

Vassar Pool Aquacize

July 19th to August 19th

Monday/Wednesday 6:00-6:45PM
Tuesday/Thursday 9:15-10:00AM

Aquacise will be on a drop in basis with a maximum of 18 participants. \$5 per class or \$60 for a summer pool pass. (\$175 for family pass.)

Lap Swim

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:15-10:00AM

July 19th - August 20th

\$5 per swim or included with a summer pass

For more info email us at vassarpool.rmpiney@gmail.com or phone 204-437-2214



Southeast Farmer's Market

Friday's - July 9 to Sept 3

3:00 - 8:00 pm

**Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba**

Rain or Shine

There will be no Canteen on site this year. Current Covid Guidelines will be followed at each market.



For more information call
Jen - 204-423-2223
Shawny - 204-437-2600

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

Vassar Pool

**Public Swim Hours
2021**

**Monday July 26th to Friday
August 20th**

Weekdays 3:00-5:00pm.

**Saturday 31st and 7th
10am-4pm**

**8 and up - \$5.00
7 and Under - \$2.00**

Summer Pass

**Family - \$175
Individual
8 and up - \$60
7 and under - \$40**

RM of Piney Transit Pilot

Here's your opportunity to show support of transit in the RM of Piney. Book a door-to-door shopping trip for August 17th to Steinbach Clearspring Mall and/or mid September 2021 (date to be determined) to Winnipeg St Vital Center.

1. Trip to Steinbach Tuesday, August 17th will use the Vita Handi Transit (booking deadline August 13th) at a subsidized of cost \$30. Wheelchairs are accommodated.
2. Trip to Winnipeg in September may use a bus charter (booking date to be confirmed in the next RM Newsletter) at a subsidized of cost \$40.
➤ Note this option may pickup up from community centers rather than your home.



Current health directives must be followed including:

- Stay home if you are sick,
- All passengers and drivers must wear a non-medical mask during the ride
- Passengers are expected to handle their own bags
- More details will be sent to you after booking including Provincial Health guidelines on transportation <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/transportation.html>

Depending on demand, priority may be given to those 60 years & better and those in need (unable to drive or don't drive) as seating capacity may be limited to 50%.

HOW TO BOOK - Call Mel Parent 204 437-2604 and provide:

- Your name, address, phone number, email (detailed info), emergency contact information
- Whether lift is required (wheelchair or unable to use stairs)
- Identify estimated time to shop to allow a schedule for passengers shopping preferences.

Trips may be cancelled due to lack of sufficient bookings or COVID19 health directives. These rides are separate and distinct from the current funding of essential trips for seniors and thus fares will be charged but are subsidized. Trips are expected to leave approximately 9am and return by 2pm for August 17th and return by 5pm for September, however are subject to passenger requests. If you are unable to go shopping after booking a ride, cancel ASAP, as others may be on a wait list.

Connie Gamble

Phone No.:
204-437-2284 or
204-437-2060
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204-437-2556
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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



August 2021 Newsletter



Burn Ban / Travel Ban Reminder

For all updates, visit www.rmofpiney.mb.ca, subscribe to our E-Newsletter, or visit our Rural Municipality of Piney Facebook Page. Our information line can also be reached by calling 204-437-2845. Check the MB Conservation & Climate website at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/Restrictions/> for any travel/fire restrictions in place at this time.

Reminder to all: The public must follow the more restrictive ban in place at said time. If either the RM of Piney or MB Conservation and Climates ban is more restrictive than the other, the more restrictive ban MUST be followed at that time. Currently, the RM of Piney has a complete burn ban in place.



RM of Piney Non-Motorized Trail Plan

Virtual Open House:

Wednesday, August 4th at 7pm

Contact the RM or Bluestem Development for meeting link

The RM of Piney is in the process of a drafting a non-motorized Trails Plan. This Plan will guide how, where and when non-motorized trails are constructed in the Municipality. A 2nd virtual open house will be held Wednesday, August 4th at 7pm. This virtual open house will review the information gathered to date, seek additional input into trail locations and prioritize trail development for each community. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting link is available by contacting the RM of Piney office or by contacting Allison Driedger @ bluestemdevelopment@gmail.com



Board of Revision

September 21, 2021

If you have any discrepancies with your 2022 assessments or your added/reduction taxes, please put your request in writing to meet with MB Assessment at the upcoming **Board of Revision on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021**. Requests must be submitted by letter or email to the RM office no later than 4:30pm on September 6th, 2021.

MONTHLY REMINDERS

RM Office Closed on August 2nd



Added / Reduction Taxes

Any added and/or reduction tax bills for 2020 and/or 2021 were mailed by the end of July. This means if you recently received an added/reduction tax bill from us, please read the cover letter supplied with it as it will state your new total amount owing which will be due on October 29th, 2021.

Council Meeting Cancellation

The RM has cancelled the regular council meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, August 24th, 2021**.

Fall Hunting Lease

By-Law No. 123/2017

As of August 15th, you can purchase a Fall Hunting Lease that will allow you to hunt on RM land from **September 1st to November 30th, 2021**. Leases are for hunting purposes only, recreational use will not be allowed. No permanent structures may be erected on municipal land; only temporary structures will be allowed and must be removed before the end of the lease. No trees are to be removed and no trails are to be made on RM land. Vehicles are only permitted on land during the retrieval of harvested game.

The **cost of a Fall Hunting Lease is \$500.00** for one (1) permit that allows up to five (5) individuals permission to access one parcel of RM land during one regular season.



Community Club Grant Reminder

2022 community organization grant applications are due by:

Recreation Grant - Due by September 30th, 2021

Large Grant - Due by October 31st, 2021

Cultural & Identity Grant - Due by October 31st, 2021

Events Grant - Due by January 10th, 2022

Application forms can be found on our website.

Economic Development

Customer Service Tips

One of the great things about doing business in small communities is that business owners and customers are often on a first-name basis – they are friends, family and neighbours. But that friendly small-town way of doing business shouldn't mean that basic customer service is ignored. Great customer service will help ensure local businesses thrive and the products and services we all need will be available in our region for years to come.

What Businesses Can Do

Be Responsive – When customers or potential customers contact you, get back to them quickly. Even if you're busy. Customers deserve the piece of mind of knowing you respect their time and value their business.

Be Prompt – Show up when you say you'll be there. If something comes up that you're going to be late, call your customer to let them know. Most people understand when issues arise and are more than happy to wait or reschedule. Leaving them hanging is not respectful of their time.

Manage Expectations – Let your customers know if you decide to discontinue a product line or service, especially if it's an essential or once-a-year service. Ideally, provide a recommendation of another business that can provide the product/service. If that's not possible, give as much lead time as possible so your customer has time to find another supplier.

Maintain Confidentiality – If you are invited into someone's home or property to deliver a product or service, respect your customers' privacy. There's no need to share what you see or hear with anyone else.

What Customers Can Do

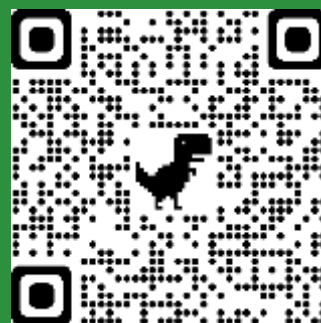
Resolve Issues Privately – If you have a less-than-ideal experience, contact the business directly. Business owners appreciate hearing from you to resolve any issues, rather than to hear about it on social media or through the rumour mill. On the flip side, if you have a great experience, let them know, either via phone call/email or on their social media channels.

Respect COVID Restrictions – If you are visiting a business, respect the rules set by the government health authority. Business owners don't make the rules but they're in the difficult position of having to enforce them for their own safety and the safety of their customers. In addition, businesses have had to make many accommodations during this pandemic including expenses for personal protective equipment, time required for cleaning protocols between customers, and reduced numbers of customers – all negatively impacting their bottom line. Please be kind. Always.

Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



The PRCC is hosting a survey for all members of the community to partake in. We are looking for potential uses of a \$25000 grant to bring in new business opportunities to the area. The survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by going online to www.pineyregionalchamber.ca/makers-space/.



SECSC

Community Housing Research Phase 2

A group of dedicated volunteers conducted a housing survey back in September 2019 to kick off a renewed effort to provide housing options for seniors in the region. The survey results showed significant interest in a local housing community with day-to-day assistance. These volunteers incorporated the South East Community Services Co-operative (SECSC) to continue their work towards establishing housing and related services from a slightly different angle – a grassroots co-operative structure.

The SECSC housing community, aiming for completion in 2024, will offer twenty 500-square-foot units providing meals, laundry service, light housekeeping and 24/7 supervision in an affordable, secure group setting. The facility will cater to residents who can no longer (or choose not to) live independently but are not ready to move to a personal care home.

Sound like something you'd be interested in? If so, we need your input. To fund the project, SECSC is seeking funding from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. As part of the application, SECSC is conducting a second phase of research with prospective tenants to participate in a 15 to 20-minute phone interview with Frank Scap of Outlook Market Research. All responses will be held in strict confidence. From all participants, we will be drawing in October for prizes from local businesses. If you are interested in participating, contact Martin Van Osch at martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca or call 204-437-2284 by Friday, August 13th, 2021.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

If Covid wasn't enough to deal with, this summer is off to a very hot start! That brings increased fire risk to the area! I know we all want to get out and enjoy the weather, but let's do it in the safest way possible. This means following the guidelines for Fire Bans, and Back Road Travel Bans. Failing to do so not only puts everyone else at risk, but can land you some hefty fines as well! Nobody needs that. Make sure you do your part, but also keep an eye out for people who are not following the rules! Have a great summer, be safe, don't drink & drive, and keep an eye out for Sprague Detachment members on the roadways. We'll be out there, fighting crime and subduing evil!

With the Provincial restrictions still in place, Sprague RCMP Detachment is currently closed for walk up service. If you are an essential worker, you can still get criminal record checks completed. Please contact our office at (204) 437-2041 to get further details. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911.

Richard Graham Cpl.
NCO i/c Sprague Detachment



RM of Piney Fire Departments

The year 2021 is going to be one for the record books. The challenges just seem to get tougher. The pandemic has hit us all and now we struggle with a severe drought. This climate change they keep talking about appears to be very real. The inability of plants to grow and survive and not flourish as we are accustomed to, has far reaching effects. Everyone from the home gardener to the major agricultural producers feels the pinch in an economy already stressed. As conditions continue to deteriorate, we must do everything we can to protect what we have and prevent further loss or disaster. Of course, fire is top of the list and its ability to destroy homes, lifestyles, and large environments in a few short hours is above argument. Take the time now to do all you can to protect your properties and those around you. Govern your actions around your community with due care. Firesmart your yard. If you have a reliable water source, use it. Get those sprinklers going. Clean up and plan ahead. Talk to your neighbors. Connect with your PEAT groups and organize. Together we are strong and can get through this. Please pay attention to our officials and respect the Fire and Travel Bans. Regular updates are posted and available on a variety of websites. As always, I appreciate hearing from you and welcome your comments.

Bill Stowe
Municipal Fire Chief

Municipal Emergency Coordinator

July has brought us some pretty hot weather, with little precipitation. Sadly, many parts of the prairies and western Canada are afire. We have made it another month without a major wildfire incident in our Municipality. Good job to all. Our community has committed itself to ensuring the safety of both people and properties. Vigilance will be the price of our success in keeping our community safe. Please continue to obey both fire bans and backcountry travel bans. For info on extreme heat conditions and how to protect yourself: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/prepare/heat.html>

Canada is a world leader in vaccination rates of its citizens. To find out more about vaccinations, visit the MB Government website: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html>

Richard Gamble
Municipal Emergency Coordinator

BPPS Recycling & Waste Management Board Job Posting

Secretary Treasurer (Flexible Casual Position)

BPPS Recycling & Waste Management Board is accepting applications for a Secretary Treasurer. This casual position will require approximately 20 hours per month to complete the required tasks. Flexibility will be afforded to the candidate to best suit the duties of the position while working from home. The candidate must be self-motivated and take initiative to complete time sensitive tasks based on the Board's direction.

Interested candidates are requested to submit a resume with salary expectations by 4pm on Tuesday, August 10th, 2021. Indicate "BPPS Secretary Treasurer" on the envelope and submit to: BPPS Recycling & Waste Management Board

Box 48 Vassar, MB R0A 2J0
Ph: 204-437-2284 Email: martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca Or drop off at the offices of Piney, Stuartburn or Buffalo Point FN

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