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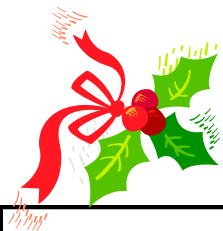
From the President

Once again it's time to welcome many of our chilly friends from the snowbird belt back to sunny Florida. I know that already in early November, my home in Lincolnville Maine has had a storm, dropping 14 or more inches of heavy, wet snow, and putting 120,000 people out of power (that's more than 10 percent of the state's population). I am very happy to have missed that while enjoying the sunny weather here in Sandalwood Park. While there are a few hardy holdouts, the majority of us do return prior to the new year.

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Happy Holidays



SPH MEETING REMINDER

The Sandalwood Park Homeowners Assoc, Inc. Board Meeting is on December 10th 10:00 a.m.
All are invited to attend.

Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.

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SANDALWOOD MANAGEMENT STAFF

Marietta Jones—Office Manager

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Appointed by the board:
Marietta Jones - Assistant Secretary

The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administrating the wishes of our shareholders. Contact any board member with your concerns or suggestions and they will act in the best interest of the park. Written comments may be sent to the office or e-mailed to ssbngator@hotmail.com.



SANDALWOOD NEWSLETTER STAFF

December-May

Please submit information to:
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603-819-1252

If Mary Ann is unavailable, please contact Regina Fortin

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WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

Do you like to play cards?



Come to the clubhouse on Wednesday evening and join the fun!

Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

BINGO!

Tuesday & Friday 7 PM
So fun...try your luck.



*Come one,
come all.....*

Leave all your troubles at home, join your Neighbors at the clubhouse and have a good time!!!

Sandalwood TV Station

Tune in to Channel 195 on your TV for Sandalwood information and updates.

Regina Fortin is the person who enters all materials for the station. Forms to use for submitting information are available in the office.

Presidents message continued from page 1

I hope you all will notice, as I and many others have, (not all of them Sandalwood residents) the many new plantings and other improvements to the Park. All of the newly planted areas and some old ones are now covered by an automated sprinkler system.

Pat and I are preparing to leave for a short trip on a riverboat in France, and as many of you read this you will be preparing for travel over the holidays. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable time as you travel to be with friends and family.

The Board as always encourages suggestions from all residents for ways to improve the look and function of our park.

Please inform the Office or Board member if something in the park is not right, or with a suggestion for improvement.

Carl Griffith

Sandalwood Has New Facebook Page

You can now follow Sandalwood Park on Facebook.

Keep up with friends and neighbors along with ongoing activities in Sandalwood.

Open the following like and take a look.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sandalwood-Park-Homeowners-Venice-Fl/251759168368609>

Articles Needed

This newsletter is for you and about you and without you it would not exist.

If you are Chairman for an event or have something interesting to share with Sandalwood residents, please submit to the following:

December-May

Please submit information to:

Mary Ann Jenne

majenne@gmail.com

603-819-1252

If Mary Ann is unavailable, please contact Regina Fortin

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Please submit information to:

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941-493-0672

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Articles and editorials printed in this newsletter reflect the thoughts of the individual writers and do not necessarily reflect those of the editor.

Tai Chi Classes Start on Tuesday, December 2nd

Join us each Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am in the clubhouse. Tai chi is an ancient Chinese martial arts tradition that is practiced today as a form of exercise. It involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing. Tai Chi, also called Tai Chi Chuan, is a low impact, self-paced system of gentle physical exercise and stretching emphasizing joint mobility. Each posture flows into the next without pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion.

Benefits include:

- Decreased stress and anxiety
- Increased aerobic capacity
- Increased energy and stamina
- Increased flexibility, balance and agility
- Increased muscle strength and definition

There is also some evidence that Tai Chi also may help:

- Enhance quality of sleep
- Enhance the immune system
- Lower cholesterol levels and blood pressure
- Improve joint pain
- Improve symptoms of congestive heart failure
- Improve overall well-being in older adults
- Reduce risk of falls in older adults



Starting Tuesday
December 2nd
Tai Chi

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Tuesday and Thursday
Mornings
10:00-11:00
at the Clubhouse

*Best practiced in loose, comfortable clothing, such as sweat pants and a t-shirt. flat lightweight shoes or barefoot.



Tuesday Bunch/Lunch

Restaurant list for December 2014

Lunch is at 12:30pm

December 2nd	Café 776 138 N Indiana Ave Englewood, FL
December 8th	Ophelia's Pasta House 1097 N Tamiami Trail Nokomis, FL
December 16th	Stefano's Family Restaurant 401 South Indiana Ave Englewood, FL
December 23rd	Millie's 3900 Clark Road, Building N Sarasota, FL
December 30th	Luna's Ristoranti 200 St. Augustine Ave Venice, FL

Returning Snowbirds wishing to attend the lunches and those bringing guests PLEASE call Sylvia Buchanan (941) 882-2699 for seating reservations.

Those who attend regularly don't forget to call if you cannot attend.

Thank you.

Bingo Volunteers Requested

We need volunteer substitutes, renters or permanent residents, to call numbers and to collect the money during the evenings. The regular workers are not always available, especially with the holidays quickly approaching. If you are willing to pitch in, please call Rich Wnek at 941-223-9994. This donated time will guarantee that Bingo will continue

Holiday Parties Booking Now



On **December 13** our annual Christmas Party will be held in the Sandpiper Room. Please see the enclosed invitation, or call Gil Weidemiller with any questions.

Sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

The "Encore Group" will perform for everyone, and dancing with a DJ will follow. It'll be a great holiday evening.

If a ride to and from this party is needed, please call Gil at 941-244-2315 to make arrangements.

On **December 31** Sandalwood Park plans to rock in the New Year 2015, with a party starting at 7 pm-10:30 pm (We celebrate it a bit earlier in the evening!)

There will be dancing with CD's, so wear flats to dance the night away. You can bring along your own hor'derves and BYOB.

It's a wonderful, sparkling party!

Come in after 11am, after decorations are completed, and reserve your table with friends.

See Carmen Wallin with any questions.



Muscular Help Needed.....

With the holiday functions fast approaching, help is needed for set-up and take down of chairs and tables. Your muscled help is requested. Please call Larry Reed at 978-407-1491, so that he can create a permanent list for this year. Everyone needs to participate in some manner, and it is appreciated by all residents.

Huff and Puff

Huff & Puff is Mon-Wed-Fri .. 9:00am



SAC Welcomes New Board Members

If you would like to have a say in Sandalwood's activities for the year, you are welcome to run for a board position.

Just contact a board member, fill out your intentions on an application, and submit it to Carmen Wallin, SAC President.

Elections will be held on January 13, 2015 at the regular monthly meeting.

REMINDER



Sandalwood Maintenance Fees

Sandalwood quarterly fees are due on or before
January 1, 2015

Maintenance fees \$343.00

Lawn care \$60.00 (Optional)

If you are paying both Maintenance & Lawn Care,
submit one check for \$403.00

SAC sponsors the 3rd Annual Christmas Toy Drive

This year SAC is excited to be holding their third annual toy drive to benefit local Venice charity, Our Mother's House.

Our Mother's House is a non-profit, non-denominational residential housing program for at risk, single mothers and their children. They provide low cost housing and free child care so that residents can attend school and work. On site programs such as parenting, self-esteem and budgeting help residents develop life skills for independence and self-sufficiency. House meetings and shared responsibilities are requirements of the program. While living in a private apartment, the community setting encourages skills needed to live as a good neighbor and active community citizen.

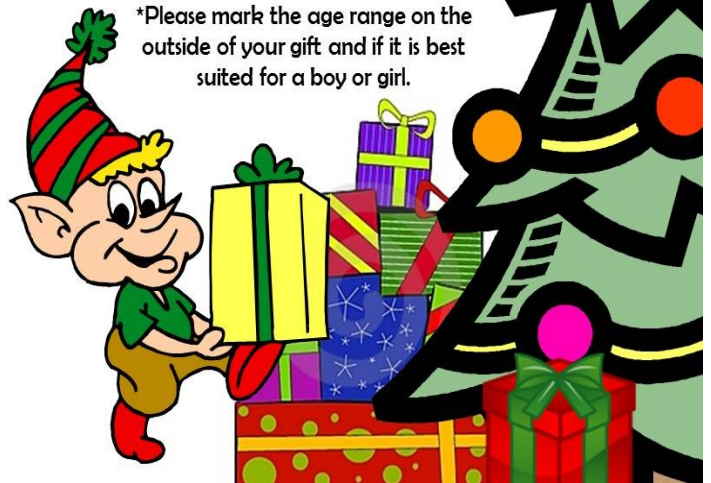
If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped toy, suitable for a child aged three months through three years to the clubhouse and place it under the Christmas tree in the game room by Saturday, December 13th. Please mark the age range of your gift and if it is best for a boy or girl on the outside of the package. For more information, please contact Betty Pratt at 231-972-2978.

SAC 3rd Annual Christmas Toy Drive to benefit Our Mother's House

a nonprofit family charity

Please bring a wrapped gift for a child aged 3 months to 3 years and place under the game room Christmas tree by December 13th

*Please mark the age range on the outside of your gift and if it is best suited for a boy or girl.



New Bingo Rule Established

It was truly a blessing that on October 28 our friendly Yellow Duck of the Park was present at Bingo. Yellow Duck is the alias for Judy Sunzere, our nurse.

As the story unfolded, Maretta Jones's bingo number was called on one of her cards. Since this was her only number called all evening, she got so excited that she swallowed her candy that she was chewing. The candy lodged in her throat; she could not breathe; panic set in. The infamous Yellow Duck to the rescue!!! Judy was on hand and performed the necessary procedures to clear the candy from Maretta's throat, returning her to good health.

Thank you Yellow Duck!

Because of the above incident, a new rule at Bingo has been established. "No candy at bingo, unless Yellow Duck is present."

Other Animals of Sandalwood Park update.....

- Homer the gator and his friendly owls are doing well at our pool. There have been NO DUCKS in our beautiful swimming pool, since their arrival.
- Trapper John has downsized his trapping business due to the price increase on peanut butter.
- A new trapper is now in our Park, Tennessee Bill. Bill trapped a 20 lb. armadillo last month. Bill wants to have a dinner party. Do not bring wine; Bill will supply the Moonshine.
- A Bob Cat has been seen in our park. Do not say, "Here Kitty, Kitty." (like the TV ad)

Author Unknown

NOTE:

Deadline for Newspaper entries is the 14th of each month.

If you deliver your article to Mary Ann and it needs to be retyped or proofed, please have it to her by the 14th.

Articles submitted after that date, will be held over for the following month.

Sandpiper Room Gets Hidden Improvements

- During the summer months, a plug was placed behind the piano for easy access to players.
- A shelf and mirror were installed in the stage dressing room for our entertainers.

A Concern for Safety

Dog walkers and bikers, please be aware of speeders in the Park.

Remember to keep your dog leashes under 6' per county laws, and always pick-up whatever is left behind.

We are asking the owners and renters of Sandalwood to please follow the Park speed limit.

We have had some close calls because of speeders and sharp turns on our Park roads.

Our speed limit is 15 mph. Please advise all your friends and neighbors.

SLOW DOWN!



Bocce Begins in 2015 Competition to Follow

Bocce will begin here at Sandalwood Park this January.

Thanks to Mike Smith, we have 2 bocce courts just waiting for us to jump start. The courts were just recently completed.

Lessons will be offered on Jan. 5, and by January 15, competition within our park will take place. Mike plans to put us all in teams, and will contact each of us shortly.

Right now there are over 40 residents signed up, and interested in learning how to play. Mike has all our names and phone numbers from the list on the bulletin board. If you have not signed up yet, there is still time to participate. Also, if you have changed your mind about playing bocce, please cross out your name/s on the bulletin board.

Please be patient, as Mike should arrive in the park the first week of January.

It looks like we will have a great turn out for the sport.

Thanks, Mike!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 SAC Agenda Meeting 10am	3 SPH Agenda Meeting 9 am	4 AARP 55 Alive 9:00 am	5	6
7	8 Movie Night 7pm	9 SAC Meeting 10am	10 SPH Meeting 10am	11	12	13 Christmas Potluck (See details in newsletter)
14	15	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27	28
29 Concert Series Payment Due	30	31 New Years Eve Party 7pm 				
	Huff & Puff 9am Walking 10am	Walking 9am Tia Chi 10am Lunch 12:30pm Bingo 7pm	Huff & Puff 9am Walking 10am Mahjong 10am Poker 6pm Cards 6:30pm	Walking 9am Tia Chi 10am Euchre Club 6:30pm	Huff & Puff 9am Walking 10am Computer Club 10am Bingo 7pm	

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Cooks Corner



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Apple Fritters with orange sauce

- 1 cup flour
- 1 teas. baking powder
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- ¼ teas. salt
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 egg
- 2 cups chopped apples

Combine 1st four ingredients. Stir with fork. Add egg to milk and beat well. Then add to flour. Batter will be thick. Add apples and stir well. Drop in hot fat and fry. Serve with orange sauce.

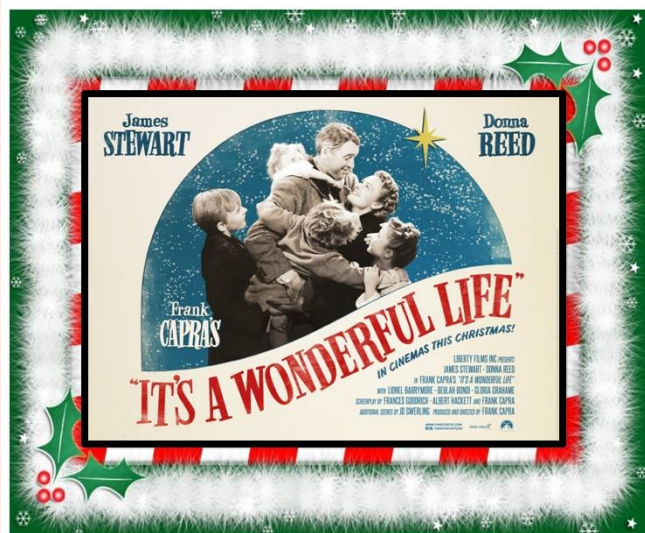
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 cup water or OJ
- Dash salt
- 1 tsp. butter
- Dash red food coloring

(If not using OJ, add 2-3 Tbsp. orange juice concentrate)

AARP offers Safe Driver Course to Sandalwood



At 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, AARP will sponsor a six hour lecture class to enhance senior driving abilities. It will be offered here at Sandalwood to twenty-five residents, so that their car insurance companies will lower their yearly fees, good for three years. The cost to each person is \$15 for AARP members, and \$20 for non-members. The class hours are 9-12p.m., one hour for lunch, and then from 1-4 p.m. Please sign-up as soon as possible, as the class size is limited. If more than 25 people sign up, another class will be scheduled. It is believed that all insurance companies participate in granting discounts for Florida, registered cars, but a phone call to your company is advised.



Monday, December 8th 7:00 pm

In the Sandpiper Room

**Join us for popcorn, hot spiced cider
and a dose of holiday nostalgia!**



The talent search is on for Sandalwood residents to participate in our Talent Show!!!!

Do you sing, dance, lip sync, tell jokes, juggle, do magic tricks, or have another skill or talent?

Please help us to make a fun and successful show. We need acts or sets of people to perform on Sunday, March 29, 2015.

If you would like to participate, call Judee Sunzere at 231-972-0259

Top 40 Professionals 2014



My Favorite Clubs

Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA

Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences
American Conference of Audioprosthology

When I first presented this topic, My Favorite Clubs, to Karen, she immediately answered, golf clubs. I laughed. There is always truth in humor and this was no exception.

I've had the privilege of speaking in front of quite a few clubs this fall. I have been moved by meeting people in clubs who are committed to living their best life, connecting with others and creating a wonderful community.

I have to be honest; my favorite clubs tend to be primarily men or primarily women. I can be a bit more honest with the humor. I can be a bit tougher in how the lack of hearing creates frustrations in a couple.

The only exception to this is the morning coffee club. There is something about the person who gets up at the break of dawn, wants to be social, meet new people and hear new ideas. I don't know if I'm funnier in the morning or if the day is so fresh people are eager to laugh. Whatever the reason, the morning coffee clubs tend to be full of laughter.

When the men and women are separated, I may be a bit more relaxed, or maybe the audience is more relaxed but it flows easier. The jokes and funny stories about being misunderstood hit home a little easier. It may be that sitting next to your spouse you are more sensitive to hurting their feelings, so you wouldn't laugh at a joke that hits home.

If you are part of a club that would enjoy a humorous meeting and learn a bit about hearing limits and how to adapt, please call my office, 244-9300, and we can get your next meeting into our calendar.

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Holiday Party Potluck

Join us Saturday, December 13th, in the Sandpiper Room, for our annual Holiday Party Potluck! The evening's festivities will get started with BYOB cocktails and socializing at 5:30 pm. Dinner is at 6:00, followed by seasonal entertainment by "Encore" at 7:00, and then the evening finishes with coffee, dessert and dancing.

"Encore" is the choral arm of the Venice Musicale, a local non-profit organization. This renowned group is dedicated to presenting good music to the public and encouraging young musicians in South Sarasota County via scholarships. The members of "Encore" come from all over the country and all have previous experience in a wide variety of choral groups. This talented, diverse group, including the director and accompanist, are all volunteers. All fees earned during their performance-packed season, go entirely to support the scholarship program of the Musicale. "Encore" is under the direction of Bill Antholz, their accompanist is his wife, Jan Antholz.

The potluck sign-up sheet is on the bulletin in the clubhouse. Please choose your course and sign up no later than Wednesday, December 10th. For more information, please call Gil Weidemiller 941-244-2315. We look forward to seeing you! Christmas sweaters optional!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

**SOCIALIZING 5:30
POTLUCK DINNER 6:00
SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY "ENCORE" 7:00
DESSERT AND COFFEE 8:00
DANCING TO FOLLOW IN THE
SANDPIPER ROOM**



**THE POTLUCK SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. PLEASE CONFIRM BY DECEMBER 10TH
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GIL WEIDEMILLER 941-244-2315**

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Sign Ups For Potluck Dinners Required

This is a very important notice to all residents and guests. When a pot-luck supper is being held, it will now be mandatory to reserve your seat by signing up by the **Thursday before the event**.

The reservations must be done in advance in order to make the seating set-up suitable for all. If you have personal guests attending, please include them in your total number for attendance.

You will be checked in at the door, as your tables and seats will be set-up in advance. Out of courtesy to the sponsor of the events, walk-ins will be denied as space and food preparations will be for the advance reservations only.

Please don't wait until the day of the event, as it could cause you embarrassment at the door. Let the sponsors know in advance how many to expect from your family and friends.

Thank you in advance.

Concert Series Tickets Now Available in Office

Once again SAC proudly announces the three 2015 concerts to be held here at Sandalwood Park in the Sandpiper Room.



The Marlinaires, a musically talented trio, are slated for Jan. 11



Terry Connolly, a one-man, superior entertainer, is scheduled for February 8



The Music City Brass will present a truly unique brand of Musical Entertainment in a comforting instrumental and vocal style on Sunday, March 8. All of these talents will begin at 7p.m. at our club house. We are thrilled to be able to have all these artists, coming to our Park.



To reserve your show series of 3 tickets for \$20 each, or \$60 total per person, please bring your check to Marietta at the main office this month. Once the show series tickets are paid, there will be a seat assignment drawing on January 3 at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the Sandpiper room. Then you can select the seat location you wish, when your number is called. The order of selections will be posted by December 30.

You will also have the ability to select two (2) additional seats next to you for your pre-paid friends, per customary tradition. When a personal friend visits, you may also pay and pick up a single ticket for \$25 each, or you can buy a ticket at the door, depending on seat availability.

Thank you Carmen for bringing these new entertainers to our stage once again, close enough so we can walk!

Sandalwood Activities Committee

Minutes of November 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members present: President, Carmen Wallin; Treasurer, Pam Brown; Charlotte Rivard; Barbara Hinkle, Johanna Lauzon

Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed in the April newsletter

Treasurer's Report: The Kentucky Derby and Belmont Races banked \$250.30.

Committee Reports: Bingo is going well. Poker and cards will be held at the same time as euchre on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. They will share the room. Huff and Puff has already started, and so have the walkers. Mahjong started Nov. 12 at 1p.m. and the Tuesday Luncheons are going well. New activities were discussed.

New Business: Bocce lessons will begin Jan. 5, and competition will start on the 15th. Marci announced that Tai Chi will begin at 10 a.m. on Dec. 4, and continue on each Tues. and Thurs. It will be presented with a disc in the activities room. Wear loose clothing. Concert series tickets are on sale now in the front office for \$60 for the season and \$25 per event at the door. Money is due by Dec. 29. Marlinaires are Jan. 11; Terry Connelly is February 8, and the Music City Brass is March 8th. State dinners were discussed.

Coming Events: Decorating for Christmas will take place on November 29 at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts being served. SAC agenda meeting will be Dec.2 at 10:00a.m. and SPH agenda is Dec.3 at 9:00a.m. Movie "Wonderful Life" will take place Dec. 8 at 7p.m. If more people do not take advantage of this event, it will be discontinued for lack of interest. SAC board meeting: Dec.9 at 10:00a.m., and SPH board meeting is Dec.10 at 10:00a.m. The Christmas Party/Potluck is Dec.13 with a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The Toy Drive cut-off day is 13th. A wrapped gift with girl or boy and age should be on the gift. See other articles in the newsletter for specifics.

From the Floor: Larry Reed has asked for a list of people willing to move tables and chairs in the hall for events. Please list phone numbers, as well. 2015 dates were received for the horse races: May 2 – Kentucky Derby; May 16 Preakness; June 6 Belmont. Nov. 30th was set as a tentative date for Gospel music.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Rivard, Acting Secretary





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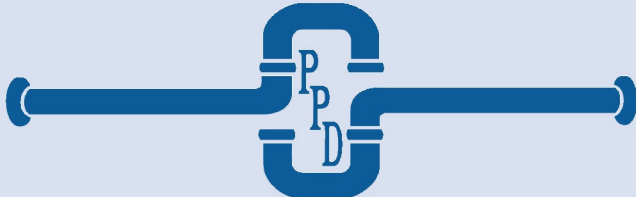
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