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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



February 2023

MONTHLY REMINDERS

The RM office will be
closed for

Louis Riel Day

20th
February
2023

2023 Approved Event Grants

South Junction Community Club
Canada Day Celebrations - \$3,000.00

Sprague Community Center Inc.
Sprague Fest - \$1,500.00

Vassar Community Recreation Centre
Vassar Summer Camp - \$1,500.00

Woodridge Community Club
4th Annual Summer Fun on the Ridge - \$1,000.00

*Be sure to check the events at the back of our
newsletter, for all upcoming events in your area!*

Coffee with Council



All residents of the RM are welcome to join the council members and CAO at their Annual 'Coffee with Council' meet and greet on the following days:

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Evergreen Seniors Centre in Sprague

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Woodridge Community Centre in Woodridge

Thursday, February 23rd, 2023

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Over 40 Club in Piney

Coffee with Council is a time for rate payers within our RM to join council to voice any concerns or ask council any questions they may have.

We hope to see you there!



You're Invited
PRCC Monthly Meeting
February 9, 2023 at 7 pm

Hybrid Meeting

attend in person at RM office in Vassar or via Zoom

www.pineyregionalchamber.com



SAVE THE DATE

Local Spring Pet Vaccine Clinic

March 25th, 2023

Locations & Times

Town: Sprague

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Location: Sprague Fire Hall

Town: Piney

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Location: Piney Fire Hall

Town: Woodridge

Time: 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Location: Woodridge Fire Hall





Economic Development

Businesses: Are your customers able to find you?

The phrase "location, location, location" is often heard when it comes to retail businesses. A high-profile location certainly can help increase the chances of your business success. But what about in a rural area like Sunrise Corner which has about 3,600 people across 17 small communities spread over 3,600 sq km? Location in your community may still be important, but it takes more than the population of a single community to ensure the success of any small business.

In our vast region, the most important factors are that potential customers know your business exists and where you're located. The majority of people in our region absolutely want to support local businesses, but literally don't know they exist, so go to larger trading centres. And with so many new people moving to our area, word of mouth isn't what it used to be when everyone knew everyone else.

That's where having a strong online presence is critical. That may sound daunting to a small business owner who doesn't have the technical know-how to build a website or figure out social media. That's where Sunrise Corner has stepped in to help by creating an online directory. Best of all, listings are free for Sunrise Corner-based businesses and instructions are on the website to help you add or update your listing. If you need assistance, send me an email – I am more than happy to add the listing for you.

Visit the online directory where you can search by community, category or key word. We may have added a basis listing for your business, but we can enhance it with photos, promotions and product/service features and benefits.

Customers: Take some time to check out the businesses in your community, you may be surprised at what you find. Guaranteed, you'll learn about a local product or service you need but hadn't heard of before.

Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

Searching for local products or services?

Wanting to promote your business - for free*?

Visit Sunrise Corner's Online Business Directory



www.sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings/

*Listings exclusively for businesses that are physically located in Sunrise Corner (the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn).

Unsung Heroes of Piney RM

February is Heart Month. Although all volunteers give of themselves from the heart, our unsung heroes for February are exceptional.

Connie and John Lachnit are long time residents of Woodridge whose roots run deep in the Community. They have been volunteering and giving back for over 48 years.

Being retired, they could have chosen to spend their time resting and relaxing. Instead, both of them are busier than ever, helping wherever and whenever they can. Whether it is for their church or for the community at large, Connie and John are always ready to lead or help.

Woodridge has a strong core of volunteers and a tradition of helping each other. This is partly because of the mentoring of leaders like Connie and John. They have found many ways to inspire and motivate the other volunteers in Woodridge over the years.

Connie took the lead in feeding the many volunteer fire fighters who came out to fight the forest fires. Connie was there organizing, delegating, and directing for the full 10 days. Whether it is shopping for the Community Club, trips to Steinbach, cleaning up and hauling trash to the dump after events, or plowing snow, John is always there.

Helping keep Woodridge a safer place, they are members of the Citizens on Patrol Program. They continue to be members of the Community Board. Every event put on by the Community Club has seen their leadership, assistance and input. Whether it's Summer Fun on the Ridge, Cemetery Clean up, Spring Clean Up, Fall Suppers, Senior Suppers, Fundraisers, or the Piney Emergency phone tree, you will rarely hear them say "I can't".

You Make a Difference

Sharon Bernard

Thank You for all you do!



Survey Reminder

The RM of Piney Recreation Plan survey is underway! The Recreation Plan will create a roadmap for the region to establish goals and priorities for the next 20 years.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Complete the quick online survey for your chance to win one of three \$50 CO-OP gift cards!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RMofPineyRecSurvey>

<http://www.rmofpiney.mb.ca>

We'd love to hear from you!

Take the Survey!

Win one of three \$50 gift cards!



RM of Piney Building Inspector Yearly Report

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season. 2022 has been another extremely busy year for building permits in the RM of Piney, in which we saw our highest year of permit applications. The RM continues to see a large growth of development and we anticipate another busy year for 2023.

The RM office has also created a new format for applications that can be done online through a new fillable PDF.

Here are some answers to commonly asked questions of what is required for a building permit or if a building permit is needed:

- Any new building (house, mobile home, etc.) requires a building permit prior to being moved into the RM;
- Buildings that are being moved into the RM may also require a pre-inspection of the building prior to the building permit being issued;
- Any structure over 108 sq ft requires a building permit, including attached porches/covered entries to dwelling;
- Decks 24 inches above grade level or situated in the front yard require a permit; decks under 24 inches from ground and located on the sides or rear yard do not need a permit;
- Houses, additions, cabins and garages require a set of working drawings at the time of application;
- Engineered drawings may be required on some projects, I can help clarify this over a phone call;
- Most agricultural buildings only require a development permit if the structure is for farm use;
- A site plan is required for the application process to have an overview of the project in relation to property lines;
- Average time to have a building permit released is approximately 2 weeks;
- Fences, pools, dug outs, etc. normally require a permit so please contact the office for more information;
- Electrical permits must be done through MB Hydro.

With any project there can be a lot of questions a person may have before they start, so we are here to help answer those questions to help make your project go smoothly, so please don't hesitate to call our office or myself, Gary Hora, at the provided contact information below.



Gary Hora
Building/Fire Inspector
Weed Control Supervisor
204-380-9624
supervisor@psweedbuilding.ca

SE Transportation Initiative

Survey Reminder

Reminder to complete your transportation survey by February 10th, *even if you had completed one a couple of years ago.* **The results of this survey will determine next steps for a potential community vehicle for the Piney/Buffalo Point area, as well as next steps for potential transportation solutions with our regional partners.**

Southeast Manitoba Regional Transportation Partners: RM's De Salaberry, Hanover, La Broquerie, Piney, Reynolds, Ritchot, Stuartburn, Ste. Anne, Taché, Town of Ste. Anne, Village of St. Pierre-Jolys and Buffalo Point First Nation.

Survey:

<https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/transit-plan/>
(paper copies also available)



Igniting Connections Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGoH3TPinh8>

Piney Regional Services to Seniors

Transportation:

I would like to clarify the transportation that our program offers the seniors in the community. Our program is a fee for service program and the full cost of the transportation is paid by the client. The price is set by the volunteer doing the driving.

I know that in the past there was a discount for transportation through the office. This was a onetime grant that we were given, and that money has been used up. I wanted to explain that there is no discount as it has been brought to my attention over the last month or so. Please fill out the survey the RM of Piney has sent out for the transportation initiative as the information you provide will help determine the needs of the community.

Kimberly Essar

Piney Regional Senior Services Coordinator

204-437-2604



The Sprague congregate meals program is looking for community support to help keep it running. They are needing volunteers to help in the kitchen and to deliver meals. They are also in need of having more participants in the meal program, ordering meals and coming into the doors to take part in the meals. Without the support of the community joining meals and volunteering, the meal program may not be able to continue to serve the community. This program serves the community three times a week by making meals for seniors who rely on them. So please consider helping out and taking part in the meal program.

Please contact Robbyn Ingram at 204-437-2082.



PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Did you know you must pull over, and give right of way to all emergency vehicles, with their emergency equipment activated? That means Police Vehicles, Ambulances, and Fire Trucks. If you approach an emergency vehicle that is pulled over, you must reduce your speed to 60kph on highways, and down to 30kph in urban areas when passing them! You also must move over to the furthest lane if it's safe to do so. Failure to do any of the above can lead to fines under the Highway Traffic Act! We also don't need to prove who was driving the vehicle when the offence occurred, we can charge the Registered Owner of the vehicle. A lot of times emergency responders don't have time to make a traffic stop while we're going to a call for service with our lights and sirens on! We'll just take your plate number, and visit you with a ticket on a later date. PLEASE pull over, or slow down when you see emergency vehicles with their equipment activated. It can save lives!

Well residents of the RM of Piney, my time with you has come to an end. I've enjoyed my 5 ½ years here, and have made some good memories and friends along the way. It has been my pleasure to serve this community, which truly is a hidden gem in our Province! I appreciate all the support I've received personally, and to the support you as a community have shown the local RCMP Detachment. I feel like I'm leaving the Detachment in a better spot than when I arrived, so I can't help but to be satisfied in that. You are being left in good hands with the remaining officers, and my replacement will be joining the community soon after I leave. I'll let him introduce himself to you. Thank you again for the great experience, and the opportunity to serve. In the words of Jerry Springer... "Take care of yourself, and each other".

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

OBEY ALL RAILWAY SIGNS AND SIGNALS Obey all railway signs and warning devices, such as lights, bells and gates. Before proceeding through a crossing, look both ways and listen for approaching trains. If a train is coming, or railway warning signals are activated, stop behind any gates or stop lines—or no closer than 5 meters away from the nearest rail—and wait for the train to pass. Cross only after the warning signals have ceased and you are certain no other trains are approaching, from either direction, and on any track.

STAY ALERT & KEEP YOUR DISTANCE The best way to avoid being hit by a train is to stay out of its path. That means paying attention (put your phone down and if you're wearing headphones leave one out) when you're near tracks and trains so that you can hear and see the warnings. At crossings, keep a distance of at least 5 meters.



FIRST FULL WEEK OF FEBRUARY
**NATIONAL
BURN
AWARENESS
WEEK**

“Hot Liquids Burn Like Fire!”

Help share awareness for preventing scald injuries during February 5-11, 2023.

Did you know that the most common cause of burn injuries to children is not fire, but rather scalds from liquids such as hot drinks and tap water? Most of these burn injuries are preventable.

Burn Injury Prevention Safety Tips

- Keep a “kid-free zone” of three feet around the stove.
- To prevent spills on a stovetop, use the back burner and turn pot handles away from the edge.
- Place hot foods and liquids away from the edges of tables and counters.
- Use oven mitts or potholders when moving hot food.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Unplug hair straighteners and curlers when not in use and store out of children's reach.

https://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/burns-and-scalds

Poster Contest:

All entries must be postmarked by no later than March 31, 2023!



Kids (gr. 5-8) are asked to enter their original artwork into the judging process. Rules and details can be found here:

https://firecomm.gov.mb.ca/safety_baw.html

RAILWAY CROSSING SAFETY TIPS

Know the Signs and Signals

CROSSBUCK

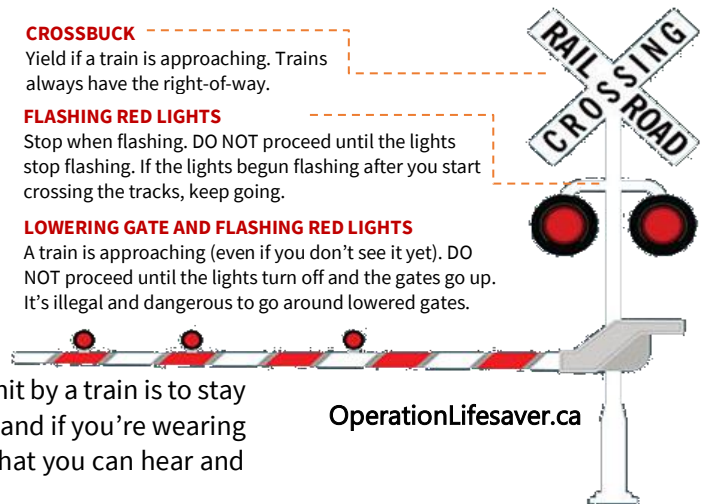
Yield if a train is approaching. Trains always have the right-of-way.

FLASHING RED LIGHTS

Stop when flashing. DO NOT proceed until the lights stop flashing. If the lights begun flashing after you start crossing the tracks, keep going.

LOWERING GATE AND FLASHING RED LIGHTS

A train is approaching (even if you don't see it yet). DO NOT proceed until the lights turn off and the gates go up. It's illegal and dangerous to go around lowered gates.



OperationLifesaver.ca



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 – February 2023

I 😊 Math!!

Think about all the things you have done today. Chances are, you have used math in almost all of them – whether it was counting, adding, estimating, measuring, or sharing. No matter how you felt about math as a student, you know how important it is because math is everywhere!! How can we help our child love math...even if we don't?

Here are 3 quick tips to help your child love math!

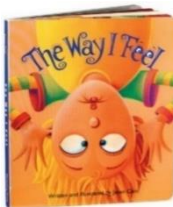
- 1. Count everything:** Enlist your child to help with family activities that involve counting. Set the table and count plates, cutlery, cups etc. Count as you go up and down the stairs, grab a handful of anything – rocks, beans, coins – and count them!
- 2. Play games:** Board games, card games, driving games and puzzles all involve math. Let your children discover the joy in math through play!
- 3. Read about math:** You might be surprised with how many books support early math concepts – books with counting, shapes, estimating, sharing. Read, read, read!

FEBRUARY BOOK PICK:

The Way I Feel

By Janan Cain

This book has lovely, whimsical illustrations that show different emotions. Find it in your local library or school; or watch it on [You Tube](#) as a read-aloud.



Big Questions to ask while reading:

*Have you ever felt this way?
When? What was that like?*

Sprague & Area Arena is Open!

Hours vary.



Follow Sprague and Area arena on Facebook for more information and hours.



A few things to keep in mind:

- Helmets are highly recommended. There are some available for lending in the warming room.
- No bathroom facilities available.
- No one is allowed upstairs, downstairs or in the zamboni room.
- Please be respectful and clean up after yourselves and ensure the warming room door remains closed.



Ross L. Gray School Presents
Preschool for 4 & 5 Year Old's

Little Raiders Preschool

January 11 & 25 / February 8 & 22 / March 8 & 22



Kindergarten Room

4:30 pm to
5:30 pm

Please contact
Carly Chubaty (chubatvc@blsd.ca)
or Melissa Goulet (gouletm@blsd.ca) to Register
Please register by January 6th, 2023

RLG Library will be open for caregivers to stay with younger children from 4:30pm- 5:30 pm. Snacks provided.

Come and Visit... and Stay to Play!! TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS

From January 10th – March 23rd

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

Where: Ross L. Gray Library

When: FROM 9:30-11:30

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

PLEASE REGISTER SO OUR COORDINATOR CAN PLAN APPROPRIATELY.

To register please contact:

Courtney Rozsa at rozsagirl.6@gmail.com
Or Carly Chubaty or Adriane Culleton at 204-437-2175
chubatvc@blsd.ca or culletona@blsd.ca

Karaoke Open Mic Night

Friday, February 24, 2023

Vassar Hall

Starting @ 7pm



Bring a friend and come for a great time!



Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, February 11, 2023
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba

Indoor
Valentine Market

50/50 Draw

Canteen



New Vendors Welcome
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!

ONE STOP DERBY

VASSAR, MANITOBA
FEBRUARY 11TH 2023



REGISTRATION
10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
AT VASSAR HALL



\$5.00 PER HAND

1ST PRIZE: 20%
2ND PRIZE: 15%
3RD PRIZE: 10%
4TH PRIZE: 5%



BINGO – 1:00PM to 3:00PM
SILENT AUCTION
FOOD AVAILABLE AT VASSAR HALL

SPONSORED BY VASSAR COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL CENTER INC.

Middlebro Park Fundraiser

Valentine's Event
of
Dinning & Dancing

Spaghetti & Garlic Bread
Choice of Chicken Alfredo
or
Meat sauce
&
Desert

Middlebro Hall
SATURDAY | FEBURARY 11th, 2023

6:30PM-1:00AM
Advance tickets \$40/couple \$20/single
Tickets available at Carl & Kay's
& South Junction Co-op
At door \$50 per couple/\$25 single
Music by The Wrong Side Of The Tracks



PINEY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

PINEY ANNUAL OPEN BONSPIEL
\$100

February 17th-19th, 2023

Contact Wally at 431-205-1248
OR
Drew at 204-380-2544