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Rural Municipality of
PINEY

September

September 2023

MONTHLY REMINDERS

The RM Office will be closed on Monday,
September 4th, 2023
and Friday, September 29th, 2023



Board of Revision

If you have requested to appeal your 2024 assessment at the Board of Revision, the meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

2023 Recreation Grants

All applications for Recreation Grants must be received by the RM of Piney by September 30th, 2023.

Home Sharing / Short-Term Rentals

Home sharing or short-term rentals means the renting out of a dwelling (cabin, trailer or home), or a room within a dwelling, on a platform such as Airbnb or VRBO for guests to stay in.

If you wish to rent your home, cabin, trailer, or room within a dwelling, you must apply for a Conditional Use Permit. Only properties zoned as Rural Seasonal, Rural Transitional and General Development, are permitted to do so with an approved Conditional Use.

Home sharing/short-term rentals are NOT A PERMITTED USE for properties that are zoned Agriculture and Rural.

For more information on how to apply for a Conditional Use or to find the zoning of your property please contact the RM office at 204-437-2284.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!



Recycling Incentive Program

Over the past year, the RM has noticed a significant decrease in our recycling numbers for all three of our waste sites. A lot of discussion has taken place on how we can increase the amount communities recycle and the RM felt the best way to do so was by way of an incentive program.

Starting 2024, the RM will have a monthly draw for everyone who recycles at any of our three waste sites. Prizes for each monthly winner will be announced every month in our newsletters with prizes ranging in \$150-\$250 in value! The Recycling Incentive Program is being established to promote more recycling of waste, than throwing these items away with your daily trash. Stay tuned for details and start the ball rolling now and recycle, recycle, recycle!

Noise Concerns

The RM office has received a number of noise complaints throughout the Municipality. We understand, that especially during the summer months, we are spending more time outside enjoying the beautiful weather before it is gone. When doing so, please be considerate of your neighbors and be considerate with your noise levels. It is recommended to respect quiet time from 11pm to 9am.

Thank you for your understanding.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Make Memories with Your Big-City Friends

Pretty much everyone has friends or family that live in large cities. Some locals don't invite their friends to visit because they feel like there's nothing to do. No dance or sports clubs, no theatres, no fancy restaurants. Keep in mind, people who live in big cities already have access to those amenities. Most people want to experience something new and different. Sunrise Corner absolutely delivers.

The Thrill of the Ride: A trip down a scenic bush road – whether by quad in the summer or snowmobile in the winter – is a novelty for many city dwellers. All the better if they get to see soaring eagles, skittish deer, curious coyotes or an ever-elusive wolf. End the day with a weenie roast and s'mores over a bonfire under the stars for a picture-perfect experience.

Yard & Forest Foraging: How many people in the city have the opportunity to pick veggies right from the garden to make dinner? It's even less likely that they've had the chance to forage for delicacies like morel or chanterelle mushrooms, blueberries or saskatoons, or pick wild plums or hazelnuts right off the tree. These are memory-making activities.

Indoor Recreation: Your big-city friends might have never tried floor curling, pickle ball, or archery. Bingo games or cribbage tournaments may be a novelty they would enjoy. Karaoke nights are always entertaining, maybe even more so when your visitors don't know anyone else and can really belt out their favourite song.

Food Scene: A fall supper is a unique small-town activity that most urban folks haven't had a chance to experience. The great food, camaraderie and the chance to win a 50/50 draw or silent auction prize provides the opportunity to create unique memories. Visiting a local farmer's market or craft sale for hand-made crafts, preserves, baking or local honey provides a flavour of your home town that your friends can't get anywhere else.

Bottom line, your friends and family from away want to spend time with you. Those visits become that much more memorable when they have an opportunity for a hands-on experience with your unique rural lifestyle. Why not invite a group of friends to visit soon? Check out the Sunrise Corner website at www.sunrisecornermb.ca for more activity ideas like hikes, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, geocaching and so much more.

Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

UNSUNG HEROES IN THE RM OF PINEY

Summer has certainly flown by. We are now looking forward to Fall and Winter community activities starting up again. These activities require people who will step up to plan, organize, run and maintain them. There are wonderful volunteers in every community in the RM. In South Junction, two dedicated people are Mitch and Patty Gobeil. They are the Unsung Heroes for September.

Each of us have our own talents that contribute to the success of community activities. It is wonderful when retirees choose to share their talents, as volunteers, to improve the lives of other residents in our RM. Both Mitch and Patty are Board members for the Pinegrove Senior Center and the South Junction Community Centre. Patty is a wonderful organizer and a detail person. She has been successful in applying for grants to beautify and reno the Pinegrove Senior Centre, shops for materials needed for the center, and rents out the hall for other programs. She was able to obtain flower planters, a set of handbells, a new kitchen and other renos for the Community Centre. Regular programs such as senior social days, potlucks, exercise programs, and handbells have been established and maintained. Patty also looks after the flowers and shrubs around the center and keeps them looking beautiful. In addition, she is the current vice president of the Piney Regional Senior Services.

Mitch keeps Pine Grove Senior Center mowed in summer and snow free in winter. He is a member of the South Junction Ball Park executive, helps maintain the park and ball diamond, and supervises the summer student for the park grounds. He has helped organize the Family Ball Tournament and assisted with Canada Day Celebrations and fireworks in South Junction.

In addition, Mitch is currently on the Board of Directors as president of the South East SnoRiders. This group and its volunteers create, groom, and maintain the trails for snowmobilers. They make sure the signage on the trails fosters safe and enjoyable riding. As well as enjoying the sport themselves, they promote snowmobiling and encourage other riders.

Patty and Mitch not only keep South Junction events running smoothly, they participate regularly to support other community events throughout the RM. Mitch has volunteered to be in the Christmas choir and has participated in karaoke events. During the Christmas season, they often become Santa and Mrs. Claus at community events. Thank you, Mitch and Patty, for your dedication to the RM of Piney.

Sharon Bernard

Thank You

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

I can hardly believe I am already submitting September's newsletter! Where did the summer go? Now that autumn is sneaking up on us, the population in the RM of Piney will start to decrease. Many of you will be packing up your belongings, and heading back out to your primary homes. I thought this would be a good time to remind everyone to ensure all your valuables are removed from your cabins/cottages to prevent break and enters/thefts. In particular, I encourage everyone to remove firearms and alcohol as they always seem to be hot ticket items.

I would also like to encourage everyone to ensure your cabins/cottages are checked on and maintained on a regular basis over the winter months. If you can, leave a spot light on. Posting a sign such as "smile you're on camera" can also be a deterrent.

If you have the time, I suggest that you look up the "Broken Window Theory". To summarize, the broken window theory explains that one broken window will lead to many more windows being broken. A property that appears to be well maintained stands a better chance of being left alone.

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 in the case of an emergency.

Cpl. Kevin Bruce
Sprague RCMP

RM of Piney Fire Service

In the past couple months, our volunteer fire fighters have been receiving fire calls either at their homes or on their private phone lines. Some recent fire calls were also made to the Sprague Fire Station's landline. If there is an emergency and you feel fire services are needed, please call 911. Please do not contact our volunteer fire fighters directly as they cannot attend a call to your home unless it has been dispatched by 911.



Piney Stuartburn Weed Control

Red Bartsia (*odontites serotina*)



We have recently become aware of a new Tier 1 weed in our RM. Red bartsia has been found primarily in and around the town of Piney. As per the Noxious Weeds Act, all Tier 1 must be destroyed. Red bartsia can be controlled by using 2,4D and cultivation.

Red bartsia does not persist under cultivation. For this reason, it is seldom a problem in cereals and special crops. The weed is, however, a serious concern in hay land and in pastures. In hay fields, the tiny seedlings grow rapidly after the first cut of hay has been removed. Plants begin flowering two to three weeks later, making the danger of seed contamination in the second cut a serious concern. In pasture, the weed is not grazed by cattle, and with time heavy infestations spread through the field.

Cultivation in combination with growing a competitive crop will limit red bartsia infestations. This may not always be a viable alternative since the weed often infests areas not suitable for tillage because of stoniness or poor drainage.

The weed is susceptible to either 2,4-D amine or 2,4-D LV ester sprayed at a rate of 0.6 L/acre product (500 g/L formulations). On roadsides and in pastures, spraying should commence as soon as the plants appear. Recheck sprayed areas in mid- to late summer and respray if new seedlings have germinated. In hay fields with no legumes, treat affected areas with 0.6 L/acre product of 2,4-D (500 g/L formulations) within 10 days after the first cut.

There are currently no chemical recommendations that will selectively control red bartsia in grass/legume mixes without damaging the legumes. Research currently in progress has shown that Sencor and Basagran both show potential for controlling the weed in alfalfa, but further work must be done to establish rates, stages of application and grazing restrictions. Growers with legumes in their hay or pasture mixes should pay close attention to bordering road allowances or fence lines so that control measures can be taken before red bartsia encroaches into the field. Evidence indicates that a well managed, well fertilized crop will effectively crowd out red bartsia.

If you have this weed on your land, please contact our office at 204-380-9624.

Gary Hora
Municipal Building Inspector



You're Invited
PRCC Monthly Meeting
September 14, 2023 at 6 pm

Hosted this month at:

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

www.pineyregionalchamber.ca

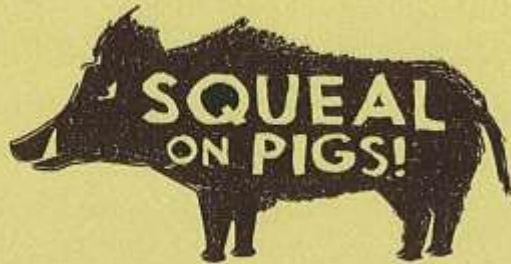
AGM

Annual General Meeting

Service to Seniors Annual General Meeting

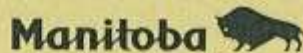
Tuesday, September 19th, 2023
1:00pm in the Evergreen Senior Building in
Sprague followed by the Monthly Board Meeting

*For more information,
please call Barb at 204-423-2089*



**OUR MOST EFFECTIVE
TOOL IS YOUR ATTENTION
AND COOPERATION.**

Call **1-833-SPOT-PIG** or visit
SQUEALONPIGSMB.ORG to
report sightings or signs
of wild pigs.



LOOK OUT FOR WILD PIGS

Wild pigs are
WIDESPREAD
in Manitoba

If you see evidence of wild pigs,
call **1-833-SPOT-PIG** or visit
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WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH WILD PIGS?

WILD PIGS:

- ▲ **Contaminate water sources** with *E. coli* and other bacteria, putting public safety and health at risk
- ▲ **Damage natural habitats**, displacing wildlife and negatively impacting biodiversity
- ▲ **Uproot and trample** crops, destroying farmers' hard work
- ▲ Can **carry up to 89 diseases**, threatening farm livestock
- ▲ **Reproduce alarmingly fast**, with females giving birth to four to 12 piglets up to twice a year



DO YOUR PART TO ERADICATE THIS INVASIVE SPECIES

REPORT SIGHTINGS OR SIGNS.

Wild pigs pose a threat to rural Manitoba. If you see evidence of wild pigs in your community, such as rooting, tracks, wallows or scat, the best thing you can do is report it. Help your neighbours by sharing the information you see here. If we all do our part, we can eradicate wild pigs in Manitoba.

SHOULD I HUNT WILD PIGS?

NO! Conventional hunting disperses wild pigs over broader areas, changes movement patterns, and can harm trapping efforts.

WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR?

Wild pigs come in different sizes and colours, but are mostly brown or black with coarse, bristly hair. They can grow 3 feet high and 5 feet long. Males typically have larger heads and tusks.



Rooting — This includes plants and crops.



Tree and post rubs — Wild pigs will use trees, posts, and fences to scrape off excess mud or dirt after wallowing.



Tracks — Rounded, blunt-toed tracks appear in mud patches and wet soil and are often mistaken for deer tracks.



Nests or beds — Groups of wild pigs build habitats out of cattails and other wetland grasses.



Wallows — These are wetland depressions wild pigs make to coat themselves in mud, damaging surrounding habitats.



"Scat" — Wild pig feces resembles that of dogs and may contain acorns, grains, animal hair, or feathers.



Arborgate School

Meet the Teachers: September 5th (4-6pm)
Start Date: September 7th

Ross L. Gray School

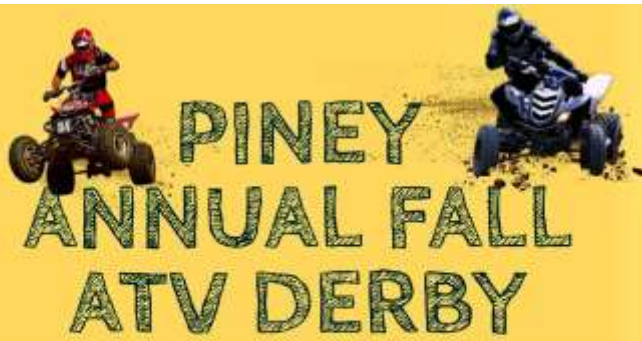
Kick Start Day (Meet & Greet): September 6th (9-3:30pm)
Start Date: September 7th



Southeast Farmer's Market

Fridays - July 7 to Sept 1
3:00 – 8:00 pm

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



Saturday, September 23, 2023
Registration Is 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
At The Piney Community Hall

-PRIZE MONEY IS 20% - 15% - 10% - 5% OF
TOTAL HANDS (less insurance fee)

-ALL HANDS \$5.00 EACH, FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE AT THE PINEY HALL

-Quick Pick - Piney Hall

-Food Will Be Available On The Trail

*FOR INFO CONTACT: Wally 431-205-1248
Terry 204-795-8591 or Nancy 204-408-0874

**Woodridge Community Club
invites you to attend our dine-in
FALL SUPPER**

Saturday, September 16, 2023
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
at the Woodridge Community Centre
69 Denis Street, Woodridge, MB

Menu will include some of your favorites . . .
Fried chicken, meatballs, perogies, mashed potatoes,
garlic sausage & sauerkraut, a variety of side dishes
and a dessert buffet.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE!

Tickets can be purchased from any WCC board member,
at the Vintage Corner Store and the Woodridge Garage
before September 11th.

There will be no tickets on sale at the door.
Questions? Call 204-429-2344

Adult/Teen: \$25
Youth (6 - 12 years): \$15
Children under 5 years: Free

Kids Club



Just a reminder;

Kids Club will be starting again at the Sprague
Community Fellowship on Oct 4th, 2023 from 7
pm until 9 pm. All children are welcome ages 5
and up. We are so excited to see you all there.



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**MIDDLEBRO
FALL SUPPER**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2023**