

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

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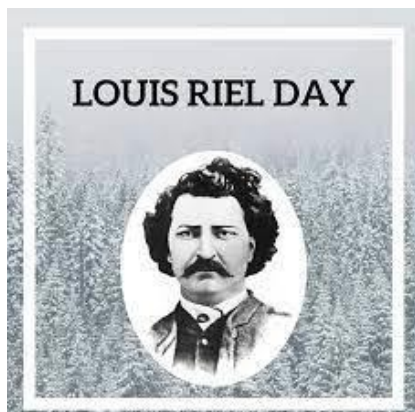
David Beaudry: 204-437-2528

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February 2024

MONTHLY REMINDERS

The RM office will be closed on
Monday, February 19th, 2024



2024 Approved Event Grants

Carrick Community Club Inc.

Carrick Days - \$1,500.00

South Junction Community Club

Canada Day Celebrations - \$3,000.00

Sprague Community Center Inc.

Sprague Fest and Show & Shine Car Show - \$1,000.00

Vassar Community Recreation Centre

Summer Camps hosted by VCRC - \$1,000.00

Woodridge Community Club

5th Annual Summer Fun on the Ridge - \$1,000.00

Woodridge Community Club

3rd Annual Car Show on the Ridge - \$1,000.00

Be sure to check the events at the back of our
newsletter, for all upcoming events in your area!



Coffee with Council



All residents of the RM are welcome to join the council
members at their Annual 'Coffee with Council' meet and
greet on the following days:

Monday, February 26th, 2024

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Over 40 Club in Piney

Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Evergreen Seniors Centre in Sprague

Tuesday, March 5th, 2024

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Woodridge Community Centre in Woodridge

Coffee with Council is a time for rate payers within our
RM to join council to voice any concerns or ask council
any questions they may have.

We hope to see you all there!



Graydon
VETERINARY CORPORATION

SAVE THE DATE

Local Spring Pet Vaccine Clinic

March 23rd, 2024

Locations & Times

Town: Sprague

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Location: Sprague Fire Hall

Town: Piney

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Location: Piney Fire Hall

Town: Woodridge

Time: 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Location: Woodridge Fire Hall



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Great Outdoors Don't Get Much Greater

From the Tall Grass Prairie Preserve to Sandilands Provincial Forest, Sunrise Corner in southeast Manitoba is truly an outdoor paradise. With 3,600 square kilometers of quaint communities and pristine natural areas, the region offers an endless list of recreational pursuits for those who love the peaceful solitude of a crisp winter day to enjoy our forests and fields.

Cross Country Skiing: Did you know there are thirty-eight kilometers of classic cross country ski trails in the Sandilands Provincial Forest at the northern end of Sunrise Corner? The high sand ridges and majestic forests are an ideal location for skiing enthusiasts, with designated trails groomed by volunteers exclusively for cross country skiing.

Birding, Hiking & Snowshoeing: If birding is on the agenda this winter while hiking or snowshoeing, explore Manitoba's Pine to Prairie International Birding Trail. Try these two excellent and very different options. First, nestled in one of the last remaining remnants of tall grass prairie at the western end of Sunrise Corner, the Prairie Shore and Agassiz Interpretive Trails are maintained with clear signage. Second, the Spur Woods Wildlife Management Area near Menisino surrounds visitors in old-growth red pines and a rolling landscape with an unmaintained trail that follows the old railway spur line.

Ice Sports: With a full range of skating, hockey, ringette and more, the Vita Arena is the place to be. In the eastern end of Sunrise Corner, plan a family trip to the Sprague & Area Arena – great place for the little ones to learn to skate with five new Lil' Skaters to help keep them upright. If folks are looking for crisp winter air as they skate, balanced with a place to warm up, visit Woodridge's outdoor rink – a new warm up shack is nearing completion. For the curlers, both Piney and Vita open up their curling rinks to league play as well as bonspiels.

Explore Sunrise Corner, where nature shines

If there's one thing people have come to understand, it's that taking the time to enjoy life is time well invested. They realize there's value in hiking through red pine forests and snowshoeing across tall grass prairies, fishing on a frozen river, or rediscovering the past at historic cultural sites. We invite everyone to play, visit and explore Sunrise Corner in southeast Manitoba, where nature shines.

Visit www.sunrisecornermb.ca/visit for details.



Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

I hope you are all enjoying the snow that we've finally received. I also hope everyone managed to stay warm through that last cold spell. At this time of writing, it looks like temperatures are on the rise again. Hopefully this will give us the chance to spend more time outside.

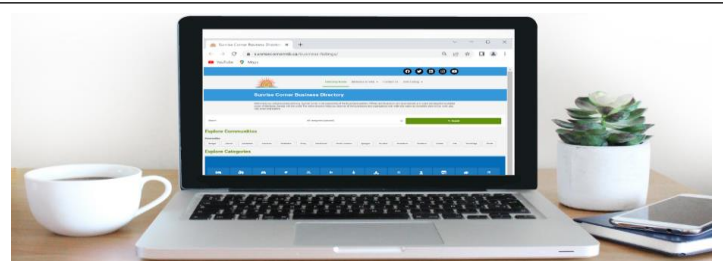
Here at the Sprague detachment, things have slowed down a tad. We have, however, seen an uptick in calls pertaining to landlord and tenant disputes. I would like to let everyone know that the RCMP does not evict people from their homes, so please don't call us to do that. Before calling the police for a landlord/tenant dispute, whether you are a landlord or a tenant, I would highly recommend you visit the Residential Tenancies Branch website to find out what your rights are, and what you are allowed to do as a landlord and/or tenant. The website is <https://www.gov.mb.ca/cca/rtb/> and if you click on "contact us", there are phone numbers and an e-mail address to receive more information.

If you are a landlord, and an eviction has been granted by completing the necessary steps, the Residential Tenancies Branch will likely send a sheriff to assist you.

I would also like to remind everyone that our detachment services assistant works on a part time basis. It is typically a safe bet to come to the office for a Criminal Record check on a Wednesday or Thursday, however it is safest to call the detachment the morning you plan on coming to make sure she is here.

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



For contact info for businesses and organizations
in Sunrise Corner, visit:

www.sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings

JOB OPPORTUNITY

LOOKING FOR PART TIME WORK?

Ross L. Gray School Is
Currently Seeking
Substitute Teachers

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED..

Please call 204-437-2175 or stop in at the school office and see Shannon to pick up the application forms.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN A PLEDGE OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND MUST COMPLETE A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK & CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY CHECK (FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE)

ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL
21 CANHAM STREET
SPRAGUE, MB
204-437-2175



Road Weight Restrictions

Coming: March 2024

The RM of Piney will be imposing a 65% weight restriction of normal loading on the following roads:

- Menisino North (Rd 59E) from PTH 12 to PR 201
 - Whitemouth Lake Rd
- St.Labre Rd (Rd 27N & 63E) from PR 210 to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21)
- Vassar East Rd 6N from Vassar East Access to PR 308

Road locations are subject to change.

Once restrictions are implemented, they will remain until further notice.



Recycling Incentive Program

The Recycling Incentive Program is well underway and the RM cannot wait to see the recycling stats from the month of January. January's winning ticket will be drawn on February 21st and will be announced on our Facebook Page: The Rural Municipality of Piney. The winning ticket will also be shared in the March newsletter.

Winners will be able to choose from the Following Prizes:

\$250 Gift Cards to Local Businesses Including:

Buffalo Point Resort

Carl & Kay's Fine Foods

Clearview Co-op

Eva's Restaurant

Prevost's Perennials

Vassar Corner Store

Vintage Corner Store

M & R Furniture & Variety Handmade Items:

6ft long Picnic Tables

Handmade Benches with Wooden Planters

7ft Tall Deluxe Arbour with Bench

If you are the owner of the winning ticket, please call our office at 204-437-2284 to claim the prize you would like. Prizes must be picked up by the end of the month. i.e. ticket is announced in the March newsletter, you must contact the RM office and have your prize picked up by the last day of March.

Prizes range from \$200-\$250 in value. There is no limit to how many times one person can win, so keep recycling to see if you can win more than once!



Recycling bags can be picked up at the RM office or from attendants at any of the three transfer stations.



FIRST FULL WEEK OF FEBRUARY
**NATIONAL
BURN
AWARENESS
WEEK**

Burn Awareness Week February 4th - 10th, 2024

February 4th - 10th is National Burn Awareness Week, a time set aside each year for organizations and educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message.

The Manitoba government, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Manitoba Firefighters' Burn Fund and the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs would like to encourage all age-groups to get involved and learn about burn and fire prevention, and what to do if a burn should happen.

Our organizations are once again holding the ever-so-popular **Burn Awareness Week Poster Contest**. Kids are asked to submit their original artwork reflecting any fire and burn awareness drawing, which includes a message describing their poster drawing.

Contest Rules:

- Posters must be drawn on an 8 1/2 X 11 inch letter sized paper, 1 entry per student;
- The contest is open to any student residing in Manitoba from grade 5 through to grade 8. Students can participate on their own without the participation of the school;
- Poster artwork must represent any fire/burn prevention subject;
- Posters MUST INCLUDE the artists' name, grade, school & address on the **BACK** of the poster (Many posters are disqualified each year as they are submitted with no information).

**All entries must be postmarked by no later than
March 22nd, 2024.**

Mail entries to:

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations
The Office of the Fire Commissioner
1601 Van Horne Avenue East, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 7K2

Winners will be notified after April 19, 2024



Information provided to you by:

https://firecomm.gov.mb.ca/safety_baw.html

WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT

Cooking is the number one cause of home fires

PLAN A:

PRIMARY PREVENTION

- The best time to cook is when you are wide awake, and not drowsy from medications or alcohol.
- Always wipe clean the stove, oven, exhaust fan to prevent grease buildup.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Keep a pan lid and dry potholders or oven mitts near you EVERY time you cook.
- Turn pot or pan handles toward the back of the stove.
- When heating food in the microwave, use microwave safe cookware that allows steam to escape.
- Allow food to rest before removing from microwave.
- When frying, use a pan lid or splash guard to prevent grease splatter.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you to check on your cooking.
- After cooking, check the kitchen to make sure all burners and other appliances are turned off.

PLAN B:

SECONDARY PREVENTION

If your food does catch on fire...

1. Cover the pan with its lid. A cookie sheet works too. Leave covered until the pan is cool. NEVER move the pot or carry it outside - the pot is too hot to handle and the contents may splash, causing a severe burn.
2. Turn the heat off. With the lid on and the heat off, the fire should quickly put itself out. NEVER use water to put out a kitchen fire. Water will cause the oil to splatter and spread the fire, or scald you as it vaporizes.
3. If the fire is inside an oven or microwave, keep the door shut and turn it off. Keep closed until the oven is cool.
4. If the fire gets out of control- get out, stay out and call 9-1-1. Don't return inside for any reason.



Information provided to you by: https://ameriburn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/cobranded_aba119_burnprevention-cookingall_113018-1.pdf



VASSAR ONE STOP POKER DERBY

Brought to you by VCRC and
Pine Needles and Cones



**February
10th**
Registration
**10:00-
5:00pm**
**\$5 per
hand**



1st Prize- 20%
2nd Prize- 15%
3rd Prize- 10%
4th Prize - 5%

**Canteen!
Silent
Auction!**



Bingo
1:00-3:00pm

Bar

Opens at 4:00

Karaoke+
Open Mic
6:00pm



PINEY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.



PINEY ANNUAL OPEN BONSPIEL
\$120

February 16th-18th, 2024

Contact Wally at 431-205-1248
or
Drew at 204-380-2544

MIDDLEBRO COMMUNITY CLUB



POKER DERBY
10am - 3pm.
\$5.00 Hand

February
17th./ 2024

Dance:
Adults- \$10.00
17-9. \$5.00
9-under Free

50-50
10am-10pm.

DANCE
8pm.-1am
Music Man

Meals Available
for sale
Liquor served

Come And
Join us for
the Day

TEXAS HOLDEM
Tournament
Registration 11.30

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WOODRIDGE WINTER CHILL OUT Fundraising Social

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

at the Woodridge Community Club

DJ & DANCE
CASH BAR
LATE LUNCH
50/50 DRAW

ADMISSION: \$15/PERSON
DOORS OPEN AT 8 P.M.

Tickets can be purchased from WCC board members, at the
Woodridge Garage or Vintage Corner Store.



Sandilands



Spring Seed Swap

Join us in the gazebo at the Sandilands Park on February 24th 1:00 PM -2:00 PM

This will be the first of 2 opportunities this spring to meet fellow gardening enthusiasts, share tips, and find new garden treasures.

Buy, Sell or Trade Seeds Only at this event.

Free entry, no table fees. Space in the gazebo is limited.

Register for table space by emailing us at

sandilandscommunityclub@gmail.com

or fit in, wherever you can, on the day of the event.

You will have an opportunity to include gardening implements and accessories at our "Spring Garden Swap" later this spring (April, TBA)



All gardening skill levels welcome. Whether you're just starting out or you've been gardening for 40 years, come on down and join the fun.



We will have hot chocolate on hand to ward off the chill. "Let's Grow together"

Sandilands Community Club

On Wednesday, February 28



WEAR PINK

and show you stand up to bullying

February

Calendar of Events



Piney Puzzle Party

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 at 7:00pm

Contact Roger Schwegel: 431-996-5686

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Thursday, February 8th, 2024 at 7:00pm

RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

Members & Non-members welcome

Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, February 10th, 2024 from 10am – 2pm

Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

Sprague Fire Department Spring Fling Social March 23rd, 2024

Will be held at the Sprague Community Center

Sandhogs Fundraiser Social

March 30th, 2024 at 8pm

Woodridge Community Centre

Stay & Play

Tuesdays from 9:30am – 11:30am

RLG School Library (*families with kids 5 & under*)

Kids Club

Every Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Sprague Community Fellowship (*kids 5 & up*)

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

Coffee Conversation & Computers

Every Monday from 9:30am – 11:30am

Vassar Community Hall

Sprague & Area Arena

Check the Sprague & Area Arena Facebook Page for updates on when the area is open to the public.



SUPPORT LOCAL

