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July 2023

MONTHLY REMINDERS

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

The Piney/Menisino Waste Disposal Site will re-open to the public on Sunday, July 2nd, 2023



RM Office Closed for Canada Day Monday, July 3rd, 2023

Burn/Travel Bans in Place

To check to see if there is a burn ban and/or a travel ban in place for the RM of Piney, please visit www.rmofpiney.mb.ca, our Facebook page: The Rural Municipality of Piney, or subscribe to our E-Newsletters. Our information line is kept up-to-date and can be reached by calling 204-437-2845.

For any restrictions put in place by the Province of Manitoba, please visit the Province of Manitoba website.

Mailing Address Changes

If you have recently moved or purchased a property, please make sure that the RM office has your correct mailing address, as 2023 tax bills are to be mailed this summer.

Education Property Taxes

Property owners will see a continuation in the reduction of their education property taxes in the form of an Education Property Tax Rebate. Please call 1-866-626-4862 or visit: manitoba.ca/edupropertytax or more details.

Cancelled Council Meetings

The RM has cancelled the following council meetings:

Tuesday, July 25th, 2023
Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023

All other Regular council meetings and Committee of the Whole meetings will remain as scheduled.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

With the beginning of summer now in full swing, the RM of Piney is experiencing an increase of users on our roadways. In turn, we have seen an uptick in traffic collisions. Some of which, could have been prevented. In one instance, we responded to a motorist who drove into the back of some farm equipment that was situated along the shoulder of the highway. Luckily, no one was seriously hurt.

Distracted driving is anything that diverts your attention from the road. Being distracted for even just two seconds can cause a crash! Distracted driving is preventable so please don't be "that person" who is responding to text messages while driving, or checking out the football scores. If you are caught using a hand-operated device (such as a cell phone) while you drive, you'll receive a three-day licence suspension. Upon conviction, you would also receive a \$672.00 fine. If caught a subsequent time, your licence would be suspended for seven days.

If you're a passenger and your driver is sending text messages or scrolling on their phone, ask them to put their phone away! You'll be saving them from a hefty fine and suspension. On average, one in three deaths on Manitoba roads involves a distracted driver. Protect your friends, family, and all users of the roadways!

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



Summer Hiatus:
no meetings
July & August

You're Invited
PRCC Monthly Meeting
September 14, 2023 at 7 pm

Hosted this month at:

Prevost Perennials
75099 Road 2N in South Junction
in person attendance only

www.pineyregionalchamber.ca

As a community, it is important to support all of our local businesses, so that they can continue to serve us.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Results: Introducing the Shared Legacy Partnership

After three years of consultation and planning, we are thrilled to officially announce the Shared Legacy Partnership. Our goal is to help advance understanding of the wonder of Manitoba's Tall Grass Prairie Natural Area, its relationship with agriculture, and the natural heritage that benefits all residents.

This is a cooperative working group led by the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn and The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) along with partners Sunrise Corner Economic Development and Province of Manitoba. We have three key areas of focus:

- **Nature:** creating and delivering a strategy for sharing our unique nature in the RM of Stuartburn with future generations.
- **Culture:** engaging with local producers, landowners, Stuartburn residents, and Indigenous communities to guide our direction.
- **Economy:** pursuing "win-win" solutions that work for the ecosystem, landowners, residents, economy, & communities.

A hidden gem centered right here in Sunrise Corner, the Tall Grass Prairie Natural Area covers 445,628 hectares and supports one of the largest and last remaining tall-grass prairie landscapes in North America. It forms the northern end of an international conservation corridor comprised of protected and managed prairies, wetlands, forests and streams within a working landscape that includes conservation, agriculture and eco-tourism. The tall-grass prairie is home to 28 listed Canadian species at risk (SAR), such as the monarch butterfly, the globally rare Poweshiek skipperling butterfly, and the Western prairie fringed orchid. Many of these species depend on the tall-grass prairie for their very survival.

Shared Legacy Partnership invites you to learn more about the tall-grass prairie and the species at risk that call it home. We will be participating in Vita Canada Day festivities on July 1st, with a float in the parade and a booth at the vendor market to answer questions. We will also be offering two guided tours at NCC's Agassiz Trail west of Vita to view the spectacular western prairie fringed orchid that will be in full bloom at that time; it's the only place you can see these unique perennials in Canada. Check out our website www.sharedlegacymb.ca and Facebook page www.facebook.com/sharedlegacymb for details. Or contact Norm Gregoire at info@sharedlegacy.ca or 204-408-6166.

In the meantime, if you have a business venture or tourism idea related to our unique tall-grass prairie you'd like to discuss, contact me to learn about the business-building support and training that is currently available.

Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



UNSUNG HEROES IN THE RM OF PINEY

As the summer community festivals begin in the RM of Piney, we are looking forward to getting out and celebrating together. We appreciate all of our local talented musicians who contribute so much to those celebrations. Which leads us to our Unsung Hero for July, Murray Machej.

Murray has contributed his musical talents in many ways. He is a member of two different bands, Wrong Side of the Tracks and Good 'N Dusty. These bands have entertained us at many events throughout the RM. Murray has also been there to add to Karaoke Nights, has mentored new guitar players, given guitar lessons, and sung in the choir at Christmas.

As the owner of Carl and Kay's store in Sprague, Murray was indispensable during the Covid-19 Pandemic. He not only made sure to stock staples that people could buy locally, he went out of his way to pick up specialty items for those who requested them. He constantly kept his prices as low as possible, so that locals could afford to shop without driving to Steinbach. He picked up supplies himself when suppliers had difficulty getting supplies to him. He took orders by phone and made deliveries for those who needed, especially to residents of EBCH.

As a long-time resident of the RM of Piney, Murray takes an interest in local affairs. He was elected Reeve of the RM of Piney in 1998 and served until 2002. He actively sat on many committees. He has also encouraged others to get involved in their community. Today he is the unofficial welcoming committee of Sprague. Murray greets everyone with a smile. He is always quick to get to know people, calls them by name when they come into the store, and takes a genuine interest in them, no matter who they are. Murray has his finger on the pulse of the community. He can always tell you the latest news in the community, help you find a local service, or recommend someone to help.

Murray is often the first person to personally jump in and help wherever he can. The compassion he shows towards his community is beyond exceptional. He has frequently asked only that his kindness and service be "paid forward". In addition, he has donated his time, goods, or gift certificates to virtually all Fundraisers in the RM. Thank you, Murray, for everything that you do.

Sharon Bernard

We ♥ our Volunteers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canada Day – S.J. Community Club

Saturday, July 1st, 2023

8:30pm Meet & Greet

Local Entertainment & Farmers Market
Approximately 10:30pm Singing of O' Canada
Followed by Fireworks



Carrick Days

Saturday, August 12th, 2023

Parade & Gates Opens at Noon

Horseshoe Tournament Registration 1pm

Kids Bouncing Tent / Bands / Dunk Tank
Concession / Silent Auction / 50/50
Fireworks at 10pm

Sunday, August 13th, 2023

Breakfast at 10am followed by Bean Bag Competition

One-Way Traffic on Fraser Ave. & Chenier St. (Rd 76E) in South Junction on July 1st

Fraser Ave. & Chenier St. (Rd 76E) in South Junction will be converted to one-way traffic only on July 1st for the South Junction Community Club Canada Day event.

Traffic must enter Fraser Ave. off of Main St. in South Junction. The flow of traffic will be Fraser Ave. to Chenier St. (Rd 76E) to HWY 12. HWY 12 & Chenier St. will be used to exit the event.

ONE WAY 

VASSAR POOL SUMMER SCHEDULE 2023

Swim Lessons

SESSION 1 JULY 10TH-21ST

9:45-10:30 Swim Patrol
10:30-11:15 Swimmer 6
11:15-12:00 Swimmer 5
12:45-1:30 Swimmer 4
1:30-2:00 Swimmer 3
2:00-2:30 Swimmer 2
2:30-3:00 Swimmer 1
3:00-3:30 Parent & Tot

Swim Lessons

SESSION 2 JULY 24TH-AUG 4TH

10:00-11:00 Swim Patrol
11:00-11:45 Swimmer 6
11:15-12:00 Swimmer 5
1:00-1:45 Swimmer 4
11:45-12:15 Swimmer 3
10:45-11:15 Swimmer 2
12:00-12:30 Swimmer 1
1:15-1:45 Parent & Tot

ALL TIMES/DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
PAYMENT MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 3 DAY
OF REGISTRATION TO REMAIN ENROLLED.

Pricing

Parent+Tot-\$60
Swimmer 1,2,3-\$65
Swimmer 4,5,6-\$70
Swim Patrol-\$75
Bronze Star-\$90
Bronze Med-\$100
Bronze Cross-\$110
Lifeguard-\$200

Specialty Courses

BRONZE JULY 24TH- 28TH 9:30-1:00

LIFEGUARD JULY 31ST-AUG
4TH + ONE SATURDAY TBD 9:00-4:00

Additional fees for required
books/materials may apply.

VASSAR POOL PUBLIC SWIM

Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page, Vassar Community Pool, or contact 204-437-2214 or email us at vassarpool.rmpiney@gmail.com to see when the pool will be open for public swim, as hours will vary each week.

**The new free-lending library is
up at the Piney Community
Centre. Come and check it out!**

**Thank you to Dion Houston
for building it!**



Proper use of ATV's



The RM of Piney is noticing a significant increase in the use of ATV and UTV travel throughout our area. With this increased use, the RM is seeing a rise in the occurrence of infrastructure damage and public complaints. We ask that you respect all private and public property. Please think about how you are operating your all-terrain vehicles and follow the laws which govern their use. While recreational activities are strongly promoted within our municipality, we ask that you treat all property and others with kindness and respect while enjoying our beautiful region.

WE BUILD WE RACE

JULY 7

JULY 8



THE MOST UNIQUE EVENT IN CANADA!



**LIVE BAND
FRIDAY 8:30PM
CLUB WAGON CREEK**

**FREE ADMISSION
FREE ENTERTAINMENT
FREE CAMPING**

WWW.STLABRE200.CA



BE A FAN - BRING A CAN!

**TALBOT & ASSOCIATES SPEEDWAY
JULY 7th & 8th 2023 • ST.LABRE, MB**



Southeast Farmer's Market

Fridays - July 7 to Sept 1

3:00 - 8:00 pm

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

Rain or Shine

**Variety of
Local Vendors**



**New Vendors Welcome
For more information call
Jen - 204-423-2223
Shawny - 204-437-2600
Join Southeast Farmer's
Market on Facebook**

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



WOODRIDGE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

2023 FUN RUN ON THE RIDGE

SATURDAY, JULY 22

**2 KM WALK OR
5 KM RUN**

REGISTRATION FEE

**RUNNERS . . . \$20
WALKERS . . . FREE**

**REGISTRATION @ 8:30 A.M. AT
M. A. QUEREL PARK, WOODRIDGE
WALK / RUN @ 9:00 A.M.**

*DONATIONS ARE GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED.
PROCEEDS IN SUPPORT OF THE
WOODRIDGE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION!*

**Make plans to attend SUMMER
FUN ON THE RIDGE Saturday
July 22 from 11am - 4pm**



2023 Summer Fun on the Ridge

**Saturday, July 22
11a.m. - 4p.m.**

**M.A. Querel Community Park
& Picnic Shelter (Woodridge)**

**Make plans to join us at the 4th Annual
SUMMER FUN ON THE RIDGE
a family friendly, community event.**



*Afternoon activities include: Kids on the Ridge Fun Zone,
Horseshoes, Scavenger Hunt, Bouncer, Good Ole
Fashion Kids, Adults and Family Races!*

**Bring your lawn chair!
Bring your enthusiasm!
Bring your appetite!**

FREE BBQ LUNCH FROM 11AM - 2PM
Hotdog or hamburger, snack, dessert and drink!

*Proudly sponsored by the
Woodridge Community Club and the RM of Piney*



**Make plans to participate in the
Woodridge Firefighters
Association
FUN RUN ON THE RIDGE
Saturday, July 22nd
Querel Park, Woodridge
2km Walk or 5km Run
Registration @ 8:30 a.m.
Walk/Run @ 9:00 a.m.**

South Junction 37th Annual All Families Slow Pitch Tournament

July 22nd, 2023
(Rain date July 23rd)

Come out and watch local teams made up entirely of family members compete for the 37th annual bragging rights.



Beer Gardens 11 AM - MIDNIGHT

Music, Food, Refreshments

Rainbow Auction

Limited to 8 teams
(Guaranteed 3 games)
(Pay out for ea. win)

Gate Entry Fee:
FREE!

For more information contact:
Mitch Gobeil 204-437-2343
mgobeil@mymts.net

Proceeds to South Junction Community Club Inc.

STARTING AT HALL

9-10:30 PANCAKE BREAKFAST



11:00 Registration TEXAS HOLD'EM

MIDDLEBRO PRESENTS
FAMILY FUN DAY
JULY 29th



REGISTER FOR:

11:00AM. POTS & PANS BASEBALL - \$20.00 PER TEAM

1:00PM. HORSE SHOE TOURNAMENT - \$10.00 PER TEAM
3PM. CORN WHOLE - \$10.00 PER TEAM.
5PM. BASKETBALL BUMP GAME - FREE.

Follow us:
TO THE PARK BBQ. LUNCH

50-50, JAIL
SILENT AUCTION

KIDS GAMES
FACEPAINTING

MUSIC & BEER GARDENS ENDS 12:00 Am.

Sprague Evergreen Seniors Club would like to announce that the New Community Notice Board is complete and ready to go. This project was possible through our RM of Piney grant and the Sprague Evergreen Seniors Club. The message board is located in front of Carl and Kay's in Sprague.

Special Thanks to our builder, Trevor Vandal.

Welcome to our annual Sprague Fest & Show and Shine Car Show 2023. See the back poster for all the events taking place. For more information call 204-437-2210.

THIS IS THE ONLY FUNDRAISER HELD BY THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO ASSIST WITH COVERING OPERATIONAL EXPENSES. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

We are currently seeking help for the following:

- A. Volunteers to work the day of
- B. Financial sponsors
- C. No door to door canvassing so we would appreciate any of the following:
 1. Donation of money
Mail to: Sprague Community Center
PO Box 150 Sprague, Manitoba R0A 1Z0
 2. Prizes for the silent auction
Call Doris at 204-437-2210
 3. Show and Shine Car Show
Call Tom 204-437-2334
 4. 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Registration
Call Melissa 204-437-3290 or Keith 204-437-4693
 5. Horseshoe Registration
Call Rae Anne 431-288-0022 or 204-437-2335
 6. Parade Registration
Call Tom 204-437-2334

SPRAGUE FEST and SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, AUG. 12, 2023

EVENTS FOR THE DAY (FREE ENTRY FOR DAY EVENTS)

8am - 11am Car Show Registration (Contact Tom @ 204.437.2334)
8am - 10am - PANCAKE BREAKFAST (free will donation)
9:30am - 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (contact Melissa @ 204.437.3290)
(3 games, outdoor court, cash prize payback, Registration \$40 per team).
10am - PARADE REGISTRATION (Contact Tom @ 204.437.2334)
10:30am - PARADE STARTS
RAINBOW AUCTION: OPEN ALL DAY, DRAWN AT THE SOCIAL - Doris 204.437.2210
CONCESSION STAND - OPEN ALL DAY
FREE CHILDREN BOUNCERS - Noon to 4pm
WOOD CARVING DEMONSTRATION - NOON
BEER GARDENS - NOON TO 1am
HORSESHOE REGISTRATION - 1pm - Contact RaeAnne - 204.437.2335 - 431.287.0022
BINGO - STARTS AT 2pm
SPRAGUE FEST SOCIAL: UNIVERSAL DJ MUSIC 8pm - 1am
Tickets at the door \$10

Proceeds from this annual event helps support your
Community Center. **Thank you!**



To Report a Wildfire
1-800-782-0076 (toll-free)

Fire Prevention

In Manitoba, there is an average of nearly 600 wildfires every year. Many threaten homes, businesses and farms in addition to the damage caused on the landscape. About half are caused by human activity. All Manitobans can take steps to reduce the risk of starting or spreading wildfires. These include:

- checking current weather conditions and the risk level for wildfires, which are regularly posted fire situations reports at Manitoba.ca/wildfire and at many/all provincial park entrances;
- following all municipal and provincial orders related to burning permits, open-air fires and crop residue burning;
- locating fire pits and burn barrels away from the home and keeping them under constant supervision if used;
- using designated sites for campfires, when permitted, and ensuring they are fully extinguished;
- disposing of cigarettes and other materials safely, which includes using vehicle ashtrays instead of throwing out a window;
- avoiding the use of all-terrain vehicles in areas at risk, as they can ignite brush from their exhaust systems;
- checking farm and lawn equipment to ensure spark arresters are working properly;
- ensuring chimneys and gas fireplaces meet all applicable regulations and building code requirements, with regular inspections if appropriate;
- never setting off fireworks without the appropriate permit;
- reporting wildfires immediately to 1-800-782-0076 (toll-free); and
- reporting any information about arsons to the appropriate police agency.

All homes should have shovels, rakes, axes, garden hoses, sprinklers and ladders available to help suppress wildfires. The Home Owner's FireSmart Manual is also available to help Manitobans identify and reduce wildfire risks on their properties. For more information about wildfire prevention, preparedness, fire situation reports and response, visit www.manitoba.ca/wildfire/.

Prepared with information available at http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/prevent_wildfires.htm, <http://www.winnipeg.ca/fps/FirePrevention/default.stm> and www.firesmartcanada.ca.

