

# INSIDE SANDY SPRINGS



## PUBLIC MEETINGS



**SANDY SPRINGS**  
GEORGIA

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Public Meeting - **CANCELLED**  
City Council Special Called Meeting  
Monday, January 13



**SANDY SPRINGS**  
GEORGIA

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Public Meeting  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21



**SANDY SPRINGS**  
GEORGIA

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Public Meeting  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, January 22



**SANDY SPRINGS**  
GEORGIA

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Public Meeting  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



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City Event  
Skate City Springs  
November 20 - January 20



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Community Event  
Free Small Business Seminar  
Monday, January 13



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City Event  
MLK Art and Film Celebration  
Monday, January 20



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City Event  
2023 National Electrical Code  
Tuesday, January 28

## TICKETED EVENTS



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City Springs Event  
Mike Super  
Saturday, January 18




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Recreational Program  
Daddy Daughter Dance  
Saturday, January 25



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City Springs Event  
Neraneh Presents: Billy Crystal's Uncle Milt  
Celebrating Milt Garber & Commodore Records  
Sunday, January 26



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Recreational Program  
Daddy Daughter Dance  
Friday, January 31

# SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY

## HAPPENINGS IN SANDY SPRINGS



Thank you to all the citizens for your generosity and goodwill in assisting us with providing toys to those less fortunate at [Children's Healthcare of Atlanta](#), [Community Assistance Center](#), and [Ronald McDonald House Charities \(RMHC\)](#) Atlanta.

The toys were delivered on December 23, 2024.

## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire units responded to the following reported incidents:

- A structure fire in the 8000 block of Roberts Drive. Personnel arrived at a multi-family structure with no visible signs of smoke or fire from the exteriors. A tenant reported a cooking fire that had been extinguished prior to personnel arrival. No additional hotspots or hazards were identified. The Fire Marshal's Office was contacted for further investigation.
- An arcing fire in the 8200 block of Grogans Ferry Road. Upon arrival, an electrical odor and scorch marks were observed on an electrical outlet, though no ignition was present. Power to the outlet was secured, and no further hazards were identified.
- A structure fire at a three-story hotel with no visible signs of smoke or fire from the exterior in the 6300 block of Peachtree Dunwoody Road. An odor of smoke was observed, and a mattress was found to be actively smoldering with no visible flames and a hole burned into it. The smoldering area was extinguished, and overhaul and ventilation were performed. The fire source was identified as an LED heat massage pad. No additional hazards were found.
- A structure fire at a multi-family residence in the 5500 block of Glenridge Drive. A tenant advised that a fire inside a dryer had been extinguished prior to arrival. The dryer was removed from the unit, and ventilation was performed. No extensions or further hazards were found.
- A pedestrian accident in the 7500 block of Roswell Road, found deceased. SSPD was on the scene, and fire personnel assisted with traffic control and roadway cleanup.
- A motor vehicle accident with one overturned vehicle with no entrapments at I-285 eastbound and Riverside Bridge. AMR handled patient care.
- A structure fire at a one-story commercial building in the 8700 block of Dunwoody Place. A light haze was observed throughout the structure. Upon investigation, a bathroom fan was found partially engulfed in flames. The fire was extinguished, and no extensions or further hazards were found. Power to the bathroom was secured.
- A structure fire at a two-story multi-family building with no visible signs of smoke or fire in the 6000 block of Roswell Road. A tenant reported that a candle had fallen onto the floor, igniting the laminate flooring. The fire was extinguished prior to personnel arrival. Ventilation was performed, and no further hazards were identified.
- A gas leak in the 400 block of Abernathy Road. The building was evacuated, and minimal CO levels were detected on the first floor. GA Power was notified to assist. Ventilation was performed, and the gas line to the building was secured. No additional hazards were found.
- A vehicle fire in the 6000 block of Sandy Springs Circle. A Waste Management truck was found heavily involved in fire, accompanied by an active high-pressure gas leak. The fire was extinguished, and the area was overhauled to ensure safety. No further hazards were identified.
- A building fire at a two-story townhome with no visible smoke or fire was showing from the exterior in the 500 block of Wedgewood Way. Inside, personnel found that a bathroom exhaust fan had caught fire but was extinguished prior to their arrival. No extensions or further hazards were identified.
- A structure fire at a three-story multi-family building with visible smoke and fire from the roof in the 1200 block of Sandalwood Drive. SSPD was on scene and confirmed that all occupants were evacuated from the affected side of the building. The fire was extinguished, and salvage and overhaul operations were conducted. The Fire Marshal's Office was contacted for further investigation.



# SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY

## COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE CITY

- Community Engagement Officers attended an event at the Cumberland Academy of Georgia.
- Officers delivered toys, which were collected during the 2024 toy drive, to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.
- SSPD officers conducted a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment at Mercedes-Benz USA headquarters.

## VOLUNTEER UNIT- POLICE DEPARTMENT

- The VIP and COP units reported 152 total volunteer hours. The COP hours are composed of 12 shifts patrolling a total of 349 miles. Additionally, the COP units conducted 12 house checks, 97 business checks, issued 8 handicap parking citations, handled 6 private property motor vehicle accidents, and assisted officers on 7 traffic related incidents.



We are happy to announce that SSPD is accepting applications for our **Citizen's Police Academy #040** that will begin on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025. Class will be held from 6pm-9pm at the Sandy Springs Police Department.

The Sandy Springs Citizens Police Academy allows residents to participate in an up-close study of police operations in Sandy Springs. The 9-week course is designed to give participants the opportunity to get to know the people, understand the training, and offer insights and familiarity to the professionals who hit the streets and protect us every day in Sandy Springs.

If you are interested and want to participate in our Citizens Police Academy please email Sgt. Stafford at [mstafford@sandyspringsga.gov](mailto:mstafford@sandyspringsga.gov)

## K - 9 KORNER



**K9 Biko and K9 Krato** taking some well deserved time to relax, rest, and enjoy the holidays.

**They both hope you all had a peaceful and joyful holiday season!**

## Inside Sandy Springs - Public Safety Dashboard

An interactive map of the City's Police and Fire Department data can be found on the Inside Sandy Springs [Public Safety Dashboard](#).

# PUBLIC WORKS

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TSPLOST, AND TRANSPORTATION

### *What's happening in Sandy Springs*

#### Winter Weather Operations

City staff and our dedicated Public Works contract partners are currently operating around the clock to maintain the safety of our roadways in sub-freezing temperatures and prepare our City streets for the forecasted impacts of Winter Storm Cora. As of Thursday afternoon, crews applied over 21,000 gallons of roadway brine preparing our city streets and bridges for the forecasted storm.

#### Current Projects Throughout the City

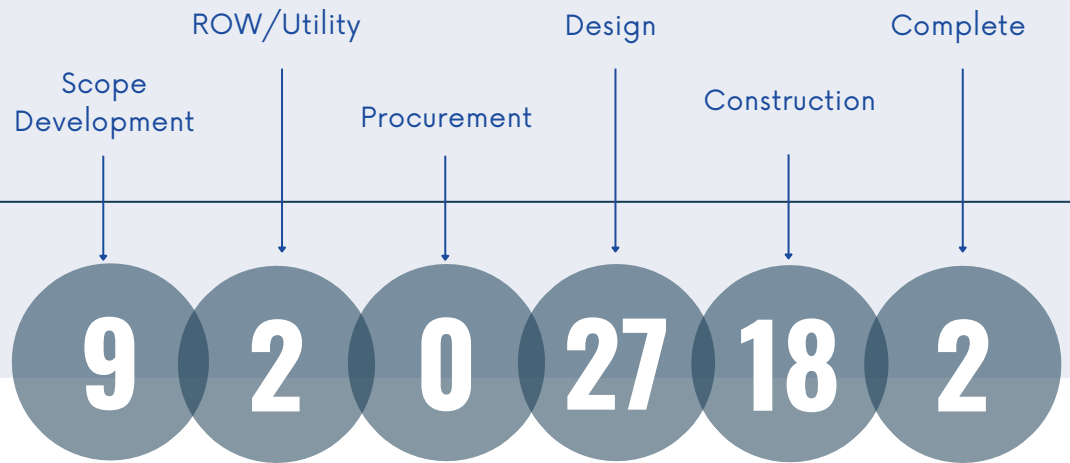


#### Project TS-111 Spalding at Pitts Intersection Improvements

Traffic signal system installation is underway to complete this intersection improvement program project. The new signals are expected to be operational within the next two weeks.

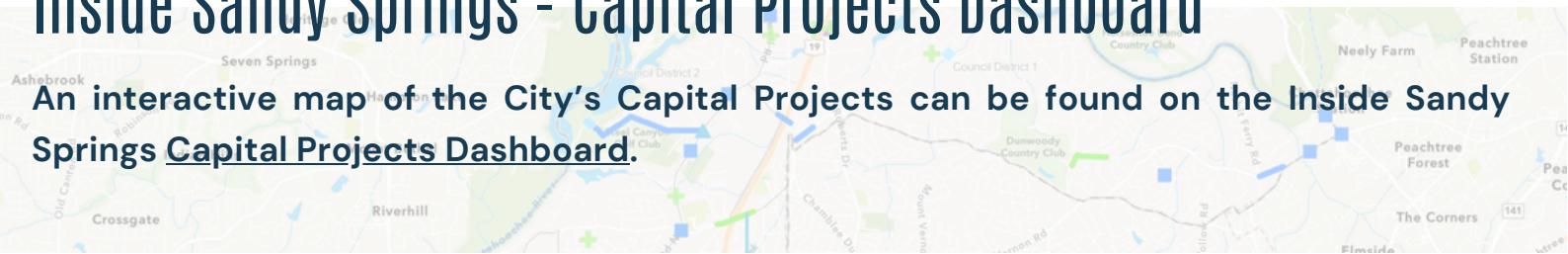
### Project Summary

**58**  
ACTIVE  
PROJECTS



### Inside Sandy Springs - Capital Projects Dashboard

An interactive map of the City's Capital Projects can be found on the [Inside Sandy Springs Capital Projects Dashboard](#).





# City Council Meeting Recap

Items below were discussed or voted on during the January 7, 2025, City Council Work Session or Regular Meeting. All items and full presentations can be found on the Public Meeting website [HERE](#).

## **Amending the City of Sandy Springs' Code of Ordinances**

Council discussed the options of amending the City Ordinances to clarify boundaries for managing assemblies and providing guidance on disorderly conduct in Work Session. No action was taken and additional discussion is likely.

## **Permanent Drainage Easement Donation Acceptance**

Council accepted the donation of a Permanent Drainage Easement and associated Temporary Construction Easement at 5055 High Point Road for a stormwater system maintenance and repair project.

## **Approval of a Contract with AtkinsRéalis USA, Inc. to Provide Design and Construction Administration Services for the Morgan Falls Athletic Complex Phase III Project**

The project will address erosion in the outfield area of field #3, consider the addition of synthetic turf fields and the associated underground detention for the football field and the baseball fields 8, 9, and 10, as well as addressing parking and stormwater management modifications needed within the park.

## **Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture FY25 Contracts for Services**

Council approved an application to the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture FY25 Contracts Services to support the City's Signature Events Series. The application will request \$50,000 to support the Juneteenth Celebration and the Blue Stone Arts and Music Festival.

- Juneteenth Celebration - requesting \$15,000 for expenses related to a digital art program with augmented reality, animation, and filmmaking for up to 25 local high school students. This program will allow the students to create original digital art to be presented during the Juneteenth event in City Springs. This workshop will be a multi-week program, promoting youth participation in the community through the arts.
- Blue Stone Arts and Music Festival - requesting \$35,000 towards the total cost associated with the music performances presented throughout the two-day free community event

## **Partnership with Northside Hospital**

City Council approved entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Northside Hospital, allowing the Sandy Springs Police Department access to their security system during times of emergency.

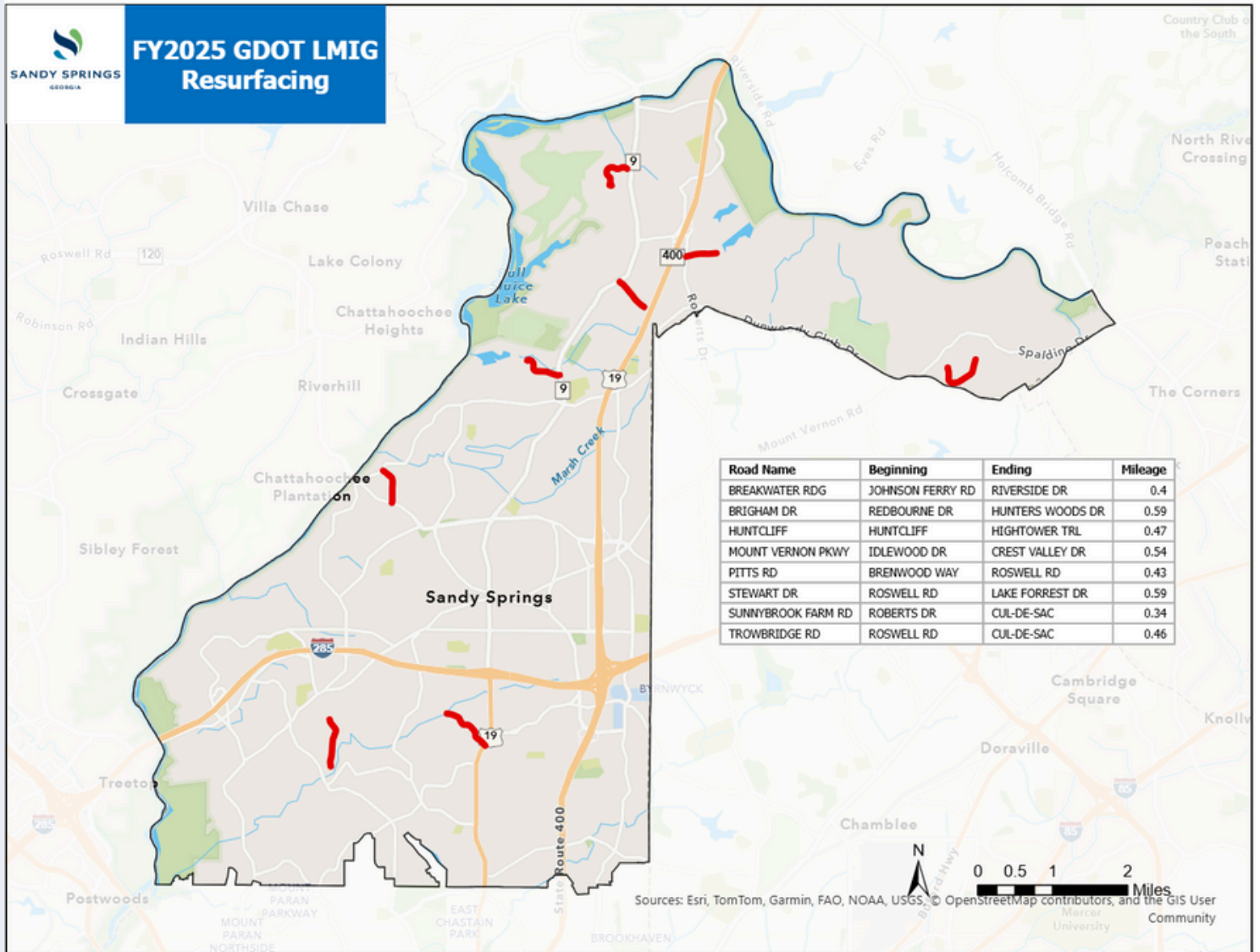
## **City Council Approved a Resolution to Set the Qualifying Fees for the City's 2025 Municipal Elections**

In order to comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)(1)(A), the City Council adopted a Resolution to set the qualifying fees for the City's 2025 Municipal Election. The qualifying fees are based on the following calculations:

- 3% of the current annual salary of \$42,000.00 for Mayor, or \$1,260.00.
- 3% of the current annual salary of \$26,000.00 for each City Council seat, or \$780.00.

## Approval of Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Application (LMIG)

Council approved an application to the Georgia Department of Transportation in anticipation of a distribution of \$1.04M in LMIG funds. Included was a list of streets scheduled for repaving this fiscal year to utilize the grant funds.



## Donation to the Jasper Police Department

Council approved the donation of a surplus training simulator to the Jasper Police Department, who has expressed interest in receiving surplus items from the City of Sandy Springs to assist with their efforts. The training simulator has approached the end of its life cycle and will require extensive, costly repairs to remain functional. Jasper PD is fully aware of the repair needs and will assume responsibility for any future maintenance and associated costs.

**Additional information on Permit and Code Enforcement status can be found on the City's Inside Sandy Springs dashboard [HERE](#)**



# RECREATION AND PARKS

## PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS



GRPA Basketball program grew this season, and a few teams stood out. The sixth grade 12U Sparks girls' team has six wins and two losses (6-2) with an opportunity to win the league championship. The seventh grade 12U boys Sonics team has seven wins and two losses (7-2), and the sixth grade 10U boys Sonics team have six wins and no losses (6-0). These teams will all compete in the GRPA district tournaments beginning February 15th.

## Projects Throughout the City

**Hammond Park** - The Activity Building HVAC system in the activities building at Hammond Park has been repaired. Electricity at Hammond Park has been successfully restored after inclement weather caused an outage affecting the entire park including the gymnastics center. All facilities are now fully operational and ready to serve the community again. The department swiftly addressed issues to minimize disruptions for park visitors and programs.

## SPRINGWAY TRAIL

To date, 3,020 linear feet of railing is installed. Related work over the boardwalk continues.

### Work plan for the weeks of January 13 and 20

Complete fabrication and powder coat painting of remaining railing to be installed. Continue installation of rail, adding wire as project moves over the boardwalk. Complete rail over existing retaining walls and areas around pedestrian bridge at Edgewater Apartments.



# Abernathy Greenway South Improvements

Planting design east of Wright Road is being finalized. Completed layout of proposed improvements is being finalized. Design of the sanitary sewer outfall and coordination with Fulton County for sewer relocation in progress for the segment east of Wright Road.



## Upcoming Programs

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# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

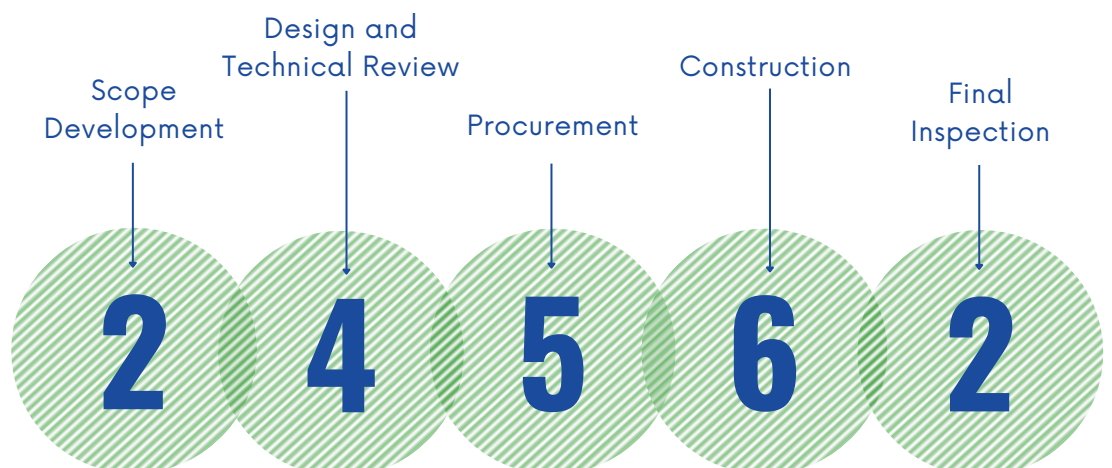
- 500 trees have been planted.

## STORMWATER PROJECT SUMMARY

**19**  
ACTIVE  
PROJECTS

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REQUESTS  
RECEIVED

A FULL LIST OF STORMWATER PROJECTS ALONG WITH UPDATES CAN BE FOUND HERE:





# PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND SIGNATURE EVENTS

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## VIENNA BOYS CHOIR - DECEMBER 19, 2024

On December 19, 2024, in a rare southern US appearance, the Vienna Boys Choir sold out the Byers Theatre and presented a wonderful holiday program that brought rousing applause and standing ovations. This was the last stop for these boys on a North American tour and this group of young musicians were amazing. If you missed this show, fear not! The Vienna Boys Choir will be returning to our stage in February 2026.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THE STATE BALLET THEATRE OF UKRAINE PRESENTS SWAN LAKE FEBRUARY 21, 2025 - 7:30PM

Classical Arts Entertainment presents Tchaikovsky's timeless masterpiece, Swan Lake. Be captivated by a performance by The State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine, a world-renowned troupe known for their exceptional talent and graceful artistry. Prepare for an unforgettable night of exquisite dance and music, and the magic of Swan Lake. Treat yourself to an evening of elegance, beauty, and the timeless allure of classical ballet. Secure your tickets today!



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