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Rural Municipality of
PINEY

JUNE

June 2023

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Dust Control

Dust control is now available through the RM. The product is Magnesium Chloride, but we do not guarantee the dust control product being used. For safety reasons, maintenance of RM roads takes priority over any dust control application.

Requests for dust control are made by **pre-payments of \$310 plus GST no later than Friday, June 30th, 2023**. Applications consist of 5 meters of road width x 100 meter strip. The area to be serviced must be staked out prior to application. The RM is not responsible for replacing dust control applications.

Be Aware of All Burn/Travel Bans

THERE IS AN OPEN BURN BAN ON ALL FIRES WITHIN THE RM OF PINEY.

Only recreational fires in compliant pits are permitted. The burn ban will remain in effect until further notice. For updates, visit www.rmofpiney.mb.ca, our Facebook page: The Rural Municipality of Piney, or subscribe to our E-Newsletters. Our information line can be reached by calling 204-437-2845.

CURRENTLY THERE IS LEVEL 1 FIRE & TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IMPLEMENTED BY THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

No motorized backcountry travel is permitted during **noon to 7:00pm**. For details on all restrictions, please visit the Province of Manitoba website.

Piney/Menisino Waste Disposal Site Closed on July 1st, 2023

The Piney/Menisino Waste Disposal Site will be closed on July 1st and will re-open on Sunday, July 2nd, 2023. Thank you!

Canada Day Office Closure

The RM office is closed on Monday, July 3rd, 2023.

Canada Day
A day of reflection

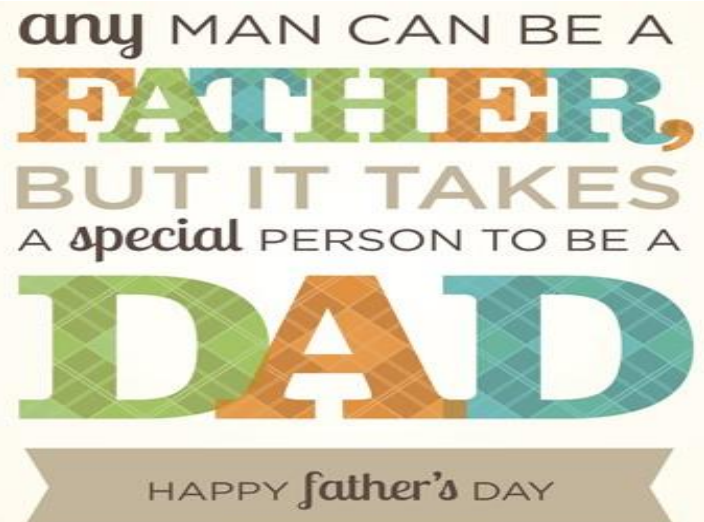


PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

Caution Men at Work

During the year when our Public Works employees are out working on the roads, limit your speed when passing workers to 60 km/hr.

The Traffic Safety Act states "No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than 60 km/hr when passing a highway worker or flag person; or any highway equipment occupied by a highway worker, whose presence on the highway is marked in a manner determined in the regulations made by the board." The definition of highway includes all municipal roads. **Kindly reduce speed when meeting or passing our workers. Thank you!**



Building Inspector Message

Building season is well under way in the RM of Piney. As construction has picked up in the RM of Piney and Stuartburn, I ask permit holders to please call 2 days in advance for inspections so I can accommodate your project timelines.

There is an ongoing issue of buildings being resurrected without permits throughout our municipality. A reminder that any building over 108 sq. ft. must apply for a building permit **BEFORE** the work is commenced. If a build is started prior to a permit being applied for and signed off on, a By-Law Enforcement Officer will be contacted and double permit fees will be charged.

We encourage our ratepayers who are planning a project to contact 204-380-9624 to see which permit is required. For our current Building Permit Application, please visit our website: <https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/our-services/building-inspections/>

Gary Hora
Municipal Building Inspector

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Results: How do YOU Think Sunrise Corner Should Grow?

In April 2023, Sunrise Corner Economic Development hosted an in-person focus group workshop at Piney Community Hall. We invited a targeted list of residents representing business, industries and community groups to share their ideas as it relates to growth and economic development in the region. This workshop complemented a survey published in February to reveal and confirm potential business investment opportunities for five key economic sectors. Preliminary survey responses were compiled in advance of the focus group to help inform and guide discussion among participants. Since there was overlap between all sectors, we created three working groups and assigned attendees based on their relationship or role within a specific economic sector.

Food & Beverage / Small, Home-based Businesses

An overlying theme was that existing businesses are hampered by what was generalized as a lack of knowledge on how to expand and better their product or service to appeal to outside markets, unreliable telecommunication services, and need for digital business support.

Outdoor Recreation & Tourism

Participants pointed out locations, business opportunities (especially accommodations), and recreation activities they saw potential in developing to further highlight the region's high-quality natural environment and prevalent heritage which would lend to creating a unique sense of place.

Agriculture and Resource Development / Residential Development

Housing was an issue brought up by all three groups, but was detailed by this group as key to their ability to hire new employees and ultimately grow their businesses. Improving local municipal assets and telecommunication infrastructure will help draw and retain residents, businesses/developers.

In summary, participants showed favourable support and interest in developing the following aspects:

- A Chamber of Commerce and other municipal supports/services to aid small, local business owners in the development and marketing of their business.
- The development of the local tourism sector through direct investment and development of the surrounding environment, existing community assets and accommodations.
- A range of affordable housing options and local services that will attract people to live and work in the area.

More detail will be provided on each of these five sectors as we continue working through Sunrise Corner's business attraction strategy. In the meantime, if you have a business idea or challenge you'd like to discuss, please reach out to learn about the business-building supports and training that are currently available.



Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

UNSUNG HEROES IN THE RM OF PINEY

As June approaches, parents and kids are looking forward to the end of the school year. While dreaming of hot summer days, our best volunteers are shifting their focus from winter activities to summer fun. Our June Unsung Hero, is no exception. Jodie Meek, is a very busy lady. Not only does she have 5 children, she holds down a nearly full-time position as a Physical Therapist Assistant. She is a very engaged parent who attends every event that her children are in. Fully supporting her athletic children, she drives both her children and their teammates to sporting events around the province.

She is the type of neighbour that is always ready to lend a hand when she sees someone in need. Middlebro is a tiny hamlet with a limited group of people who willingly volunteer to get the work done. They depend upon people who are willing to jump in and do whatever is needed. Jodie is one of those people. Not only did she take on the role of Vice-President of the Middlebro Community Hall, and all of the tasks that are involved, she took it upon herself to do the extra work of updating the organization's by-laws.

Jodie has been very active in helping organize the Community Fundraisers and she has been an integral part in preparing the food sold at each event. No matter how big or small the job, Jodie is willing to take on whatever needs to be done. She has made dozens of perogies, meatballs, and cabbage rolls to be sold or served for Fundraisers and Community events. During the Fall Supper, she was instrumental in picking up supplies, preparing food, and managing the activities in the kitchen. She made sure volunteers were present while cheerfully working alongside them every day. She also contacted many businesses in the community and south of the border to acquire the Rainbow Auction items for many community events.

In addition to Fundraisers, Jodie has insured that hall rentals run smoothly, and has volunteered her family members in providing and serving food at hall events. Jodie and her family were also instrumental in getting the grass mowed when the Middlebro Parks and Rec was first established. She has also volunteered to help at many of the parks events.

She demonstrates a sense of the importance of community ties and family involvement in the RM of Piney. Thank you, Jodie, for being a role model.

Sharon Bernard



PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Good day everyone,

I will start with a quick introduction as I am new to the Sprague detachment. My name is Kevin Bruce. I transferred to the Sprague detachment in April of this year. If I talk to you, I will probably crack a lame joke that I have two first names. I have transferred into what used to be the irreplaceable Cpl. Richard Graham's position. Cpl. Graham has left huge shoes to fill, however I figure contributing to the newsletter will be a good starting point to try and somewhat fill them.

Every detachment I've worked at in my career has been unique, and different. From a policing standpoint, that means a new set of challenges. In my short time here, I have observed that the RM of Piney is a phenomenal area to spend time outdoors.

As I look out the front window of the detachment, I have observed several dozen boats being towed North on Highway 308 towards Moose Lake/Birch Point. I would like to take the time to encourage everyone to have fun on the water, but to do so as safely as possible!

Did you know that when operating a boat, you are still bound by the driving laws in the Criminal Code? Just because you are operating a boat on the waterway as opposed to a vehicle on the roadway, does not mean you can consume alcohol and drive. You can still be arrested for driving while impaired. Summers here are short enough as it is, so don't risk your boat being locked in impound for the summer months. You never know when we will be out on the water...

A few simple tips to remember:

- Wear a personal flotation device. Tragedy can strike in an instant. Don't assume you will have the time to put on a life jacket.
- If in a less-traveled area, let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return
- Make sure your boat has the proper safety equipment, and that it is in good condition. Pay attention to the weather and water conditions.

I would like to quickly thank everyone who my family and I have met for being so friendly and welcoming. I have had so many people swing by the detachment just to introduce themselves. We are very happy to be here and look forward to working with you all, and bumping into you at community events etc.

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.

Cpl. Kevin Bruce
Sprague RCMP



Burning Permits Reminder

April 1st – November 15th

A reminder to all that any open fires are prohibited from April 1st to November 15th except under a burning permit or in enclosed approved fire pits. Burning Permits can only be obtained from your local Conservation Office.

Sprague: 204-437-2348

Open Mondays & Wednesdays from 8am to noon

Marchand: 204-424-4025 or 204-424-5357

Piney: 204-423-2252

Steinbach: 204-346-6110

No burning is allowed before 6:00pm or when winds exceed 15 km/hr unless authorized by a Conservation Officer.
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/Restrictions/index.html>



Fire Pit Safety Reminders

- All fire pits shall be fully enclosed and constructed of masonry, concrete, heavy gauge metal, or a non-combustible material;
- The outdoor fire pit shall not exceed 100cm in depth and shall be over 15cm in height when measured from the surrounding grade to the top of the pit opening;
- Fire pit openings shall not exceed 107cm in diameter or an area of 0.89 square meters;
- When in use, fire pits shall be continuously supervised by an adult;
- A means of extinguishment shall be readily available on site. Fires must be completely extinguished before leaving the site.

**MUNICIPAL ROAD
WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS
WILL BE LIFTED AS OF:**

JUNE 1ST, 2023

South East Community Services Co-op

Annual General Meeting



Monday, June 12th, 2023 at 7pm
At the RM of Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

The Board of Directors Elections

Refreshments

Every Welcome

Memberships can be purchased at the door



You're Invited PRCC Monthly Meeting

June 8, 2023 at 7 pm

RM Council Chambers in Vassar
attend in person or via Zoom

Guest Speaker Dave Smith, Community Futures Triple R
speaking about CF programs including loans and advisory services
for small and medium-sized business, youth,
and entrepreneurs with disabilities.

www.pineyregionalchamber.ca

RM OF PINEY RECREATION Plan

The Survey is Complete!

The RM of Piney is undertaking a comprehensive **Recreation Plan**. Although recreation is vibrant in our communities, the municipality lacks a comprehensive plan that assesses current infrastructure and projected recreational needs to guide future programming decisions and capital improvement planning. The RM of Piney Recreation Plan will create a roadmap for the region to establish goals and priorities for the next twenty years.

With **87%** of respondents saying they feel recreation facilities and programs are extremely or very important to the quality of life in the RM of Piney, we are excited to be finishing the first draft of the plan in the coming weeks.

The Co-op gift card winners for participating in the survey were:

- Chuck Klassen
- Bruno Winterer
- Kimberly Essar

Thank You!



RM Private Well Water Testing

Thursday, June 22nd, 2023

The Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District will be assisting residents with private well water testing for the presence of *E. coli* & coliform bacteria. **The cost of private well water testing is \$25.00, including tax.** Each legal location is eligible for one sample per well at the subsidized rate. **Payment may be submitted by cash or cheque ONLY**, with cheques made payable to **Horizon Lab Ltd.**

Water sample bottles & application forms can be picked up in advance at the RM office. Water samples must be taken on June 22nd and **dropped off at the RM office prior to 10:00am.** Only those samples that are accompanied by correct payment and completed forms will be accepted.

Please contact SRRWD at 204-326-1030 or by emailing administrator@srrwd.ca, or at: www.srrwd.ca



WE HAVE FUNDING AVAILABLE

Transitioning Cultivated Land to Perennial Grasses

Livestock Watering
Systems

Rotational Grazing

Water Storage / Retentions

Nitrogen Management

Riparian Fencing
Pasture Diversification

Erosion Control

Cover Cropping



Contact us with your project idea

204-326-1030

www.srrwd.ca

info@srrwd.ca



Sandilands Community Garage Sale

Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 (rain date June 17th)

Have a garage sale at your property! Call Lynne at 204-429-3223 for more info or to add your address to the list of participates.

Piney ATV Mud Run & Giant Yard Sale

Saturday, June 10th, 2023

Yard Sale at 10am & Racing at 12pm

Admission - \$2.00 per person (under 12 are free)

Sprague & District Museum Yearly Picnic

Sunday, June 11th, 2023 at 12:30pm

Free Admission & Food and dainties served

Middlebro Family Fun Day Fundraiser

Saturday, July 29th, 2023

In the Community of Middlebro

More details to come!



Looking for a Summer Job!!!

Want to work outside and enjoy the summer??

Want to work by a pool??

Have aquatic experience or first aid!?



Come Join Our Team...

Enjoy the fresh air

Learn new skills

Flexible hours



Vassar Community Recreational Centre

VCRC is anticipating 4 -6 full time and part time positions for the summer of 2023

For more information, please contact

vassarpool.rmpiney@gmail.com

Or check out the jobs posted on the Vassar Community Pool Facebook page.

Special consideration given to those who are interested in lifeguarding and instructing.



Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, June 10, 2023

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center South Junction, Manitoba

Indoor Market

Canteen

Join Southeast

Farmer's Market on

Facebook



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!**

Vassar Pool Newsletter

May 2023



What's New?

This summer we are hoping to offer lots of training for new lifeguards and instructors! We have summer job applications open as well for students. Please email us your resume to be considered!

Public Lessons

This summer we plan to offer 2 sessions of swimming lessons. Each session will be taught over 2 weeks!
Session 1 will run July 10th-14th and July 17th to 21st.

Session 2 will run July 24-28th and July 31st to August 4th.

Times are to be determined, and dates are subject to change.

Future Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

We have MANY skill development opportunities. The progression often followed by swimmers is: Bronze Star (12/13) → Bronze Medallion → Bronze Cross → Standard First Aid → National Lifeguard(15). Students can start these courses as early as 12/13 yrs.

We also will be offering SWIM FOR LIFE INSTRUCTOR to anyone who has completed Bronze Cross and is 15+.

Bronze courses scheduled to run July 24th-28th.

Policy Change

We want to ensure all swimmers have the opportunity to register for lessons. This year we will be requesting payment within 3 days of registration to help minimize the drop-out rate. We will be accepting cash, cheque, credit/debit and e-transfer. Thank you for your understanding.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments!

Email at vassarpool.rmpiney@gmail.com or Vassar Pool on Facebook!



BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION

Student Services

120 9th Street NW Altona MB R0G 0B1

Phone: 204-324-6491 Website: www.blsd.ca



BLSD Monthly Newsletter – June 2023

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

Fluffy Clouds in the Sky Jello Snack



Ingredients:

- 1 box blue Jello
- 1 container Cool Whip (or homemade whipped cream)

Directions:

Prepare Jello according to package directions, using the quick set method. When Jello has set, cut into small cubes.

Alternate layers of cubed blue Jello for the "sky" & scoops of Cool Whip for the "clouds"

Day & Night Sky Art for Pre-Schoolers

Materials

- Construction paper (light blue and black)
- Yellow tempera paint
- Tacky glue
- Small white sparkly pompoms (or cotton balls)
- Star cookie cutter
- Gold glitter (optional)

Directions

- Place a small amount of paint on a paper or reusable plate.
- Use fingers (or a brush) to paint a sun in the middle of the blue paper.
- Sprinkle with gold glitter (optional).
- Glue pompoms or cotton balls around the sun to make clouds.
- Dip star cookie cutter into yellow paint and use it to stamp stars on the black paper.
- Sprinkle with glitter (optional).



RLG Graduation

Friday, June 23rd, 2023 at 2:00pm

Ross L Gray School - Gym



Family and Community Game Night

Games by:

RCMP FVI Fund and Southern Health/Healthy Together Now

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Indoor Game Night

At the community halls/RLG
 Thurs May 4th – Middlebro
 Mon May 8th – Sprague RLG
 Wed May 10th – Woodridge
 Thurs May 18th – Piney
 Wed May 24th – Vassar

Outdoor Game Night

At the community parks/RLG
 Wed May 31st – Sprague RLG
 Thurs June 8th – Woodridge
 Wed June 14th – Piney
 Wed June 21st – Vassar
 Thurs June 22nd – Middlebro

Please watch Community Corner on Facebook for any changes.

All ages welcome! Children under 8 must be accompanied by someone 16 years of age.

Contact davisc@blsd.ca if you have any questions!



AN EVENING OF FAMILY FUN!

JULY 1ST 2023

SOUTH JUNCTION COMMUNITY CLUB

8:30 PM – MEET & GREET LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & FARMERS MARKET

FREE COFFEE, JUICE, CANADA DAY COOKIES, MINI FLAGS, PINS, ETC.

HOT DOGS FOR SALE IN CANTEEN

10:30 PM (APPROXIMATELY) - SINGING OF O CANADA FOLLOWED BY FIREWORKS

50/50 DRAW AT 10:15 PM

GROUNDS FOGGED FOR MOSQUITOES

Free Admission

EVENT MADE POSSIBLE WITH GRANTS FROM CANADIAN HERITAGE & THE R.M. OF PINEY.

OTHER DONATIONS TO HELP FUND THIS EVENT CAN BE MADE ON JULY 1ST AT THE SOUTH JUNCTION C.C. GROUNDS

