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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



October 2023

MONTHLY REMINDERS

The RM Office will be closed
Monday, October 9th, 2023



Grant Deadlines

Large Grant: **Due by October 31st, 2023**
Cultural & Identity Grant: **Due by October 31st, 2023**
Recreation Grant: **Due by November 10th, 2023**
Recreation Grants must be submitted to the Recreation Commission by September 30th, 2023

Traffic Gravel Haul

RM of Piney Public Works
2022-2023 Cost Comparison

The total cost for traffic gravel in 2022 was \$190,659.18 for 17,536 tonnes of gravel that was hauled and spread onto RM of Piney municipal gravel roads. The RM received funds from DFA (Disaster Financial Aid) to cover a portion of those costs.

For 2023, the total cost for traffic gravel including hauling, spreading, repairing municipal roads, and projects to date is \$216,136.82. This amount covers 17,640.90 tonnes of gravel. The RM may be receiving funds from DFA (Disaster Financial Aid) to cover a portion of these costs.

Home Sharing / Short-Term Rentals

Please be aware that the home sharing and short-term rental rules are established to address transient accommodations. It is not a regulation on long term home rentals. For more details, please contact the RM office for any zoning questions you may have.



Monday, October 16th, 2023:
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Middlebro Community Hall in Middlebro

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023:
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Council Chambers in Vassar

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023:
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Woodridge Community Club in Woodridge

Community members within our RM are encouraged to join council at the 'Meet & Greet' to voice concerns or ask council any questions they may have.

Meeting dates are subject to cancellation.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

RM of Piney Taxes Due Tuesday, October 31st, 2023

Taxes are due by 4:30pm on October 31st, 2023. All forms of payment must be in our office by that time so please be mindful of ground mail transit time. Arrears shown on your tax statement are as of May 31st, 2023. 1.25% interest is applied monthly until they are fully paid. Please contact the office for a current balance prior to payment to ensure no additional interest charges have been left unaccounted.

If you received a Supplementary Tax Statement in August, these tax bills are also due on October 31st, 2023.

Tax payments can be made by:

- mailing in a cheque – payable to the RM of Piney
- dropping a cheque in our drop box, accessible 24/7
- online banking – Credit Union and Caisse Populaire
- over the phone with credit card
- debit/credit, cash, or cheque in person

E-TRANSFERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Supporting Local Businesses and Organizations

Fall is often considered a time of new beginnings with the start of the school year. It is also the final stretch towards the end of the year. However you look at this time of year, there's no better time to commit to lending more support to local events, businesses and organizations. Sunrise Corner has developed three online tools to help connect residents with local events, products and services, and job and volunteer opportunities: Event Calendar, Business Directory, and WorkFinder.

Event Calendar: We list all the big community events like summer festivals, fall suppers and vendor markets. We are currently looking into a new online calendar that would provide additional functionality, allowing us to add more recreational events and better sorting functionality to make it easy to find what you need. Stay tuned for more on that later this year.

<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/events/event-calendar/>

Business Directory: Our online Business Directory connects local residents with local companies. The searchable directory helps customers buy the products and services they need locally to ensure local businesses can stay open to serve the community. Shopping locally is a critical aspect of building our region. In fact, it is estimated that money spent locally is reinvested locally seven times before being lost outside our region. Money spent outside the region is lost immediately and may never make it back. Let's keep our dollars here to strengthen our community.

<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings/>

WorkFinder: This useful resource was launched to connect local workers and volunteers with local companies and organizations. If you're looking for paid work or volunteer opportunities in southeast Manitoba, Sunrise Corner's WorkFinder is the place to go. There are currently more than 20 postings on the site including paid full-time, part-time and seasonal jobs and volunteer gigs.

<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/workfinder/>

Check out our website at the links above. Both WorkFinder and Business Directory tools allow users to post their own job openings and directory listings but if you need a hand, I'm happy to assist. Let's keep our businesses and organizations strong by supporting local this fall.

As always, if you have an idea for a new business or event, I encourage you to get in touch. We have access to resources that can help you develop a business plan, get the training you need, or obtain financing to get your dream to reality.

Monique Chenier

monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

UNSUNG HEROES IN THE RM OF PINEY

There are so many wonderful volunteers in the RM of Piney, and they all contribute in unique ways. Those who have toiled for years on community boards, organized events and fundraisers, prepared food, maintained parks, delivered senior meals, etc. are the foundation that our towns and hamlets are built on. They help create that sense of community and belonging.

The newcomers who join our ranks, however, can be the lifeblood that re-energizes a community. It is so important to welcome these people with open arms, as there is no telling how they can add and change the community for the better. These people see needs through new eyes and move ahead to fill those needs. They don't necessarily limit themselves to their hometown either. They are often lending a helping hand, and showing support however they can.

One relatively new couple, who has taken on a lot since arriving, is Rob and Helen Dueck. This couple can be seen at virtually every event or fundraiser in the RM. They currently pastor at the Sprague Community Fellowship Church. Playing a role with the foodbank in Piney, they eventually took over the Christmas hamper program from the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce. Rob and Helen not only picked up donations, but delivered hampers. Seeing a need for another location in Sprague, they have been instrumental in the running of the Sprague foodbank as well. Rob and Helen have put on foodbank fundraisers through the Sprague Community Fellowship Church. They have assisted in the Senior Meal program. The Kids Club is another of their ventures that is starting up again this month. Recently Rob has become a volunteer firefighter for the Sprague Firehall.

Another amazingly active couple, new to the area, is Chuck and Jackie Klassen. Not only do they support the entire RM by attending events, they have also volunteered at many events like the South Junction Ball Tournament, Sprague Fest, and the Middlebro Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Kraus family. Chuck and Jackie are both involved with the senior meal program in Sprague, and Chuck has helped with calling numbers during Piney's bingo night. He has also recently launched the local South Junction AA. Sprague is lucky to have Chuck as a new volunteer fireman as well.

Of course, these are just four of the many active newcomers now volunteering in the RM. If you are aware of other newcomers in your area, please be sure to make them feel welcomed. Invite them to volunteer so that they can get to know the people in their community.

Thanks to all volunteers, new and old. Whether you volunteer a little or a lot, you are making the RM a more caring, special place to live.

Sharon Bernard

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

As the leaves begin to fall and a chill fills the air, we know Autumn is upon us, and with it comes a few reminders.

Thanksgiving: This month is a time for family gatherings and heartfelt thanks. As many of us will enjoy delicious meals and perhaps a bit of warming spirits, please designate a sober driver if you plan on indulging in alcohol and not staying the night. Don't let impaired driving affect your future and tarnish this special time with your loved ones.

Halloween Safety: Halloween brings excitement to our community, with children eager to trick-or-treat. To ensure a safe night, wear reflective clothing to stay visible in the dark, only visit houses that are clearly participating, and inspect your children's candy harvest for peace of mind.

Winter Driving Awareness: October often graces us with the first snowfall, catching many off-guard as they cling to their summer driving habits. Please remember that summer tires can become dangerously slippery in colder weather. Be vigilant as the weather changes suddenly, and exercise caution on the roads.

A Personal Transition: Some of you may already know that I'm taking a lateral move to HQ in Winnipeg, which feels like a mini-promotion. While I'm excited about this new chapter, I can't help but feel mixed emotions as I say goodbye to the Sprague detachment. I am immensely grateful for the friendships and connections I've made in this area.

Your trust, cheerful attitudes, and friendliness towards the police didn't go unnoticed. It's been an honor and privilege to serve this community, alongside my colleagues. It's now time to pass the torch to a new constable soon.

So long,

Fahd EL ASTÉ, Cst.
Sprague RCMP

Recycling Incentive Program Monthly Prizes

The RM of Piney has decided to start a recycling incentive program starting January 2024. For every bag you recycle at our three waste sites, you will be entered into our monthly draw. Every prize is over \$250 in value and if your name is drawn, you get to choose which prize you want.

PRIZES CONSIST OF:

VARIOUS GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

GIFT CARDS TO NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES

HANDMADE PICNIC TABLES

HANDMADE BENCH WITH WOODEN PLANTERS

DELUXE ARBOR WITH BENCH

SOLAR LAMP POSTS

Stay tuned for our November newsletter which will list the Recycling Incentive Program Rules of Participation.



You're Invited
PRCC Monthly Meeting
October 12, 2023 at 7 pm

Location TBD

Are you a Chamber Member interested in hosting
a meeting at your business? Contact us
info@pineyregionalchamber.ca

www.pineyregionalchamber.ca

Fire Prevention Week

Sunday, October 8th – Saturday, October 14th, 2023

Cooking safety starts with YOU.

Pay attention to fire prevention.™



FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK™

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BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION

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BLSD Monthly Newsletter – September 2023

Another school year begins! September is many things: The start of the new school year, the beginning of autumn, the time of leaves changing and crisp apples... In Canada it is the month when we honour the experience of Indigenous Canadians who were sent away from their families to residential boarding schools. We honour the courage of the survivors and think about what we can do to make sure every Canadian child has a beautiful, supported, and respectful experience at school.



Basic Bannock Recipe

- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3 tbsp margarine/
butter



Sift together the dry ingredients. Cut in the margarine until the mixture resembles a coarse meal. Grease and heat a frying pan. Working quickly, add enough COLD water to the dry mix to make a firm dough. Once the water is thoroughly mixed into the dough, form the dough into cakes about 1/2 inch thick. Dust the cakes lightly with flour to make them easier to handle. Lay the bannock cakes in the warm frying pan. Hold them over the heat, rotating the pan a little. Once a bottom crust has formed and the dough has hardened enough to hold together, you can turn the bannock cakes. Cooking takes 12-15 minutes.

Source: <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/rsi/fnb/fnb.htm>

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRACTICE RECONCILIATION

- 1) On cardstock or blank paper, help your child trace their hand.
- 2) After reading a book and/or watching a video and talking about reconciliation, talk about the things we can do to help others feel like they matter.
- 3) Write some of their ideas in the traced handprint.



Come and Visit... and Stay to Play!! At Ross L. Gray School

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

- ◆ The Stay and Play is a free, drop-in program, with no registration required.
- ◆ It will be held Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 in the school library.
- ◆ A free snack and a book will be provided.
- ◆ The children will come and explore and participate in various activities that will strengthen their social skills and help promote independence.
- ◆ This is an opportunity for parents to learn with their children, children to interact and make new friends, and for everyone to meet other families in the community.

Come and Visit... and Stay To Play will follow the BLSD school calendar, which means if there is a school closure we will be closed also.

Where: Ross L. Gray Library

When: Starting October 10th, 2023 (every Tuesday) until December 12th

What time: 9:30-11:30

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



If you have questions please contact Carly Chubaty or Adriane Culleton at 204-437-2175. chubaty@blsd.ca or culettona@blsd.ca

or

Ashley Milne at Almbri@hotmail.com



Coming to Your Community Métis Mobile Clinic

October 20, 2023
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Woodridge Community Hall
69 Denis Street

Offering:

- Blood sugar testing
- Cholesterol levels
- Foot Care (limited seat available 4) – Please Book Early
- 5-minute health “check ins”
- COVID -19 vaccines including boosters.

Vaccine appointment/foot care
contact: 1-833-390-1041 ext. 3 or clinicinfo@mmf.mb.ca

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Employment Opportunity Public Works Labourer

Applications are being accepted by the RM of Piney for the full-time position of Public Works Labourer with an anticipated start date of October 30th, 2023. The posting will remain open until the position is filled.

Summary of Responsibilities: The position of Public Works Labourer involves the performance of general manual labor, operation of construction, repair, and maintenance of infrastructure within the Municipality.

The RM of Piney offers a competitive salary, benefits and pension package. Qualified candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume stating experience, education, salary expectations and three references.

For more information, please visit our website:
rmofpiney.mb.ca/our-government/local-job-listings

Interested candidates should submit their application to:
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Email: martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca

A Message from your Resource Coordinator at the Piney Regional Senior Services

Hi! My name is Rachel Lachnit and I am the new Resource Coordinator for the Piney Regional Senior Services. I started my position here on August 28 and look forward to serving the seniors in the RM of Piney. In my spare time I write the Woodridge news column for The Carillon, I am the sacristan at the St. Alexandre Parish and volunteer at the Woodridge Community Club. I love visiting with family and friends, and I am looking forward to becoming a first-time grandma in November. If you are in the South Junction area stop by the office and say "Hi". The office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.

Rachel Lachnit
Resource Coordinator

"MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS" COFFEE GROUPS

1PM MONDAYS
AT THE PINE GROVE SENIORS CLUB
On Hwy 12 and Prevost St., South Junction
AND

1PM 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 NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS –
A GREAT TIME TO SOCIALIZE AND GIVE YOURSELF A
BREAK DURING YOUR BUSY WEEK.

Introducing the RM of Piney Climate Action Plan

The news lately has been filled with stories of wild fires, droughts, excessive rain storms and more severe weather systems. This global phenomenon can be felt in the RM of Piney as we experience severe storms, changing temperatures and seasons. It is important for the Rural Municipality of Piney to be prepared for these climate impacts.

One way to be prepared is to assess which climate risks are likely to impact the RM of Piney and then prepare an action plan that identifies how the RM of Piney can adapt and protect itself from climate risks.

The RM of Piney has successfully secured a grant from the Province of Manitoba to conduct a climate risk assessment and create a climate action plan. For details, see Steinbach on-line article at <https://steinbachonline.com/articles/going-greener-in-the-rm-of-piney-thanks-to-provincial-funding>.

This project is will help the RM of Piney be better prepared and more resilient to the climate changes that are occurring and are likely to occur. The project will be introduced at the October Coffee with Council sessions.

If you would like to get involved in this project or want more information, please reach out to Allison Driedger by phone at 204-392-3849 or email: bluestemdevelopment@gmail.com



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)

Piney Regional Senior Services
15 Prevost St, South Junction

Sept 26, Oct 31, Nov 28
10am-11:15am
Contact Rachel at 204-437-2604



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



Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, September 30th, 2023 from 10:30am – 1:00pm
 Pinegrove Seniors Club in South Junction
Sponsored by Wampum Lutheran Church
 Lunch starts at 11am – soup, sandwiches, & dessert
BAKE SALE, 50/50 DRAW, RAINBOW AUCTION, RAFFLES

Playtime in the Park

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00pm
Monday, October 9th, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00pm
 Sandilands Community Club

Kids Club

Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 from 7:00 – 9:00pm
 Sprague Community Fellowship (*kids 5 and up welcome*)

Autumn Harvest Fest

Friday, October 20th, 2023
 Bring the whole family down for games, contests, pumpkin carving contest, harvest themed crafts and a spooky forest for those who love spooky season.
 Sandilands Community Club

Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, October 21st, 2023 from 10:00am – 2:00pm
 Pinegrove Seniors Club in South Junction

Sandilands General Special Meeting

Saturday, October 28th, 2023
 Sandilands Community Club



Fall supper

Oct 7th. Middlebro Community Hall

Price: adults- \$24.00 Time 7-12 - \$14.00 6&under free 4-7

License 20131271 Serving Wine or Beer Ticket purchase at bar.

Serving: Turkey,meatballs,gravy,mashed potatoes,Perogies,cabbage rolls, coleslaw,veggies,sauerkraut & sausage, rolls

50-50 Dessert, coffee or juice



Fall Supper a great place for: Good People , Good Food, and Good Visiting Time. Enjoy and Thanks for coming.

