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GRANDVIEW

REPORT



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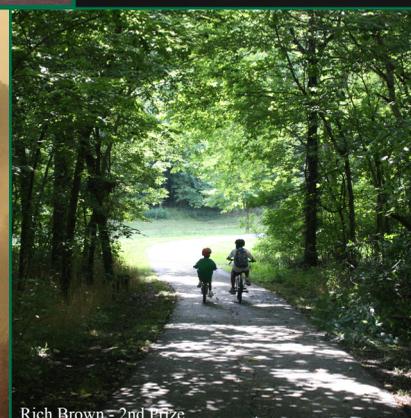
Jason Boswell



Shannon Selim - 3rd Prize



Seth Dailey - 1st Prize



Rich Brown - 2nd Prize



Rich Brown



Nathan Choate



Juliet Dunteman

PICTURE PERFECT CONTEST TOP 10 FINALISTS

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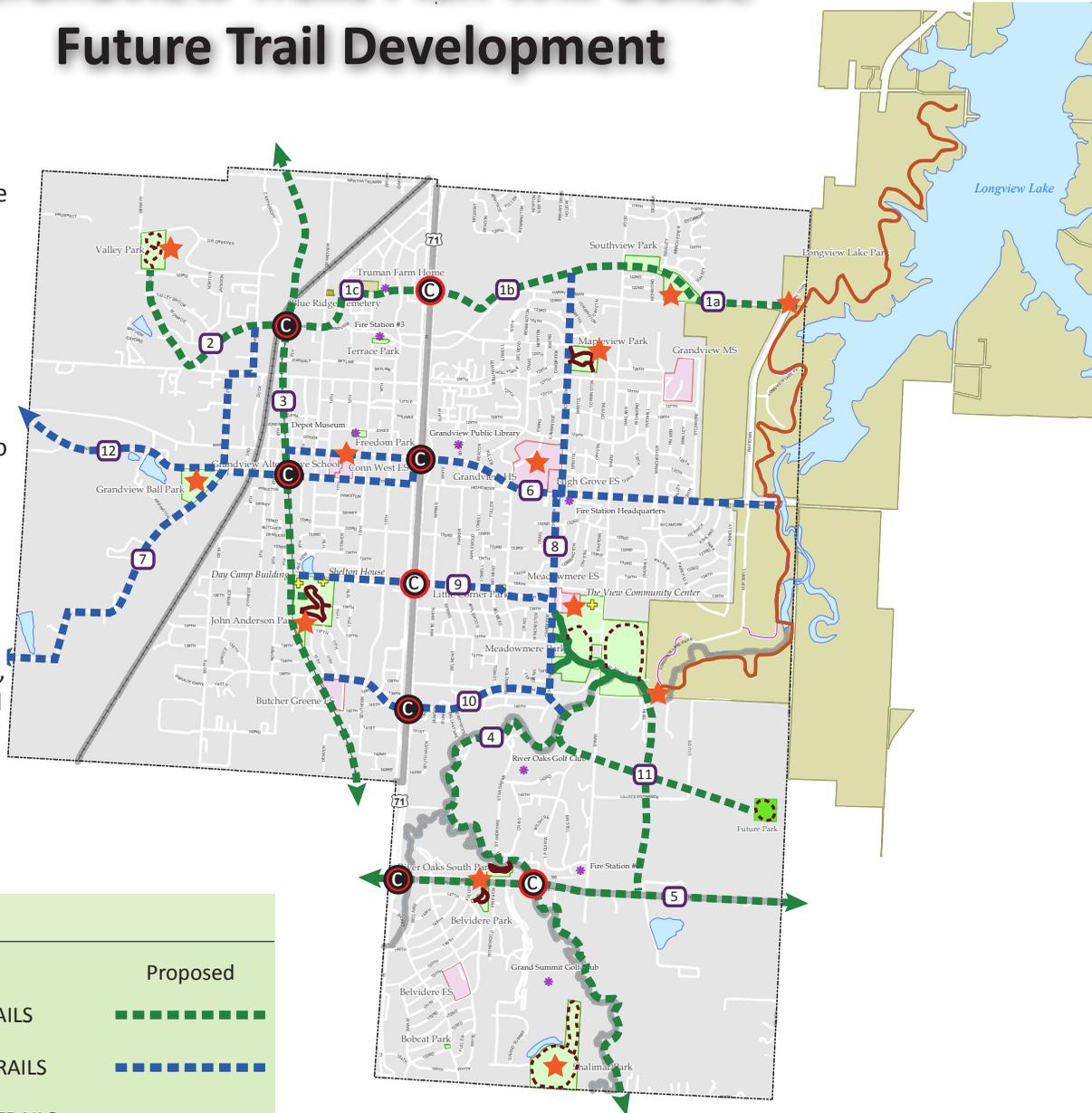


Grandview Trails Plan Will Guide Future Trail Development

The Board of Aldermen has recently approved a Comprehensive Trails Plan for the City of Grandview, which was finalized after a rigorous six-month process that included city staff, consultants GreenPlay and Design Concepts, and lots of public input.

The final trails plan priority was to improve and maintain existing trails and add new trails that could connect to adjacent regional trails and local destinations, such as parks, schools and various neighborhoods. The amenities would include benches, trail maps, drinking fountains and trash cans.

The result is the development of three alternatives for future trail systems: Primary, Secondary and



LEGEND	
Existing	Proposed
	PRIMARY TRAILS
	PROPOSED PRIMARY TRAILS
	SECONDARY TRAILS
	PROPOSED SECONDARY TRAILS
	INDEPENDENT TRAILS
	PROPOSED INDEPENDENT TRAILS
	OTHER TRAILS (outside Grandview)
	PROPOSED OTHER TRAILS
	PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
	PRIORITY DESTINATION (trailhead)

Independent. With the completion of this long-term planning effort, Park Director Tony Finlay said, "We will be pursuing grant opportunities, partnerships, and possibly a second no-tax-increase bond issue to make this plan a reality." Finlay added, "Residents are passionate about our existing trails, and we're committed to making it happen".

For more information on the plan, please contact Parks Services Manager Don Fowler at dfowler@ci.grandview.mo.us

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PICTURE PERFECT CONTEST WINNERS!

We would like to congratulate all of the participants who entered the contest; we received many outstanding photos and, because of that, the judging panel decided to give "honorable mention" prizes to five other photographers who had one or more photos selected in the top 10. Most of them were at the July 28 Board of Alderman meeting to receive their prizes. From left to right: Rich Brown, second prize winner, Linda Dailey, receiving the prize for her son, Seth Dailey, the first prize winner, Shannon Selim, third prize winner, Juliet Dunteman, Jason Boswell and Karen Grantham, all honorary award recipients.



Fiscal Year 2011 City Budget Reflects Struggling National Economy

America continues to experience an unprecedented economic crisis, and state and local governments are not exempt from it. Cities across the country are now facing the combined impact of decreased tax revenues, a drop in federal/state aid, and increased demands for services. In May and June of this year, the National League of Cities, working with two other governmental associations, surveyed cities and counties across the country to gauge the extent of job losses. Those surveyed reported cutting 8.6 percent of total full-time positions from the previous fiscal year to the next fiscal year. This means that around 480,000 local government employee positions were, or will be cut over the most recent two-year period.

Things would be approaching that level here in Grandview were it not for the savings that City departments have been challenged to find, position vacancies left unfilled, and one-time revenues received over the fiscal year periods 2009-2011, such as telecom (wireless) settlement proceeds and insurance pool reimbursements based on excellent overall loss experience.

Despite numerous cost-cutting and money saving measures over the past couple of years, the City entered the budget process this summer with more than a \$500,000 projected deficit (revenues less expenditures) for next year. To balance the budget, the City again utilized a strategy that included freezing selected vacant positions, budgeting no pay or benefit increases (second year), and further operating budget cuts. There have been no layoffs, but employment over the past two years is down by about 4.5 percent. This has caused some amount of reorganization and/or reassignments, but so far has not noticeably affected service to citizens.

While the total approved FY 2011 General Fund budget, \$14,302,004, is nearly one percent more than for FY 2010, it is still four percent below that of FY 2009, a drop of \$186,000 in total operating costs, and a drop of \$600,000 in total General Fund expenditures, over the past two years. As a result, the General Fund cannot currently support any of the City's capital needs. Preserving, maintaining, and replacing the infrastructure of the City, as well as building roads, sewers, and other facilities; and maintaining and replacing vehicles and equipment, is one of the City's primary obligations, using whatever resources are available. Thanks to voter approval over the years, the City can rely on some special funds, such as the Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund, the Transportation Sales Tax Fund and 2009 Park Bond Improvement Fund, to provide more amenities and to improve and maintain our infrastructure. The significance of these special sales tax funds cannot be overemphasized, particularly when some of the City's primary revenues have been in a period of decline.

Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund Approved Items for 2011	
Main Street Corridor Project	\$2,000,000
Botts Road, 135th–139th Street improvements	\$1,100,000
KC Southern Overpass design	\$300,000
Storm Drainage Projects	\$150,000
Storm channel replacement	\$75,000
New sidewalks, sidewalk repairs, curb replacement	125,000
Police vehicle replacement	175,000
Firefighting Equipment Replacement	50,000
Financial system software replacement	250,000
Total	\$4,225,000
In the Transportation Sales Tax Fund for fiscal year 2011, the following projects have been approved:	
Construction Projects:	
135th Street project	\$440,000
New curb construction	\$50,000
MO 150/US 71 enhancements	\$25,000
Maintenance Projects:	
Street resurfacing (contract overlay)	\$315,000
Sidewalk and curb repair	\$50,400
Slurry seal	\$54,600
Park Bond Improvement Fund Approved Items for 2011	
Meadowmere Park – destination playground, pavilion, restroom, parking	\$1,000,000
Mapleview Park – playground, shelter, restroom, parking	\$350,000
Southview Park – playground, shelter, restroom	\$205,000
Freedom Park – restroom	\$192,000
Trail improvements	\$50,000
Athletic field feasibility study	\$53,000
Public Works/Park Maintenance facility	\$2,500,000
If you'd like to know more about the General Fund and how other special funds are being used in the upcoming fiscal year, please visit our website at www.grandview.org under what's new .	



Beyond Adoption: Wayside Waifs Offers Training Classes, Off-Leash Dog Park, Memorial Services and Much More



The new Wayside Waifs president, Cynthia Smith, likes to say that her organization is far more than an animal rescue shelter. And it's true – Wayside Waifs offers pretty much anything you and your pet need or want: training classes, the Whiskers & Wags retail store, two off-leash dog parks, pet memorial services, and humane education programs, just to name a few.

As a “no-kill” animal rescue organization, Wayside Waifs shelters more than 300 animals at any given time. Every new arrival, coming from all over the country, goes through a long process in order to be ready for adoption. Whoever brings in the pet is asked to fill out a questionnaire to give as much background as possible about the animal. As soon as it arrives, the pet gets named, photographed and examined by one of the two veterinarians on staff, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, flea treated and dewormed. If the animal has a behavioral issue, it will receive proper training and lots of social time with one of the 200 active volunteers, and play time with its new friends. If the animal is captured by an Animal Control Officer, it will be placed on hold for a period of 5 days, to give its previous owners an opportunity to claim their pet. “The best case scenario is to get the lost pet back to its home. Over 300 pets have been reunited with their owners this year” recalls Ashlee Parker, Communications Manager at Wayside Waifs. One thing is for sure: no cat or dog is left behind at Wayside Waifs and every single one receives the utmost treatment and care in order to become a healthy and loving pet.

As an independent, not-for-profit organization, Wayside Waifs is the largest humane society organization in the Greater Kansas City area. It started in 1944 in a small converted farmhouse, with one truck and three full-time employees.

Today, the organization sits on a 44-acre parcel of land with a state-of-the-art facility and 67 full-time and part-time employees. Wayside Waifs receives no government funding. It relies strictly on financial support from private donors, foundations, estates, trusts and fees for the services this group offers to the community.

Wayside Waifs is also engaged in the community. It has very comprehensive humane education programs where elementary students are taught pet safety, pet care and even a children’s literacy program called Ready, Pet, READ! Wayside Waifs also has an anti-violence program called No More Bullies which teaches children the character values

of respect, responsibility, compassion, integrity and self-control. Students in one classroom at Meadowmere Elementary took part that program one week last May.

Whether your pet is in need of some heartworm medicine or you’re thinking of a new companion, you may want to consider going to Wayside Waifs because they are committed to helping homeless animals find a permanent place to call

home. Below you will find further information on some of their services.

Adoption: Wayside Waifs has the best selection of animals of all breeds, sizes and ages. Every animal is temperament-tested and socialized. They also offer convenient shelter hours (evenings and weekends) to make it an easily accessible and fun family experience.

Bark Park: You can become a member or pay a daily fee for your pet to enjoy their dog park. It is a five-acre, fenced-in grassy park for an off-leash romp with canine friends. The park is fully lighted and open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – complete with covered pavilions, park benches and watering stations. All proceeds go to benefit Wayside’s shelter operation.

Cemetery Services: Wayside Waifs offer compassionate aftercare for cherished family pets. Unlike most pet cemeteries, all revenue from Wayside Waifs’ services goes to help the shelter provide loving care for its current residents until permanent homes can be found. Services include cremation, communal cremation, burial, caskets, markers and customized memorials.

Lost & Found: Through community collaboration and more efficient systems, Wayside Waifs helps families locate and be reunited with their lost companions. Wayside Waifs is located at 3901 Martha Truman Road. For more information, go to their website at www.waysidewaifs.org or call (816) 761-8151





Fall Clean-Up Program Coming Up!



The Grandview Public Works Department is again hosting the Community Clean-Up Program for the residents and businesses of Grandview. The program offers an opportunity to drop-off bulk waste and/or yard debris. Citizens who participate in this program are asked to separate their waste and place it in the appropriate containers. Proof of residency or business ownership will be required.

When: Saturday, October 30, November 6 and November 20

Where: Public Works Maintenance Facility - 7000 East 139th St. (139th & Winchester)

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12.00 per Vehicle Load

Examples of items accepted at disposal site: appliances, furniture, carpeting, scrap metal, scrap building material, porcelain items (sinks, toilets, tubs), small mechanical equipment. Waste oil will also be accepted, limited to a maximum of five gallons. **NO OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THIS PROGRAM PERIOD.** Checks will be accepted.

Additional Cost Items:

Tires (8 max) - \$1.50 each

Appliances with freon (freezers, refrigerators) - \$30.00 each.

For further information, please contact the Public Works Secretary at 816-316-4856.

BOO AT 'THE VIEW'!

On October 31st, bring your trick or treating candy and kids in costume, down to the View for some Trunk or Treating fun! Don't forget to decorate your trunk. A FREE annual membership (up to a family of four) will be awarded for the most creatively decorated. There will be hay rides for all! Bring your own flashlight and join in on the Flashlight Candy Search.

Boo at The View schedule is as follows:

- 5:30 – 7:30** **Trunk or Treating (Northwest corner of parking lot)**
Hay Rides and Glow Necklaces for sale; FREE cider and smores
- 6:30 p.m.** **Flashlight Candy Search (bring your own flashlight)**
- 7:30 p.m.** **Trunk Decorating Contest winner announced**

Call 816-316-4888 or stop by the Front Desk at The View Community Center to complete a registration form, so you will be eligible for the prize. Don't miss out on this opportunity to win a FREE annual membership!

If it rains, come to The View Gymnasium for trick or treating, Candy Hunt and Costume Contest (most creative).

Grandview Police Department Receives Award for Domestic Violence Prevention Program



Department Ranked as the Best All-Around Agency Participating in the Lethality Assessment Protocol Program

Detective Gregory Smith recently received an award on behalf of the Grandview Police Department for his commitment to the prevention of and response to domestic violence in the City of Grandview. Detective Smith was responsible for implementing the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) for First Responders Program in the Grandview Police Department. In fact, the department ranked as the best all-around law enforcement agency participating in the LAP across the country.

Ms. Donna Busur, Coordinator of the Jackson County Safe Family Coalition and Associate Director of the Resource Development Institute, and Ms. Ilene Shehan, Chief Operating Officer of Hope House in Kansas City, presented an honorary plaque to Detective Smith, for his outstanding performance in implementing the program in the past year. "My appreciation for Det. Smith as a proactive and collaborative law enforcement leader began with his immediate willingness to facilitate his department's participation in piloting the LAP," Ms. Busur stated.

Grandview Police Department was also the first of four police jurisdictions to agree to participate in the pilot program. Det. Smith has not only worked tirelessly to ensure that officers conduct LAP screens effectively, but he has also led by example in coordination with domestic violence advocates to provide immediate services to victims and families. "I feel humbled by this nomination, but the bottom line is this program does work, and I have been waiting for 15 years for something like this program to evolve," Smith said.

How LAP Works

Infusing a belief in empowering victims with a sense of urgency, the protocol encourages victims identified as "high risk" for domestic violence fatalities to seek the services of a domestic violence program.

It starts with the 11-question assessment tool called the Lethality Screen for First Responders, which is a straightforward questionnaire that allows responding officers to predict, with a high degree of accuracy, both the danger and the potential of lethality for victims of domestic violence situations. Responding officers use the screening device to ask such questions as "Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children?" or "Has he/she ever tried to choke you?" The hallmark of the protocol is this: if the Lethality Screen identifies a victim as being in "high danger," the police officer making that assessment calls the local domestic violence hotline from the scene.

Although officers traditionally refer victims to domestic violence service providers, the victims seldom make the call. In the LAP protocol, the officer calls the hotline to seek advice and — equally important — to encourage the victim to speak to the hotline counselor. Additionally, the officer tells the victim that he or she is in danger and that people in similar situations have been killed. If the victim chooses to speak to the counselor, the officer responds to the outcome of that telephone conversation, perhaps by becoming involved in coordinating a safety plan with the victim and counselor.

If the victim chooses not to speak to the counselor, the officer provides safety planning advice to the victim and reviews factors that are predictive of death, so the victim can be on the lookout for those factors in the future. The officer encourages the victim to contact a domestic violence program, provides the victim with police contact information, and may take other actions such as advising the victim how to obtain a protection order.

To contact Detective Smith about this program, citizens may call the Grandview Police Department at (816) 316-4900.



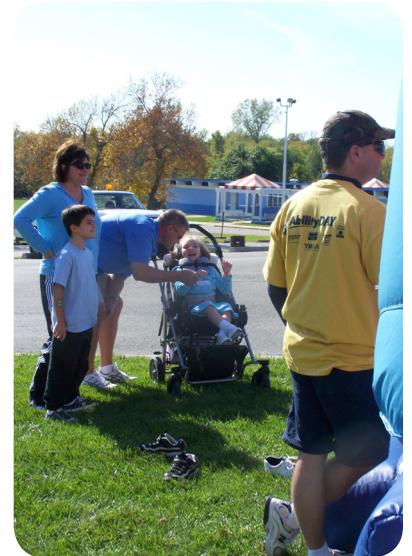
From left: Donna Busur with the Safe Family Coalition, Ilene Shehan, Chief Operating Officer of Hope House, Detective Greg Smith, Libby Pilcher with Hope House and Major Brent Miller

Fourth Annual Ability Day Promises Even More Education and Recreation – and Fun!

On Sunday, October 17th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the City of Grandview Parks and Recreation Department is hosting the Fourth Annual Kansas City Ability Day/Recreation and Education Fair at The View, 13500 Byars Rd., in Grandview. Over 250 families will be attending the event to learn, free of charge, what Kansas City and Midwest agencies, organizations, and providers can do for them and their loved ones living with disabilities.

Individuals and families of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in various adapted programs and sports, such as volleyball, softball, flag football, gymnastics, aquatics, hand cycling, golf, climbing, track & field, ballroom dancing and soccer. The sporting events will be hosted by organizations that offer camps, clinics and/or sessions in a particular sport.

“I am thrilled to once again have the opportunity to increase community awareness of all the resources available and to allow our participants to try many different recreational activities and have these organizations answer questions about them,” stated Lynn Howard, one of the event organizers and the Aquatics Coordinator at The View. “My favorite part of the event is the big smiles I see from the children enjoying the activities.”



Ability Day 2009



Ability Day 2009

Roselyn Turner and her son, Austin, who has autism, participated the last couple of years and will be attending the event again this year. “We loved it,” remarked Roselyn. “We had a wonderful time. It was very organized and provided a great opportunity for my son to be involved with activities that help him grow and build his self-esteem. It was fun and interesting for all of the kids.”

The organizing committee and sponsors include: City of Grandview Parks and Recreation, National Sports Center for the Disabled–Kansas City, Kansas City Parks and Recreation, YMCA of Greater Kansas City, The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City, The Kansas City Royals, Jackson County Parks and Recreation Special Populations, Variety – The Children’s Charity, and Special Olympics Kansas City.

DID YOU KNOW...

You can now access Grandview Parks & Recreation and City of Grandview on **Facebook**. Become a Fan, or give us a Like, and we’ll drop our daily content into your Facebook News Feed.

This will give you an easy way to keep tabs on us and share the knowledge with your friends. Thanks for joining us, and spreading the word.



Green Tip

Almost 90 percent of the energy used to wash clothes is used to heat the water, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Save money and energy. Wash your clothes in warm or cold water, instead of hot, using a detergent formulated for cold-water use.

WE WANT YOUR COMMENTS AND IDEAS.

If you have a concern, compliment or suggestion about how we can better inform you, please send an email for consideration to suggestions@ci.grandview.mo.us

Upcoming Events

KANSAS CITY ABILITY DAY

Sunday, October 17, from 1p.m. to 4 p.m.
At 'The View' Community Center (13500 Byars Rd.)
FREE Admission
Learn what Kansas City agencies, organizations and providers can do for individuals and families living with disabilities
Call 316-4888

COMMUNITY FLU SHOTS

Thursday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
At 'The View' Community Center
Call 316-4888 for more details

BOO AT THE VIEW

Sunday, October 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Second Annual Trunk-or-Treating at 'The View'!
Participants who volunteer to Trunk or Treat will have a chance to win a free annual membership for up to a family of four!
Register your entry with the Front Desk (316-4888)

SENIOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 18, from 6:00 to 7:30p.m.
At 'The View' Community Center
Pre-registration required. Deadline is 5 p.m. on 11/11/10
Bring your favorite dessert to share with 6 adults
Call 316-4888 for details

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Thursday, December 2, from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.
Grandview City Hall (1200 Main St.)
Donations will be collected to benefit the Grandview Assistance Program

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SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

All meetings are open to the public and take place at
Grandview City Hall, 1200 Main Street
(except Parks and Recreation Commission
meetings)

Board of Aldermen regular meetings are held the
second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

Board of Aldermen work sessions are on the first and
third Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are the
first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the
community center.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

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