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NOVEMBER 8, 2023

ANNUAL MEETING

THE 180 ROOM

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OCTOBER 2023 EDITION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 8th
Annual Meeting
The 180 Room

November 8th
Vendor Appreciation
The Other Place

November 13th
Equipment Managers Program
Overland Park Golf Course

December 18th - 19th
Common Ground Education Conference
Olathe Conference Center

December 18th
Happy Hour (Past Presidents)
Johnny's Tavern

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ANNUAL MEETING + VENDOR APPRECIATION



Promoting the welfare of the game of golf, the professional image and well-being of individual members, and to unite golf course superintendents in this area.

ANNUAL MEETING:

DATE: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

LOCATION: The 180 Room (Next to Oklahoma Joes)
11944 S. Strang Line Road
Olathe, KS 66062

SCHEDULE: 12:00noon - Registration (Drink Tickets Provided)
12:30pm - Lunch
1:15pm - Meeting & Election of Officers

COST: \$35 per person

GCSAA SERVICE POINTS: .10

DRESS CODE: Casual Attire (No Jackets or Ties)

POLICY: Cancellation refunds will not be provided within 72 business hours of event. Substitutes are allowed. Invoicing not permitted.



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(following the Annual Meeting)

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Members = \$20 per person



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President's Message



Dear Heart Members,

Dear Heart Members,

2023 has been quite the year!! Just when a mild and wet July put high hopes of an easy summer, mother nature gave us the big middle finger and said nope, you're going to have to earn your wage this year! I know personally - I felt like I put in a whole new irrigation system how many flaws the heat and drought showed. Oh, and throw 20% more rounds on us. Golf is thriving and Superintendents are having to make huge adjustments to all the extra play while still expected to maintain the same level of conditions. I contribute any of my success I have on the course with the team I build around me, which includes every member of this association, my maintenance crew, and my family. I want to thank all of you who I have used as my therapist this year, every little thing helps!

I want to thank all the vendors and members who have shown their support through this entire year. Whether it was volunteering for golf tournaments, attending events, or being a financial asset to our association. It is all greatly appreciated! I also want to thank the current HAGCSA Board of Directors. The number of hours they put in to give our association great events and educational opportunities is what makes this association great.

Although 2023 is winding down, we still have some great events these coming months. New to this year is a Happy Hour after the Annual Meeting to celebrate our vendors and thank them for the support they give us throughout the year. Please join us at the Annual Meeting and Vendor Appreciation on November 8th. The Annual Meeting will still be hosted at The 180 Room and the Happy Hour will be just down the road at The Other Place. Come enjoy some great BBQ food and beverages and see who wins this year's annual awards.

Also new to this year is the Common Ground schedule. The golf portion of the Common Ground will be held on December 18th with the Past Presidents Event following right after at Johnny's Bar and Grill. On December 19th, the MAGICouncil will be hosting their full day recertification. Jacob has put together a great line up for the education conference and come say hello to all the vendors that support our association.

On final note, I want to thank everyone who has supported me through my tenure on the Board of Directors. It has been a fun and learning experience that has provided me a lot of respect for all our past presidents who put in the time to help our Industry and Chapter maintain a high level of professionalism.

Jonathan Bennett

HAGCSA President

VENDOR APPRECIATION



JOIN US AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR DRINKS

Come show your appreciation to our vendors that have supported HAGCSA throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without them! **OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**

DATE: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

TIME: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
(Following the Annual Meeting)

LOCATION: The Other Place
16590 W. 135th
Olathe, KS 66062

COST:

- >Vendors - **FREE** of Charge
- >Superintendents, Assistants,
Equipment Managers - \$20 per person



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Questions: Kim Weitzel at 816-561-5323; kweitzel@naeda.com

SAMPLE BALLOT



ANNUAL MEETING - BALLOT
 November 8, 2023 at 12:00noon
 The 180 Room – Olathe, Kansas

President:

(Elect 1)

- Spencer Roberts, CGCS – Shadow Glen the Golf Club
- _____ (from the floor)

Vice President:

(Elect 1)

- Matt Gourlay, CGCS, MG, AGS – Colbert Hills Country Club
- _____ (from the floor)

Secretary/Treasurer:

(Elect 1)

- Jacob Rockhold, CGCS - Stone Canyon Golf Club
- _____ (from the floor)

Director – Superintendent (Class A or Class B / 2 year term):

(Elect 3)

- James Kennedy - Ironhorse Golf Club
- Mike Studier - Hallbrook Country Club
- Cody Sanders - Drumm Farm Golf Course
- _____ (from the floor)

Director – Assistant Superintendent (Class C / 1 year term):

(Elect 1)

- Parker Gibson- Milburn Country Club
- Aaron Stansbury – Falcon Lakes Golf Club
- _____ (from the floor)

CANDIDATE BIOS

Running For (Position): President

Candidate's Name: Spencer Roberts, CGCS

Present Title and Golf Course: Golf Course Superintendent, Shadow Glen Golf Club

Tenure:

13 - Years as a HAGCSA Member

2 - Years at my present Facility

20 - Years in the Golf Industry

Candidate Summary:

I have spent multiple years apart of the HAGCSA board of directors and the past two years on the executive committee. I sincerely enjoy my time working with the Board and creating a great experience for our members. I have been in the golf industry 20 years and I am currently the golf course superintendent at Shadow Glen Golf Club.

Statement of Candidacy:

I would be honored to become the next President of the HAGCSA. My goals and initiatives would be to create a variety of strategies to increase and better the member/vendor experience. I want to communicate with all our members and ensure that we are creating multiple opportunities for everyone and most importantly creating value being a member of the Association. I want to continue to help our association grow and be sustainable for many years to come. Thank you for your consideration.

CANDIDATE BIOS

Running For (Position): Vice President

Candidate's Name: Matthew Gourlay, CGCS, MG,AGS

Present Title and Golf Course: Director of Golf Course Operations at Colbert Hills Golf Course

Tenure:

11 - Years as a HAGCSA Member

21 - Years at my present Facility

26 - Years in the Golf Industry

Candidate Summary:

I have been a HAGCSA Board member for over 6 years serving as Chair of the Public Relations, Education, Tournaments/Programs and Rounds4Research Committees, and as Secretary/Treasurer. As Vice President, I will work hard to keep our association financially on track and continue to serve the HAGCSA members. I am proud to be a member of the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association. The services that HAGCSA provides are more valuable than the dues we pay. I am honored to serve the membership, and with your support, I hope to continue my journey as the Vice President of HAGCSA.

Statement of Candidacy:

I am honored to be considered a candidate for the Vice President of HAGCSA. I have been a proud member and supporter of the HAGCSA for over eleven years. I am committed to ensuring the association continues to provide our members with the same excellent educational opportunities, professional development programs, and networking opportunities that have helped me become the Superintendent I am today. I remain grateful for the support of the Board of Directors, membership, and staff at Colbert Hills Golf Course. I hope you will consider my qualifications and support my election to the HAGCSA Vice President position. Thank you for your consideration.

CANDIDATE BIOS

Running For (Position): Secretary/Treasurer

Candidate's Name: Jacob Rockhold, CGCS

Present Title and Golf Course: Superintendent, Stone Canyon Golf Course

Tenure:

10 - Years as a HAGCSA Member

4 - Years at my present Facility

11 - Years in the Golf Industry

Candidate Summary:

Super at Stone Canyon for five years. I have been at Lionsgate now for four years. I served as Director on the Heart since 2021 as Public Relations Chair and currently as the Education Chair. I am looking forward to serving the Heart more, in any position needed.

Statement of Candidacy:

I, Jacob Rockhold, declare my interest in running for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the HAGCSA.

CANDIDATE BIOS

Running For (Position): Director

Candidate's Name: James Kennedy

Present Title and Golf Course: Superintendent at Ironhouse Golf Club

Tenure:

13 - Years as a HAGCSA Member

13 - Years at my present Facility

25 - Years in the Golf Industry

Candidate Summary:

James Kennedy has been the Golf Course Superintendent of Ironhorse Golf Club since January, 2010. He graduated from Missouri State University in 1999. He begun his career as Assistant Superintendent at Deer Lake in Springfield, MO before becoming the Assitant Superintendent at Branson Creek Golf Club in Branson, MO. After five years in Branson, James moved to Arizona and began employment at Whirlwind Golf Club in Chandler, AZ. In 2007 he was promoted to Director Agronomy at Talking Stick Golf Club, a 36-hole facility located in Scottsdale, AZ. James has been employed by Troon Golf, LLC for 23 years and has been a GCSAA member for twenty five years.

Statement of Candidacy:

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the HAGCSA board. It has given me the opportunity to get to know many of our HAGCSA members and build some good relationships as a result.

CANDIDATE BIOS

Running For (Position): Director

Candidate's Name: Cody Sanders

Present Title and Golf Course: Superintendent at Drumm Farm Golf Course

Tenure:

8 - Years as a HAGCSA Member

6 - Years at my present Facility

16 - Years in the Golf Industry

Candidate Summary:

I grew up in Smithville, MO and first started working at a golf course during high school. During my last 16 years in the golf industry, I have had the opportunity to work alongside several very knowledgeable Superintendents.

I have been a Superintendent for the last 8 years and currently have been superintendent at Drumm Farm Golf Course about 6 years. I have a B.S. in Business Administration from Missouri Western State University and an Associates degree in Turfgrass Science from Penn State University. As I continue my career in the golf industry, I look forward to assisting the Heart of America GCSA continue to grow and thrive.

Statement of Candidacy:

I look forward to the opportunity to help our association to grow and be sustainable for many years to come. I am excited for the opportunity to give back to the association and its members that have provided so much to me during my career. I would like to bring new ideas to the table to help increase participation in our events and assist in many other ways as well. I hope you chose to elect me as one of your Directors to represent this great organization. Thank you.

CANDIDATE BIOS

Running For (Position): Director

Candidate's Name: Mike Studier, CGCS

Present Title and Golf Course: Superintendent at Hallbrook CC

Tenure:

3 - Years as a HAGCSA Member

3 - Years at my present Facility

27 - Years in the Golf Industry

Candidate Summary:

Born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa, Mike completed his turfgrass studies at Iowa State University. After completing several internships in the southeast, Mike accepted the assistant superintendent position at Capital City Club Crabapple north of Atlanta during the construction of the new Tom Fazio design. Within three years he was promoted to superintendent and spent nearly twenty years on property hosting prestigious events such as the WGC American Express Championship, the NCAA Division One Championship, and the US MidAm. In 2021, Mike accepted the superintendent position at Hallbrook CC. Mike, his wife Amy and thier three children-Charlie, Mitch and Maddie, have enjoyed their new home in Kansas City.

Statement of Candidacy:

I am honored to be considered for a position on the HAGCSA Board of Directors. Since my move to Kansas City in 2021, I have enjoyed meeting and building relationships with many Heart Members. I truly appreciate the local superintendents and vendors who have helped ease my transition. Thank you for your conisderation. I am excited at the opportunity to serve and contribute to the future successes of HAGCSA.

CANDIDATE BIOS

Running For (Position): Director - Assistant Superintendent

Candidate's Name: Parker Gibson

Present Title and Golf Course: Assistant Superintendent at Milbourn Country Club

Tenure:

3 - Years as a HAGCSA Member

5 - Years at my present Facility

10 - Years in the Golf Industry

Candidate Summary:

My name is Parker Gibson. I am an Assistant Superintendent at Milbourn Country Club. I started as a groundskeeper at Falcon Lakes Golf Course. While I was in college I worked at Forbes Golf Course in Topeka. I was a student-athlete at Washburn University and received my bachelor's degree in Finance and Business Management in 2017. Although I didn't pursue a career in the fields I studied, I knew I wanted to continue working in the turf industry. I have a strong passion for this industry and the many challenges it tends to throw our way. Not only do I enjoy working on golf courses, but I also enjoy the sport of golf itself.

Statement of Candidacy:

This statement affirms my desire to serve on the HAGCSA Board as Assistant Director. I have been invested in this association since I became a member in 2020 and am looking forward to continuing the success of this chapter in the near future. I am committed to fulfilling this position on the Board of Directors while balancing my other responsibilities at Milburn Country Club. I genuinely seek your support for my candidacy.

CANDIDATE BIOS

Running For (Position): Director - Assistant Superintendent

Candidate's Name: Aaron Stansbury

Present Title and Golf Course: Assistant Superintendent at Falcon Lakes Golf Club

Tenure:

7 - Years as a HAGCSA Member

6 - Years at my present Facility

12 - Years in the Golf Industry

Candidate Summary:

Like most of the people in this organization, I grew up working at my local golf club as a teenager. With a great leader there, the passion for golf course maintenance grew on me. It didn't stop at the passion of physically doing the job, it went all the way to having the desire to be an extremely knowledgeable individual in the field and wanting to have the best results and success that I could possibly create whatever course or job I was doing. That's the passion, knowledge and hard work I would bring to the table when tackling the tasks and situations given to the assistant superintendent board director position. I'm currently working as an assistant golf course superintendent at Falcon Lakes Golf Club, in Basehor Kansas. I'm confident I have the dedication and willingness to assume the roles of the position.

Statement of Candidacy:

I have been a part of HAGCSA for five years, and I've seen all the time, commitment and hard work that the past board members have put into this great organization. I realized the importance of this organization to them and their desire to build it and leave behind greater. These are the traits that I would continue to bring to the club. I'm also extremely interested in becoming more involved as my career develops.

MEET INCOMING PRESIDENT

Meet Your Incoming President

Spencer Roberts, CGCS | Shadow Glen Golf Club



If you spend a little time with Spencer Roberts, you quickly realize that he is someone with a plan already in place. Whether it pertains to the golf course, his home landscape, or stalking the next big buck, there's a plan; it has been well thought out, and the execution of that plan has probably already started.

Spencer grew up in Manhattan, KS, home of Kansas State University. A lifelong fan of K-State Athletics, Spencer naturally attended college there. After familiarizing himself with golf course maintenance at the nearby Stagg Hill Golf Course, he focused his studies on a degree in agronomy, specializing in golf course management.

Over the course of the next 20 years, Spencer has been able to work at some very special properties in a variety of roles. From the world famous, to high end private, to management run; there is a wealth of golf course experience on which to draw from. Add to that some experience with golf course construction and landscape maintenance, and you have a resume that covers nearly every facet of the golf course maintenance industry.

Of the more notable stops in his career, Spencer has had the privilege to work at St. Andrews Links Trust in Scotland, Omaha (NE) Country Club, and the Blessings Golf Club in Fayetteville, AR. Spencer has been in his current role as Superintendent of Shadow Glen Golf Club for just over 2 years. Shadow Glen was a bit of a homecoming for Spencer, since he had previously served as an assistant superintendent at Shadow Glen under the guidance of friend and mentor, Scott Johnson, CGCS retired.

Spencer is very passionate about the golf course industry and takes his role on the HAGCSA board very seriously. He became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 2019 and is currently working on becoming a Master Greenkeeper through the British and International Greenskeepers' Association. Spencer is "excited to bring energy, passion, and professionalism to the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association."

As for what Spencer's tenure as President might mean for the HAGCSA and its members, that remains to be seen. But rest assured, there's probably a plan already in place, and the execution of that plan has probably already started.



ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
12:00pm . 180 Room at Joe's BBQ

AGENDA:

- State of the Association
- Approval of Minutes
- Financial Report
- Annual Awards
- Committee Reports
- Election of 2024 Officers



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Recertification Track
3A & 3B (for KS & MO)
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December 18-19, 2023
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY ONE GOLF TRACK

DAY TWO RECERTIFICATION TRACK

(All Kansas Hours for:
3A, 3B, KS Core;
and Missouri Requirements
in One Day)

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 18		GOLF (Salon D&E)	
7:00am – 8:00am	Registration & Continental Breakfast		
8:00am – 9:00am	Keynote Speaker Anthony Williams, Invited Clubs		
9:15am – 10:15am	What Do You Get When the Fungicide Gets Wet? Dr. Lee Miller, Purdue University		
10:15am – 10:30am	BREAK		
10:30am – 11:30am	Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program Frank LaVardera, Audubon International		
11:30am – 1:00pm	LUNCH		
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Pollinator Plots, Prepping, Planting & Maintaining Isaac Breuer, A.L. Gustin Golf Course		
2:00pm – 2:15pm	BREAK		
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Instill A Culture of Excellence in Your Agronomy Team Pat Finlen, DENEHY – Club Thinking Partners		
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Panel - Post Bunker Renovation Doug Melchior, City of Overland Park; Spencer Roberts, CGCS, Shadow Glen the Golf Club; Jeff White, CGCS, Indian Hills Country Club		
4:45pm	Happy Hour (Honoring Past Presidents) Johnny's Tavern – Across the Street *** HAGCSA Members Only ***		
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19		RECERTIFICATION (Salon D&E)	
6:30am – 7:00am	Registration		
7:00am – 7:55am	Labels & New Products Conrad Pannkuk, PBI Gordon Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B; MO: Required)		
8:00am – 8:55am	How Do Insecticides and Miticides Kill Pests? Dr. Raymond Cloyd, Kansas State University Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B; MO: Required)		
8:55am – 9:10am	BREAK		
9:10am – 10:05am	Systemic Insecticides Dr. Raymond Cloyd, Kansas State University Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B; MO: Required)		
10:05am – 11:00am	Pesticide and Pesticide Waste Dr. Rodney St. John, Ryan Lawn & Tree Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B; MO: Required)		
11:00am – 11:30am	Worker Safety Dr. Rodney St. John, Ryan Lawn & Tree Hours: .5 (KS: 3A, 3B; MO: Required)		
11:30am	Kansas Recertification 11:30am – 1:00pm LUNCH	MO Recertification 11:30am – 12:05pm LUNCH	
12:05pm – 12:30pm		Groundwater / Endangered Species (Video) (MO: Required)	
12:30pm – 1:00pm		MO Core Hour (MO: Required)	
1:05pm – 2:00pm	Pollinator Protection, Endangered Species and Protection of Water Resources Sharon Dobest, US EPA Region 7 Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B)		
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Turf Pest, Disease ID and Control Dr. Jared Hoyle, Corteva Hours: 1 (KS: 3B)		
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Landscape & Turf Research (Update: A National Perspective) Cheryl Boyer, Kansas State University Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B)		
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Kansas Core Hour		



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INDUSTRY ARTICLE

Halderman digs in at The Orchards Executive Golf Course

Chip Halderman, superintendent and manager at the Lawrence, Kan. golf course, made a late-career transition to turf and hasn't looked back.

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EQUIPMENT MANAGER PROGRAM

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DATE: Monday, November 13, 2023

SCHEDULE:

8:30am – Register / Meet & Greet
9:00am – Tier 4 Engines Training & Discussion
11:00am – Lunch
11:45am – Q & A for the Tier 4 Engine AM Session
12:30pm – Fully Electric Mowers/Lithium Batteries
2:00pm – Dismissal

LOCATION:

Overland Park Golf Course – Maintenance Facility
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DAN WIENS GOLF BENEFIT

Dan Wiens Golf Benefit Update

Dan Wiens is a golf course superintendent from Lyons Public Golf Course in Lyons Kansas. Dan was recently diagnosed with stage 4 Colen Cancer. Dan is married and has three young children.

Dan attended K-State University and worked at Manhattan CC. The golf course where Dan works along with many of his friends and family organized a benefit golf tournament for dan and his family.

I was able to attend and represent the Heart of America GCSA. The event was well run, all tee times were filled and the auction went very well. There was a combination of raffle items and silent auction items with foursomes at Prairie Dunes, Flint Hills National and some other really good golf courses in Kansas.

Dan is a relative of Jeff White, CGCS and was the MC for some of the presentations. Most of the superintendents present were from the Kansas GCSA. In addition to a very significant donation from the KGCSA, Jeff was able to present the family with a gift from the Wee One Foundation which the HAGCSA support annually. It was a good event and one that shows the compassion and caring superintendents have for one another.

Article by Sandy Queen, CGCS Retired



TONY'S

TONY'S TEASERS #5

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TEASERS

ASSISTANT SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW



BY DAKOTAH MCBRIDE

Q1: What is the name of your current facility, your position, and how long have you been there?

I am an assistant superintendent at Loch Lloyd Country Club, and have been here for almost a year and a half.

Q2: What are some of your professional goals (superintendent? Something else?)

I would like to become a superintendent, but also own a business. I am not sure yet if I want that to be turf related or not, but is something I want to do somewhere down the road.

Q3: Tell us a few hobbies/traditions that you take part in outside of work?

I love the outdoors and photography. I spend most of my time bass fishing whether that's tournaments or just fun fishing and hunting dove, deer, and pheasants in the fall.

Q4: When was the moment that got you interested in golf course management.

My dad is an agronomist so I grew up working in corn fields with him in the summers throughout high school. I started getting into golf towards the end of high school, and once I found out I could combine those two in college and get a degree for it, I decided to go for it.

Q5: What is your favorite part of your job?

Watching the sunrise everyday and being able to spend most of my day outside.

Q6: If you had one day to be any other occupation, what would it be?

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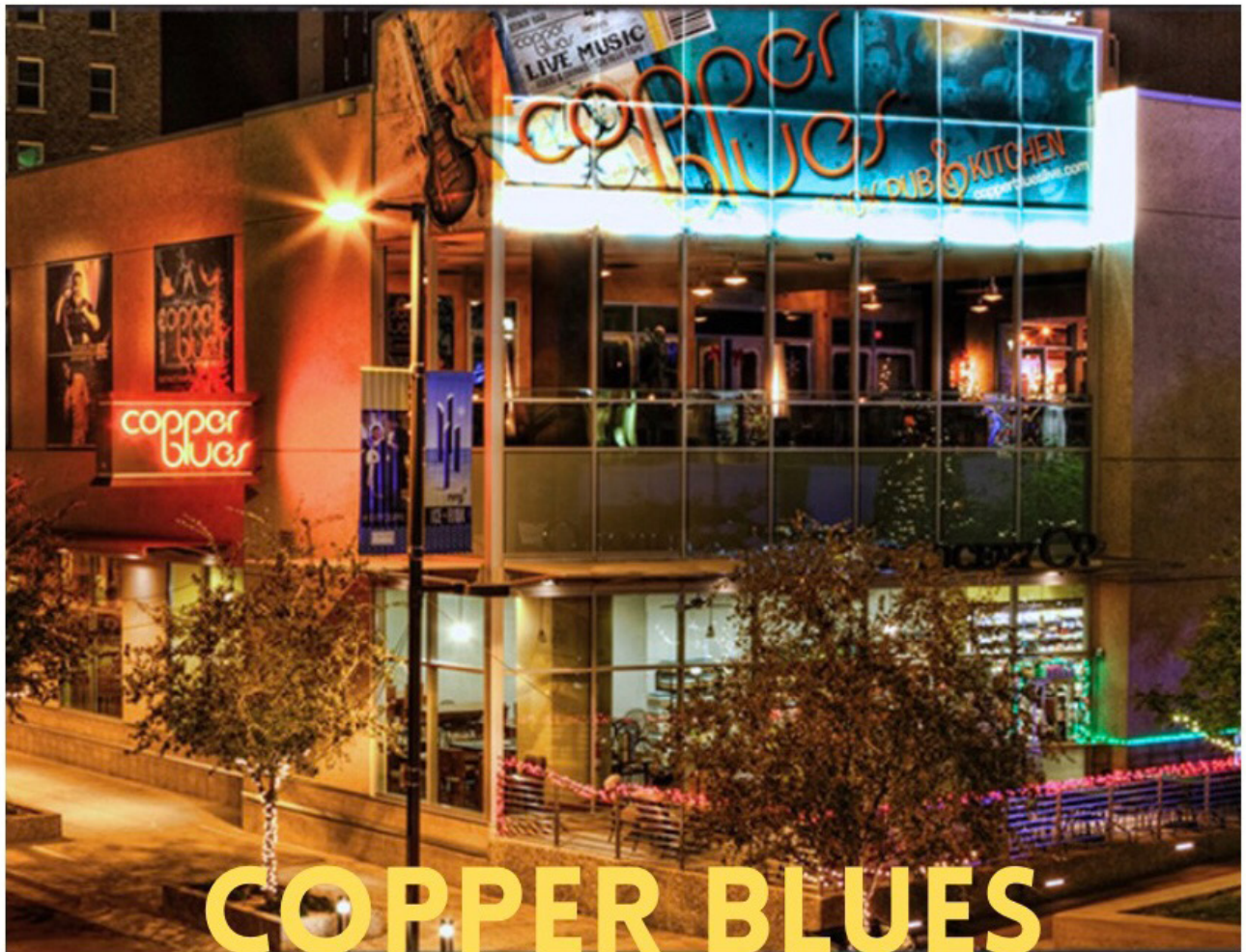
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