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Monthly Reminders:

Spring/Summer Dump Hours

Sunday, March 10th, 2019

All three Waste Disposal Sites within the RM of Piney will be running Spring/Summer hours of 10:00am – 6:00pm starting Sunday, March 10th, 2019.

Spring Hunting Lease

RM of Piney Land Access Permits

Spring Season

April 1st, 2019 – June 21st, 2019

Spring season permits can be pre-purchased as of March 15th, 2019 for a cost of \$250.00.

For a complete list of land available for lease, please visit our website: <u>www.rmofpiney.mb.ca</u> or stop in at the RM office in Vassar.



Road Weight Restrictions Coming March 2019

The RM of Piney will be imposing a

WEIGHT RESTRICTION 65% OF NORMAL AXLE LOADS

65% weight restriction of normal loading.
Menisino North (Rd 59E); PTH 12 to PR 201

- Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21N); PR 210 to Rd 74E
- St.Labre Rd (Rd 27N & 63E); PR 210 to Whitemouth (Rd 21)
- Vassar North Vassar to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 20N)
- Vassar East MM (Rd 6N); Vassar East Rd to PR 308
- Municipal Road 12N from PTH 12 to PR 210

Road locations are subject to change.

Once restrictions are implemented they will remain until further notice.

Don't forget to set your clocks 1hr ahead Saturday night.

Spring Forward

Sunday March 10th, 2019



Farmland School Tax Rebate

Deadline: March 31st, 2019



A reminder that all completed and signed Farmland School Rebate applications for the 2018 property tax year must be received by Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporation, by **March 31st, 2019.** In order to receive this rebate all 2018 CLPA lease fees must be paid by March 31st, 2019. For details call 204-239-3246 or visit <u>www.masc.mb.ca</u>.

Setting Down New Roots

Orders Due by: April 12th, 2019

MB Forestry Association 'Setting Down New Roots' 2019 Seedling Order Forms are available for pick up at the RM Office or can be found on our website.



Orders will be received until April 12th, 2019. Pre-ordered seedlings will be available for pick up at the RM Office in Vassar starting May 13th, 2019 to May 17th, 2019, during regular office hours.









9th Annual Vintage Snowmobile Show, Shine & Ride

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Woodridge Community Centre 25 mile ride on non-designated groomed trail

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Registration 9 to 11 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast available 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Show & Shine 11 a.m. - Trophies for Best Restored, Best Original, Relic 11:30 a.m. - Ride

\$10 entry fee includes wiener roast at bonfire

For more info: Dave 204-257-2151 or Roland 204-771-7269

Net proceeds going to:



SOUTHEAST FARMER'S MARKET



Saturday, March 23, 2019

10 a.m - 3 p.m.

At the Pine Grove Seniors Club in South Junction

For more information & table rental call:

Jen 204-423-2223

All vendors welcome and lunch will be available





Thursday April 11th, 2019 Sprague Community Hall

The Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Ross L, Gray School in Sprague invite you to attend our 2nd Annual Career Symposium.

Our goal is to make this a full and educational experience for our youth and community members to understand the opportunities for careers that await them locally.

Participants include many local businesses and organizations. Engaging speakers, displays & presentations are planned to fill the day.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT







Welcome to Sprague Manitoba home of the great grey owl. Sprague got its name from Daniel Sprague who came to the area seeking a business opportunity. Dan Sprague started the Sprague Lumber Company around the year 1885.

You will want to visit our community to take advantage of the great hunting and fishing, or in the winter go for a free skate or use the slide at the Sprague and Area Arena or go snowmobiling. The Sprague and District Historical Museum, open June through September is the only place in the RM of Piney with exhibits on every village within the RM. Every year they have new historical artifacts to see. Sprague is also home to Ross L Gray School, the largest School in the RM, as well as an Access Credit Union branch. Grab a refreshment or some delicious pizza at the Sprague River Inn or shop local at Carl & Kay's Store and get your gas at Domo on the corner of Hwy 12 and 308.

Take advantage of the lunches at the Sprague Evergreen Seniors Club on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as well as a Tuesday evening games night. On Monday evenings Chase the Ace takes place at the Sprague Community Hall.

Every year the community looks forward to following the Ross L Gray Raiders basketball teams during the school year and Sprague Fest in August.

We invite you to "venture the road less travelled".

Kari Sylvester



GRAIDON

VETERINAR

Local Spring Pet Vaccine Clinic March 23rd, 2019

At the following locations:

Town: Sprague Time: 9:00am - 11:00am Location: Sprague Fire Hall Town: Piney Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm Location: Piney Fire Hall

Town: Woodridge Time: 2:30pm - 3:30pm Location: Woodridge Fire Hall

Appointments are on a first come-first serve basis During warmer temperatures please bring drinking water for you and your pet(s)

Cat & Dog vaccines available Heartworm medication and Heartworm/Lyme testing Canine and Feline de-wormers and tick preventatives

K9/Feline Rabies only: \$28 Canine Distemper only: \$28 Canine Distemper and Rabies: \$48 Feline 4-way (indoor cat) only: \$28 Feline 4-way (indoor cat) and Rabies: \$48 Feline 4-way/Leukemia (outdoor cat) only: \$38 Feline 4-way w/Leukemia (outdoor cat) and Rabies: \$53 Heartworm/Lyme Tests: \$35.50

> ALL PRICES INCLUDE AN EXAM AND DO NOT INCLUDE TAXES, TAXES EXTRA



Invites you to attend the

Agriculture Producers Meeting

to discuss updating the Development Plan

Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 7:00pm - 9:00pm Piney Community Centre

The future of agriculture!

Sustainable Solutions Environmental Social

Economic

Join us as we discuss future growth within the RM of Piney and be a part of shaping the policies that will impact development within the Municipality. This includes input from agricultural producers and livestock operators.

Check out "Municipal Development Plan" from Wood Buffalo:

https://vimeo.com/31224438

Although our Municipalities differ in many ways, the concept remains the same.

For more information please contact the RM Office at 204-437-2284.



RM HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH

Development Plan – The RM and Bluestem Consulting have started hosting stakeholder consultation meetings. There will be many occasions to discuss land use over the coming months. All residents are encouraged to take part in the survey (more information below).

MB Health Meeting – Council is pleased with the opportunity to assist with the delivery of two community meetings to discuss changes in the Altru Health Services Agreement. We look forward to an informative meeting and the occasion to raise concerns regarding recent changes to this very important health agreement.

Career Symposium – The RM is delighted to partner with the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce and Ross L Gray School to develop the 2nd Annual Career Symposium being held on April 11th at the Sprague Hall. This is a fantastic event for residents of all ages to come out and see a variety of opportunities that exist within the region and beyond. There will be special presentations throughout the day. Entry is free!

Manitoba Hydro – Council met with Manitoba Hydro to discuss the loss of the Community Benefit Program that was to accompany the construction of the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Line. The RM is very disappointed in this recent development and Council expressed its frustration with the loss of the program. The Community Benefit Program would have resulted in over \$800,000 worth of community programs being delivered within the RM of Piney. Ratepayers are encouraged to voice their opinions to our local MLA and the Province of Manitoba for the loss of this community program.

Manitoba Education Review – Council will be meeting with local School Divisions over the next month to gain a better understanding of potential changes that may result from the Provincial Education Review.

Coffee with Council – Council hosted three successful "Coffee with Council" community meetings in the month of February, thank you to those that attended. Over 50 residents had the opportunity to sit and discuss current issues with council. Topics presented by residents included:

- Waste Management & Recycling
- Budgeting & Planning
- Economic Development & Opportunities
- Infrastructure Roads, drainage, services
- Natural Resources & Crown Lands
- Partnerships with Neighboring Organizations
- School Division & Local Autonomy

Land Use Survey

If you live, work, volunteer, or use services in the RM of PINEY, we want to hear from you about land use.

Paper copies of this survey are available at the RM office or by emailing Allison at: bluestemdevelopment@gmail.com

Completed surveys can be returned to:

The RM of Piney Box 48, Vassar, MB, ROA 2JO or to your local Councillor

Visit the following link to complete the Survey online:

TAKE OUR SURVEY > <u>https://getfoureyes.com/s/781IZ/</u>



RM of Piney Fire Fighters

Calling all Candidates

Are you interested in helping your community by joining the fire department?

We are looking to fortify our ranks with new volunteers. We are looking for individuals who always want to do more for the wellbeing of their community. We are looking for people who put others before themselves, people who don't stop until the job is done and that all are safe.

We are looking for YOU!

New member orientation training nights coming soon. Applications available at the RM office. Contact your local District Chief/Deputy for more information.

The Desire to Serve, The Courage to Act

Ina Thomson Ruttle ~ 204-437-2156

Manitoba Health Community Meeting

Monday, March 11th, 2019: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Piney Community Centre

<u>Thursday, March 14th, 2019:</u> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Sprague Community Hall

Storm Date ~ Thursday, March 21st, 2019



Is Your Home Safe While You Are Away?

If you are going on vacation, it is especially important to make your home appear inhabited. Enlist the help of trusted neighbours, family and friends.



Here are some things you can do to keep your home safer:

- Discontinue mail, newspapers, and other deliveries;
- Arrange for a neighbour to shovel the snow;
- Maintain normal lighting patterns by using timers;
- Arrange for someone to check on your home;
- Leave a radio on, with a timer if necessary;
- Ask a neighbour to park in your driveway;
- Lock up valuable items (jewellery, collectables, etc.);
- Secure all windows, doors and the garage.