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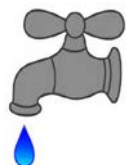
2015 May Newsletter

Seine-Rat River Conservation Well Water Testing Dates

The Seine-Rat River Conservation District will be assisting residents who want to have their private WELL WATER tested for the presence of E.coli and Coliform bacteria for \$21.26 per sample. Water samples are to be dropped off at the RM of Piney office in Vassar prior to 10am on the following days:



June 4, 2015
July 2, 2015
August 6, 2015
September 3, 2015



Water bottles and applications can be picked up at the RM office.



The Manitoba Forestry Association would like to invite you to come down to the **RM of Piney office in Vassar on Saturday, May 30th, 2015 at 10:00am** to learn proper tree planting techniques to increase your planting success. Everyone that placed an order for trees through the Setting Down New Roots program can pick up their trees during this time.

Please register with the Manitoba Forestry Association by phone 1-204-330-3496 or email: tmoroz@thinktrees.org.

First Aid Course Open to the Public



Important

A First Aid Course will be available to the Public on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the RM of Piney Council Chambers in Vassar. Participants must be 12 years or older and come dressed comfortably. The maximum number of participants is 12, so please sign up soon since registration works on a first come basis.



Individuals are to register at the RM of Piney office and must include their mailing address, phone number, and date of birth. **Payment is to be made by cheque to the 'City of Steinbach Aquatic Centre' in the amount of \$84.00.** Registration cut off is June 3rd, 2015.

Community Futures Triple R Meet & Greet

On **Tuesday, May 26th, 2015 from 11am to 4pm** there will be a Community Futures Triple R Meet & Greet open to the public at the RM of Piney Council Chambers in Vassar. The Meet & Greet is open to anyone who would like to discuss business with the Triple R representatives.



No appointment is necessary, hope to see you there!
For more details on this event, please call 1-204-746-6180.

Setting Down New Roots: Tree Planting Workshop

Carrick Road Restrictions

The RM of Piney has imposed a 65% weight restriction for normal loading on the following selected roads:

~ *Main Street Carrick and Spurgrave Ave (16N) Carrick;*

Road restrictions are now in effect and will remain in effect until December 15th, 2015 or until further notice.

The previous road restrictions implemented on March 13th, 2015 have been removed.



Spotted Knapweeds

The RM of Piney would like to make residents aware of the effects of Spotted Knapweed plant. Spotted Knapweed is an invasive weed species with the potential to cause harm to pasture and rangelands. **Prior to 2010, the only known infestation of spotted knapweed in the province was at a gravel pit near Sprague.** That year it was found near Beausejour, Birds Hill Park, just west of Winnipeg, and south of Steinbach along Highway 12.

Spotted knapweed, usually mistaken for Canada thistle, is purple or pink with stiff bracts that are black tipped giving it a spotted appearance. It is not spiny or prickly with portions of the leaf blades being narrow. The basal leaves are deeply lobed and arranged in a rosette with the stems being stiff and upright. Spotted Knapweed flowers from June to October.

The course of action after a confirmed infestation depends on the number of plants. One plant can easily be pulled and it is recommend to bag and burn it. If it looks like the stand has been there for a number of years, a herbicide application will probably be needed. **Suspicious plants should be reported to the municipal weed supervisor.**



RM of Piney Burn Bans

At this time, we would like to remind everyone that burn bans implemented by the RM of Piney are to be followed and respected. RM burn bans are put in place by council to reduce the risk of wild fires within the municipality. Even if a burn ban is lifted by MB Conservation, the RM can still have a municipal burn ban in place. This ban must be lifted by a resolution of council.

Please stay tuned to our website www.rmofpiney.mb.ca, our RM of Piney Facebook Page, and local radio stations to clarify if there is a RM burn ban in place.

Dealing with the Public at Fire Calls

At recent Fire calls within the RM of Piney, the fire response teams have noticed an increase in the public's attendance. Due to Workplace Health and Safety, the public cannot assist in fire calls. When the fire is running along municipal roads, it is crucial to keep the area clear of traffic so no spectators are injured or involved with the fire. The RM of Piney fire departments works hard for their communities to keep a safe and secure area and we ask that the public respect the need for safety.