



CITY OF
MORaine
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

4200 Dryden Road
Moraine, OH 45439
937-535-1000
ci.moraine.oh.us

The City will abide by the Governor's directives and executive orders regarding COVID-19. Please go to the City's website for updates/cancellations on hours, programs or events.

MESSENGER

March
2021

Progress Through Unity

Police Sergeant Michael Keegan Retired - February 1, 2021

We would like to congratulate Sgt. Mike Keegan on his retirement after 27 years of dedicated service. Sergeant Keegan started at the Police Division in 1993, a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and a First Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Sergeant Keegan was promoted to Sergeant in 2000 and continued an outstanding career as a true community servant, leader, and crime fighter.



The City appreciates your dedication and service. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

The second Sunday in March is when Daylight Saving Time begins. Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour on Sunday, March 14, 2021, at 2am.



PROTECT WORKERS



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EXTRA ROOM

SLOW DOWN AS
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WORKERS

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OUR ROADS SAFETY
Partnership for Responsible Driving
www.ShareTheRoadSafely.gov



CITY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

In continuing with the City's commitment to improving roadways and maintaining infrastructure, there are many great improvements coming our way in 2021! Updated information regarding construction zones will be posted on the City's social media pages.

The final surface paving of all roadways within the Pinnacle Ridge subdivision will be completed this Spring.

The City will be replacing curb and curb ramps on S. Dixie Drive. Curb ramps will also be installed in West Moraine Plat. All work is expected to be complete by Fall 2021. Concrete curb and sidewalk repairs in the City are not assessed to the property owners.

The City will be resurfacing Hemple Road, Pinnacle Road (from Vance Road to Main Street) and Soldiers Home West Carrollton Road, north of Shank Road). Additional permanent pavement patching will be completed in the western portion of the City, as budget allows.

Vance Road will be resurfaced from Main Street to the City's northern corporation limit. This project is partially funded by a federal grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation and Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. This project is expected to be completed by October 2021.

Roadway resurfacing, curb replacement and curb ramp installation will be completed in Haverstick South. Construction is expected to begin this Spring and will be completed by October 2021. This project is partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant through Montgomery County. The streets included are listed below.

Lehigh Place, Pensacola Blvd, Lauderdale Drive, Nyack Lane, Jomar Avenue, Genoa Avenue, Butler Avenue and Mays Avenue

For questions about roadway construction, please contact Alisha Burcham, City Engineer, at 937-535-1031.

DON'T FORGET TO FILE

All residents who live in the City for the entire year or partial year are required to file a City income tax return with the Tax Office on an annual basis, whether or not tax is due. If you are retired or do not have taxable income, you may file a Declaration of Exemption Return for the year or may qualify to file a permanent exemption.

If you file your return after the due date, you must attach a copy of your Federal extension with your City Income Tax Return. The Federal extension form is only extending your filing deadline and not for payment of tax due.

Penalty and interest will be charged for unpaid tax balances of \$25 a month with a late filing penalty not to exceed \$150, late pay penalty (15%) and late pay interest (5%) for late/non-filed tax returns.

As a convenience, we accept MasterCard and Visa for payments at the Finance Department's front desk and over the phone.

Walk-in office hours will be available for filing assistance Monday-Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

For additional information on filing, income tax forms or payments please go to our website ci.moraine.oh.us; call the Income Tax Office at 937-535-1026; or email incometax@moraineoh.org.

New Online Filing / Tax Preparation Tool



On February 1, 2021, the City's Income Tax Office unveils a new online tax filing and payment website. This new website provides a user-friendly approach where taxpayers can input their tax information and then produce a calculated and final return.

At the time of the electronic filing, the taxpayer will be able to upload their supporting tax documents making a much more enjoyable and faster filing experience.

Taxpayers may:

- Access their accounts online to check estimated tax payments and carryover credits
- Make payments towards estimated quarterly taxes and payment plans
- Pay online at the same time of their filing with a credit card for a convenience fee charged by the credit card processor.

The Income Tax Office has been working on providing a seamless tax filing experience for a while. We are finally here! If you want to try out this new product and still need to file, please go to the website www.mitstaxonline.com/moraine. We hope you enjoy the experience!

RESEARCH, DISCOVER AND UNCOVER MORAINE'S HISTORY

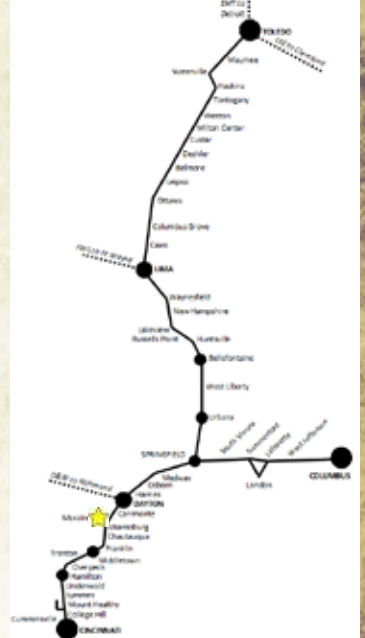
WHAT WAS AN ELECTRIC MULE?

The Miami & Erie Canal ran North-South through Moraine where Dryden Road and Arbor Blvd. is today. Mules and horses pulled the canal boats along a tow path that paralleled the canal. The canal was vital carrying supplies, goods, food and people across southwest Ohio from 1845 until the end of the 1800s.

Due to the convenience of faster and larger trains the use of the canal waned. A last ditch effort to "speed up" the delivery of goods using the canal was tried. In an effort to modernize freight hauling technology, Baldwin Locomotive was commissioned by the Miami & Erie Transportation Company to build a number of "Electric Mules" or electric trolleys to tow canal boats between Dayton and Cincinnati.

A track was laid over the tow path. By 1905, it ran from Dayton, through Moraine, to the south of Miamisburg. Support poles were erected to provide electricity for the trolleys. It was soon learned the clay banks could not support the trolleys, due to the wake created from the speed of the locomotive. After delivering only one Electric Mule, the balance of the order with Baldwin was cancelled. In addition, the spaces between the railroad ties were not graded and violated the contractor's specifications. These spaces should provide a smooth towpath, but the ties created a trip hazard for mules that were still operating on the route.

As history shows, the experiment with the Electric Mules failed miserably and did not help revive traffic on the Miami & Erie Canal. The canal was abandoned for commercial use due to damage caused by the historic 1913 flood. Today, a Moraine Historical Marker is located at the corner of Dryden Road and East River Road which marks the location where Lock 22 was located on the canal.



Crossing at 741 -1938



Dorothy Lane and Dixie Drive -1929



Southbond Dixie Drive -1941

MORaine

FIRE DIVISION

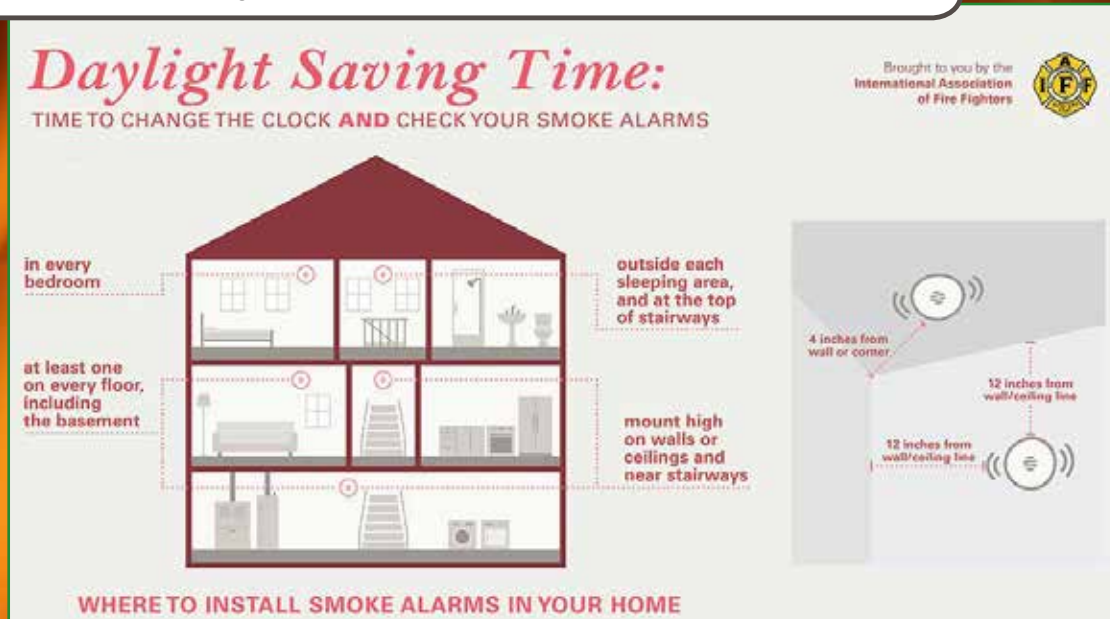
The Moraine Fire Division is offering free Dual Sensor Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors*. Home Safety Evaluations are also available. Quantities are limited. Please contact the Fire Division Secretary at 937-535-1132 to request a detector or schedule a Home Safety Evaluation.

**Limit one smoke detector/CO detector per household. While supplies last.*

Moraine Fire Division

Phone: 937-535-1132

Email: msmith@moraineoh.org



Testing Hydrants

To ensure that hydrants are operating properly, the Fire Division will be checking hydrants the month of April during normal business hours, including Saturdays and Sundays. There is a small chance that rust might be stirred up in water pipes. It is best to do your laundry during non-business hours if possible. Thanks for your cooperation.

SPRING CLEANING VITAL FOR FIRE SAFETY

Spring cleaning is an annual ritual for many people. Just as the change of season ushers in a new beginning for nature, spring cleaning signifies a fresh start for us after the long winter months.

Spring cleaning can take on another meaning. It's the ideal time to plan a safety clean up day. In order to keep your family and property safe, take the time to check your home and yard for dangerous materials and unsafe conditions.

You will want to check each room in your house including the attic, basement, garage, yard, and storage shed. Plan to do several different things to start your safety clean up day:

- Choose nontoxic products for your cleaning.
- Test all your smoke detectors to ensure they are working. Change the batteries at least twice a year.
- Check fire extinguishers for proper type and placement.
- Make sure all doors and windows open easily for fast escapes.
- Make sure your street numbers are posted properly and are visible.
- Make sure you have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio for the approaching storm season.
- Check for good clearances between heating appliances and combustibles.
- Develop and practice a family fire escape plan in case of emergency.
- Consider installing carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
- Keep traffic areas free of clutter, toys and rugs in order to avoid tripping.
- Discard toxic and flammable materials you no longer need.
- Check the play area for sharp objects, hazardous materials, and tripping hazards.
- Children must not be allowed to ride as passengers on lawn mowers or to be towed behind mowers.
- Carry loads you can see over.
- Five gallon buckets are often used while cleaning and present a serious drowning danger to young children. Never leave a bucket or any standing water unattended and store buckets empty and upside-down.
- Follow safety recommendations when using harsh products, such as wearing gloves and masks.
- If you need to climb, use a stepladder or extension ladder. When using a ladder, stand at or below the highest safe standing level. For a stepladder, the safe standing level is the second rung from the top, and for an extension ladder, it's the fourth rung from the top. Before using, make sure the rungs are dry.



Go Native!

By: Ohio Department of Natural Resources

A healthy and diverse ecosystem is important for clean air and water, soil stability and provides critical food and shelter for wildlife.

Whether adding a few native plants to your landscape or substituting them in for exotic species, there are many benefits to going native! The interest in native gardening is increasing, so check with your local nursery to determine what's available and which plants are best suited to your landscape needs.

Why plant native species?

- Good for wildlife, such as birds and butterflies
- Costs less and saves time due to lower maintenance requirements
- Saves water because natives are best suited for an Ohio climate
- No need for fertilizers or pesticides
- Native plants control erosion and filter storm water



Lantana



Scabiosa "Butterfly Blue"

Parks Rental

Interested in using one of the City's parks for your party, event, game, or special occasion? All the park shelters and ballfields are open for booking now! All available spaces and rates are below. Check out the City's website for more details regarding each of the parks listed below at <http://ci.moraine.oh.us/parks-recreation>, or feel free to call the PRC at 937-535-1060 for more information.

SHELTER/FIELD	CATEGORY	DAILY FEE
Park Shelters <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ora Everetts Park (#1, #2)Wax Park (#1, #2, #3)Deer Meadow Park (#1, #2)	Moraine Resident & Moraine Business	FREE
	Non-Resident	\$40
Ball Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ora Everetts Park (#1, #2, #3)Wax Park (#1)	Moraine Resident & Moraine Business	FREE
	Non-Resident	\$35 / practice \$55 / games



All renters must abide by the guidelines, restrictions and protocols designated by the Moraine Parks and Recreation Division, as outlined on the website, in the Parks and Recreation Facility and Park Rental Contract, and in the COVID-19 Addendum to said contract.

Garden Plots

Do you love to garden, but don't have the space at home to do so? The City has 78 garden plots located on Vance Road at the end of Dorf Drive (near the entrance to German Village). Each garden plot is 20' x 90,' and very affordable to reserve for the season. Registration for the garden plots takes place at the PRC, and is broken down into two phases:

Phase I: Opens March 1, 2021, and is for all 2020 plot users who cleared their garden plot at the conclusion of the growing year with no issues.

Phase II: Opens March 15, 2021, and is for all new gardeners.

We only guarantee the same garden plots that were used in 2020 in Phase I, not any new garden plots. For example, if you had garden plots 1 and 2, then you may reserve those same garden plots during Phase I only. If you wish to change the garden plot(s), you have to wait until Phase II to do so.

Garden plots cost \$15 for Moraine residents and \$20 for non-residents, annually. You must pay the fee at the point of registration to confirm your garden plot selection. You must plant your garden plot by May 31, 2021, or it will be reclaimed by the City. It is important to control weeds during the Summer and Fall seasons, otherwise you jeopardize losing your garden plot if weeds are overgrown.

All garden plots must be cleared by November 1, 2021 at the latest. Any gardener who does not clear their garden plot of stakes and any others items that could damage a tractor during plowing, will lose their gardening privileges for the 2022 season. Garden plots will be available for use starting early April, weather dependent. If you have any questions or need more information regarding our garden plots, please call the PRC at 937-535-1060.



RAINDROP SUNCATCHER

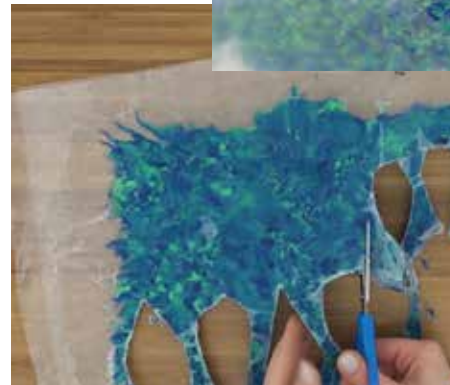
www.crayola.com

Ring in spring one drop at a time! Embrace Spring showers with this crayon melting suncatcher craft.

Supplies for this raindrop art project:

- Crayons
- Pencil or crayon sharpener
- Duct Tape
- Wooden Dowel
- Clear Tape
- Wax Paper
- Hair Dryer
- String

1. Unwrap 4–6 crayons, then use crayon sharpener to create shavings.
2. Lay piece of wax paper on protected surface. Evenly sprinkle shavings onto wax paper.
3. Place slightly larger piece of wax paper overtop. Seal edges with duct tape.
4. With the help of an adult, use hair dryer to melt shavings. Let cool 15 min.
5. Cut raindrop shapes out of wax paper.
6. Tie piece of string onto wooden dowel.
7. Tape raindrops to string.
8. Repeat steps 6–7 until suncatcher is complete.
9. Hang and enjoy catching a sun shower!



BINGO

2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month • Free
Gerhardt Civic Center • 12p • Ages: 55+
must preregister at moraineparkandrec.com

A large pile of colorful bingo balls with numbers, including 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100, in various colors like red, blue, green, yellow, and white.

Register Your Kroger Plus Card with Christmas Smiles



You can help Christmas Smiles all year long by registering your Kroger Plus Card with Community Rewards.

Here's how it works:

- Create an account on their website or download their application on your smart phone.
- Link your Kroger Plus Card to our organization (The Moraine Foundation).
- Upon doing so, The Moraine Foundation will earn money every time you make a purchase.

Don't worry, by signing up to help our program you will still continue to collect your Kroger Fuel Points.

Sign Up Through the App:

1. Open the Kroger application on your phone
2. Find your "Rewards" section.
3. Select "Community Rewards."
4. Search for Moraine Foundation, and enroll from there!

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Smiles Program all year long.



Do you want to get paid to have FUN this Summer? Then join our team!

The Parks and Recreation Division is now accepting applications for Summer 2021 positions. We are seeking applicants interested in a part-time commitment helping with our seasonal programs. Qualified candidates must have positive customer service skills, communication skills, and the ability to handle stressful situations. Pay starts at \$9.41/hour.

Apply online today! Applications are available online at <http://ci.moraine.oh.us/employment/>.

Are you feeling lucky?

Join our raffle at the Payne Recreation Center for a chance to win a variety of prizes!

For each item you donate to the Moraine Food Pantry, you will receive one raffle ticket that you can enter into the prize option of your choice.

OPENS: March 1st
CLOSES: March 15th

PRIZE OPTIONS

- 12 MO. MEMBERSHIP TO PRC
- 6 MO. MEMBERSHIP TO PRC
- \$25 GIFT CARD (FANDANGO MOVIES)
- SWAG BAG FROM DIVISION

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17TH

PLEASE NOTE: THE MORAINES FOOD PANTRY DOES NOT ACCEPT EXPIRED FOOD, OPENED FOOD, OR PARTIALLY USED/EATEN FOOD.

PROGRAMS

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REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

All classes require a minimum number of participants. If a class minimum is not met by the deadline date, the activity is subject to cancellation. We kindly request that you register at least five days prior to the activity or class.

REGISTER ONLINE OR AT THE PRC.

All programs will follow the Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Guidelines.

COFFEE AND CRAFTING

Location: GCC Commons
Date: Mondays, March 1 & 15
Time: 12pm – 1pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon drinking coffee and making a craft. We have all the supplies you need to create a masterpiece of your own. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC.

March 1: Herb Garden
March 15: Spring Wreath



SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Location: GCC
Date: Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm
Age: Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE – Donation appreciated.

Are you over the age of 55 and interested in receiving frozen meals? Meals are distributed by curbside pickup on Mondays. The meals are provided by the Senior Resource Connection. You must pre-register for meals at least one week in advance. To find out more information or how to register, please call 937-535-1095.

MILE-A-DAY CHALLENGE

Location: PRC or Wax Park
Date: March 2021
Age: Adults (18-54) & Seniors (55+)
Cost: FREE

This individual challenge is to motivate you to be healthy and a physically fit person. Earn prizes based on how many "Mile-a-Day" days you complete. Register for this challenge with the front desk staff at the PRC. **PRIZE LEVELS:** 1-10 days, 11-17 days and 18+ days.

The Rules are as follows:

1. Mile MUST be completed and recorded within the same day. Please notify the fitness staff so they can record it in the Mile Log book.
2. Mile MUST be completed at the PRC or Wax Park.
3. Mile MUST be walking or running, i.e. indoor/ outdoor track or treadmill.

For questions or information, contact Brent Shane at 937-535-1062.

Gerhardt Civic Center (GCC)

3050 Kreitzer Road 937-535-1095
Open for scheduled programs and rentals only)

Payne Recreation Center (PRC)

3800 Main Street 937-535-1060
Monday - Friday 7am - 11am & 3pm - 7pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm
Sunday Closed

Ora Everetts Park

3050 Kreitzer Road

Wax Park

3800 Main Street

SHUFFLEBOARD

Location: GCC

Date: Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Time: 10am – 12pm

Age: Seniors (55+)

Cost: FREE

Shuffle on over to play a game of indoor Shuffleboard. This will be a non-competitive game to enjoy while having fun. You may register online or at the PRC.



Stuck on a project? Would you like to learn a new technique? How about wanting to brush up on your quilting skills? This could be the program for you. It is a fun and relaxing way to spend some time and inject your personality into the project you are working on. All skill levels are welcome to attend. Be sure to pre-register because classes will fill up fast. You may register online or at the PRC.
Instructor: Susan

PICKLEBALL

Location: PRC Gym

Date: Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Age: Adults (18-54) & Seniors (55+)

Cost: \$3 per session, Free for PRC Members

Pickleball is a paddleball sport (similar to a racquet sport) that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, much like a wiffle ball with 26-40 round holes, over a net. This is a great way to get exercise and have some fun with your friends. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC.
Min. 2 / Max. 10



BINGO

Location: GCC Commons

Date: Mondays, March 8 & 22

Time: 12pm – 1pm

Age: Seniors (55+)

Cost: FREE

Join us for an exciting game of B-I-N-G-O. Bingo games begin at 12pm sharp. Enjoy the fun as we play as many games as we can. Prizes awarded for game winners. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Location: PRC

Date: Tuesday, March 16

Time: 6pm – 7pm

Age: Preschool (3-5) & Youth (6-10)

Cost: FREE

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an hour packed full with a craft, activities and a snack. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. You may register online or at the PRC.



QUILTING

Location: PRC Meeting Room A

Date: Thursdays, March 4, 11, & 18

Time: 5pm – 7pm

Age: Teens (11-17), Adults (18-54) & Seniors (55+)

Cost: Resident \$20 per session
Non-Resident \$30 per session



Appleseed Park

3000 Dorf Drive

George Taylor Park

4709 E. Venetian Way

Pinnacle Park

3060 Charlotte Mill Drive

Deer Meadow Park

4321 Pinnacle Road

German Village Park

370 Blumen Lane

Pinnacle Park Tot Lot

3300 Charlotte Mill Drive

DP&L Park

2916 Cadillac Street

Lehigh Park

2607 Lehigh Place

Riverview Park

3021 Lakehurst Court

Offices Closed

City offices close in observance of the following holidays: New Year's Eve Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day.



MAYOR'S COURT
Monday-Friday
Hours 8a-4p
937-535-1010

COUNCIL
Monday-Friday
Hours 8a-5p
937-535-1005

TAXES
Monday-Friday
Hours 8a-5p
937-535-1026

NON EMERGENCY
Police & Fire
937-535-1166

POLICE RECORDS
Monday-Friday
Hours 9a-3p
937-535-1163

TRASH/BULK PICK-UP
City of Dayton
937-333-4800

WATER
Montgomery County
937-781-2500

Any other inquiries **937-535-1000**



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Mayor



ORA ALLEN
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Ward 2



SHIRLEY WHITT
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