

BREAST CANCER SCREENING COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!



The mobile breast-screening clinic will be coming to East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre **April 6 & 7, 2021**. Women over the age of 50 should be screened for breast cancer every 2 years. No referral needed.

For more information:
visit www.cancercare.mb.ca

Call **1-800-903-9290**
or **1-855-952-4325**
to schedule an appointment!



ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL
21 Canham Street
Sprague, MB. R0A 2D0
Phone: (204) 437-2175 Fax: (204) 437-2893
Principal: Mr. Jared Baines
Website: <https://rlgblsd.ca/>



Special Kindergarten Announcement

If your child is turning 5 years old in 2021, they can join RLG as students in September!

To get the registration process started,
please contact us and we will set up a meeting with you.

Phone the school (204 437-2175)

or email:

Mrs. Carly Chubaty (ChubatyC@blsd.ca)

OR Mrs. Adriane Culleton (CulletonA@blsd.ca)

Note: for your child to be registered, you will need:

1. Your child's birth certificate
 2. Manitoba Medical number
 3. Any important medical information
- If necessary:
4. Custody or guardianship documents
 5. Proof of residence or confirmation of Permanent Residence-Canadian

Please register as soon as possible.

We look forward to welcoming your child!



Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, March 27, 2021

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba
Indoor Market

Covid19
Guidelines in place

Masks Required



For more information call

Jen - 423-2223
Shawny - 437-2600

If you can't make it, bake it or grow it...
You can buy it at the Farmer's Market!

Buffalo Point Piney Stuartburn Recycling & Waste Management



Invites applications for
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Full & Part Time Positions up to 40hrs/week
Starting April 1st, 2021

Duties:

The Board is seeking an individual who can work as part of a team to deliver top quality environmental services to residents in the RM's of Piney, Stuartburn, and Buffalo Point First Nation.

Duties include operation & maintenance of the garbage and recycling truck for garbage and recycling pickup in the RM of Piney, RM of Stuartburn, and Buffalo Point First Nation. A more detailed job description is available upon request.

Qualifications:

- Must have Class 3 License with Air Brake Endorsement
 - Mechanical skills an asset
- Experience operating equipment an asset
- Good communications and public relations skills
- Meet physical demands of the job

Send application & resume by 4:30pm on March 5th, 2021 to:

Attn: BPPS Recycling & Waste Management Board
Box 48 Vassar, MB R0A 2J0

Phone: 204-437-2284 email: martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca OR
at the administration offices of Piney, Stuartburn or Buffalo Point

Phone No.:
204-437-2284 or
204-437-2060
Fax No.:
204-437-2556
office@rmofpiney.mb.ca



March 2021

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Spring/Summer Dump Hours

All three Waste Disposal Sites within the RM of Piney will have Spring/Summer hours of 10:00am – 6:00pm starting Sunday, March 14th, 2021.



Road Weight Restrictions

Coming: March 2021

The RM will be imposing a 65% weight restriction:

- Menisino North (Rd 59E) from PTH 12 to PR 201
- Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21N) from PR 210 to Rd 74E
- St.Labre Rd (Rd 27N & 63E) from PR 210 to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21)
- Vassar North - Vassar to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 20N)
- Vassar East Rd 6N from Vassar East Access 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.

Spring Hunting Lease

RM of Piney Land Access Permits

Spring Lease from April 1st to June 21st, 2021

Spring season permits can be pre-purchased as of March 16th, 2021 for a cost of \$250.00. For a complete list of land available for lease, please visit www.rmofpiney.mb.ca.



Transit Plan

Report Summary Series #1 - Purpose & Background

This is the first of the series to provide section summaries to date of the Transit Options Report. For more details, visit <https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Transit-Plan-Report-March-Newsletter.pdf>.

PURPOSE: The transit development plan is an RM initiative encouraged by a 2020/21 Building Sustainable Communities grant in response to recent surveys, community public forums and aligns with a strategic plan to support the betterment of individual lives in the area, specifically the age in place focus.

Community Response
RM Strategic Plan
Age in Place & Grants

transit options
& service potential

→ PHASE I TRANSIT

This planning will form Phase I and provide the RM with information on transit option solutions and service potential to improve transportation shortfalls within the municipality. The intent is to develop a plan with a focus on seniors, mobility challenges, and low-income residents; so residents of all ages will benefit from improved transportation supports.

BACKGROUND: Transportation is a quality of life issue and the ability to live in a rural, remote community to allow residents to age in their community rather than moving away for services and social engagement. Transportation is integral to daily life for access to food, healthcare, education, employment, shopping (clothing to hardware to household supplies) as well as recreation and entertainment.

For those who do not own a car or unable to drive by choice or necessity, it is a burden to arrange rides and/or financially limiting to take part in daily life. Safety is an issue for those who are compelled for their independence to drive but should no longer drive or are not comfortable driving.

There are few services in the RM of Piney and residents are virtually 100% reliant on personally-owned vehicles since the demise of the Greyhound bus service in 2009 and travel is required for many necessities. Finding drivers for an informal ride matching service can be difficult and can be expensive for some residents. The nearest taxi service in Steinbach is an hour away for many residents making it cost prohibitive. Lack of transportation is "a top concern" for seniors in rural areas, as Manitoba seniors expected to grow by 43%.

Connie Gamble

Farmland School Tax Rebate

Deadline: March 31st, 2021

A reminder that all completed and signed Farmland School Rebate applications for the 2020 property tax year must be received by Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporation, by **March 31st, 2021**. In order to receive this rebate, your 2020 property taxes & interest charges must be paid by this date.

For details call 204-239-3246 or visit www.masc.mb.ca.



Economic Development

Sunrise Corner's Path Forward

The Piney Stuartburn Economic Development Board, the guiding force behind Sunrise Corner, has completed their strategic planning process. We got feedback from residents through online surveys and in-person, socially-distanced community consultations. We reviewed past planning documents and looked at what other regions are doing. Finally, we surveyed the PSED board and spent a day with a facilitator to narrow down all the opportunities. As a result, we have determined five priorities to focus on over the next five years:

1. Business Development – support growth of existing businesses, promote the launch of new businesses, encourage home-based businesses, and seek innovative ways to fill gaps of needed products & services in the area.
2. Housing Strategy – encourage innovative new ways to provide housing for seniors and families as well as accommodations for tourists and temporary workers.
3. Tourism Expansion – promote our existing incredible destinations and create five new tourism products over the next five years.
4. Marketing our Region – promote existing business and raise awareness of the region for development of new businesses, housing and tourism.
5. Governance – review the governance and structure for the organization so that we can better respond to economic development opportunities.

From this research & discussion, we also determined a vision, mission and values for the Sunrise Corner organization:

Our Vision represents what Sunrise Corner believes the citizens want the community to be like in the future: Sunrise Corner is an incredible place to live, work, play, visit, invest and explore, known for sustainable economic development balancing exceptional rural quality of life.

Our Mission describes Sunrise Corner's reason for being, capturing the essence of our core purpose: To deliver forward-thinking economic development services and opportunities in Sunrise Corner so that: **BUSINESSES** receive the support they need to thrive; **EMPLOYEES** have satisfying work to provide for their families; **CONSUMERS** find the quality products and services they need; **VISITORS** appreciate and share their experiences; and **RESIDENTS** live well, proud of their communities.

Our Values are the ideals we refuse to compromise as we conduct our mission in pursuit of our vision: **Accountability:** We are transparent in our use of public funds to create opportunities / **Collaboration:** We build strong relationships with our diverse community stakeholders / **Integrity:** We value all perspectives and treat everyone with honesty and respect / **Leadership:** We are creative and innovative, thinking beyond today to deliver future value / **Sustainability:** We measure success by balancing quality of life with stable growth.

We look forward to achieving steady progress on our mission, grounded in our values, ultimately making our vision a reality.

Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



Municipal Emergency Coordinator

With the end of the recent cold snap, we can look forward to warmer days with more and more sun. I'm sure we all look forward to spending a little more time in the great outdoors. In the meantime, cases of COVID19 seem to be dropping slowly. The threat is by no means over.

We must continue to be vigilant with our safety precautions. We must continue to wear masks, maintain social distancing, and follow all health orders. Especially with the new more contagious variants.

Vaccinations are now under way in Manitoba. To find out when you can be vaccinated, please visit the Manitoba Government website for detailed up to date information on the vaccine: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html>.

Richard Gamble
richard@rmofpiney.mb.ca

We Need Your Help to Create the RM of Piney Walking Trails Plan

RM of Piney Walking Trail plan project outline:



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Your input is essential in creating a Walking Trails Plan that reflect the community's needs and aspirations for a trail system in the RM of Piney. Your input will help determine where trails should be located, how the trails will be built and when they should be built.

How Can I Participate?

- Virtual Zoom Meeting March 17 @7pm Pre-registration required
- Key Person Interview call (204)392-3849 to schedule
- Online Survey: www.rmofpiney.mb.ca
- Virtual Focus Group (TBD)

*All those who attend will receive a free gift

For more information or to register for the virtual meeting or an interview contact either: Martin Van Osch at the RM of Piney 204-437-2284 or email martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca Or Allison Driedger, of Bluestem Development, 204-392-3849 or email bluestemdevelopment@gmail.com

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY TOURISM MARKETING COORDINATOR

Sunrise Corner is seeking an enthusiastic individual with a passion for promoting tourism and community development through effective writing, photography and videography that tells a compelling story.

Position will run from May to Aug 2021 and is open to youth aged 15-30. Visit <https://sunrisecornermb.ca/> for details. Apply by May 3, 2021.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Sprague RCMP would like to remind citizens that phone or internet related frauds are still being attempted, and successfully completed every single day in Canada. Can they happen to you, even in this little corner of the Province? YES! Sprague RCMP have received several complaints of phone and internet fraud in the past month. Understand... this is big business for fraudsters. According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, Canadians lost \$106.4 Million Dollars to various frauds in 2020!

Here are some tips to keep in mind if you receive a suspicious phone call or email. First and foremost never send money, cheques, gift cards, or anything similar to someone who sent you an unsolicited phone call or email. I don't care how good the story is! Fraudsters pose as Canada Revenue Agency Officials, Police Officers, and even extended friends or family members who need immediate cash help. Most of the time these people try to force you to make a time sensitive payment. They don't want you waiting, or asking questions, they want your money! If you get a phone call like this, hang up and call Sprague RCMP. We can help you determine whether this is a legitimate call, or a scam! It costs you nothing to call the Police.... But it could cost you thousands if you don't! If you want more information about frauds, and what to look for, please visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's website at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca. To report a fraud attempt please call them at 1-888-495-8501. If you're the victim of a fraud, call Sprague RCMP at (204) 437-2041.

With the Province still under Code Red restrictions, Sprague RCMP Detachment continues to be closed for walk up service. If you are an essential worker, you can still get criminal record checks complete0-d. Please contact our office at (204) 437-2041 to get further details. Should you require immediate Police assistance call (204) 437-2222 or 911.

Richard Graham Cpl.
NCO i/c Sprague Detachment



RM of Piney Fire Departments

With March upon us, there is still the possibility of a winter storm, so stay prepared for blistering weather even with spring fast approaching. With the transition from winter to summer, let us remember the dreaded Daylight Savings. As we change the time on our clocks, we mustn't forget the importance of changing the batteries in the smoke alarm and CO2 detectors as well as checking their function. Please check out the Firesmart Homeowners Manual online and put a few of those hints into your daily activities.

As we plan ahead, let's not forget that other areas of our communities need planning too. Our emergency responders may have a need for helping hands. Maintaining a competent work force in our Fire Departments is critical to the wellbeing of us all. With Fire Fighters changing full time jobs, moving, or retiring, the need for caring individuals to fill these spots continues. The commitment is only a few hours of your time and the desire to truly help someone in a time of need.

As our Fire Departments prepare for a busy summer, the time to step up is now. If you live a reasonable distance from any of our 3 Firehalls in Piney, Sprague, and Woodridge, and are a physically capable individual over the age of 18, I'd love to hear from you with questions or concerns, or just to say hello.

Bill Stowe
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slam the scam!



THE CANADA REVENUE AGENCY:

- NEVER asks for OR provides financial information via email
- NEVER sends text messages to communicate with taxpayers under any circumstances
- NEVER asks you to click a link (unless you request a link over the phone)

For more information, go to canada.ca/taxes-fraud-prevention

PINEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AGM Meeting

WHEN: MARCH 11TH, 2021 @7PM

WHERE: VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING