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Rural Municipality of  
**PINEY**



December 2022

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### Holiday Office Closure



*Closed for the  
Holidays:*

December 26<sup>th</sup>

—  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>

The office will re-open to the public on  
Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

### Garbage Dump Holiday Closures

Sprague and Woodridge Waste Disposal Sites  
will be closed:

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

Both dumps will re-open:  
Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023



### Snow Clearing Reminder

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!*

### Council Meeting Rescheduled

The Council meeting scheduled for  
Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 has been moved to  
Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6pm.

### Bid Hourly Contractor Forms

2023 Bid Hourly Forms are now available online to all contractors interested in submitting their bids to do any work for the RM in 2023. The form can be found under "Our Services – Roads & Infrastructure" on the website.

### Agricultural Land Leases

The RM of Piney is seeking proposals and prices on a five (5) year rental for the following sections of land:

**SE ¼ 1-1-11EPM – 172 acres (Piney airport property)**  
**NW ¼ 8-2-12EPM – 160 acres (Piney)**  
**SW ¼ 14-3-10EPM – 160 acres (Carrick)**  
**NE ¼ 10-3-10EPM – 160 acres (Carrick)**  
**S ½ NW ¼ 9-1-10 EPM – 80 acres (Sirko)**  
**S ½ NW ¼ 10-1-10 EPM – 80 acres (Sirko)**

Please clearly mark which parcel you are interested in by stating the legal address and the proposed price per year. Proposals must be received by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by 1:00pm at the RM office. The lease is valid from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, outside of each envelope must be clearly labelled:

"Proposal for Agricultural Lease", submitted by \_\_\_\_\_.

Please visit our website or call the office for more details.

### 2023 Community Grants

#### Large Grants:

Woodridge Community Club - \$10,000.00  
Middlebro Community Hall - \$8,075.00

#### Recreation Grants District 1:

Middlebro Community Hall - \$4,200.00  
Middlebro Parks & Recreation - \$5,700.00  
Sprague Community Center Inc. - \$6,500.00  
South Junction Community Club - \$1,100.00

#### Recreation Grants District 2:

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

#### Recreation Grants District 3:

Carrick Community Club Inc. - \$5,833.00  
St. Labre 200 Inc. - \$5,833.00  
Woodridge Community Club Inc. - \$5,833.00

#### Cultural & Community Identity Grants:

Sprague & District Historical Museum Inc. - \$4,159.66  
Sprague Evergreen Seniors Club - \$2,500.00

*Thank You!*

All Event Grant applications must be received  
by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## Economic Development

### Time to Think About Giving Back

December has always been a month of giving and gratitude. Volunteering is a gift of time you give to causes and organizations you care about. Whether it's doing park improvements at the community club, driving seniors to appointments, coaching a kids' sports team, or sharing our culture and history at a local museum, now's the time to consider what you can do in 2023.

Don't forget, volunteering can be done at any age. Everyone has something to give that will help improve our communities. Why not encourage each member of your family to make a commitment this year?

**Children:** spend time playing games with seniors or raise money through a lemonade stand, donating the proceeds to a cause you care about.

**Youth:** volunteer to help figure out what you might want to do as a career, the experience you gain will definitely build up your resume for post-secondary, scholarship and job applications.

**Young Adults:** offer manual labour to your community or church, whether it's building a wheelchair ramp for seniors, cleaning out flower beds, or assembling picnic tables at your local community club.

**Parents:** show your children the value of giving back to your community, support your kids on school fundraisers by encouraging them to put in the effort themselves, not doing it all for them.

**Seniors:** volunteering helps you stay socially active and connected, so even if you're not able to drive or do manual labour, there are always opportunities to make phone calls or sell fundraising tickets.

### Sunrise Corner Launches WorkFinder

Whether you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, a full-time paid job, or a contract position, Sunrise Corner's WorkFinder will be the place online to find what you're looking for in Southeast Manitoba. Employers, we invite you to post all job openings on WorkFinder free of charge. The only parameter we have is that opportunities are located within the RMs of Piney or Stuartburn, or neighbouring communities within easy driving distance. Opportunity seekers, use the categories to narrow down your search like volunteer, full-time or part-time to find the paid or unpaid work that's waiting for you. Visit WorkFinder today. [www.sunrisecornermb.ca/workfinder](http://www.sunrisecornermb.ca/workfinder)

We hope this new FREE tool will help connect residents of all ages with the opportunities they're seeking. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to chat.

Monique Chenier

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



**WorkFinder**

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**To register** please contact

John & Margie Prevost by email at:

[margieprevost@me.com](mailto:margieprevost@me.com) or [prej@premiertech.com](mailto:prej@premiertech.com)

or by phone at 204-437-2464

Or you may also contact Rob & Helen Dueck by email at:

[rhdueck2017@gmail.com](mailto:rhdueck2017@gmail.com)

or by phone at 204-437-2258

**For those who are interested, there are various ways you can donate financially:**

By cheque made out to: PRCC (hampers)  
Mail: P.O. Box 44 South Junction, MB R0A 1Y0  
or: dropped off at Carl and Kay's Fine Foods

Those who wish to donate online, e-transfer:

[hampers@pineyregionalchamber.ca](mailto:hampers@pineyregionalchamber.ca)

If you would like a charitable receipt, you may make a donation through most local churches who will then forward the collected funds.



3rd Annual

## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROGRAM

December 1 - 12, 2022

in support of

Vita Healing Gardens



[www.pineyregionalchamber.ca](http://www.pineyregionalchamber.ca)

# PROTECTIVE SERVICES



## Sprague RCMP

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope you all enjoy the holiday season and spend time with friends and family celebrating the season. Make sure if you are “celebrating” with a beverage of your choice, that you have a designated driver. Sprague RCMP will be conducting Impaired Driving Check Stops throughout the season and into the New Year. If you drink, please don’t drive. Now that the snow is here, remember that sliding through a stop sign is not a valid excuse. Make sure you give yourself the time and distance necessary to come to a complete stop. Far too many accidents in Manitoba happen at intersections. If you can, get some proper snow tires for your vehicle, they can make a huge difference on the ice and snow.

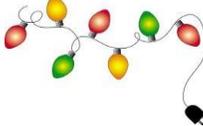
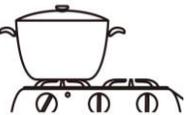
Are you or someone you know missing their cell phone? You may have left it at the store in Sprague! It’s been turned over to us and we are looking to return it to its rightful owner! Please contact Sprague RCMP Detachment if you think this could be your missing phone!

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



## HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

<p>Make sure all smoke alarms work, replace if 10+ years old.</p> 	<p>Check all lights before decorating.</p> 	<p>Water fresh trees daily.</p> 
<p>Use extension cords safely; inspect before using.</p> 	<p>Develop and practice a fire escape plan.</p> 	<p>Have your chimney inspected at least once a year by a professional.</p> 
<p>Give space heaters space.</p> 	<p>Use battery-operated candles.</p> 	<p>Always stay in the kitchen when cooking.</p> 

Be safe this Holiday Season!

## Holiday RECYCLING TIPS

**String Lights** – Light displays are a great way to decorate and get into the holiday spirit. If you’re replacing any of your lights this year, a reminder that lights do NOT belong in your blue bags. If they are still in good condition, consider donating them to a second-hand store.

**Styrofoam** – Over the holidays, there is going to be a lot of foam packaging (Styrofoam) with all those new purchases. In Manitoba, foam packaging is NOT accepted for recycling in your blue bags. Try to avoid using it if possible and look for recyclable alternatives when sending gifts.

**Plastic Cutlery** – A friendly reminder that single-use plastic plates and cutlery are NOT accepted in the blue bags for recycling. Try to avoid using them over the holiday season and try to use real dishes to serve food instead. It may take more time but the environment will thank you!

**Wrapping Paper** – Remember that not all wrapping paper is accepted in the blue bags. Wrapping paper that comes from a tree is accepted, but foil-lined wrapping paper and cellophane are NOT accepted. When you’re wrapping gifts, keep some recyclable options in mind. Try wrapping gifts in a reusable material, such as newspaper, flyers, or cloth bags. Or, put your gift in a reusable bag so they can reuse the bag later.

Find more information on what can and can't be recycled at: <http://simplyrecycle.ca/>



## Woodridge Christmas Parade



Saturday December 3rd

Starts at 4 p.m.

On Hwy 210



Followed by a hot dog roast at the Fire Hall



Please bring a tin for the bin

Christmas Tree Lighting at the Fire Hall 6p.m.

Call Jason or Treena if you have any questions 1-902-969-9940

# Free Pancake Breakfast with Santa

December 3, 9-11

Middlebro Community Hall  
Crafts, activities, photo booth, music

Xmas hamper donations gratefully accepted.

We would like to invite everyone to join us in celebrating the joy of this wonderful holiday season.

- Free pancake breakfast served with delicious local Von Slick's finishing butter
  - Visit with Santa
  - Holiday photo booth
- Music and Christmas caroling
- Christmas cookie decorating
- Christmas crafts and other activities for the kids

Special thanks to our sponsors:  
Access Credit Union  
Carl & Kay's Fine Foods  
Von Slick's Finishing Touch



You're Invited  
**PRCC Monthly Meeting**  
December 8, 2022 at 7 pm

Hybrid Meeting

attend in person at RM office in Vassar or via Zoom

[www.pineyregionalchamber.com](http://www.pineyregionalchamber.com)

## Other Events in December:

- Woodridge Craft & Bake Sale  
Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
11:00am – 3:00pm at Woodridge Hall
- Sprague Community Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
3:00pm at Sprague Hall



# Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, December 10, 2022  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center  
South Junction, Manitoba

Join us in celebrating  
30 years of the  
Southeast Farmer's  
Market! Register for our  
Christmas gift draws



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!

## VASSAR CWL FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10/2022

VASSAR HALL - 8:00 PM

FUN FOR ALL:

BINGO, SILENT AUCTION, FOOD HAMPER,  
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DRAW, LUNCH.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11/2022

VASSAR HALL - 12:00 NOON

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

FOLLOWED BY SANTA'S ARRIVAL.

"EVERYONE WELCOME"



**ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 15, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**



## BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION

Student Services

120 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2022

#### Party Snack Idea

Going to a Party? Your child can help prepare this:



#### Chocolate Oatmeal No Bake Cookies

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup milk
- 4 tbsp cocoa
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 cups oatmeal (quick oats)



Instructions:

1. Combine the butter, sugar, milk in a saucepan.
2. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat.
3. Once the syrup is at a full rolling boil, stir and cook for 1 minute, then remove from heat.
4. Add vanilla and cocoa, stir until the syrup is smooth.
5. Add the quick oats, stir until evenly coated.
6. Drop tbsp portions onto waxed paper; allow to set for one hour.



#### One More Tip-of-the-Season

This time of year can be hectic, noisy and overwhelming. This dilemma can apply to adults too, not just children.

If you notice yourself starting to get anxious, stressed, etc., here are two mini actions that can have huge impact on your wellness:

1. Pause. Take a deep breath. Literally. Doing this can help you get back to OK.
2. Turn on the music! Listen to whatever you need in the moment, to help you feel calmer, more energized, etc. Let the music work it's magic!

# EVERYDAY LIVING



## 55+ SENIOR LIVING ONE DAY CONFERENCE

-hosted by the LGD of Piney Community Resource Council

MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2022

PINEY COMMUNITY HALL

REGISTRATION 9:00AM

SPAGHETTI LUNCH \$5.00

Come join us for a fun and educational day of learning about topics that affect our daily lives.

Speakers and Topics

*Art Therapy, Physical Exercise demonstrations, Active Aging; Fall Prevention, RCMP; Home Safety/Ask Your concerns, Dueck Drug Store Vita, Raye's Day Spa & Boutique, Mindfulness and managing stress, Never Alone Cancer Foundation*

Please R.S.V.P. by December 1, 2022

Services to Seniors

[lgdseniors@gmail.com](mailto:lgdseniors@gmail.com) or 204-437-2604



## FOOT CARE NURSE COMING TO THE AREA!

NOVEMBER 29, 2022

&

DECEMBER 13, 2022

**COST:**  
\$60.00

**LOCATION:**  
Pine Grove Seniors  
South Junction



**FOR APPOINTMENTS CONTACT:**

Kimberly @ 204-437-2604 OR

email: [lgdseniors@gmail.com](mailto:lgdseniors@gmail.com)

## The Piney Community Centre

Invites you to sign up for some new activities we are running in our hall, please contact our Activities Coordinator: Bob Zarn 204-423-2053

### TUESDAYS



FLOOR CURLING

### WEDNESDAYS



PICKLE BALL

### THURSDAYS



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Wishing you all a very  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year  
from all of us at the  
RM Office

