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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



December 2021

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Snow Clearing Reminder

A Message from RM Public Works

A reminder to all landowners, when removing snow from your driveway to please make sure no excess snow is left on municipal roads or road allowances. When this occurs, the ice and snow become traffic hazards and make it difficult for the snow plows to clear properly.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Holiday Hours

The RM office will be closed Friday, December 24th to Friday, December 31st, 2021. The office will resume regular operations on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

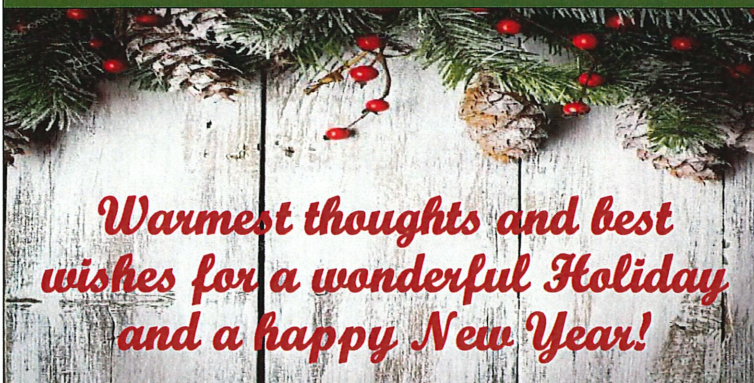


The Piney/Menisino Garbage Dump will be closed Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th and New Years Day, Saturday, January 1st.

Dump will be open Sunday, December 26th and Sunday, January 2nd.

Holiday Recycling Tips

Visit **Simply Recycle**: <https://simplyrecycle.ca/>



2022 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Large Grant:

Vassar Community Recreation Centre Inc. - \$10,000.00

Recreation Grants for District 1:

Middlebro Parks & Recreation - \$2,400.00
Sprague Evergreen Seniors Club - \$1,530.00
Sprague Community Center Inc. - \$5,582.00
Sprague & Area Community Arena - \$7,988.00

Recreation Grants for District 2:

Piney Community Center - \$8,500.00
Vassar Community Recreation Centre Inc. - \$8,500.00

Recreation Grants for District 3:

St. Labre 200 Inc. - \$9,546.00
Carrick Community Club Inc. - \$3,024.00
Woodridge Community Club Inc. - \$4,930.00

All Event Grant Applications must be received by January 10th, 2022.

The RM of Piney would like to thank all Community Organizations for your hard work and dedication. All your tireless efforts do not go unnoticed, thank you!

The council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 28th, 2021 has been moved up to Tuesday, December 21st, 2021.

Transit



COVID has challenged us to provide a viable model but transit is still supported by Council and residents still want transit.

Despite the apprehension to travel and fully engage in community consultation during COVID, our results have indicated that we continue with transit planning.

From a regional approach, there is an opportunity to engage partners to enhance services to include vulnerable populations. Potential partnerships between municipalities, communities, non-government organizations and businesses could create a non-profit model in southeastern Manitoba.

The RM is attentive to meet the needs of ratepayers. We welcome all comments and seek feedback throughout the transit planning process.

Connie Gamble
CGpiney@gmail.com

BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION

Student Services

120 9th Street NW Altona MB R0G 0B1

Phone: 204-324-6491 Website: www.blsd.ca

Please refer to the RM of Piney Electronic Newsletter and the Ross L. Gray School Website for the full version of the BLSD Monthly Newsletter

BLSD Monthly Newsletter – December 2021

Winter is definitely here now, and we know you are working to keep your family warm, safe, and well! Hopefully you will find ideas in this newsletter that will help you along the way. And as usual, if you send us pictures, we will post to the BLSD website. (CarrL@blsd.ca)

Creative Tree Snacks!

For the base, you can use any of the following:

-Pitas -Flatbread -Tortillas

For the 'mushy part', you can use the following:

-Guacamole -Hummus
-Cream Cheese - Cheese Spread

For the toppings, you can use the following:

-Red Pepper -Cucumber -Olives
-Thinly Sliced Carrots



For the 'tree trunks', you can use the following:

-Pretzels -Celery Sticks

And for Creative Fun!

Snow Dough: Light and fluffy just like fresh snow...it's cool to the touch and can be moulded into snowballs just like real the real thing!

You'll need:

- Baking soda
- Water in a spray bottle
- Glitter (optional but lovely)



What to do:

- Pour baking soda into a large mixing bowl.
- Alternate spraying it with water while mixing it.
- If you're using glitter, add that into the mix too.
- The snow dough will be very loose and fluffy but will easily come together into a ball when you squeeze it in your hands.
- No need to measure the ingredients exactly.
- Afterwards, scoop the snow dough into a zip-close bag until you're ready to play with it again. If needed, a little extra water from a spray bottle will bring it back to life and it'll be as good as new.

Come and Visit... and Stay to Play!

RLG, BLSD, and Southern Health are hosting a free stay and play for families and their caregivers in the area.

- ❖ The Stay and Play will be held every Tuesday (or every other Tuesday) depending on number of registrants.
- ❖ Your child will come and explore and participate in various activities that will strengthen their social skills and help promote independence.
- ❖ This is a great opportunity to learn with your child and meet other families in the community!

Contact:

Carly Chubaty or
Adriane Culleton at
204-437-2175.

chubatyc@blsd.ca

culettona@blsd.ca

PLEASE NOTE

Due to an increase in Covid-19 cases in Southern Health, **new registrations** are postponed until the new year to ensure proper public health protocols can be met.

Please stay tuned...we hope to have this program fully up and running in the new year!!



Economic Development

Give the Gift of Supporting Local

With the holiday season upon us, Sunrise Corner wants to remind everyone that supporting local means more than just shopping locally. It also means moral support. Inspired by a recent Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce post, here are some no-cost, online ways to support our local businesses.

Follow Local Businesses – Many local businesses use social media to market themselves, and it's easy to like and follow their pages. The more people who follow and comment on posts, the more exposure the business gets which can translate into more sales.

Share a Post With a Friend – Have you seen something on a local shop's social media page that is just what a friend or family member is looking for? Don't just tell them about it, share the post to their social media page. Your friend and the business will appreciate your thoughtfulness. And the online engagement improves the visibility of the page so even more people see it.

Write a Review for a Local Shop – If you've had a great experience with a local business, write a review on their Facebook page. Just click the "Reviews" tab near the top of their page, rate them and write a few words about your experience. It lets the business owner know they're appreciated and it gives others a reason to shop there.

Repost Local Business Post – Has your favorite local business shared a post about an upcoming event or special promotion? Repost it on your page so all your friends can see it. Wouldn't it be great to know you may be the reason a local business owner gets a few new customers?

Post About a Local Product – If you've bought something made by a local baker, maker, artisan or artist that you absolutely love, write a post about it on social media. Don't forget to include a product photo and tag the maker; it's as simple as adding the @ symbol in front of their social account name. Your friends will be more likely to buy the product – and that's a gift every small business loves to receive.

So many of our local businesses have gone above and beyond this year to continue to provide the products and services we all need and want, so let's take a few moments to show our appreciation. Happy holidays.

Monique Chenier

monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



Services to Seniors

Volunteer opportunities:

- Sprague Senior Meals Program
- Help with kitchen and meal deliveries
- Looking for individuals to provide home cleaning for fee

Call Mel 204-437-2604 for more information.



PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

As much as we all hate to admit it, Winter is here! This means a few things when it comes to safety this season. First, please slow down and drive appropriately to the road conditions.

Snowy, slushy roadways reduce your traction, and limit your ability to stop in time. In time for what you might ask!? Have you seen the deer out there? We have! Several officers in this Detachment who may or may not have had VERY close encounters with deer and Police Vehicles. I won't mention any names.

Secondly, I'm sure there are lots of people excited for the snow and the start of snowmobile season. Let's ride safely this season, and respect other people's property by sticking to the trails as much as possible! Going off trail in an unknown area, can result in serious collisions with unseen items buried in the snow. Go with what you know, and stay on trail. Be mindful that due to the mild fall we had, the ice won't be ready to ride on as early this year. If you're going out for the day, have a plan, let someone know that plan, travel in groups, and have emergency equipment with you. We want everyone to enjoy the best the winter season has to offer, and get home safely!

For all non emergency matters including Criminal Record Checks, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041.

Richard Graham Cpl.
NCO i/c Sprague Detachment



Municipal Emergency Coordinator

Winter seems fully upon us. There have been no severe storms so far and we're keeping our fingers crossed.

The pandemic is still with us as we approach this holiday season. Please continue to observe and obey the Manitoba Health Regulations and Public Health Orders regarding holiday gatherings. Following these simple guidelines will help to ensure that we can all stay safe and healthy during this holiday season.

Additionally, winter driving conditions are also upon us. Please remember to drive both safe and sober. Collisions between deer and vehicles are frequent, this time of year, so please keep your eyes open for Bambi crossing the road in your path.

Canada is a world leader in vaccination rates of its citizens. Visit the Manitoba Government website for more information:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html>
<https://manitoba.ca/covid19/holiday-season.html>

Richard Gamble
Municipal Emergency Coordinator



RM of Piney Fire Service

December! The last month of the year. A time for celebration and reflection on the year past. A time to value family and friends. Nothing can be worse than a tragedy at this time of year. No one wants or expects them, but yet they happen. On behalf of all emergency responders, we hope and pray that this year will be different.

I look back at the past year and all the newsletter contributions that I've worked on. So many of them focused on tragic situations, possible prevention and the circumstances leading up to them. I want to end the year on a positive note and express my appreciation for ALL of the incredible people that I have met and worked with in the past year. I am talking about those people that put all else aside and make caring for others the one and only priority in times of need. I recognize all the families and behind the scenes support workers that are so often forgotten. I recognize the many years of service of long-time residents. I recognize the newcomers that are stepping up to the plate and the personal sacrifices made. Each and every one of you are making our small corner of the world a better place. Take the time now to reflect on the wonders we enjoy and how truly lucky we are.

On behalf of all of our fire departments, Members, Captains, Deputy Chiefs, District Chiefs, the Piney Fire Protection Committee, and myself, we wish you the best possible end of 2021 and beginning of 2022. Please celebrate Christmas SAFELY with family, friends and strangers alike.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you with any comments or concerns. And Oh yes...don't forget to clean your chimneys!

Bill Stowe
Municipal Fire Chief
billstowe@rmofpiney.mb.ca

Community Christmas Hampers

Community Christmas Hampers are a long standing tradition of dedicated community members supporting each other in the RM of Piney.

The PRCC is once again coordinating the assembly and distribution of Christmas Hampers to families and individuals in need within our municipality.

Advanced registration is open now until December 4th. To register please contact John & Margie Prevost by email at: margieprevost@me.com or prej@premiertech.com or by phone at 204-437-2464.

For those who are interested, there are also two ways you can donate financially:

By cheque made out to PRCC (hampers)
Box 44 South Junction, MB R0A 1Y0 or drop off at Carl & Kay's Fine Foods

Those who wish to e-transfer may do so @ hampers@pineyregionalchamber.ca





Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, December 4, 2021

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

Indoor Market

**Covid19
Guidelines in
place**



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!**

Piney Community Centre

ANNUAL MEETING

Election of Officers

Piney Community Hall

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Must be double vaccinated to attend.

JOIN US
DECEMBER 9TH

MONTHLY CHAMBER MEETING
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING AT 7PM



WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

69 Denis Street, Woodridge



CHRISTMAS CRAFT and BAKE SALE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 2021

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: Free

*Attendees (and vendors) must provide
PROOF OF VACCINATION and WEAR A MASK.*

*SILENT AUCTION AND CANTEEN WILL
ALSO BE AVAILABLE. Proceeds will go to
support our community club.*



IT WILL BE WORTH THE TREK TO WOODRIDGE!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

12 to 4 pm

PINEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PINEY, MB

TABLE RENTAL

CRAFT, BUSINESS, & MISC Tables - \$15 each

Call Jen @ 204-423-2223

Bev @ 204-423-2211

50/50 Draw

Proceeds will be donated to the

RM of Piney Food Bank

Covid 19 Guidelines will be followed.
ALL Vendors and Attendees must show
proof of vaccination and wear masks.