

Phone: 204-437-2284 or
204-437-2060

office@rmofpiney.mb.ca

Hours: Monday – Friday

8:30am – 12:00pm

12:45pm – 4:30pm



Rural Municipality of
PINEY

Need to Contact your Councillor?

Wayne Anderson: 204-527-0569

Ken Prociw: 204-429-2143

Dale Edbom: 204-423-2089

David Beaudry: 204-437-2528

Mark Bernard: 431-997-5077

December 2023

MONTHLY REMINDERS



**The RM Office will be closed from
Monday, December 25th, 2023 until
Monday, January 1st, 2024.**

The office will re-open to the public on Tuesday,
January 2nd, 2024.

RM Office Closure

The RM office will be closed from 11:00am to 12:45pm on
December 8th, 2023 for staff training.

Council Meeting Rescheduled

The Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December
26th, 2023 has been moved to **Thursday, December 21st,
2023 at 6pm.**

Bid Hourly Contractor Forms

2024 Bid Hourly Forms are now available online to all
contractors interested in submitting their bids to do any
work for the RM in 2024. The form can be found under
“Our Services – Roads & Infrastructure” on our website.

Snow Clearing Reminder

A reminder to all landowners, when removing snow from
your driveway to please make sure no excess snow is left
on municipal roads or road allowances. When this occurs,
the ice and snow become traffic hazards and make it
difficult for the snow plows to clear properly.

Piney/Menisino Waste Disposal Site

The household dumping pit at Piney/Menisino dump
will be closed as of January 1st, 2024. Starting Tuesday,
January 2nd, 2024 all household materials must be
disposed of using the appropriate transfer bins.

The following are not accepted as household items and
must be placed in the appropriate areas; please see dump
attendant for details.



FURNITURE WITH SPRINGS

FRIDGES/FREEZERS

LIQUIDS

HAZARDOUS WASTE

OIL

**Medical, dead animals & radioactive waste are not accepted
at any of our waste disposal sites!**



MEDICAL



DEAD ANIMALS



RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Please ask attendants if you are unclear or have questions.

2024 Community Grants

Large Grants:

Woodridge Community Club - \$3,185.00

Recreation Grants District 1:

Sprague Community Center - \$11,693.00

Sprague & Area Arena - \$1,333.00

Middlebro Community Club - \$2,974.00

Middlebro Eager Beaver Senior Club - \$1,500.00

Recreation Grants District 2:

Piney Community Center - \$7,325.00

Vassar Community Recreation Centre - \$7,325.00

Badger Community Association - \$2,850.00

Recreation Grants District 3:

St. Labre Community Club - \$6,800.00

St. Labre 200 - \$4,882.00

Sandilands Community Club - \$2,849.00

Woodridge Community Club - \$2,969.00

Cultural & Community Identity Grants:

Middlebro Community Club - \$500.00

Sprague & District Historical Museum - \$2,500.00

Sprague Community Center - \$3,500.00

Vassar Community Recreation Centre - \$1,000.00

Woodridge Community Club - \$3,000.00

Sandilands Community Club - \$3,500.00

Event Grant applications deadline: January 10th, 2024



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Gifts that Keep on Giving

The season of holiday giving is right around the corner and many of us are looking for unique gift ideas. Rather than doing another online purchase from a big, faceless corporation, why not consider some of these incredible local options instead.

The gift of outdoor recreation

Sunrise Corner is known for amazing outdoor recreation that the adventurer in your life would love to experience. The Southeast Sno-Riders, Voyageur Trails Grooming Association and Woodridge ATV Sandhogs all offer memberships. For a non-motorized option of cross-country skiing on groomed trails in Sandilands Provincial Forest, check out day or season passes for individuals or families at Sandilands Ski Club.

The gift of shopping local

There are many local retail businesses and service providers that offer gift cards in a variety of denominations. Your gift of shopping locally benefits more than just the receiver, it's also a gift for the local business owner. Ask your community grocery store, personal services salon (hair, nails, massages, etc.), restaurant, or automotive repair shop if they offer gift certificates. For a unique tourism experience, check out Farm, Fibre, Food & Friends through Green Pastures Farm in Gardenton.

The gift of community support (and a tax receipt)

Got someone on your list who has everything? Why not make a donation on their behalf to one of the many local registered charities doing amazing work in our region. Your gift donation could support food banks in Vita or Sprague, the Vita Healing Garden, the South East Community Services Co-op assisted living facility through a donation to East Borderland Community Housing, or the Sprague & District Historical Museum among others.

The gift of business connection

If you've got an entrepreneur on your Christmas shopping list, why not give them the gift of local networking and professional development with membership in the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce. They will benefit from learning skills to help build their business, connecting with other businesses, & contributing back to the community.

As 2023 comes to a close, the board and staff of Sunrise Corner wish you an amazing holiday season with family and friends. Cheers to a healthy and prosperous 2024.

Monique Chenier

monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

The RM would like to thank Sharon Bernard for dedicating her time and energy in acknowledging all the amazing volunteers in our area. Your articles have been vastly enjoyed and we appreciate all the hard work you put into them.

UNSUNG HEROES IN THE RM OF PINEY

This year we have recognized some of the truly special volunteers in the RM of Piney. Although this will be the final article in this series, I know you will continue to honor your community's heroes at a local level. Spread joy with compliments and genuine appreciation this December and throughout the year.

Our Unsung Hero for December is Jean Gushulak. Jean was raised in Badger, MN, but embraced her community of Piney from the start. She and her husband Wally are long term residents of Piney, and are exceptional examples of what it means to be a volunteer. For many years, Jean has been the quiet angel that oversees, organizes, collaborates, supports and guides many of the events in the town of Piney. She is currently the Chairperson of her pet project, Merry Eatery, the Piney Meals Program for Seniors. She does not hesitate to promote and advocate for this program. She organizes the schedule and sends reminders to the 6 volunteers who keep the program running smoothly. Jean looks after the financial side as well. Whenever numbers are low, she is quick to encourage her neighbors to attend the program. She is the Treasurer of The Over 40 Club, which hosts the meal program, and Cribbage on alternate Fridays, as well as Secretary of the Senior Resource Council.

Over the years, Jean has been an advocate for the Community Church in Piney. Although the church has lost its pastor, and is not currently running, Jean was integral in its maintenance and promotion. She was part of a group that applied for a grant to have the church assigned as a Heritage Building.

Jean's love of curling has inspired her to take on the important job of organizing local teams and creating schedules for the curling league. She helps at the annual Piney Bonspiel with her son, Drew. Not only does she do the draw, she is there to organize and procure the food.

Although Jean does not currently hold an executive position on the Piney Community Center Board, she is always there to support, instigate, and help the Board in any of their fundraising and recreational activities. Often working behind the scenes, she is the glue of the community, always there when needed, and actively keeping everyone on track. More importantly, Jean and Wally have taught the importance of volunteering to their children, Drew and Dori. Drew continues to carry on their tradition of volunteerism in Piney. Dori has moved from Piney, but continues to attend Piney events, and lend a hand whenever she can. Jean has been a shining example, and a mentor to many volunteers over the years, and continues to do so. Thank you, Jean.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all the Unsung Heroes, and all the amazing residents of the RM of Piney. It has been a pleasure writing this series of articles, and discovering just how many wonderful people give of themselves in the RM of Piney.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

On behalf of the Sprague RCMP detachment, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday. Some of you may be travelling a long distance to visit your loved ones, or perhaps family members will be coming to visit you.

Speaking of travel, as you are likely aware, there is an increased risk on our roadways now that winter weather is upon us! Even though we may feel superhuman with fresh winter tires on our rims, it is still important to be extra cautious over the winter months. Check the weather and road conditions before you depart, and plan accordingly. The road conditions can change drastically in a short period of time. Visibility is a factor that you also have to consider. I don't know about you, but the times I've been caught in a snow storm, it's like piloting the millennium falcon through space. All you see are white flakes coming at you fast and furious like the stars.

Seriously though, if you decide to risk it out in adverse conditions, you aren't only taking the risk for yourself, but you are also forcing the hand of emergency services, tow truck operators, and that good Samaritan who stops to help. You would also be putting family members at risk who will without a doubt be coming out to help you. There is no shame in missing a hockey practice, or rescheduling a date with your pets' groomer.

In the event you do end up stuck in a snowbank or ditch over the winter season, ensure you have some extra winter items in case you need them. Such as a first aid kit, clothing, blankets, flashlight, snacks, hand warmers, and an extra pair of boots in case your feet get wet while trying to shovel your way out. Above all else, don't panic!

We recently had someone turn in some jewelry that was located on a trail at an undisclosed location in the RM of Piney. If this belongs to you, please reach out to us. You will be required to provide us with a description of the items in order for us to return them.

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

Slow Down, Move Over, It's The Law!

In 2011 the Slow Down, Move Over law was created under section 109.1 of Manitoba's Highway Traffic Act (HTA). The law requires drivers to slow down and move over when they see a vehicle pulled over at the side of the road with their emergency lights flashing.

Vehicles that you must slow down for include police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, tow trucks, and construction and/or maintenance vehicles.



If the posted speed limit is less than 80 km/hr motorists are required to slow down to 40 km/hr. If the posted speed limit is 80 km/hr or higher motorists are required to slow down to 60 km/hr.

On multi-lane highways, drivers must also move to the next lane if able to do so safely and pass only if it is safe. The fine for failing to comply with any of the requirements is \$298 and two demerits.

For more details refer to the Manitoba Highway Traffic Act.

Winter Driving

Winter is quickly approaching and with that, comes the change in road conditions. Help prevent any accidents this winter with a few of the following reminders:

Slow down

Slowing down will maintain traction and decrease your total stopping distance. Posted speed limits are the maximum recommended speed for ideal conditions only.

Leave earlier

Avoid the temptation to drive too fast for conditions by giving yourself extra travel time.

Brake sooner

Brake sooner than you normally would to allow more space to stop. Risk of injury is high at intersections where ice tends to build up, and where there may be pedestrians or other vehicles sliding into your path.

Leave distance between vehicles

Leave plenty of following distance between you and the vehicle in front. The recommended safe distance in ideal conditions is four seconds; on highways allow for six seconds. In poor conditions, leave more time.

Don't use cruise control

If your vehicle loses traction, cruise control will cause the wheels to rapidly spin and accelerate at the worst possible time.



Information provided to you by:

<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/winter-driving.aspx>

The RM of Piney will be improving the recycling of electronics at all Waste Transfer Stations. We currently accept all these items, but now we ask that if you intend on bringing any of these items to one of the three waste locations, that you place them in the Sea Cans that are labelled 'Recycle Electronics Here'.



What Can Be Recycled in Manitoba



Display Devices



Non-Cellular Telephones



Home Audio/Video Systems



Desktop Computers



Portable Computers



Computer Peripherals



Desktop Printers/
Multi-Function Devices



Personal/Portable Audio/Video
Systems



Home Theatre In-A-Box (HTB) Systems



Vehicle Audio/Video Systems
(aftermarket)



Countertop Microwave Ovens



Floor-Standing Photocopiers/
Multi-Function Devices



Cellular Devices and Pagers



EPRA

Safe & Secure Recycling

Wipe your drives. Clear your SIM cards. Protect your privacy. Clear all personal information from computers, cell phones and electronics prior to drop off.

For additional program details, visit recycleMYelectronics.ca/MB



MEDEO VIRTUAL CARE

New! The Vita Medical Clinic and East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre are now using Medeo Virtual Care. Contact your clinic to be invited to start using Medeo today!

SOINS VIRTUELS MEDEO

Nouveau! Vita Medical Clinic et East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre utilisent maintenant Medeo Virtual Care. Contactez votre clinique pour être invité à commencer à utiliser Medeo dès aujourd'hui!

Vita Medical Clinic:
204 425-3372

East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre:
204 437-3015



Senior Christmas
\$15.00 Lunch. 1pm.
Middlebro Community Hall
Tuesday December 5th.

Please pre book by:
Messaging me or call
Donna - 204-881-8409

Stay for a card game and coffee. It's time. Enjoy

"May the New Year bless you with health, wealth, and happiness."



DECEMBER EVENTS

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 from 11:00am – 3:00pm

Woodridge Community Centre

3rd Annual Woodridge Christmas Parade

Starts at 3:30pm from the Woodridge Fire Hall

Sprague Community Christmas Program

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 at 3:00pm

Sprague Hall (Lunch to Follow)

Stay & Play

Tuesdays, December 5th & 12th from 9:30am – 11:30am

Ross L. Gray School Library (*families with kids 5 & under*)

Free snack & book will be provided

Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturdays, December 9th & 16th, 2023 from 10am – 2pm

Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

Indoor Market / Canteen / 50/50 Draw

Parent Drop In

December 11th, 2023 from 10:00am – 11:30am

East Borderland Primary Health Centre

Call or email Holly at LarsonH@blsd.ca or 204-324-6491

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Thursday, December 14th, 2023 at 7:00pm

RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

Guest Speaker: Jonathon Prevost, Upper Hand Technologies, Digital Marketing for Small Business

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17th, 2023 at 11:00am

Salem Lutheran Church in Wampum

Kids Club

Every Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Sprague Community Fellowship (*kids 5 and up welcome*)

Exercise for Fun & Health

Mondays & Thursdays at 9:30am

Pine Grove Seniors Club in South Junction

Floor Curling, Pickle Ball & Archery

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

Piney Community Centre

Contact Bob Zarn 204-423-2053 for more information

Coffee Conversation & Computers

Every Monday from 9:30am – 11:30am

Vassar Community Hall

Join us for coffee and a visit, and learn about technology!

EBCH Christmas Lights Fundraiser

Donate \$5 per bulb or light up an entire tree for \$75

Call Danielle Charrette 204-371-1983

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

\$5.00 Person

Pancakes WITH Ham Waffles Fruit

Middlebro Community Hall

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Photo Booth, 50-50, Plus More.
Don't Forget A Christmas Hamper Donation

VASSAR CWL FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2023

VASSAR HALL – 7:00 P.M.

Happy Holidays

FUN FOR ALL – BINGO, SILENT AUCTION, SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DRAW, FOOD HAMPER & LUNCH

Proceeds to Vassar Church maintenance

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023

VASSAR HALL – NOON (12:00 P.M.)

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER (POT LUCK)

FOLLOWED BY SANTA'S ARRIVAL AT 1:30 P.M.

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME



**ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

*Monday, December 18th, 2023 at 7pm
RLG School Gym*

The RM of Piney Climate Action Plan



The link is still open to fill out the RM of Piney Climate Action Plan survey. This survey gathers thoughts and ideas on climate change and how it impacts this region. The survey will be available at the RM of Piney Municipal Office and is available on-line. **Everyone who completes the survey will be entered in draw to win one of 5 gift cards.** The survey can be found on-line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pineyclimate> or simply scan the QR code on your phone for a direct link to the survey.

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.

A festive background for a holiday message. It features a white surface decorated with several wrapped gifts tied with red ribbons, scattered pine branches, and red and gold ornaments. The text is centered in a green, cursive font.

*The
RM of Piney
wishes you and your
family a very
Merry Christmas and
a safe and wonderful
New Year!*