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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



March 2023

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Spring/Summer Dump Hours

All three Waste Disposal Sites within the RM of Piney will have Spring/Summer hours of 10:00am – 6:00pm starting Sunday, March 12th, 2023.

Council Meetings

Council meetings will commence at 7:00pm starting March 14th, 2023 until November 2023.

Office Closure



The RM office will be closed for training
Friday, March 24th, 2023.

Spring Hunting Lease

RM of Piney Land Access Permits

Spring Lease from April to June, 2023

Spring season permits can be pre-purchased as of March 17th, 2023 for a cost of \$250.00. For a complete list of land available for lease, please visit www.rmofpiney.mb.ca.

Road Weight Restrictions

Coming: March 2023

The RM of Piney will be imposing a 65% weight restriction of normal loading on the following roads:

- Menisino North (Rd 59E) from PTH 12 to PR 201
- Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21N) from PR 210 to Rd 74E
 - St. Labre Rd (Rd 27N & 63E) from PR 210 to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21)
- Vassar North - Vassar to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 20N)
- Vassar East Rd 6N from Vassar East Access to PR 308
 - Municipal Rd 12N from PTH 12 to PR 210

Road locations are subject to change.

Once restrictions are implemented, they will remain until further notice.

SPRING FORWARD 1 HR



Graydon
VETERINARY CORPORATION

Local Spring Pet Vaccine Clinic

March 25th, 2023

Locations & Times

Sprague	Piney	Woodridge
9:00am – 11:00am	12:00pm – 1:30pm	2:30pm – 3:00pm
Fire Hall	Fire Hall	Fire Hall

Appointments are on a first come-first serve basis

Cat & Dog vaccines available
Heartworm medication and Heartworm/Lyme testing
Canine and Feline de-wormers and tick preventatives

Canine/Feline Rabies only: \$35

Canine Distemper only: \$35

Canine Distemper and Rabies: \$55

Feline 4-way (indoor cat) only: \$35

Feline 4-way (indoor cat) and Rabies: \$55

Feline 4-way/Leukemia (outdoor cat) only: \$45

Feline 4-way w/Leukemia (outdoor cat) and Rabies: \$60

Heartworm/Lyme Tests: \$40



Farmland School Tax Rebate

A reminder that all completed and signed Farmland School Rebate applications for the 2022 property tax year must be received by Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporations, by **March 31st, 2023**. In order to receive this rebate your 2022 property taxes & interest charges must be paid by this date.

For more details call 204-239-3246 or visit:

www.masc.mb.ca



Economic Development

How do YOU think Sunrise Corner should grow?

Sunrise Corner is working on an investment readiness assessment and business attraction strategy. What's that? It's an in-depth plan and comprehensive toolkit to promote Sunrise Corner as an incredible place to live, work, play, visit, invest and explore, known for sustainable economic development balancing exceptional rural quality of life.

The project will serve as a means to market our competitive advantages while targeting strategies for local economic diversification, building off our recently published community profile <https://sunrisecornermb.ca/community-profile/>. The resulting toolkit will include detailed economic sector profiles with substantiated business cases, along with mapping tools to help us showcase our advantages.

What We Need From You

As a valued resident and/or business owner in Sunrise Corner, we are seeking your input specifically on the following economic sectors and their opportunities:

- Outdoor Recreation & Tourism
- Residential Development
- Agriculture, Food & Beverage
- Forestry
- Start Ups & Small Businesses
- Other Ideas

To truly understand the opportunities, we welcome you to share your perspective on each of these sectors that we believe hold significant economic potential and should be strategically promoted throughout the region. Your input will help us refine the narrative and define specific business investment opportunities. If you would prefer to share your thoughts directly with the project team or participate in one of our upcoming focus groups, please indicate your preferred method at the bottom of the survey.

Take the Survey <https://arcg.is/Dfr9P0>.

Please complete the survey by Monday, April 3, 2023 to be entered to win a \$100 gift card to your favourite Sunrise Corner business.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Monique Chenier

monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



Please note
day and
location
change

You're Invited PRCC Monthly Meeting

March 16, 2023 at 7 pm

RM Council Chambers in Vita

attend in person or via Zoom

Guest Speaker: Chuck Davidson, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce

www.pineyregionalchamber.com

YOU'RE INVITED

The Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce invites businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals in the RM of Stuartburn to learn more about the value of a chamber of commerce in southeast Manitoba.

Join the PRCC board of directors and current members from both RMs of Piney and Stuartburn as we hear from guest speaker Chuck Davidson, CEO of the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce sharing the benefits of membership.

Thursday, March 16, 2023

7:00 – 9:00 pm

RM of Stuartburn Council Chambers in Vita

Strategic Plan

Our Vision is to create a safe, healthy, and prosperous environment in which to live, work and play, and to encourage sustainable development that will complement and enhance the way of life for all.

The 2022 strategic plan is available at the RM office or can be viewed online at:

www.rmofpiney.mb.ca/our-government/council/strategic-plan

Our plan is intended to communicate the long-term vision and related priorities to meet community needs and expectations.

The top three priorities from the June 2022 community engagement sessions were:

- Manage growth opportunities within the RM and their respective challenges.
- Promote our investment readiness for business, residential, and tourism opportunities.
- Develop a Recreation Master Plan to effectively support and guide recreation.



TOP 10 REASONS FOR ENGAGING WITH YOUR CHAMBER

A Chamber of Commerce is an organization dedicated to promoting the local business community and fostering a valuable network of connections for members.

As a member, you don't need to embrace or participate in every aspect of Chamber life, but the more you engage with your network, the more you'll benefit from your membership.



1. CREDIBILITY:

Consumers hold the Chamber of Commerce brand in high regard. According to an Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) Survey, displaying the Chamber logo at your place of business can generate tangible business results. In fact, consumers are 80% more likely to purchase goods or services from a company that belongs to the local Chamber of Commerce. The survey also finds that consumers are more likely to believe in the superiority of Chamber member products over the competition.



2. NETWORKING:

Identifying or creating valuable networking opportunities can be difficult for busy business owners. Chambers routinely organize special events such as lunches, breakfasts, keynotes, and mixers to connect members. These individuals can become your prospects, clients, suppliers, advisors, mentors, referral network, and friends. The relationships you build through the Chamber can be very beneficial, helping people know, like, and trust you – which can lead them to want to do business with you.



3. ADVOCACY:

Your Chamber is the not-for-profit advocate for business in your community and speaks with a unified voice. In conjunction with the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, your Chamber represents business interests with government at the municipal and provincial levels. As a provincial association, MCC also benefits from membership in the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, which lobbies at the national level. When you join the Chamber and become a champion for local business, you can have a say in addressing issues that concern you. Chambers often help shape local legislation and regulations that affect business.



4. EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, WORKSHOPS, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Your Chamber may hold seminars specialized in small business ownership, or from time to time, host professional development opportunities designed to help you increase effectiveness and productivity in the workplace. Chamber websites, social channels, and communication vehicles can provide a stream of valuable business-related information and updates.



5. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

Local Chamber membership offers opportunities for you to be active in community projects and events, or to join committees that deal with issues that matter to you. You'll develop strong and trusting relationships with members of your business community, and you'll benefit from a sense of making a real and lasting difference to overall prosperity and well-being.



6. PROMOTION AND VISIBILITY:

Chambers can promote their affiliates at ribbon cuttings; in promotional tools, member directories, newsletters, and event calendars; through sponsorship opportunities; online, and in many other creative ways. As an affiliate, be proactive and imaginative! Suggest unique ways to promote your particular services, increase your visibility by exhibiting at a mixer, or sponsor a Chamber event. You'll save promotional dollars by reaching out to a targeted audience.



7. EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS PROGRAM:

MCC provides all our local Chambers with access to flexible group insurance through the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan, as well as fuel discounts through Esso, savings on business and personal travel, preferred rates on debit and credit processing, and so much more. Through member-to-member offers, you and your employees may be able to take advantage of discounts and savings on services offered by local Chamber members.



8. SELF-DEVELOPMENT, EMPOWERMENT, AND SUPPORT:

Overcome shyness, a fear of public speaking, or reticence about sharing ideas openly with others. Dealing with a daunting business problem? Reach out to trusted contacts to tap into their expertise or to point you in the right direction. Chambers in Manitoba are part of a strong network, and can be the support system, confidence booster, and vital source of counsel that you need to resolve an issue and thrive.



9. PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS:

Nothing promotes business-to-business relationships like membership in your Chamber of Commerce. Fellow business owners can become an extended family of like-minded, business-focused individuals who share many of your interests and concerns. Beyond just building your professional networking base and increasing commerce with fellow members, you're likely to develop genuine personal relationships.



10. BUSINESS GROWTH:

Chamber membership is a worthwhile investment. As an affiliate, you'll grow your business beyond the traditional parameters of sales or marketing. Meeting new people, becoming involved in local issues, and expanding your knowledge and outreach are invaluable to the success of your business.



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COMMERCE



Unsung Heroes of Piney RM

Every month we celebrate residents who contribute to the community to make it a better, and more caring place to live. These people go above and beyond what is expected. This month our unsung hero is Rae-Ann Hebel.

Rae-Ann is one of those people who never seeks out recognition or fan-fare for her many contributions. She is someone who works largely behind the scenes.

Her work as Community Mental Health Worker and Adult Intensive Care/Transition Mental Health Care Worker has demonstrated her caring and professionalism. She doesn't stop there though. She is always willing to listen, whether on the job or on her own time. She recognizes needs in the community and works to find solutions.

At one time the Sprague arena was in danger of being condemned. She and her husband have worked tirelessly to fundraise and volunteer to keep the arena open. She spearheaded the fundraiser, 12 Days of Christmas Gift Card Program, with the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce to originally fundraise for the arena. Her fundraiser suggestion was successful and has continued as an annual event. She could have stopped being involved with this fundraiser when the funds were no longer going to the arena, but she chose to continue helping over the last 2 years as well. With her many connections in the community, she was able to sell the majority of gift cards to help first the Arena, then the Piney Food Bank, and most recently the Vita Healing Gardens.

Rae-Ann is always ready to be involved wherever and whenever she sees a need. Currently secretary of the Vassar Minor Baseball, she uses her expertise to coach baseball as well. She has been helpful in facilitating food drives for our local Food Banks. When the Buffalo Point Women's Golf Tournament was held last year, she was one of the coordinators. The tournament became a fundraiser for the Never Alone Cancer Foundation. She sat on the Board for the Little Rascals Nursery in Sprague for a number of years. Unfortunately, this much needed entity was dissolved during the Pandemic.

Although Rae-Ann is now a very busy hockey Mom, she still continues to find time to benefit the community in any way she can. This humble lady continually volunteers both at work, and in the community, not for accolades but because she loves the community. Thank you for being you, Rae-Ann.

Sharon Bernard

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Coffee with Council meetings.
Your valuable input will be taken under consideration.

Thank You!

Sprague Fire Department Spring Fling Fundraiser



**Only \$10
a ticket!**

**March 18
at the Sprague Hall
8:00PM - 1:00AM**

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Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

**Indoor Market
Canteen
Join Southeast
Farmer's Market on
Facebook**



New Vendors Welcome

**For more information call
Jen - 204-423-2223
Shawny - 204-437-2600**

**If you can't make it, bake it or grow it...
You can buy it at the Farmer's Market!**

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 – March 2023

Eat the Rainbow!

Why? A colourful diet helps:

- Boost your health and vitality
- Can be an easy way to get the nutrients your body needs to work properly



How? Tips for eating the rainbow:

- Start your day with a green smoothie, oatmeal topped with berries or eggs scrambled with carrots, peppers and mushrooms
- Enjoy a colourful salad at lunch
- Make vegetables the main dish at supper
- Have a rainbow snack of fruit or veggies, with cereal or

MORE RAINBOW FUN:

- Look for rainbows around you (sky, soap bubbles, driveway puddles, light reflections)
- Rainbow Table: gather things in your house that have the colours of the rainbow and arrange them in a pretty display.
- Rainbow Parade: dress up in rainbow colours (dress dolls, stuffies, and pets too!)
- Make chalk rainbows on the driveway or sidewalk.
- Play "I Spy" and name things around you that are a certain colour.

Vassar and Area Minor Baseball

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR BASEBALL

Registration Is Open Until April 4th
 Register at vassarbaseball@hotmail.com

- Questions and register at vassarbaseball@hotmail.com.
- There is a level for everyone age 4 - 18!!
- It is very important that players register by this date to confirm the number of players and teams we have.
- 9U - 18U Players/Coaches/Managers will have to register through RAMP once teams are confirmed.



"MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS" COFFEE GROUPS

1 P.M. MONDAYS

AT THE PINE GROVE SENIORS CLUB
 On Hwy 12 and Prevost St., South Junction

AND

1 P.M. THURSDAYS

AT THE EVERGREEN SENIORS CLUB
 At the Sprague Hall – (by the railway tracks)

Come out for coffee, meet some new people,
 reconnect with your neighbours and friends.
 A great time to socialize and give yourself a break
 during your busy week.



SANDILANDS COMMUNITY YARD SALE

JUNE 3RD, 2023

Those interested in registering please contact:
 Lynne Backlund at 204-429-3223

More details to follow!

Alzheimer Society
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 Dementia Care & Brain Health

Care Partner Support Groups



Support group meetings offer the opportunity
 for care partners to meet and share
 information and feelings about their
 experiences of caring for a person
 with dementia.



South Junction (In-Person)

Services to Seniors

15 Prevost St, South Junction

March 28, 2023

10am

To Register call: 204-437-2604
 Kimberly Essar



Virtual Options Available!

Visit alzheimer.mb.ca for the
 full list of support group sessions
 available in Manitoba.

For more information about this support group, contact Meg Pfeifer-Brandt, Regional
 Coordinator at 204-326-5771 or alzse@alzheimer.mb.ca

alzheimer.mb.ca

MIDDLEBRO COMMUNITY HALL
PRESENTS



SAT MARCH 4, 2023
11am-4pm \$5.00 a hand

RAINBOW AUCTION 50-50
CANTEEN

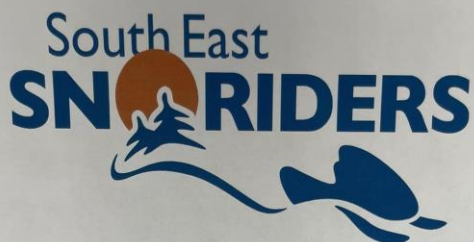
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204-380-3529, Jodie 204-437-2437 or Sharon 431-997-5384

MIDDLEBRO
COMMUNITY
HALL



SATURDAY MARCH 4TH //
REGISTRATION 10-11AM//CARDS FLY
AT 11
75% PAYOUT//30 ENTRY FEE//3 REBUYS

LGCA4763-TH-39973// Call Gary 204-437-2251



Vintage Sled, Show, Shine & Ride

Saturday March 4, 2023
Woodridge Community Center

Everyone is Welcome to Attend

20-mile Ride on **Non-Designated** Groomed Trail

Woodridge to Sandilands Park

\$10 entry fee includes Lunch(hotdog, drink & cookies)

Net proceeds going to



8:30 - 10:00 am	Registration
9 - 11:00 am	Pancake Breakfast available
9:30 - 10:30	Show & Shine
11:00 am	Trophies
11:30 am	Ride
12:00 - 2:00pm	Lunch(Sandilands Park)

For more info email Dave at dboutang@mts.net



**Southeast
Farmer's Market**

Saturday, March 11, 2023

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

Canteen

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