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Rural Municipality of  
**PINEY**



January 2022

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### 2020/2021 Overdue Taxes

**Tax Sale Processing Deadline: Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

RM taxes for 2021 were due on October 29<sup>th</sup>. If you happened to miss this deadline and also have 2020 taxes still owing on your property, your property will incur tax sale costs if not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

For all rate payers who have 2020 and 2021 taxes owing, a letter will be issued to you later this month stating what you have owing for 2020 including arrears and penalties. This amount is **due by Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. The letter will not state the amount due for 2021 taxes since only 2020 needs to be paid so the property will not incur additional tax sale costs. Commencing April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, tax sale costs will be added to your property as well as monthly penalties.

### Grants

#### Cultural & Community Identity Grants

Sprague & District Historical Museum - \$3,500.00  
Woodridge Community Club Inc. - \$3,102.00

**All Event Grant Applications must be received  
by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**HAPPY**  
*New Year*

### Vita Veterinary Services

The Vita Veterinary Services Board is conducting a survey on the service needs of the area.

Blank copies are available at the RM office for pick up or can be completed online:

<https://getfoureyes.com/s/6pWdL/>

Survey deadline: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Completed surveys can be mailed or  
Dropped off at the RM office:

Box 48, Vassar, MB R0A 2J0



### Sprague Waste Disposal Site

The household dumping pit at Sprague dump will be closed as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Starting Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 all household materials must be disposed of using the appropriate transfer bins.

The following are not accepted as household items and must be placed in the appropriate areas; please see dump attendant for details.



**Medical, dead animals & radioactive waste are not accepted at any of our waste disposal sites!**



Please ask attendants if you are unclear or have questions.

*Merry  
Christmas*

We would like to wish a special thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas Hampers this season.

*From the financial donations of individuals and businesses, the students and staff who collected food to donate, the quilts that were lovingly made and contributed, the large group who ensured there was a gift for every child, our local grocery store owners who worked so hard to get us deals and bring in all of the products, and the many volunteers who promoted, organized, and packaged the hampers.*

*These hampers are the result of a caring and giving community. The PRCC is privileged to represent our community in this way!*

**PINEY**  
REGIONAL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE







## Economic Development

### Sunrise Corner's Online Directory is Now Live

It's a new year and we've got exciting news – our online directory is now live on the Sunrise Corner website. We are proud to help raise awareness about all the businesses, non-profits and organizations in our region that add so much to our communities. And by doing so, we hope they are able to reach more customers and increase sales.

For residents, the directory is a simple way to search for the products and services they're looking for in Sunrise Corner. You can search by business name, category or location (any community in the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn). Or just hit the "Search" button with no parameters, and all listings will come up.

This community resource is easy to use, but it needs input from all business owners, non-profit boards and community club volunteers to ensure we're accurately listing your organization. The system allows an authorized representative to add a listing if there isn't one yet or claim a listing if it already exists. These actions will be approved by an administrator before going live.

The process is super simple.

1. Visit the online directory at:  
[www.sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings](http://www.sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings).
2. Search the directory to see if your organization is listed. We uploaded all the info from the printed directories the municipal offices had created, so many organizations already have a basic listing.
3. Click on the "Add Listing" drop down menu at the top of the page and choose "How to Add a New Listing and Claim Your Listing". If your business is not listed, just follow the instructions to Submit a New Listing. If your business is listed, follow the instructions to Claim Your Listing.

The listings include all kinds of contact info whether phone number, email address, social media accounts, or your website. The description can include products or services, operating hours, special promotions, ordering, delivery or payment options, really any information that would be useful to your customers. If you want customers to come directly to your location, just enter a street address and the system will automatically generate a Google map. If you don't want customers visiting (like if you work from home), use your PO box or even just a town to show where you're located. You can also add photos and logos – remember, a picture is worth a thousand words.

If you've got any questions or would like assistance adding or updating your listing, send me an email. Alternatively, if you see a business listed that is no longer operating, let me know. We want this to be the most complete and accurate listing of all the businesses and organizations in Sunrise Corner.

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

# MUNICIPALITY 101

## Your Guide to Local Government

### Joint Boards & Partnerships

Partnerships with other municipalities is one way for the RM of Piney to expand opportunities and services for rate payers.

#### Stuartburn-Piney Weed Board

The RM of Stuartburn/Emerson-Franklin weed board was established in 1967. In 2014, it became the R.M. of Stuartburn-Piney weed board. The weed board works to prevent the spread of invasive weeds that can cause damage to fields and livestock. The team strives to spray responsibly, following the recommendations from the Manitoba Weed Supervisor's Association.

#### Sunrise Corner

In 2016 the Sunrise Corner Tourism board was started to promote tourism in the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn. In 2019 the Piney Stuartburn Economic Development District was formed to oversee the Sunrise Corner initiative. Sunrise Corner prioritizes local business development, housing development and tourism within the two RMs.

#### Seine Rat River Conservation District

The SRRWD was established in partnership with local municipalities and the Province of Manitoba Conservation Districts Program in January of 2002. Members of the RM council as well as appointed landowners sit on SRRWD district committees. The SRRCD develops and delivers land and water management programs that are available to all local land owners and agriculturalists.

#### Southeast Community Services Co-op

The SECSC is a non-profit, developed in 2019 by the RM of Piney, the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce and East Borderland Community Housing. It is comprised of locals with an interest in developing senior housing within southeastern Manitoba.

#### Buffalo Point Piney Stuartburn Waste Management Board

The BPPS Recycling and Waste Management Board was officially launched in 2021 due to the departure of Eastman Recycling from the southeastern region. With this new initiative, ratepayers will have ownership over the program and not be subject to contracted services. The partnership seeks to provide a more environmentally sustainable approach to waste management for southeastern Manitoba.

For more information on these three partnerships, please visit:

Manitoba Weed Supervisor's Association: [www.mbweeds.ca](http://www.mbweeds.ca)

Sunrise Corner: [www.sunrisecornermb.ca](http://www.sunrisecornermb.ca)

Seine Rat River Conservation District: [www.srrwd.ca](http://www.srrwd.ca)

Piney Chamber of Commerce:  
[www.pineyregionalchamber.ca](http://www.pineyregionalchamber.ca)

[www.rmofpiney.mb.ca](http://www.rmofpiney.mb.ca)

Stay tuned for next month's article on 'Special Initiatives'.



# PROTECTIVE SERVICES



## Sprague RCMP

Happy New Year! I think we can all agree that 2021 had it's challenges, and here's to hoping 2022 will be closer to what we can all describe as "Normal". My fingers are crossed! Sprague RCMP has had several reports of telephone frauds in the past month. These are not new and continue to happen. Whether it's someone saying they are from Canada Revenue Agency and you owe money, or that you have a package being held by Canada Border Services Agency and need to pay a fine, or even if a friend or family member has been stopped by the Police and they need bail money, **DO NOT FALL FOR THIS!** None of these agencies including the RCMP are going to call you and ask to be sent money in the mail! According to the Canadian Anti Fraud Center who track scams of all types in Canada, as of October 2021, Canadians have lost \$198 Million dollars this year to various scams! Don't be the next victim! Most of these scammers will force a sense of urgency on you to send money right away. That should be a red flag. Call the Sprague RCMP and report the incident. We can tell you if it's a scam or not. You can also check out the Canadian Anti Fraud Website at: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca> or call their Toll Free Number at 1-888-495-8501. The bottom line is if you get a suspicious phone call hang up!

I hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas. We at the Sprague RCMP Detachment look forward to serving you again this year!

For all non emergency matters including Criminal Record Checks, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911.

Richard Graham Cpl.  
NCO i/c Sprague Detachment



## Municipal Emergency Coordinator

So just in time for the New Year we now have the Omicron variant to contend with. There is still much unknown about this variant but research is underway world-wide. It's thought this may cause a fifth wave of infections over this coming winter.

Please continue to observe and obey the Manitoba Health Regulations and Public Health Orders regarding gatherings.

Following these simple guidelines will help to ensure that we can all stay safe and healthy during the coming New Year.

Please visit the Manitoba Government website for detailed and up to date Covid-19 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

Hello everyone. Christmas is over for another year and once again it is time to make New Years resolutions. I make the same ones that I make every year only to be broken. I promise not to eat so much turkey at Christmas. Well, I kept my promise for 11 months... That's pretty good right?

Are we ready for January? Whether we are or not...here it comes. If my memory serves me correctly, January is one of the most challenging months for severe weather. This is Manitoba, Canada and temperatures can dip to dangerously cold and anything from rain to heavy snow is possible. You do not want to have to deal with that or get caught outdoors if you are unprepared. Whether you are going to work, going for groceries, or maybe enjoying a snowmobile ride, there are steps you should take. Someone should ALWAYS know your plans, route, and schedule. Carry an emergency kit and have extra warm clothing. If you are out snowmobiling and have a breakdown, this is one of the few times you will find me saying "you need to know how to make a fire".

Let's not forget the possibility of being shut in at home due to a severe snowfall. Are you prepared to manage for a few days without electricity? Also don't forget to check on your neighbors.

Regardless of what a Canadian January throws at us, I wish you all a great start to 2022. Plan ahead and stay safe. "Clean your chimneys!!"

As always, I look forward to hearing from you with any comments or concerns.

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



January 13th at 7 PM, regular monthly meeting via Zoom.



PRCC Youth membership officially launches this month. Sign up online at [www.pineyregionalchamber.ca](http://www.pineyregionalchamber.ca) if you're between 14 and 24 and have an interest in business & entrepreneurship, or simply want to learn.



Thank you to all who volunteered, participated, purchased, and donated in the PRCC Holiday Gift Card Program.



**BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION**  
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 Phone: 204-324-6491 Website: www.blstd.ca

**BLSD Monthly Newsletter – January 2022**

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

**Caring for Children...** Taking care of our mental health is just as important as having a healthy body. As parents, we play an important role in our children's mental health. We can promote good mental health by the things we say and do, and through the environment we create at home.

**Help them build strong, caring relationships...** Spend some time together each night around the dinner table.

**Help them feel good about themselves...** Show lots of acceptance and love; praise them when they do well.

**Listen, and respect their feelings...** Encourage them to talk about how they feel; practice (really) listening when they share.

**Create a safe, positive home environment...** Notice what your child is watching on TV and online; be careful about which topics are discussed in front of your child.

**Help them solve problems...** Teach them tricks to help them relax when they feel upset; talk about possible solutions to solve dilemmas...try not to take over!

**And also for Caregivers...**



...a great app that allows users to track their moods, as well as gives exercises that help uplift and deal with negative emotions.

**NEW! Southern Health Walk-In Counselling – Steinbach**

In a one-time walk-in session, you can discuss your struggles, explore coping, and get information about other resources that might help improve your mental health.

Thursdays @ 9am – 3pm

First Come First Served 450 Main St. Steinbach

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

**Session 2 - STARTING FRIDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**

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

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

**When:** FRIDAY FROM 9:30-11:30 STARTING JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

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

- ❖ Anyone age 5 and up will need to wear a mask.
- ❖ Current Public Health Protocols will be followed.

**PLEASE REGISTER, WE ARE LIMITING TO 3 OR 4 FAMILIES (7-10 CHILDREN) PER SESSION.**

**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 [culletona@blsd.ca](mailto:culletona@blsd.ca)**



# Southeast Farmer's Market

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

**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!**

**Do you live in south-eastern Manitoba?**

**Is health and healthy living of interest to you?**

**Are you concerned about ticks or Lyme disease?**

**Come participate in an [online focus group on ticks and Lyme disease, a disease transmitted by ticks that is present in your region.](#)**

**We are interested to speak with ALL members of the public, including but not limited to:**

- outdoor workers & outdoor enthusiasts
- parents and caregivers of children under 18 living at home
- pet owners

**We are conducting a research project to understand how the presence of ticks and Lyme disease may be impacting your life.**

**You don't need to have had Lyme disease to participate, but must be over 18 years of age**

**Focus groups will take place in December 2021 – January 2022.**

**Participants will be compensated for their time.**

**If you would like to participate or if you have any questions, please contact:**

**Natasha Bowser, researcher,**

**by email: [natasha.nofal@umontreal.ca](mailto:natasha.nofal@umontreal.ca)**

**Thanks for your interest!**



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