last month, 11 emergency calls were answered by an off-duty "back-up crew" of volunteers responding from home or work when the on-duty crew is busy. There were also 17 emergency responses by Summit to provide mutual aid assistance to four neighboring towns.

16 patients transported to a hospital by Squad members also received advanced life support care from hospital-based paramedics who accompanied the Squad's ambulance.

The Squad answers calls for help 24 hours a day and at a variety of locations. May responses included 77 to a patient's home or apartment; 33 for accidents or medical emergencies on roads or highways; eight in public buildings; two in a public park; one on an athletic field; 19 at a local business; two at a school; one to a health care providers office; and one to an industrial facility. There were also six medical incidents on sidewalks; three in parking lots; 11 at Summit's Train Station; 15 at a local behavioral health facility; nine to an assisted living facility; and seven on the grounds of Overlook Medical Center.

The all-volunteer First Aid Squad, responds to emergency calls 24/7, is entirely funded through private donations and does not bill for service. The Squad is always looking for new volunteers to join its ranks. All needed training, uniforms and equipment is provided. For information on becoming a volunteer, or donating to the squad please call 908-277-9479, or visit their web site at summitems.org.



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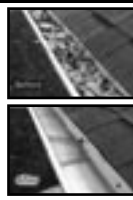
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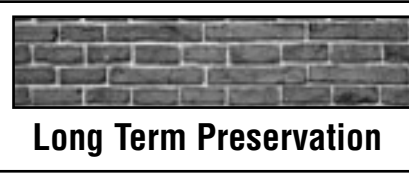


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A series of author talks by New York Times Bestselling authors will be available to the public this summer, virtually at the Summit Free Public Library, through the Library Speakers Consortium. Many libraries across the U.S. have partnered with the Library Speakers Consortium to make top-selling author talks more accessible to patrons of local libraries. Each talk is via Zoom, and attendees can participate in a live Q&A session with the authors.

"We are excited to offer access to interactive, virtual talks from New York Times bestselling authors and a Pulitzer Prize winning historian this summer," said Abigail Brady, Head of Adult Services at the Summit Library. "Join in live and be part of the conversation, or watch the recordings on your own schedule. The selected titles cover a wide range of fiction and non-fiction genres including contemporary fiction, romance, business, personal growth, history, art and more."

These programs are made possible by the Friends of the Summit Free Public Library.

Alka Joshi: The Henna Artist

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Even landscape professionals occasionally need assistance identifying problems. Diseases of trees and shrubs or insects need to be properly diagnosed before they can be cured or controlled.

Rutgers Garden Helpline is staffed by trained volunteers to assist the citizens of their county with continuing educational opportunities supplied by Rutgers agricultural department during the year.

Rutgers Garden Helpline of Union County is located at 300 North Ave East, Westfield, NJ, (Colleen Fraser Building, 2nd floor). For questions and office hours call the Garden Helpline at 908-654-9852

There are three ways you can reach the garden helpline with your questions.

First you can call them at number above.

Secondly you can e-mail questions and photographs to: mastergardeners@ucnj.org
Or clients can bring a plant, lawn, or insect samples to the office. Specimens are the surest way to guarantee a proper identification.

Hours are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. until noon.

The Garden Helpline volunteers are well trained to identify tick* species including 'deer ticks' which transmit Lyme disease to humans and pets.

This is an extremely valuable service as the deer and tick populations continue to grow in New Jersey.

The Asian Lantern-fly invaded Union County last spring and has already damaged many fruit trees and vines. The Helpline will keep you updated on the latest information how to control this colorful but destructive leaf hopper.

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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 4, 2022

The City of Summit's 75th annual Fourth of July celebration will take place on Monday, July 4, 2022, at Soldiers Memorial Field, located at 5 Myrtle Ave. The community celebration will include entertainment, rides and amusements, and a food court.

The event will begin with a flag raising ceremony at noon, followed by a decorated bicycle parade for children at 12:15 p.m. Entertainment will include concerts and a magic show, beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until 9 p.m. The event will conclude with a fireworks display beginning at 9:15 p.m. The walking track, playground, tennis courts, and lower fields at Memorial Field will close at 12 p.m. to prepare for the fireworks display. Roads adjacent to the field will close to vehicle traffic at 6 p.m.. The parking lot on Ashland Road next to the

Memorial Field tennis courts will be closed all day on Monday, July 4.

The Fourth of July celebration is fully funded by residents and local businesses. To contribute or to view more information, please visit summitcommunityprograms.com.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 12PM Food court opens
- 12PM Flag raising ceremony
- 12:15PM Decorated bike parade for children
- 12:45PM Announcement of bike parade winners
- 1PM Circus entertainment
- 2PM Magic show with Kevin Lane
- 3PM Live musical performance
- 5PM Luke and the Troublemakers in concert
- 7:30PM Daddy Pop in concert
- 9PM Lowering of the colors
- 9:15PM Fireworks

NEW RECYCLING VENDOR AND SCHEDULE CHANGE

The City of Summit has contracted with a new recycling vendor, Grand Sanitation Service, for household recycling pickup. The new contract and all subsequent changes will go into effect on Friday, July 1, 2022.

The pickup schedule for household curbside collection will change under the new contract. Instead of the current, citywide collection day on Thursday, pickup will now occur five days a week, on the same day as residents' weekly trash collection. View the trash collection schedule on the city website.

If pickup falls on a holiday or snow day, recycling will be collected the next day, and every collection during that week will move forward one day. Recycling will not be picked up on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.

Household curbside recycling will now operate as a single-stream collection; cardboard and paper items can be placed in the same container as plastic and glass items. Clean and dry recyclable items should be placed in covered containers at the curb. Wet cardboard and paper cannot be recycled.

For more information, please visit cityofsummit.org/recycle.

FREE MARKET HELD 2ND SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

Do you have any seasonal summer items that you no longer need, such as beach chairs, sand toys, or umbrellas? Bring them to the Summit Free Market on Saturday, July 9. The Summit Free Market is held on the second Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Transfer Station, located at 40 New Providence Ave. Founded in 2008, the volunteer, student-run program works to reduce the amount of reusable material that enters Summit's waste stream. Summit residents with a disposal permit can donate yard-sale quality goods that they no

longer need and provide them for other residents to take for free. Residents can also attend events to browse the donated items. For more information including donation guidelines, please visit summitfreemarket.org.

Looking for some volunteer hours? The Summit Free Market is seeking middle school and high school-aged volunteers for its summer events, on Saturdays July 9 and August 13, held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Transfer Station, located at 40 New Providence Avenue. Please email christinelijoi@gmail.com to sign up.

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NJ Sharing Network

On June 5, thousands of organ and tissue transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and dedicated volunteers participated in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race in New Providence, NJ. The 5K Celebration of Life, which was sponsored by Pfizer, is the largest fundraising event to support organ and tissue donation and transplantation in the United States.

Participants honored those who gave the gift of organ and/or tissue, paid tribute to those who have received a transplant, offered hope to those currently waiting for a transplant, and remembered those who passed away while waiting for the gift of life. Funds raised by 5K Celebration of Life participants, teams, sponsors, and contributors support the Sharing Network Foundation. Thus far, nearly \$1.3 million has been raised for this year's campaign. Campaign contributions can be made until the end of August

by visiting SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K.

"We were thrilled to come together with our community and safely reconnect in person to share stories and love, tears, and laughter. It was a healing and uplifting experience for those whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation and transplantation," said Elisse E. Glennon, Executive Director, Sharing Network Foundation.

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.

ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK

Currently celebrating its 35th anniversary, NJ Sharing Network is the federally designated non-

profit organization responsible for recovering donated organs and tissue in the Garden State. Last year, 233 generous individuals in New Jersey gave the gift of life, an all-time high for a single year. In addition, 42,112 eye and tissue donations healed and enhanced the quality of life for those in need. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization has been recognized by NJBIZ as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for four consecutive years.

ABOUT THE SHARING NETWORK FOUNDATION

The Sharing Network Foundation is committed to increasing the number of lives saved through clinical advancement, family support, public awareness and education about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. By making a contribution, you empower our efforts, bringing us a step closer to providing the greatest gift of all... the Gift of Life.



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(above) Thousands of organ and tissue transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and dedicated volunteers participated in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race.

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Summit College Club

On Sunday, June 5, 2022, Summit College Club (SCC), a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), held their Scholarship Reception to award scholarships to local high school seniors. Proud parents, families, and members of Summit College Club gathered to celebrate the six honorees. Each young woman received \$4,500.

President Lynne Rogerson commented: "During the last two years SCC continued to award scholarships, just as we had for more than one hundred years of our history, but the covid pandemic made a difference. We were not able to hold our annual Book Sale, which helps fund the scholarships, until this year; nor we were able to come together in an awards ceremony to meet and greet the winners. So we're happy to be back. We're happy to be together with the honorees and their families."

The first speaker was due to be Sydney Villegas, a 2020 scholarship recipient. The Club had sponsored Sydney's participation in AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Unfortunately, Sydney herself was quarantined, but she sent in her speech, which praised the conference and how much she had learned from it.

Then Anna Torell, a 2021 scholarship recipient, spoke about her first year at college. Anna, who is a world-class synchronized skater and an impressive artist in ceramics, spoke of the rich array of clubs, classes, and activities that she participated in at the University of Michigan.

Then the 2022 awards were announced. For each award, a member of the SCC Scholarship Committee spoke briefly about the winner and then presented her with a check, a certificate, and flowers. The committee had spent many hours soliciting applications, reading them, comparing

responses, and interviewing the likeliest candidates. Several members said how difficult it was to select the winners, so accomplished and unique were this year's applicants.

Speaking to the group, Marilyn MacLean of the scholarship committee noted that Summit College Club had distributed more than a million dollars in scholarships over its 100-year history; and that the national organization, AAUW, had awarded more than six million dollars in a rich variety of programs in 2021.

THE HONOREES FROM SUMMIT

Olivia Lawlor was awarded Summit College Club's oldest honor, the Tilla Thomas Merit Scholarship. At Summit High School (where Tilla Thomas taught years ago), Olivia was captain of the basketball team and an award-winning soccer goalie. She organized local blood drives and logged 450 hours of work with the Summit First Aid Squad. Olivia plans to major in pre-med at Dartmouth College and have a career in neuroscience.

Christina (Crystal) Jong also garnered one of the SCC Merit Scholarships. At Kent Place School in Summit, Crystal tutored classmates and was captain of the fencing team and vice-president of the judiciary. At church, she mentored children with special needs. Crystal plans to study engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Lara Cota was awarded the final SCC Merit Scholarship. At Summit High School, Lara was captain of the women's cross country team, played the lead clarinet in the marching band, and wrote for the school newspaper. An activist for both gender equity and cultural awareness, Lara speaks Spanish and Croatian in addition to English. Lara will attend the University of Pennsylvania, where she will study law, journalism, and psychology in anticipation of a

career in humanitarian and civil rights.

The presenters were Ellie Redington, Barbara Sayres, Kathy Tatlow (committee co-chair), Susan Abely, and Kathy Brock, all members of the scholarship committee. Also on the committee were Jee-Hoon Krska and Marilyn MacLean (co-chair).

After the ceremony was over, the room adjourned to refreshments, congratulations, and the students' happy anticipation of college in the fall.

As a branch of the American Association of University Women, the Summit College Club strives to advance equity for women and girls, delivering local programs that support education, empowerment, and connection. New members are welcome. For information, go to summitcollegeclub.org.

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David: The pandemic negatively impacted how dedicated I was to working out and the type of food I ate. When I joined the challenge I increased my workout routine to at least 5 days per week. Now I feel great. My aches and pains have mostly gone away and I definitely have more energy during the work day.

**“I STARTED TO FEEL IMPROVEMENT
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Kristy: Before GFP I had never been to the gym before, but the trainers helped me learn how to work out effectively. I started working out six days a week, and I really saw results. Those results kept me motivated to continue coming back. GFP has given me my confidence back. I feel good in my body again.

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