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Rural Municipality of  
**PINEY**



November 2021

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### Fall Back



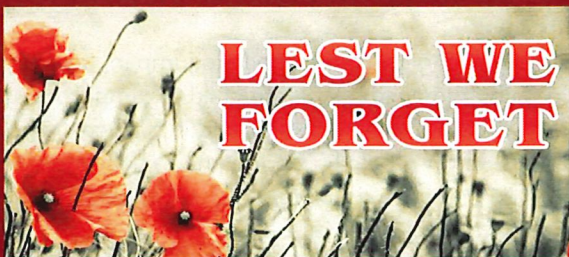
### Winter Garbage Dump Hours

As of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the hours of all three garbage dumps in the RM will change to 9:00am to 5:00pm on the regular days the dump is scheduled to be open.

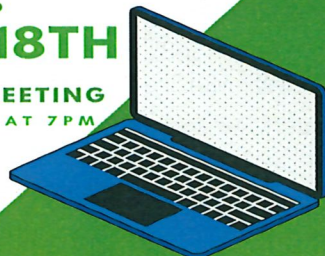
**The Sprague Garbage Dump will be closed for Remembrance Day on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and will re-open at 9:00am on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**Council meetings will commence at 6:00pm starting November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 until March 2022.**

**The RM Office will be closed on Remembrance Day Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



JOIN US  
**NOVEMBER 18TH**  
MONTHLY CHAMBER MEETING  
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING AT 7PM



## Transit Plan Summary

### Report 7 – Grants & Funding

This is the seventh summary to date of the Transit Options Report. For more detailed information visit our website: <https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Transit-Report-7-November-Newsletter.pdf>

*Money, money, money. Much can be done with more but we never seem to have enough.....*

The timing and availability of federal and provincial funding opportunities is often uncertain. Municipal funding sources are limited and transit must compete with other basic community needs for funds. The Rural Transit Solutions Fund will soon be available to mitigate capital costs for rural and remote communities such as the RM of Piney and so we are finalizing the RM of Piney Transit Options report to provide support as required.

There are currently three opportunities to provide some \$\$\$ for a transit program:

1. The provincial Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program (MDTP) which limits funds available to seniors and those with mobility challenges.
2. The federal Gas Tax Fund provided to municipalities across many different project categories, including roads and bridges and public transit.
3. A new federal Rural Transit Solutions Fund available soon to mitigate capital costs for rural and remote communities such as the RM of Piney.

Without grants and funding opportunities a public transit program could not be envisioned due to the extremely high costs of both acquiring a vehicle and operating costs. With demonstrated community support, an ongoing need and a willingness of riders to pay a fare, a transit plan could become feasible.

If you would like to be involved in community discussions regarding the logistics and expectations of a transit plan to become a reality, please contact [CGpiney@gmail.com](mailto:CGpiney@gmail.com).

## Traffic Gravel Haul

RM of Piney Public Works  
2020-2021 Cost Comparison

The total cost for traffic gravel in 2020 was \$176,941.71 for 21,984.20 tonnes of gravel that was hauled and spread onto RM of Piney municipal gravel roads. The RM will be receiving funds from DFA (Disaster Financial Aid) to cover a portion of these costs.

For 2021, the total cost for traffic gravel including hauling, spreading, repairing municipal roads, and projects to date is \$170,420.00. This amount covers 20,870 tonnes of gravel.

## Economic Development

### Sustainably Developing Sunrise Corner

Sunrise Corner is focused on developing our region to present new opportunities to residents in a sustainable way that preserves the rural quality of life we all love. Here are a few of the initiatives we've been working on.

**Incredible Sunrise Corner Video Series:** One of the projects that has garnered a lot of attention is the six videos produced by our summer intern, Jeannine Brandt, that showcases why Sunrise Corner is an incredible place to live, work, play, visit, invest and explore. Check it out on Sunrise Corner Tourism's Facebook page or on our YouTube channel.

**Support Local Campaign:** The Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce received a grant to produce a "Support Local" promotional campaign. These videos will talk to businesses and residents about how important supporting local has been during the pandemic. It'll also serve as a good reminder to show our appreciation long after the US border opens and the pandemic is behind us – supporting local strengthens our community from every perspective.

**Master Plans:** Two diamonds-in-the-rough for both residents and visitors in our region are Gardenton Park and Vita Rest Area. With grant funding, we have been working with landscape architects to create a master plan – a document that takes the community's input and translates it into a phased approach for future development. We look forward to presenting these plans to the community to show our collective vision of how these properties can be improved for everyone's enjoyment.

**Community Symposium:** A community event in April 2020 to provide youth and others with information about local career opportunities was put on hold due to COVID. Now pivoting to an online version, we are interviewing local companies about opportunities within three pathways – direct to workforce path, entrepreneurial path and post-secondary path. Watch for the videos and other resources being launched in early 2022.

**Eastman Tourism Training:** Training is nearly complete for a program that will allow me to help local craftspeople, artisans, entrepreneurs and storytellers to develop unique tourism offerings. These will be different than anything we've seen in Manitoba – a partnership approach to programming that includes culinary, outdoor adventure, wellness and/or culture, with sustainability a key element. More details will be released soon, but in the meantime, if you have an idea that fits this description, please reach out – I'd love to hear all about it.

Monique Chenier  
[monique@sunrisecornermb.ca](mailto:monique@sunrisecornermb.ca)



## BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION

Student Services

120 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW Altona MB R0G 0B1

Phone: 204-324-6491

Website: [www.blstd.ca](http://www.blstd.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 – November 2021

Here it is...our second newsletter! Feel free to take some pictures of you and your children doing the activities and then send them to us ([CarrL@blstd.ca](mailto:CarrL@blstd.ca))...we will post some of them to our BLSD website!

#### TWO Super Simple Snack Ideas



**Pretzel Toothpicks!**  
\*Cut any type of hard cheese into bite-sized cubes.  
\*Pierce each cube with the end of a pretzel stick.



**Nutella Rice Cakes & Fresh Fruit**  
\*Spread Nutella on thin brown rice crackers.  
\*Top with sliced fruit (strawberries,

#### Fall Outdoor Activity – Backyard Fun with Leaves!



##### Who can make the biggest pile of leaves?

- Everyone gets a rake, Mom says, "3.. 2..1.. GO!", and everyone makes the biggest pile they can!

##### How many different colours of leaves can you find?

- Make a rainbow of different colours and types of leaves.

##### Make a path through the leaves and play Follow the Leader!

- Before raking the leaves, clear a path through the leaves like a maze.
- You can even add roadblocks in between!

##### Who can fill the wheelbarrow, bag, or bucket with leaves the fastest?

- Have a little contest while cleaning up the leaves!

##### Play Hot Lava!

- Instead of making one big leaf pile to jump in, make a trail of smaller piles and encourage your child to jump from one to the next without touching the ground in between. Once they jump through the whole line, add in new challenges like hopping on one foot, skipping, or even jumping backward.

Contribution by: Ms. Barb Rempel, Ms. Jackie Harms  
(Rosenfeld Elementary School)

## Tree Planting in Sandilands

Tree Canada is Canada's leading non-profit tree planting agency. Last month they planted 100,000 red pine seedlings throughout the community of Sandilands. The RM of Piney worked closely with Tree Canada to organize this planting.

Trees were planted by First Nation tree planters and will help to beautify the community and replenish some open areas while replacing the older declining trees. These trees will provide shade, shelter, wind reduction, wildlife habitat, watershed protection and clean air. Trees will also be planted to provide site screening as well as noise/dust reduction from the railway.

Tree Canada is always looking for large areas of open land for future plantings.

Ken Fosty - Manitoba Community Advisor - 204-963-2209



# PROTECTIVE SERVICES



## Sprague RCMP

Fall is upon us once again. Take this as your yearly reminder to secure your seasonal properties, and remove any items of high value. Seasonal properties are routinely targeted by criminals looking for an easy score, in an area where they know nobody is going to be around. Don't make it easy for them! Remove your items and whatever you do... PLEASE Don't leave any Firearms in your cabin! I don't care if they are locked up, or hidden in your closet, or under your bed! Criminals will have all the time in the world to look for your hiding places, or defeat your locking system. Prevention is the best policy. Take your firearms home for the season, and lock them up at home. While we are talking about firearms, let's remember it's hunting season! Please make sure when out hunting, you're practicing firearm safety, and wearing clothing that is visible to other hunters. Know where you're hunting, and make sure you have the proper permissions to be on private property. As always if you have any questions, please contact the Sprague RCMP at (204) 437 -2041, or if it's an emergency (204) 437-2222 or 911.

Richard Graham Cpl.  
NCO i/c Sprague Detachment



## Municipal Emergency Coordinator

As we move through the fall season we must remember that November can often be a month of snow and/or ice storms. Although November blizzards are not unknown to us hearty Manitobans, the possibility of snow/ice storms knocking out power for an extended period is a very real one. Please find the link below to Canada's preparedness guide for storms. This will advise you on how best to prepare for any upcoming storm activity.

Remember, you are responsible to prepare for winter storms. Although the Municipality has resources to assist, we must rely on you to ensure that you are adequately prepared before a storm occurs.

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/svrstrms-wtd/svrstrms-wtd-eng.pdf>

Canada is a world leader in vaccination rates of its citizens. To find out when you can be vaccinated please visit the MB Government website for detailed and up to date information: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html>

Richard Gamble  
Municipal Emergency Coordinator



## RM of Piney Fire Service

Another month has passed. November is the month of change from fall to winter. Many of our activities change and we face challenges associated with the new season.

Of course, November is the month for the daylight saving time change BACK to what many of us consider normal time. Along with that change is the now traditional recommendation to make sure your warning systems in your house are inspected and in good working order. This house inspection is not limited to smoke and co2 alarms nor is inspection limited to your house. Other items that certainly deserve a good checkup are your furnace air filter if you have one and when was the last time you cleaned out the clothes dryer vent? Do you have baseboard electric heaters? Are they clogged with cob webs and dust? A good cleaning of these items may be wise and save some grief down the road. As you know by now I'm always telling you to clean your chimneys and today is no exception, so... Clean your chimneys!!

Outside the house an area of concern is your means of transportation. Is your car winterized? Winter is not the time of year to be stranded because of issues with your vehicle that could have been prevented such as tires with poor tread. Have you got an emergency kit in your car for personal safety in the event you become stranded in a cold vehicle waiting for assistance? Let's not forget road flares or safety triangles to make sure the location of your vehicle is visible. If you are travelling through an area with poor cellular service then please make sure someone knows your planned route and expected arrival time. That's not a bad idea even if you have cellular service. Please give yourself some extra time for your travels and allow for reduced speeds due to poor weather, poor road conditions, or for areas of increased wildlife activity. Let's have a safe winter and enjoy the beauty that nature has to offer.

In closing I remind all of you how we take pride in caring for our neighbors. Our Fire departments welcome helping hands. If you care and have some skills to offer or are willing to learn, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Bill Stowe  
Municipal Fire Chief  
[billstowe@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto:billstowe@rmofpiney.mb.ca)

## 2021 Tax Deadline

All 2021 RM of Piney taxes were due on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you missed the deadline, your RM account will incur interest charges of 1.25% on the first day of each month following the deadline. Payments can be made online (Credit Union or Caisse banks), over the phone with credit card, by mailing in a cheque, or in the office by debit/credit, cash, or cheque.

## DRIVE THRU FALL SUPPER

VASSAR HALL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Pre Orders - 3:00 to 4:00PM

Drive Thru Orders - 4:30 to 6:00PM

Delivery Options (\$10.00) per household 3:00 - 4:00PM

Middlebro Hall, Sprague Hall, South Junction Senior Centre,  
Piney Hall, & Woodridge Hall

A delicious meal of turkey, stuffing, meatballs and  
gravy, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, bun & dessert!

Tickets - \$15.00

Pre Pay: Cash, Cheque or e-transfer:  
[vassarrecentre@gmail.com](mailto:vassarrecentre@gmail.com)

Preorder ticket locations: Vassar Corner Store, South Junction Co-op,  
Sprague (Carl & Kay's Fine Food), Middlebro (Charmaine Paquette), Piney (Nancy  
Brown), Woodridge (Vintage Corner Store)  
Cut-off date - Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021



In Support of Vassar Community Recreational Centre

Contact person: Gina @437-3182  
email: [mommagd63@gmail.com](mailto:mommagd63@gmail.com)



## You're Invited! Come and Tour the New Public Works Building



**By Appointment Only!**

Contact the RM office to book your spot:  
204-437-2284 / [office@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto:office@rmofpiney.mb.ca)

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
195 Boutin St., Vassar, MB  
from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

COVID restrictions in place, masks required.

## Celebrate Christmas by Supporting East Borderland Community Housing Phase III: Senior Supportive Housing - For the RM of Piney & Southeastern Communities

Christmas Trees Are Located At:

East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre & East Borderland Community Housing  
Tree \$75.00 Donation or Bulb \$5.00 Donation (Donate As Many As You Wish)

*All donations are recognized on a display board at EBPHCC. A charity receipt will be issued for all donations of \$20 and over.*

For further information, please contact: Danielle Charrette 204-371-1983

East Borderland Community Housing Inc. Box 207 Sprague, MB. R0A 1Z0

## Come and Visit... and Stay to Play!

RLG, BLSL, 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!

Where: Pine Grove Seniors Center, South Junction, Manitoba

When: Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 starting November 9<sup>th</sup>

Who: Babies and children up to age 5 and their parents/caregivers.

- ❖ Snacks will be provided.
- ❖ Anyone age 5 and up will need to wear a mask.
- ❖ Please adhere to current Public Health Protocol.

Please register as due to restrictions, we are limited to a 25  
person capacity. When registering please leave your name and  
your child(ren) name and age.

Please contact Carly Chubaty or Adriane Culleton at 204-437-2175  
to register.

[chubatyc@blsd.ca](mailto:chubatyc@blsd.ca) or [culettona@blsd.ca](mailto:culettona@blsd.ca)



## Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, November 20, 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!