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RIBA/Real Jobs RI to launch construction training in Oct.

Carpentry Career Training Program enrollment is now open for 26-week sessions at two separate locations in Rhode Island.

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

In a milestone for residential construction workforce development in the state, the Rhode Island Builders Association, in cooperation with Real Jobs Rhode Island (RJRI), will launch its own pre-apprenticeship Carpentry Career Training Program (CCTP) in October.

CCTP is open to all job candidates in the residential construction industry.
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Chen Chhork, an instructor in the new CCTP training program, uses a table saw during a recent Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) class. For VESL details, contact Betty Bernal (401) 438-7400.

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WHEN: Monday, September 17th, registration and lunch 11 a.m. to 11:45. Shotgun start will be at noon. Dinner will be a 5 p.m.

WHERE: Wannamoisett Country Club, Rumford Country Club, 96 Hoyt Ave., Rumford, RI 02916

COST: \$190 per player. Dinner only: \$55

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: September 7th

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*Wannamoisett
Country Club*



OER works on model ordinance to help towns better site solar

Agency hopes to convince local leaders that rooftops, landfills and brownfields are better locations for solar farms than wide-open spaces.

By Paul F. Eno Editor

With solar farms proliferating in Rhode Island, state officials are joining the residential construction community in encouraging these projects to be built on rooftops, commercial sites and brownfields rather than on open land.

On June 29th, the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) and the Division of Statewide Planning (DSP) announced a new set of initiatives to encourage solar development:



A solar farm in Foster where acres of forest have been bulldozed to accommodate the ground-mounted array.

- Brownfields are former industrial or commercial sites affected by environmental contamination that prevents standard development without a costly cleanup. Starting this fall, renewable energy projects that are sited on brownfields will be eligible for financial incentives from the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund. According to OER, \$1 million will be earmarked specifically for this initiative.

- OER proposes an increase in the megawatt capacity available for home rooftop solar under the 2019 Renewable Energy Growth Program. The cap would be raised 27 percent to nearly nine megawatts.

- OER also proposes that carports — solar arrays installed over parking areas — be made available for the first time under the Renewable Energy Growth Program.

Officials on the road

“Between now and October, we’re also working on both a model solar-siting ordinance (for municipalities) and a guidance presentation for local officials,” said Christopher Kearns, OER’s interdepartmental manager and legislative liaison.

“Rather than a 40- or 50-page report they might not have time to read, we are producing a user-friendly PowerPoint™ handout for town councils and planning boards.”

The first draft of a model solar siting ordinance was planned for late August, according to Mr. Kearns, with a final draft

ready by late October.

“We’re traveling throughout the state to get public comment,” he added.

Municipal visits in July included Cranston and Charlestown, followed by Coventry, Bristol and other communities in August and September.

OER Commissioner Carol Grant commented on these initiatives.

“There is so much underutilized space — from parking garages, to rooftops, to former industrial complexes. By retrofitting these spaces with new solar panels, we will continue to lower our carbon footprint and to meet the growing demand for clean energy for all Rhode Islanders,” Ms. Grant said.

The residential construction industry applauded the effort in the belief that open land being gobbled up by ground solar arrays could be far better used for higher-density housing, with the rest of the land preserved as open space.

According to Mr. Kearns, however, not everyone agrees.

“Local reaction to these initiatives is mixed,” he said. “For some towns, a ground-mounted solar array is less intensive in terms of town resources than a housing development.”

In other words, many towns would rather have a solar farm than housing. Watch *The Rhode Island Builder* for more information as this issue develops.

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♦ **September 17th: 28th Annual RIBA Golf Classic** - Wannamoisett Country Club, East Providence. Watch for more information. To become a sponsor, contact Robin Barlow at (401) 438-7400 or rbarlow@ribuilders.org. *Details on page 1.*

September 17th: Rhode Island Infrastructure Summit - Rhode Island Convention Center. Admission is FREE but registration is required. Visit RIIB.org/summit.

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♦ **October 2nd: RIBA Annual Meeting and Election of Officers** - Watch your mail for more information.

♦ **October 10th: Professional Women in Building Monthly Meeting** - Gathering and tour at Reid's Remodeling, 22 Hoxsie Rd., Richmond, 6-8 p.m. FREE for members, \$15 for non-members. To register, contact Linda Bohmbach at linda@homehealthsmith.com. *Related story on page 6.*

♦ **October 17th and 18th: OSHA 10-Hour Course** - 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at RIBA headquarters. Course is FREE for members and their employees with a \$40 materials/registration fee, \$155 for non-members with a \$40 materials/registration fee. For more information and to register, contact Sheila McCarthy, smccarthy@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-7400. *Details on page 22.*

🔧 ♦ **October 23rd: State-Mandated Continuing Education for Contractors - 5 Credit Hours** - [Topic is Advanced Framing, Air Leakage Testing / Sealing, Frost-Protected Foundations](#). *Details on page 22.*

♦ **December 14th: Professional Women in Building Monthly Meeting** - 11:30 a.m., combined holiday meeting and dinner with the National Association of Women in Construction, Providence Biltmore Hotel. *Watch for more information.*

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David A. Caldwell Jr.

President's Message

Clambake was a day to celebrate what we build

The Rhode Island Builders Association holds many events, for many reasons, over the course of the year.

The highlight of the summer is the annual RIBA Clambake, an opportunity for our members and their companies to enjoy a day to celebrate our industry. It is the single largest gathering on the RIBA calendar, with an annual attendance of almost 600.

Running a construction company in our industry is not for the faint of heart. The running of the business tends to consume an enormous amount of time, especially on so many administrative tasks that don't involve actually building things. It was building that drew most of us into this industry, and it's what we actually like to do. It's a paradox, but the more a small business grows, the farther you can find yourself drifting from the things that you enjoyed when you started it.

We find our way into this industry through many different paths, through many different trades and crafts. But uniting all of us is an appreciation for the difficulty of what we do, how important it is that the job gets done right, and respect for all the people who have different jobs to do to make it all happen. We spend a lot of time working on our projects, and not enough time celebrating our achievements with all the people and trades that made it possible.

The Clambake is a yearly reminder that we should celebrate among ourselves the people who make it happen and appreciate how hard it is to do – even if we often make it look easy in the eyes of our customers and the general public.

Our industry lays a proud claim to the output of its labor. It takes a lot of skill to turn an idea, or a two-dimensional drawing, into reality. Thousands of details must be managed. Problems must be solved, and challenges overcome. But what we build leaves a legacy that will still be here far into the future.

There's a lot of satisfaction in this industry to wrap up the week on a Friday afternoon and see what has been accomplished in the week. Something has been created and built, and brought into the world of physical reality. In essence, we leave something tangible behind, even if we don't often pause to think about it – because we are already thinking about the next job.

The stories houses tell

About a year ago, my family moved into a house that's about 100 years old. It has seen a goodly number of renovations, and even a change of use or two, over its life. We have a neighbor next door who has lived in the area a long time, and has seen many owners pass through the property, each making some changes to it. We have continued that tradition. While the essence of the building remains the same, and would be recognizable to the original builders, much else has changed over time.

Houses tell stories, if you know where to look and where to listen. We are building new houses today, and I sometimes wonder what they will look like in a century.

One thing that I believe remains relatively constant over these large spans of time, other than the houses themselves, is the people who build them. We may come from many different walks of life, but if you show up, work hard, and demonstrate a commitment to pride in your workmanship, you will be successful in life. I don't believe these characteristics have ever changed. We at RIBA celebrate those in our industry who adhere to these time-honored traits.

The RIBA Clambake also marks a time on the calendar that Labor Day will be fast upon us, the unofficial end of the summer season, and that fall is just around the corner. Before we know it, the next Clambake will be here in 2019.



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What drew you into your career?

When I was very young I would always go to work with my father, who has had his own construction business for over 30 years. When I got old enough to work myself, I had the pleasure of working with him side by side along with my sister as well. While most of the work we did was commercial, a lot of it was also for your everyday home owner. When we would go to their homes and discuss the renovations, they wanted to do it always got me thinking as to what was funding these projects. Ultimately, I think what drew me into banking was the opportunity to serve as an advisor to these homeowners who wanted nothing more than to fund their projects to complete their dream homes or dream projects.

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How do you spend your free time?

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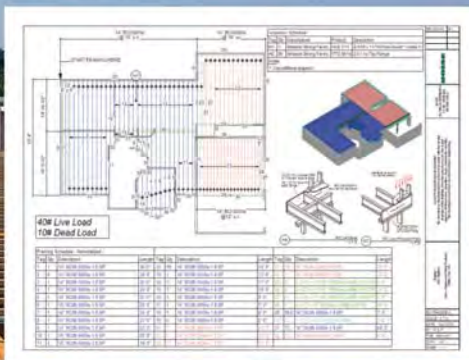
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By Paul F. Eno Editor

A beautiful New England day greeted over 550 members and guests on August 10th as they gathered at Francis Farm, Rehoboth, Mass., for the Rhode Island Builders Association's 68th Annual Clambake.

It was just a little hot and humid, but the athletic stalwarts were out there, trying their hands at golf chipping, the football toss, volleyball, horseshoes, nail driving and, of course, the famous, RIBA-invented sports of plywood throwing and insulation tossing.

This year's Clambake witnessed a RIBA sports first: Alan Maea won top honors in both plywood throwing and the insulation toss! Other winners included Scott Salvati (Golf Chipping), Jack DosReis (Football Toss) and Joe Ferreira (Nail Driving).

Among the events, Anderson Corp. and Don Hamel made a real hit this year by returning with the pitching cage. The target was a 400 Series Storm Watch Casement window.

Not every pitcher was able to hit the window, but:

"The window was hit by 52 pitches. Although the glass imploded, nothing went

through it. At the end of the event you could still open, close and lock the window," Don reports.

The top pitch, thrown by Reis Foley, was 73 miles per hour. The prize was box-seat tickets to Fenway Park for the August 17th game.

As always, there was plenty of good, Francis Farm food, from clam cakes, chowder, raw bar and hot dogs in the afternoon, to the fabulous feast at 5. That included fish, chicken and the optional lobster with all the fixings.

Many RIBA member companies were very well represented, including Presenting

Sponsors Coast Realty, Consolidated Concrete Corp., and Pawtucket Credit Union. Between them, these great RIBA supporters provided nearly 50 attendees. Also there in force were W.H. Holland Electric; TradeSource; Jutras Woodworking; U.S. Solar; Arnold Lumber Co.; Finetco; Riverhead Building Supply; Pawtucket Credit Union; ProProducts; Douglas Lumber, Kitchens & Home Center; National Building Products, Dynasty Electric, and many more.

RIBA thanks the generous sponsors, who made the Clambake possible, and the low ticket prices available. See the complete list of sponsors on page 12.

Event Winners

Andersen Windows Baseball Pitch: Reis Foley

Plywood Throw: Alan Maea

Insulation Toss: Alan Maea

Golf Chipping: Scott Salvati

Football Toss: Jack DosReis

Nail Driving: Joe Ferreira



▲ At Francis Farm on August 10th, two of the Finnegan Brothers, center, are joined by some of their merry men from Premier Sponsor Coventry Lumber (FINETCO). Second from left, though, is Bill Walsh, one of RIBA's government affairs advocates.



▲ The RIBA-invented sport of plywood throwing isn't as easy as it looks. ▼



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There's probably no family more supportive of the Rhode Island Builders Association than the Pesces, and the same goes for the folks who work for their companies.

When it comes to Consolidated Concrete Corp., founded in 1957 by John Pesce, the story of support for RIBA goes way back. In 1957, Consolidated joined right then and there. In fact, the Pesce family's involvement goes back to RIBA's origins in the 1940s. The late J. Robert "Bob" Pesce served as RIBA treasurer for 15 years.

"We've always loved RIBA," says George Pesce, president of Consolidated. "The networking is very valuable to us, and we never miss the Home Show and many of the social events like the Annual Clambake."

On August 10th at Francis Farm, there they were in force. RIBA thanks the Pesces for their continuing support!

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▲ Justin Stevens of Dynasty Electric winds up in the Anderson Windows batting cage. Don Hamel of Andersen Corp. wields the speed gun.

◀ Bocce isn't easy either, but Jeanine Lantini of Lighting & Design by J&K Electric looks determined to rack up some points.

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"Continuing to support the Rhode Island Builders Association is one way we can honor the memory of John Pesce."

That was the word from Carol Gohl of Coast Realty Associates, another company founded by the Pesce Family, and one that has been an unflinching RIBA supporter.

Thus they carry on a tradition begun by earlier generations of Pesces, and one made especially poignant by the sudden passing, at the age of just 57, of John Robert Pesce, son of Coast Realty founder J. Robert Pesce, on February 21st of this year.

"Any way we can support RIBA is what John would have wanted, and it also helps and supports the many members who need the services Coast Realty provides," Carol said.

"RIBA is our best networking venue."

Visit Coastrealtyassociates.com.

► **Don Hamel, left, of Premier Sponsor Andersen Corp. congratulates Reis Foley on his big win in the pitching cage.**



► **Some of the dedicated men of Premier Sponsor Douglas Lumber, Kitchens and Home Center.**



◀ **Attending the RIBA Clambake for the 49th year in a row was past RIBA President Steve Gianlorenzo, top left. He was with three generations of his family.**



▲ **Tossing the insulation, a RIBA event suggested by Anchor Insulation, a Supporting Sponsor of the Clambake, is no easier than hurling a piece of plywood.**



▲ **There were 21 attendees from Dynasty Electric, and most took to the volleyball court!**



◀ **Another activity that's harder than it looks is the football toss!**





▲
The horseshoe pitch was busy all day.



▲
Premier Sponsor National Building Products was well represented by Rob Desimone.



▲
At clambake time, the pavilion was at capacity. Dedicated RIBA staffers Elizabeth Carpenter, Elise Geddes and Sarah Carpenter were on their feet all day, handling the throng with aplomb. Andrew Gianlorenzo helped keep score at the contests. ▼



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"I make a lot of presentations to real estate professions, and my message is that PCU is totally committed to real estate," he adds.

PCU is the largest credit union in Rhode Island, with more than \$2 billion in assets.

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There were scores of raffle prizes awarded at the end of the day. Here, Matt Cahill wins the kayak donated by TradeSource as RIBA Executive Officer John Marcantonio helps with the heavy lifting. ▼



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The home will be featured in the October and November/December issues of *This Old House* magazine and in segments of the 2018-2019 season of the Emmy Award-winning TV series. Sweenor Builders began construction in April.

Sweenor partnered with *This Old House* to build the 2017 Idea House in Snug Harbor.

Designed by the Providence-based Union Studio Community Architecture & Design, the 2,700-square-foot cottage is less than a mile from the town beach.

"It epitomizes what buyers are looking for today: A smaller home that lives large in a tight-knit neighborhood, plenty of bespoke built-ins, luxury amenities including a home gym, dedicated media room and butler's pantry, and an easy-care backyard designed for 'staycation' living," a statement from *This Old House* said.

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Member Profile: Mike Sarah of Northeast Kitchen & Flooring Ctr.

He was crazy like a fox

By Paul F. Eno Editor

They told Mike Sarah he was crazy.

"I started my company in the middle of a recession, which is hard to believe, I know," says the founder and CEO of Northeast Kitchen & Flooring Center, based in Johnston.

"I figured if I could make it then, I could make it anytime."

That was in 2000, and Mike was right. The company not only made it, but today there are 12 very busy employees, six in the office and six in the field, including Mike's son Joshua, the project manager.

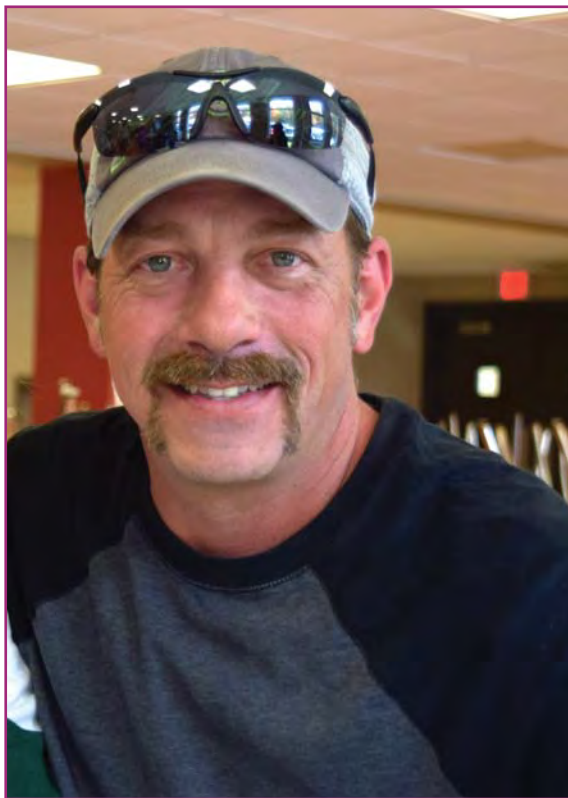
Mike isn't a second- or third-generation builder or remodeler, like many members of the Rhode Island Builders Association. In fact, there was a little dabbling in the insurance industry in 1991, when Mike opened an insurance agency, Sarah Insurance Services in North Providence, which is still operated by his dad.

For Mike, though, his life's work started when he was a kid who loved to put things together.

"I loved carpentry, and I seemed good at it." The North Providence native recalls. "I got a foothold in the industry as I got older. My first jobs in the field were mostly about sidings and roofs."

Mike himself started in the construction business in the 1990s, the first in his family to enter the industry. When he started off on his own at the dawn of the 21st century, his company was J&J Flooring and Construction, a full-service construction company. But a specific niche in the industry piqued his interest.

"After completing some successful kitchen and bath projects, I found that these jobs were beginning to account for a majority



Mike Sarah

of my business. That was thanks to referrals and word-of-mouth from my clients to their friends and families," Mike remembers.

"This, plus the fact that I enjoyed the whole process of kitchen and bath projects, led me to realize that I had found my niche!"

There was, however, one glitch.

"I spent the next couple of years referring my customers to local kitchen and bath centers for their cabinets, countertops and accessories. But I ran into the same issues with every one of these suppliers: a lack of the personal service and attention I wanted my customers to have."

For Mike, there was only one answer.

"I opened Northeast Kitchen and Flooring Center. I gave people one-stop shopping and personal service."

Northeast Kitchen & Flooring Center works throughout Rhode Island, and in nearby Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The company joined RIBA in 2013.

"The member benefits I appreciate most include the great industry information we get from RIBA, including the monthly magazine," Mike says.

"We also appreciate the tuition-free education for members, especially now that the state mandates continuing education for contractors.

Then there's the marketing and networking available through RIBA.

"You can find us at the Rhode Island Home Show every year now," says Mike. "It's one of our most important marketing tools of the year."

And RIBA networking? Sure enough, there was Mike at the association's 68th Annual Clambake in Rehoboth on August 10th, hobnobbing with the best of them.

So what does the future hold for Northeast Kitchen and Flooring Center?

In a hot housing market, held back only by a shortage of housing supply, there's plenty of call for kitchen and bath remodeling.

"I found that I was right in the first place. We started in a recession and made it, so now we can go as far as we want," Mike declares.

Northeast Kitchen & Flooring Center LLC

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with Laura Rodormer



A forum on passive house design

On July 18th, National Grid hosted the first Rhode Island Passive House Design Forum. Five industry experts shared passive house case studies and best practices to an audience of about 50 practitioners, policy makers and community leaders. The main objective of the Forum was to provide examples of passive house homes and buildings in Rhode Island, highlight the project teams, and share some best practices to achieve passive house standards.

What is Passive House?

It's a building certification applicable to single-family, multi-family and commercial buildings. The building design and construction of the passive house involves a set of design principles used to attain a quantifiable level of energy efficiency and associated occupant comfort.

"Maximize your gains, minimize your losses" summarizes the approach. To that end, a passive building is designed and built in accordance with these five building-science principles:

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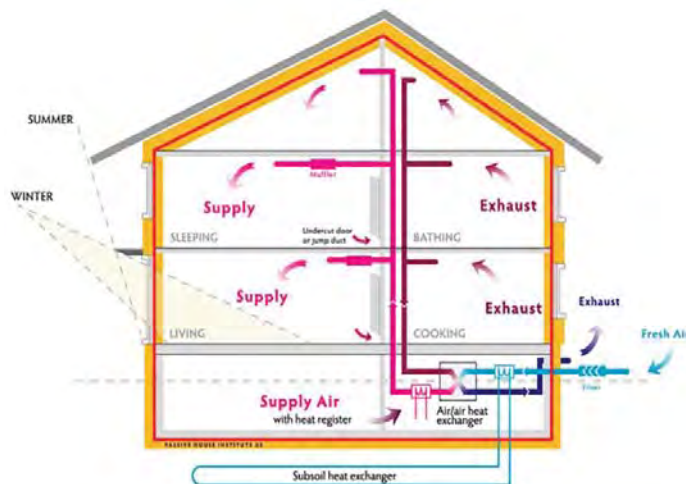
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Please check with the Rhode Island Builders Association staff to make sure we have your correct contact information, including your current e-mail, phone numbers and physical addresses.

That's the message from Elise Geddes, the association's member relations coordinator.

"RIBA offers tremendous membership benefits, and these are always growing," Ms. Geddes says. "But we have to be able to keep in regular touch with members if we're to keep you fully informed! You can take full advantage of your member benefits only if you know about them."

Please call Ms. Geddes when you need to update your contact information: (401) 438-7400 or egeddes@ribuilders.org.



An example of a passive house.

Courtesy National Grid

out any thermal bridging.

- The building envelope is extremely air-tight, preventing infiltration of outside air and loss of conditioned air.
- Employs high-performance windows (typically triple-paned) and doors.
- Uses some form of balanced heat- and moisture-recovery ventilation and a minimal space-conditioning system.
- Solar gain is managed to exploit the sun's energy for heating purposes in the heating season and to minimize overheating during the cooling season.

The five presenters, Michelle Apigian with ICON Architecture, Steve Demetrick with Demetrick Housewrights, Jesse Thompson with Kaplan Thompson Architects, Travis Anderson with Placetailor, and Ryan Cassidy with RiseBoro Community Partnership shared case studies on how to design and build passive house projects and conveyed the importance of passive house in helping to meet the greenhouse-gas emission reductions set forth by Rhode Island.

Each presenter reiterated the importance of air barrier/air tightness, thermal bridging, ventilation, insulation, mechanical systems, heat and moisture recovery ventilation, lighting/appliance/plug loads, and high-performance windows and doors.

Neither difficult nor costly

The take-away from the Forum is that there are passive house certified building professionals who are building to passive house standards in Rhode Island, and that passive house is neither difficult nor costly to achieve if the intent is correctly aligned.

Following the Forum, several participants visited the Energy Innovation Hub located in the lobby of the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence. The Hub is an educational space that offers interactive exhibits to teach customers about energy efficiency, solar, electric vehicles and the participation in energy programs by town. The Hub can be reserved, free of charge, by emailing EnergyInnovationHub@nationalgrid.com.

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Member News

Fall Networking Night set for September 13



Members and guests chow down and hobnob at a RIBA Networking Night earlier this year.

WHEN: Thursday, September 13th, 4:30 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Rhode Island Builders Association headquarters,
450 Veterans Memorial Pkwy. #301, East Providence
02914

COST: FREE for members and their guests

FOR INFORMATION & TO REGISTER: Contact Elise
Geddes at egeddes@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-
7400.

Mark your calendars for the Rhode Island Builders Association's next networking night, FREE to members and their guests! The evening is graciously sponsored by Wickford Appliance & Lighting and co-sponsored by Miele Ranges.

Stop by RIBA headquarters on Thursday, September 13th, anytime between 4:30 and 7 p.m. to relax and network with fellow RIBA members, the RIBA staff and Chris Grace of Wickford Appliance & Lighting.

There will be food and beverages and a Miele range on display.

Membership Drive

RIBA's 2018 Membership Drive is winding down. The Networking Night is a perfect opportunity to introduce a non-member to the benefits of RIBA membership. It might also be your last opportunity to be entered to win the membership drive grand prize of \$500 cash, as the drawing will be held at the Association's Annual Meeting in October.

If you plan on attending, or if you have questions, please call Elise at 438-7400 or e-mail egeddes@ribuilders.org.



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Continuing Education for Contractors

Courses headlined in RED on the Education Pages qualify for state-mandated continuing education requirements. EVERY RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR registered to work in Rhode Island must take five hours of continuing education before his or her next renewal date, and must provide class certificates as evidence of completion.

Twelve Credit Hours: R.I. & Mass.

Codes & Safety

September 27th & 28th

WHEN: Thursday, September 27th and Friday, September 28th, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Rhode Island Builders Association headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pky #301, East Providence 02914

COST: **Day One (Six Credits)** - FREE for members and their employees, with a \$50 materials/registration fee. A \$125 charge for non-members and a \$50 materials/registration fee. **Both Days (Twelve Credits):** FREE for members and their employees, with the \$50 materials/registration fee. A \$225 charge for non-members and the \$50 materials/registration fee.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: One week before class. No admittance without pre-registration and payment.

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: Contact Sheila McCarthy at smccarthy@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-7400.

This is a two-day course providing continuing-education credits required for Rhode Island contractor registration renewal and for Massachusetts construction supervisor license renewal.

If participants need only Rhode Island credits, they can take only the first day.

Day One covers home energy and solar equipment basics for the construction supervisor.

Day Two covers workplace safety, business practices/workers' compensation, energy codes and lead-safe practices.

The materials/registration fee is only charged once, whether you attend for Day One or both days. Lunch and snacks are included.

Call for further information.



RIBA reserves the right to limit the number of attendees from a single company at courses taught on-site.

For all courses, employees must provide proof of employment with a member company upon registration for class to be free of tuition charges.

For information, contact Sheila McCarthy (401) 438-7400 or smccarthy@ribuilders.org

Five Credit Hours:

*Water Management for Walls - WRBs, Windows and Flashings
Critical Roof Details - Underlayments and Flashing by Code
Common Construction Regulations in Rhode Island*

September 25th

WHEN: Thursday, September 25th, 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Rhode Island Builders Association headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pky #301, East Providence 02914

COST: FREE for members and their employees, with a \$15 materials/registration fee. \$150 for non-members, with a \$15 materials/registration fee.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: One week before class

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Flashings and roof underlayment provide a last line of defense to roof leaks, but both can be defeated when poorly installed. Learn what the minimum code requirements are for step flashing, kickout flashing, drip edge and underlayment selection and installation. See how self-adhering membrane can be detailed at critical locations to reduce the chance of water leaks and call-backs

Also learn about water management for walls - WRBs, windows and flashings. All siding installations leak, so you need a properly detailed and flashed water resistive barrier (WRB) to keep water out of the house. Learn what WRB materials comply with code and installation requirements.

See common problem areas to pay extra attention to, and how to flash doors and windows to comply with the building code.

There will also be a quick overview of state and federal regulations you may or may not know about and how to comply. From DigSafe and sediment control to hoisting licenses and employee classification, see what you need to know (and comply with) to avoid job shut-downs and fines.

You must pre-register for this course. There will be no admittance without pre-registration. Payment is due upon registration. Participants must provide proof of employment with a member company for the class to be free. Lunch is included.



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Five Credit Hours:

Advanced Framing: Codes and Practices
Air Leakage Testing / Blower Door and Air Sealing Strategies
Frost-Protected Shallow Foundations

October 23rd

WHEN: Tuesday, October 23rd, 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Rhode Island Builders Association headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pky #301, East Providence 02914


COST: FREE for members and their employees, with a \$15 materials/registration fee. \$150 for non-members, with a \$15 materials/registration fee.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: One week before class

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: Contact Sheila McCarthy at smccarthy@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-7400.

This course will cover several topics, including blower-door and air-leakage testing. This testing has been an Energy Code requirement in Rhode Island for some time, but soon the test results will matter when you apply for a certificate of occupancy anywhere in the state.

Other subjects will be advanced framing, using less material and labor, and frost-protected shallow foundations.

You must pre-register for this course. There will be no admittance without pre-registration. Payment is due upon registration. Participants must provide proof of employment with a member company for the class to be free. Lunch is included. 

RIBA offers combined Mass. and R.I. classes beginning in September

In September, the Rhode Island Builders Association introduces classes recognized by both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, a great help to contractors who work in both states.

"We plan to offer 12 hours of courses, over two days, that can apply to both Rhode Island contractor registration and Massachusetts construction supervisor licensing (CSL)," said RIBA Education Manager Sheila McCarthy.

Massachusetts requires 12 hours of continuing education for CSL renewal, while Rhode Island requires five hours for registration renewal. Those who need both Rhode Island and Massachusetts renewals can take the classes for both days they will be offered.

Contact Ms. McCarthy at smccarthy@ribuilders.org, or call during normal business hours: (401) 438-7400.

-Paul Eno

OSHA-10 Course

October 17th-18th

WHEN: Wednesday and Thursday, October 17th and 18th, 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

WHERE: Rhode Island Builders Association headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pkwy. #301, East Providence 02914

COST: FREE for members and their employees with a \$40 materials/registration fee, \$155 for non-members with a \$40 materials/registration fee.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: One week before class

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: Contact Sheila McCarthy at smccarthy@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-7400.

This is a 10-hour class, held over two days.


The course is geared to train safety directors, job foremen and field employees in OSHA construction standards. It highlights the areas of major safety concerns, with the intent to reduce accidents on the job site, saving time and money.

Each person completing the course will receive a copy of the OSHA Standard 29 CFR Part 1926 and an OSHA-10 certification card.

Every person working on a municipal or state construction project with a total project cost of \$100,000 or more must have card certifying their completion of an OSHA 10-Hour training program on their person at all times while work is being performed.

According to the requirement, the rule applies to "any private person or entity bound by a contractual agreement to provide goods or services to a contractor/developer who must physically enter the place where work is being performed or business is being conducted."

This does not apply to sales representatives, vendors, or to those delivering building materials and supplies/products to a construction site. (Fines can range from \$250 to \$950 per offense, on each day in which a violation occurs.)

You must pre-register for this course. There will be no admittance without pre-registration. Payment is due upon registration. Participants must provide proof of employment with a member company for the class to be free. Lunch is included. 

As an added benefit to RIBA's Education Program, our instructors are happy to speak with class attendees by phone, after class, if they have additional questions or issues to discuss.

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Mass. touts the success of Workforce Housing Initiative

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

While Massachusetts suffers from a shortage of workforce housing just as Rhode Island does, Bay State officials are taking major steps to ease the crisis, and say they are seeing success.

Among those praising the state's progress on the housing front is MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay.

"MassHousing's Workforce Housing Initiative, now just over two years old, has so far been a success by nearly every measure," Ms. Kornegay said. "Twenty-six developments have closed or been approved for \$59 million in workforce funds. These developments will create or preserve 2,374 units, including 1,220 affordable and 631 workforce units."

These include rental units, she added.

"There is a shortage of affordable housing in all corners of Massachusetts, and our focus remains on serving the most vulnerable citizens of the Commonwealth. The Workforce Housing Initiative does not replace our efforts to create and preserve housing for lower-income households. It adds to those efforts by supporting housing that is affordable for those who earn too much to qualify for traditional subsidized units but too little to manage ever rising

market rents," Ms. Kornegay explained.

"These are teachers, nurses, construction and trades professionals, office workers, first responders and others with steady, good-paying jobs who feel the strain of high rents."

Developers echo the sense of progress.

"Utilizing MassHousing's Workforce Housing program went a long way toward ensuring that my last project would be a success," said Sarah Barnat of Boston-based Barnat Development.



Resources for RIBA members who work in Massachusetts

The Rhode Island Builder covers Massachusetts news relevant to members of the Rhode Island Builders Association who work in our neighbor to the north and east.

Here are some sources of regulatory information and forms for contractors who work in the Bay State, or who plan to. For education purposes, RIBA will shortly expand its education programs to include courses required for work in Massachusetts.

Building Permits: Massachusetts has a statewide formula for building permits. Application forms may vary a little by municipality, but standard forms and information may be found at the Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulation (OCABR) website: Mass.gov/ocabr.

Contractor Registration and Licensing: Massachusetts has licensing for construction supervisors and registration for home improvement contractors. Find the details at Mass.gov/topics/building-trades.

Also find information about trade licensing at this site.

MassHousing: Similar to Rhode Island Housing, MassHousing is an independent, quasi-public agency that provides financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts.

Created in 1966, MassHousing raises capital by selling bonds, and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided more than \$20 billion for affordable housing. Find out more at MassHousing.com.



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Joseph J. Solomon

Mayor of Warwick

Warwick Mayor Joseph J. Solomon was born in Providence, where he graduated from Classical High School. He has lived in Warwick for more than 40 years. He also holds a degree in accounting from Providence College and graduated magna cum laude and a juris doctor from New England School of Law in Boston. Before being sworn in as mayor in May 2018, Mayor Solomon served for 18 years as city councilman for Ward 4. He was elected council president four times. He also was the first Chief Judge of Warwick's Municipal Court, where he served for five years.



THE BUILDER: Does Warwick want more residential growth?

SOLOMON: Of course Warwick does! It's a positive thing for our city. We're looking not just for additional single-family homes but also for housing that will support our city center. That's housing that will attract millennials, given its proximity to the airport, commuter rail and other transportation services to Providence, Boston and elsewhere.

Residential growth is definitely a goal of my administration, and it's the City of Warwick's direction.

THE BUILDER: So the city is fully on board with the Smart Growth policies of denser development concentrated in and around "village centers"?

SOLOMON: Yes, it's all tied together. In 2011, when I sat as City Council president, we approved the new zoning "village" designation to provide for mixed-use development. That kind of development is intended to revise the economic base and improve the appearance of properties, not just in the city center but other village centers that exist in Warwick.

As you know, Warwick is made up of a number of different villages with different personalities. So by revising dimensions and parking requirements in those areas, we're trying to encourage more mixed-use development, residential and small commercial.

THE BUILDER: What's your overall vision for Warwick's growth, and does it include replacing or restoring aging housing stock?

SOLOMON: Housing demand is very diverse. We have millennials, as we said. There are families just moving into the community. We have empty-nesters, along with elderly looking for different types of housing. Those are among the mixed residential demands within Warwick.

As we go forward, I think we're looking for more walkable

neighborhoods, and to concentrate on building style, and more transit-oriented development. As we all age, we might be less likely to want to drive long distances. If you look at larger cities throughout the country, some millennials and others don't even own cars anymore, and they rely on mass transportation.

So future demand will be for denser housing types.

THE BUILDER: How does T.F. Green State Airport fit into that? The rail station there isn't very heavily used. Will that improve?

SOLOMON: With the expansion of the airport to an international market,

Rhode Island isn't just a local entity or destination anymore. You'll see announcements soon that we've already had a lot of interest by commercial entities wanting to come in for office space. These will bring jobs to Warwick, and the people filling those jobs will need places to live.

Warwick being the hub between Boston and New York, many companies are looking at this location as a favorable alternative that's a workable distance between those two points.

I think the airport is a catalyst for additional development.

THE BUILDER: What percentage of the city's housing stock is "affordable" in accord with the state's Low and Moderate Income Housing Act? (Although that law will probably be rewritten.)

SOLOMON: As of 2017, Warwick had 37,244 year-round housing units. Of these, 2,016 were low- to moderate-income units. And of those, there were 1,657 units for elderly citizens, 152 for families and 207 for people with special needs.

So in terms of the housing that exists and the housing we want to see, we're within range.

THE BUILDER: What proposed developments (residential or commercial) are pending in Warwick?

SOLOMON: There's a lot going on! We recently had a ribbon cutting at Mike D'Ambra's Hyatt Hotel and Conference Center, in the Warwick city center area. That's the first of a multi-phase project for that property. There are also plans for a Homewood Suites behind the Hilton Garden Inn on Jefferson Boulevard. The Radisson Hotel property was recently sold and there are plans to refurbish it.

Cumberland Farms will be building, merging several lots and revitalizing an unused corner. We have Ortho Rhode Island going

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in next to the Crowne Plaza. That will bring many jobs, including construction. National Chain Co., off I-95, is making a significant addition to its building.

There's a solar park in progress, and that will go hand-in-hand with a tree trust. When trees are removed, donations will be made to the tree trust to replace trees in other areas of the city.

There's a new medical office opening on Post Road, for pain management, not cannabis! We have other exciting announcements going forward.

When anyone brings investment into the community, I invite them into my office. I sit down with them, hear their plans, and try to help them streamline the process, whether it be with permitting or eliminating duplication.

We make it as business-friendly as possible. That's part of my economic-development plan.

THE BUILDER: What's Warwick's policy on siting solar farms?

SOLOMON: The solar farm by the airport is, I believe, on a brownfield site. That was a good use for that space. Other good sites for solar are those not conducive to development.

For me as mayor and for the City Council, we want to see more development because it expands our tax base, helping ease the burden on our residents.

THE BUILDER: You've touched on this already, but would you like to add anything about how can Warwick best take advantage of its position in the Boston/Providence metro area?

SOLOMON: There are 100 acres surrounding the airport, and the intermodal rail station. This is big! Maybe its under-advertised and underutilized to this point. But with the increased development and the mixed-use hub we propose in that area, people are interested.

I think you'll see expansion and a busier area there, especially with millennials.

Warwick is a great home base for them! We have all the features we've already talked about. And Warwick is beautiful! We have more coastline than any other community in the state. We have great restaurants and places to shop. Who wouldn't want to live and do business here?

THE BUILDER: According to HousingWorks RI at Roger Williams University and other sources, Rhode Island needs at least 3,500 new housing units per year for the next 10 years in order to meet demand and keep prices from going to Pluto. Bearing in mind that we currently achieve less than a third of that, what's your view of how Warwick's housing policy can help achieve that?

SOLOMON: Our Comprehensive Plan outlines several strategies on this that we need to address to have a practical and effective affordable-housing plan.

We need to continue our partnership with the Warwick Housing Authority, with our non-profit and for-profit developers, to provide subsidized housing.

We also have a comprehensive array of services to help seniors stay in their homes as long as possible. We're using city-owned land and foreclosed properties for affordable and mixed-use housing.

An affordable-housing trust could be established, along with affordable-housing zoning incentives. We're entertaining plans involving surplus school buildings that will have to be demolished or repurposed. These are all options, and we have people both from within Rhode Island and from outside who are interested in these ventures.

THE BUILDER: What dovetails with any residential or commercial expansion is an adequate drinking water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure. What are Warwick's plans in this regard?

SOLOMON: Sewer and water involve enterprise funds, and the Warwick Sewer Authority and Warwick Water Division are enterprise entities. They are supposed to be self-sufficient and operate on revolving funds. Assessments, user fees and grants keep the operations running and expanding.

Right now, unfortunately, the cost of expansion is much higher than it was 20 or 30 years ago. That's especially true because there was a lag in expanding the systems earlier. So the feasibility and affordability of expansion has to be examined. We have high hopes for the new Infrastructure Grant Program once the state legislature funds it.

THE BUILDER: Please sum up the message you'd like to convey to residential builders and developers.

SOLOMON: Warwick is open for Business! We will continue to try and streamline the manner of doing business with the city. I'm open to any and all suggestions both from the Rhode Island Builders Association and individual builders and developers. New ideas on how we can attract development and improve the business climate are welcome!






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COST: \$50 application fee

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: August 31st

FOR INFORMATION & TO APPLY: Visit Dem.ri.gov/programs/water/owts/licensing/index.php or contact
DEM's Office of Water Resources at (401) 222-3961, or
DEM.OWTS@dem.ri.gov.

DEM will offer the Class III OWTS (Onsite Wastewater Treatment System) License Exam in both September and November.

The examination for the Class III designer's license is a two-part written examination, with each part graded separately. The two parts do not have to be passed concurrently. However, if more than three years elapse after passing one part, the applicant must retake that portion of the examination originally passed more than

three years earlier, unless a Class II License has been issued and is in good standing. Part 1 of the Class III exam is the test given for the Class II License, and passing the first part makes the applicant eligible for the Class II Designer's License.

Active Class II Licensed Designers in good standing need only take the Class III portion of the exam if they wish to re-take the CI-III exam.

In addition to including the Class II examination, the Class III examination shall address the following:

- Understanding of additional applicable state rules;
- Groundwater hydrology;
- Commercial wastewater treatment;
- Advanced wastewater treatment technologies; and
- Operation of electrical and mechanical components of OWTS.

The Class III exam requires completion of design calculations for a commercial system and identification of variances. There will be another Class III exam on November 9th, with an application deadline of October 26th.

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Stormwater regulations 'recodified,' but no major changes result

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

As a result of Rhode Island's review of all state regulations, the Dept. of Environmental Management's (DEM's) septic system rules have been recodified (reorganized).

"There really are no major changes," said Thomas E. D'Angelo of Terry Lane Co./Progressive Realty Group, co-chairman of the Rhode Island Builders Association's Environmental Committee. "Most of the changes have to do with numbering the regulations, and this might take some getting used to."

The formal name of the set of septic system regulations in question is The Rules Establishing Minimum Standards Relating to Location, Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (the OWTS Rules, for short).

"This is part of a statewide effort to get all state regulations reformatted by the end of this year, under the guidance of the secretary of state's office," said Eric Beck, DEM's chief of groundwater and wetland protection.

"The goal is to present these regulations in a clear and consistent format, searchable online," Mr. Beck added.

New language was added to Section 6.7: Incorporated Materi-

als. Existing language was deleted from the document's table of contents and the list of figures, and from Rule 55: Superseded Rules, and Rule 56: Effective Date.

Also reviewed were existing DEM OWTS program guidance documents referred to in the main regulatory document, including Guidelines for the Design, Use, and Maintenance of Pressurized Drainfields, otherwise known as "Pressurized Drainfield Guidance."

Certain portions of this were incorporated into the main OWTS Rules, which include some new definitions. No substantive changes have been made to the remainder of the OWTS rule document.

That's also true of the recodified Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual, which has undergone similar minor revisions.

A DEM statement stressed: "The recodification for both the Stormwater Manual and the OWTS Rules involved no substantive changes to either Rule.

Stormwater management requirements and OWTS requirements will be exactly the same under the recodified rules as they are today under the existing Rules.

The recodified draft Stormwater Manual and Summary of the Changes are on the DEM website at: Dem.ri.gov/programs/benvirion/water/pn/pn250-RICR-150-10-7-d.pdf.

The recodified draft OWTS Rules and Summary of the Changes are on DEM's website at: Dem.ri.gov/programs/benvirion/water/pn/pn250-RICR-150-10-6-d.pdf.

For more information on the recodification of the OWRS Rules, contact Jonathan Zwarg, DEM's Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence 02908, (401) 222-4700, ext. 7205, or e-mail jonathan.zwarg@dem.ri.gov.

For more information on the Stormwater Manual recodification, contact Ernie Panciera, DEM's Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence 02908, (401) 222-4700, ext. 7603, or e-mail ernie.panciera@dem.ri.gov.

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JOBS TRAINING...from page 1

tial construction industry, as well as those sent to the classes by employers. The 26-week, 200 credit-hour, hands-on courses are free, and successful completion will lead to certification by the Home Builders Institute (HBI), the workforce training arm of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

The HBI training curriculum will be used. Instructors are already lined up and include current career and technical education (CTE) teachers from around the state, who in August were training and being certified as HBI instructors if they weren't already, according to Program Manager Cheryl Boyd.

RIBA's new Workforce Development Oversight Committee, chaired by Ronald J. Caniglia of the Stand Corp., will supervise the CCTP. The successful RJRI serves other industry sectors as well. It was created by the Dept. of Labor and Training and was funded by the General Assembly this past session.

Two sessions in different R.I. locations

Plans are for two identical training sessions to run concurrently in two different areas of the state, depending on where the most demand comes from. Each program will accommodate at least 20 students and will run Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The first program will begin on or about October 1st, with the second program starting on or about November 5th. Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Programs will contain:

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- There will be seven and a half hours of jobsite visits.
- Five hours of instruction will cover codes.
- There will be 13 hours of manufacturer visits that coincide with training units for expert installation training, techniques and tips.
- Trainees will receive their own set of basic carpentry tools to use during training and to keep upon successful completion.

Candidates will apply for the program and undergo an interview. Proof of identity and work authorization are required. A sponsor/employer is recommended for each candidate. Candidates without a sponsor should "demonstrate passion, motivation, desire and a commitment to complete training to enter the residential construction field," Ms. Boyd said.

"This program will be valuable not just for job applicants but for employers who want to upskill certain employees," she said.

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Enrollment is open now. Potential students, along with employers wishing to place potential students, should contact Elise Geddes at RIBA, (401) 438-7400 or egeddes@ribuilders.org. Also contact Ms. Geddes for general information about the program.

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