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204-437-2060

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Hours: Monday – Friday

8:30am – 12:00pm

12:45pm – 4:30pm



Rural Municipality of
PINEY

Need to Contact your Councillor?

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August 2024

MONTHLY REMINDERS



RM Office Closed Monday, August 5th

Fall Hunting Lease

By-Law No. 123/2017

As of August 15th, you can purchase a Fall Hunting Lease that will allow you to hunt on RM land from **September 1st to November 30th, 2024**. Leases are for hunting purposes only; recreational use will not be allowed. No permanent structures may be erected on municipal land; only temporary structures will be allowed and must be removed before the end of the lease. No trees are to be removed and no trails are to be made on RM land. Vehicles are only permitted on land during the retrieval of harvested game. The **cost is \$500.00** for one permit that allows up to five individuals permission to access one parcel of RM land during one regular season.

RM OF PINEY FOREST TOURS

Saturday, August 24th from 1:00 – 3:30pm

BECOMING FIRESMART™

Saturday, September 21st from 1:00 – 3:30pm

WELCOME TO NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

Tours will be provided rain or shine for ages 12 & up. Participants will meet at the Piney Community Hall and need to supply their own transportation to & from each touring site. Call Carrie at 204-437-2284 to reserve a spot!

Cancelled Council Meeting

The RM has cancelled the following council meeting:

Tuesday, August 27th, 2024

New Landowners

2024 Property Taxes

The RM of Piney property tax bills are printed in May by the Province and were mailed out at the end of June. Depending on when you purchased your property, the address may not have been changed by the province in time and therefore you may have not received your bill. It is the landowner's responsibility to contact the RM office to confirm whether taxes are owing, even if a tax bill has not been received.

2024 Property Taxes are due on Thursday, October 31st by 4:30pm. If the payment is not met by this deadline, the total amount left owing will be subject to a 1.25% penalty on the first of each month, following the due date, until the taxes are paid in full. For any questions, please contact the RM at 204-437-2284.

Added / Reduction Taxes

Any added and/or reduction tax bills for 2023 and/or 2024 will be mailed out shortly. If you receive an added/reduction tax bill from us, read the cover letter supplied, as it will state your new total owing that will be due on October 31st, 2024.

Manitoba 

Board of Revision

If you have any discrepancies with your 2025 assessments, please put your request in writing to meet with Manitoba Assessment at the **upcoming Board of Revision on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024**. Requests must be submitted by letter or email to the RM office no later than 4:30pm on September 3rd, 2024, addressing your assessment concerns.

RM of Piney Seedling Program

The Rural Municipality of Piney is pleased to announce that we have secured 5,000 White Spruce seedlings coming this Fall. Seedlings will only be available to rate payers in the RM of Piney.

Seedlings will be sold in bundles of 20 seedlings at the cost of \$5.00 per bundle (0.25 cents per seedling). Trees will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis. Payment can be made in cash, cheque, debit, or by credit card (with a 2% service fee).

Once the seedlings have arrived, the RM will put out a notice on our website and Facebook Page. Seedlings must be picked up during regular office hours.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Why Not Rent a Small-town Hall for your Next Family Event?

When planning a memorable family gathering, whether it's a milestone birthday or anniversary, baby or bridal shower, family reunion or holiday get-together, the venue can make all the difference. While hosting at home might seem convenient, renting a small-town hall offers advantages that can elevate your event. And nearly every community in Sunrise Corner has a hall with unique amenities available to rent.

Spacious Yet Intimate: Small-town halls provide ample space for your guests to move around comfortably without feeling cramped. Unlike home settings, they offer a dedicated area for your event, creating a special atmosphere where everyone can relax and enjoy themselves.

Ease of Preparation: Hosting at a community hall often means less stress for you. These venues typically come equipped with tables, chairs, and kitchen amenities, reducing the need for extensive setup and cleanup compared to transforming your home for guests.

Flexibility in Decor and Layout: Quaint community halls offer greater flexibility in decor and layout than most homes. Whether you envision a themed party or a simple, elegant gathering, you can easily customize the space to suit your vision without worrying about space constraints or disrupting your daily living areas.

Community Support: Opting for a local hall supports your community. These venues are often centrally located, making them convenient for guests, and renting them can contribute to the local economy while providing a unique backdrop for your event.

Why not consider the advantages of renting a community hall for your next family gathering? From providing a spacious yet intimate atmosphere to offering ease of preparation and customization options, these venues can transform your event into a memorable occasion while supporting your community. It just might be the perfect choice for your upcoming celebration.

If you want to research the many unique options available in Sunrise Corner, visit our local directory.

<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings/category/community-facilities/>

PS. Calling all Sunrise Corner Community Clubs: If you've got a hall and other adjacent amenities, there are people interested in renting your facility for a variety of family or company events. Additional revenue from hall rentals can go a long way to offsetting your volunteer fundraising efforts. Please email me and we'll send you a survey that captures all the amenities you offer then we can update your community club listing on the Sunrise Corner directory.

Monique Chenier

monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



BPP Rent & Ride Inc.

BPP Rent & Ride is now accepting Approved User Applications from organizations and groups

"Igniting Connections" Transit initiatives have progressed to literally having wheels on the ground and the ability to rent a community shared vehicle intended for people to travel together.

The BPP Rent & Ride initiative is a collaborative effort between Buffalo Point First Nation and the RM of Piney. This partnership provides a cost-effective and eco-friendly transportation solution, designed to be shared among approved organizations and groups. The primary goal is to facilitate group travel for residents, enhancing community connectivity.

Our current fleet includes a 2023 Toyota Sienna, a 7-passenger hybrid van, offering a blend of comfort and fuel efficiency. We're also excited to announce that we're expanding our fleet with the addition of a 2018 Ram ProMaster 2500. This 10-passenger van is wheelchair accessible, ensuring we can cater to the needs of all our residents.

BPP Rent & Ride is inviting applications from all community organizations/groups who can benefit from a transportation model such as this one. If your community club, group, and/or organization would be interested in an affordable transportation option for planned trips, outings, etc., then please take this opportunity to apply on behalf of your organization/group.

To obtain an application package, please email admin@bpprentride.ca or call Candace Hiebert, BPP Administration at 204-437-2284 or 204-905-1768. The package includes the User Application, User Agreement, Rates & Fees Policy, and Driver Use Policy.

Once approved, you can reserve a vehicle, authorize your driver, and go where you and your fellow community members want/need to go. It's all about bringing people places!



**To Ticket Number 005526 who is
the June Recycling Incentive
Program Winner!**

(This ticket has already been claimed)

**KEEP RECYCLING FOR YOUR CHANCE
TO WIN NEXT MONTH!**

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Hope everyone had a good July and enjoying the summer in full swing!

I just wanted to use this newsletter to raise awareness about properly providing your address to 911 operators. There has been an extreme number of cases this month about callers not providing their civic address they want responded to or instead are just providing the lot number. It is important to supply 911 the street address the residence is on. The problem gets worse in some communities on the outskirts of the RM of Piney, like Moose Lake and Buffalo Point, where several houses share the same lot number. I hope you understand the operators are just trying to help, so providing them with all of the details will provide a more efficient response to the situation that needs to be dealt with. It truly helps us a lot and thank you!

For all non-emergency matters including Criminal Record Checks, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Our admin for Criminal Record Checks work from Tuesday to Thursday 9-5. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911 in the case of an emergency.

Cst. Mitchell Butler
Sprague RCMP



Recycling Success in the Rural Municipality of Piney

The RM of Piney has been making significant strides in promoting recycling and environmental consciousness. With a decrease in recycling numbers over the past few years, starting 2024, the RM implemented a Recycling Incentive Program to encourage residents to participate actively in recycling efforts. The Program operates through a monthly draw. Participants receive tickets for every recycling bag they drop off at any of the three waste transfer sites or through the RM office. The goal is to collect over 5,000 kilograms of recyclables per month. By participating, residents not only contribute to a cleaner environment but also have a chance to win amazing prizes.

To raise awareness about recycling, the RM collaborates with Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba by sharing educational material that emphasizes the importance of recycling and provides practical tips for responsible waste disposal. It educates residents on the environmental impact of various materials, such as plastic bottles taking up to 600 years to decompose & glass bottles lasting a million years.

RM of Piney Recycling Statistics (January – June):

| | Numbers for 2023 (in kgs) | Numbers for 2024 (in kgs) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Newsprint | 4,083.34 | 5,517.38 |
| Residual | 3,715.17 | 5,832.53 |
| Boxboard | 4,551.92 | 5,435.52 |
| Gable Top Cartons | 702.87 | 749.04 |
| Steel Cans | 970.63 | 1,129.67 |
| Aluminum Cans | 1,171.45 | 1,395.72 |
| PET #1 Plastic | 2,510.25 | 3,258.03 |
| HDPE #2 Plastic | 1,506.15 | 1,731.36 |
| #4, 5, & 7 Plastic | 803.28 | 1,010.96 |
| Glass | 6,459.71 | 6,540.63 |
| TOTAL | 26,474.80 | 32,600.80 |
| OCC (Old Corrugated Cardboard) | 6,547.37 | 8,329.26 |

The RM of Piney continues to make progress in recycling, and residents' active participation is crucial for maintaining a sustainable & clean community. Remember, every small effort counts, so keep on recycling!



Sprague Thrift Store

Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10am – 4:00pm

Located at Sprague Community Fellowship along PR308

Southeast Farmer's Market

Every Friday in August from 3:00 – 8:00pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center in South Junction

Farmer's Market runs until September 6th

Canteen will be open inside the Pine Grove Seniors

Rain or Shine

**Variety of
Local Vendors**



Sprague Fest and Show & Shine Car Show

Saturday, August 10th, 2024

Pancake Breakfast from 8-10am / Parade at 10:30am

Car Show from 11am-4pm / Wood Carving from 1-2pm

Beer Gardens at 12pm-1am / Games at 1pm / Bingo at 2pm

Fun & Games for Children from 11am-4pm

Social (\$15.00) from 8pm-1am



Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting

SUMMER HIATUS: No Meetings in July & August

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 12th, 2024 at 7pm

RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

Guest Speaker: Konrad Narth, MLA for La Vérendrye

CRA In-person Support Clinic & Service Canada

First Tuesday of the Month from 10:00am – 3:00pm

East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre in Sprague

**For all upcoming events in the southeast corner,
please visit the Sunrise Corner website:**

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

Embracing Bilingualism:

The RM of Piney Joins AMBM

Both English and French are recognized as official languages in Manitoba. The 2021 census of the Rural Municipality of Piney showed 11% of residents were bilingual, compared to 9% in Manitoba. With the historical strength of our Francophone communities, membership in the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) had been considered several times by past RM of Piney Councils.

The RM of Piney Council recently moved towards embracing its bilingual heritage by becoming a member of AMBM. This move not only acknowledges our rich linguistic history but also paves the way for a more inclusive and prosperous future.

The AMBM, a unique organization in Manitoba, supports local governments in implementing their commitment to official languages and economic priorities. By joining the AMBM, the RM of Piney has gained access to the collective strength of the AMBM Group, which includes the Economic Development Council of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (CDEM) and Eco-West Canada (EWC). These organizations offer a range of services that support the growth, attractiveness, and prosperity of member municipalities.

Implementation of bilingualism will be gradual as the RM works with AMBM to adopt their Municipal Maturity Model (3M). The 3M tool allows municipalities to self-assess, set concrete targets, and measure their progress in providing services in both official languages. The way it rolls out will be set by Council and still needs to be determined.

The benefits are significant, providing new opportunities for economic growth and tourism. Bilingualism contributes to the development, sustainability, and vitality of bilingual communities within RM of Piney. It will encourage immigration to our municipality, helping local businesses find the qualified employees and new customers they need to thrive and grow. Newcomers bring skills and entrepreneurial spirit that can help fill gaps in the products and services available in our region. Our schools' benefit from new students. Communities flourish with new volunteers and new ideas.

We've already seen a return on our investment securing two grants through AMBM. The first one provides assistance to conduct a survey of local businesses on their workforce needs. The second will provide a new temporary resource to assist with a variety of economic development initiatives.

The RM of Piney's participation as an AMBM member, its adoption of the 3M, and its commitment to bilingualism are significant steps towards creating a more inclusive and prosperous community. This move not only recognizes the RM's bilingual history but also sets the stage for a vibrant and prosperous future. It is a testament to the RM of Piney's commitment to its citizens and a shining example of how embracing bilingualism can lead to community growth and development. Thank you/merci.

VASSAR POOL BBQ LUNCH FUNDRAISERS 12:30-4:00

**HOT DOG, CHIPS,
DRINK - \$6.00**
HOT DOG - \$3.00
SMOKIE - \$4.00
DRINK - \$2.00
CHIPS \$1.50

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST
8TH**

5 and under -
Free Swim (with
paid adult)
6 and up - \$5

**POOL OPEN
1:30-6:00**



**Check out our Facebook Page:
Vassar Community Pool
for weekly pool hours and
other events taking place
at the Vassar Pool.**

30TH ANNUAL CARRICK DAYS

AUGUST 10 & 11, 2024
MAIN ST, CARRICK, MB

FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

GATES OPEN - 11 AM
FREE ADMISSION

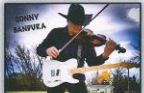
PARADE - 12 NOON
ALL FLOATS WELCOME

**LEGENDARY
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**
FOR THE CARRICK TROPHY CUP
REGISTRATION AT 1 PM

FREE! KIDS PLAYGROUND
FREE! INFLATABLE BOUNCING TENT
FREE! DUNK TANK • CONCESSION • 50/50 DRAW
CARRICK BEARS FOOD CANTEN • FILIPINO ROAST PORK
DINNER • SILENT AUCTION • BANDS • CONTINUOUS
ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY & EVENING



DARREN LAVALLE
COUNTRY JUNCTION
2 PM



SONNY BANDURA BAND
EVENING
8 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

FREE ADMISSION
BREAKFAST - 10 AM-12 NOON
SERVING AN AWESOME CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
JAMES CATHY & ALEXANDRA WOLLMAN
GOSPEL ENTERTAINMENT - 11AM-12PM

BEAN BAG COMPETITION - 12 NOON
CARRICK STAGE AVAILABLE FOR
ANYONE WHO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE
12 NOON - ALL ARE WELCOME!



SATURDAY, 10 PM
SPECTACULAR CANFIRE FIREWORKS
BIG BANG THEORY

VASSAR August BALL TOURNAMENT 16th,17th, 18th 2024

FRIDAY Night Dance
ft.

Good n Dusty! - \$10
SATURDAY Open Air
Dance ft.

Universal Music -\$10
Weekend Camping
Available -\$20
Canteen available

Saturday Slo-Pitch
7 men,

3 women
\$300/Team

Sunday Fastball
\$300/Team

Sat. Gate fee \$5
Sun. No gate fee

Sunday Activities

Breakfast @ Hall 8:30-11:30
Cornhole Registration 10:30.

Kids Hit, Run, Throw comp.
\$5/Child (6-14yrs) 12:00

Bounce House+Face paint 12:00
BINGO 1:00-3:00

Sat/Sun
Silent Auction
Canteen
Pool Open

Ball registration contact Jeremy Culleton
culleyjj@gmail.com or 204-437-3168
Cornhole registration contact Karen Theriault
krtheriault5@gmail.com
E-Transfer to vassarreccentre@gmail.com

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Need Help Getting Started on your FireSmart Journey?

FireSmart Canada has a FREE one-hour course that will teach you all the ins-and-outs on how to become more resilient to wildland fire.



FireSmart 101

More so than ever before, Canadians are feeling the direct and indirect impacts of wildfire. There is a growing need for FireSmart education.

FireSmart Canada has developed a FREE one-hour course for those who are getting started with FireSmart and want to learn more.

- Provides an introduction to FireSmart and its principles;
- Helps participants understand the need to protect homes and properties from wildfire;
- Defines the wildland urban interface;
- Outlines the seven FireSmart disciplines;
- Explains the FireSmart the home ignition zone.

There's a short quiz at the end to ensure participants understand the material. FireSmart 101 empowers residents to take action!

<https://firesmartcanada.ca/programs/firesmart-101/>

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