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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

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February 2025

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Community Grants Submissions

Due by: February 15th

All RM of Piney Community Grant submissions must be provided to the RM office by February 15th, 2025. These submissions include the Large, Cultural and Community Identity, Recreation, and Event grants.

Grants must be submitted using the Schedule "A" of the Community Grants policy. If you need a copy sent to you, please email candace@rmofpiney.mb.ca.

Council will provide their decision by March 31st, 2025. For more information, please visit our website.

**The RM office will be closed on
Monday, February 17th, 2025
for Louis Riel Day**



Coffee with Council

This year's Annual Coffee with Council will be held in spring 2025. 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.

Coffee with Council dates will be issued next month.



We choose
KINDNESS

PROUD SUPPORTER OF PINK SHIRT DAY CANADA

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WIT'S
**PINK
SHIRT
DAY**
CANADA

THE FINAL RECYCLING INCENTIVE PROGRAM TICKET WINNER IS:



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The RM of Piney would like to express our gratitude to all who participated in the Recycling Incentive Program. Without the participation of our residents, this program would never have been as successful as it was. Recycling stats for 2023-2024 are shared on page 4 of this newsletter.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Development Opportunities

With Sunrise Corner's diverse prairies, forests and wetlands, there are significant opportunities within the Outdoor Recreation & Tourism sector for investment, business growth and program development. At the southeast tip of the Canadian prairie is Sunrise Corner. We are a region defined by rippling sandhills, dense forests, and scenic tall-grass prairies that blend together to create authentic outdoor recreation and tourism experiences. With nearby urban markets seeking outdoor adventures, we are proactively reaching out to interested parties to expand our tourism and recreation amenities.

Why is Sunrise Corner an incredible place to invest in recreation and tourism?

Nature's Tranquil Beauty. Sunrise Corner is the picture-perfect destination for embracing the peace and quiet of the great outdoors through hiking, biking, paddling, horseback riding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, birding, geocaching, camping, hunting, fishing, foraging and more.

Trail Adventures. Sunrise Corner is known as a go-to location for the adrenaline rush of world-class groomed trails for motorized sports in both winter and summer, spanning a variety of unique landscapes.

Vibrant Arts, Culture, and Community. Our communities proudly share their unique stories and rich heritage through memorable public events and festivals. Local history and culture are showcased in two unique museums in Gardenton and Sprague.

Four Unique Differentiators. Sunrise Corner proudly claims four distinctive factors that give the region a competitive advantage.

- With one of the largest swaths of tall-grass prairie left in North America, Sunrise Corner is home to an endangered habitat of species found almost nowhere else on the planet.
- Embraced by the vast Sandilands Provincial Forest, Sunrise Corner enjoys thousands of acres of sand hills, forests, and wetlands on sparsely populated crown lands.
- Sunrise Corner benefits from three land border port of entries from the United States: Sprague-Warroad (24-hour), South Junction-Roseau, and Piney-Pinecreek.
- Sunrise Corner is minutes away from Buffalo Point and Birch Point, the only two access points to Lake of the Woods in MB.

Ready to start your next business opportunity in Sunrise Corner? Whether you're interested in agri-tourism & experiential tourism, active living & wellness programming, nature-based accommodations & businesses, recreation rentals & supporting amenities, festivals & regional events, or eco-tourism & business ventures, we'd love to hear from you. We invite you to book a one-on-one meeting to discuss how we can support your business and investment objectives in Sunrise Corner, where we can show you how to take advantage of our streamlined and low-cost development environment, business development services and available incentives in the Outdoor Recreation & Tourism sector.



Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



SAVE THE DATE

Local Spring Pet Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

At the following locations & times:

TOWN: Sprague
TIME: 9am – 12pm
LOCATION: Sprague Fire Hall

TOWN: Piney
TIME: 1pm – 3pm
LOCATION: Piney Fire Hall

TOWN: Woodridge
TIME: 4pm – 5pm
LOCATION: Woodridge Fire Hall

Appointments are on a first come-first serve basis, wait times vary; **All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier!** Please bring vaccination history if possible.

Canine Vaccines: (includes exam)
Rabies only: \$54
K9 Distemper only: \$54
K9 Distemper & Rabies: \$66

Additional Services:
Exam Only: \$40
Heartworm/Lyme: \$55
Bordetella: \$18.90
Lyme Vaccine: \$32.60

Feline Vaccines: (includes exam)
Rabies only: \$54
Indoor vaccine only: \$54
Indoor vaccine & Rabies: \$66
Outdoor vaccine only: \$62
Outdoor vaccine & Rabies: \$75

Additional Products:
K9/Feline Dewormer
Heartworm Prevention
Tick Prevention



Regen Ag Day

Featuring:

- Garry Richards from Saskatchewan
Other speakers TBA

Thursday, February 6, 2025

10 am to 3 pm

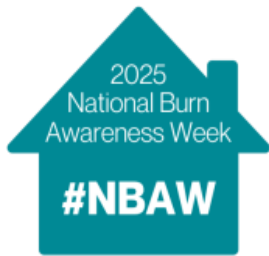
Friedensfeld Hall, Friedensfeld, MB

Lunch included



Please RSVP by
January 29th to
administrator@srrwd.ca
or call 204-326-1030 ext 4
Hosted by:





Burn Awareness Week February 2nd – 8th, 2025

Help spread awareness for preventing burn injuries where you live. National Burn Awareness Week, February 2-8, presented by the American Burn Association, is a chance to unite and promote burn prevention & awareness in communities. This year's theme focuses on reducing burn risks in homes, apartments, and all living spaces.

The Manitoba Firefighters' Burn Fund, Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs, Manitoba government and the Office of the Fire Commissioner will partner once again and hold a Poster Contest for kids grades 5 – 8 in Manitoba. One winner per grade level has a chance to win a \$200.00 Gift Card from Toys "R" Us, a cheque from the Firefighters' Burn Fund for \$200.00 for their teacher to use in the classroom on whatever they like, and fire/life safety education material for each winners classmates.

The contest is open to any student residing in Manitoba from **grade 5 to grade 8**. Students can participate on their own without the participation of a school. Winning posters are based on age-appropriate skill and will be judged on message and content. Judges are representatives from the Firefighters' Burn Fund, Office of the Fire Commissioner, MB Association of Fire Chiefs, and Winnipeg Fire Department; decisions are final.

- Poster artwork must be original and represent a burn prevention/fire safety message and on 8 ½ x 11 paper. One entry per student.
- Your poster must be authentic and not similar to any posters submitted to the Burn Awareness Week Poster contest from previous years.
- Print your first and last name on the **BACK** of your drawing, and include your school name, town/city, your grade and teacher's name.

All posters must be postmarked no later than Friday March 28, with winners being notified by April 25th.

Send your poster to:

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



Information provided to you by:
https://firecomm.gov.mb.ca/safety_baw.html

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

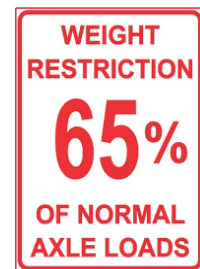


Sprague RCMP

Hope everyone had a good winter this year, hopefully we can start getting some warmer weather! I just wanted to use this newsletter to raise awareness about mental health. We always see an upswing of depression and mental health concerns occurring in the last few months of the winter season. It is important that we are vigilant and don't ignore signs of these kinds of behaviors in individuals around us. If you notice signs of depression suggest them getting reaching out to medical professionals or psychologists that can help. Police can be contacted if someone has expressed suicidal tendencies, especially if they have spoken of a plan. This way they can be brought to a medical facility to be evaluated. Feelings of isolation can easily lead to depressive thoughts. Check in with each other this winter season especially with those going through hard times.

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 Wednesday and 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



Road Weight Restrictions

Coming: March 2025

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.

WATERSHED DISTRICT AWARD: SEINE RAT ROSEAU WATERSHED DISTRICT



Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District is pleased to nominate Randy Tkachyk for the Watershed District Award for 2024. The Tkachyk farm is a third-generation farm that was established in 1907. Together with his wife, Joyska, and their family, they enjoy the farming lifestyle.

Randy had the opportunity to add custom grazing beginning in the early 2000s, with adjacent lands being available to rent and purchase. Being the only operator on the farm, and no extra help, he made the decision to take the hay ground and fence off into paddocks to aid in soil health & better grazing land for the cattle.

They keep their cattle out on pasture or hay fields all year, utilizing bale grazing to improve soil health. Their land can sustain their cow/calf herd, with custom grazing a couple of other herds separately for the grazing season. Randy practices a rotational grazing system with all herds and uses pipeline watering systems throughout the farm. They also have pasture hens that run on the pastures a few days after the cows have grazed and market grass fed beef.

One of Randy's philosophies is that planting fence posts is something that can help extend the grazing season. He uses Poly wire, acting as a Shepherd, to narrow paddocks. He has been successful in using cover crops to eliminate the need for fertilizer and to extend their season grazing.

He also believes that the more you experiment the more you realize you don't know and there are many lessons yet to be learned. It's fun to learn and it's okay to fail when doing your own farm research. If you don't risk failure, you are guaranteed failure.

Randy uses social media to connect with other Farmers, which has made him eager to learn more, and share ideas. You can find him on social media and YouTube at "Life on a Manitoba Farm". Randy shares his rotational grazing strategies and his goals for his herd. Randy farms grass and focuses on soil health, and with the help of fence posts and polywire, he has greatly extended his grazing season.

References and Links:

Manitoba Grass-Fed Beef Association

<http://www.manitobagrassfedbeef.ca/About/Tkachyk/>

Manitoba Beef www.manitobabeef.com

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSugClc23bot5a20hRGagdA>

Instagram & Twitter: @lifeonamanitobafarm



2024 Recycling Incentive Program was a Success!

The RM of Piney sincerely thanks everyone who participated in the Recycling Incentive Program. Significant strides were made in promoting recycling and environmental consciousness.

As stated in the chart provided, in 2023 the total kgs of recycling collected totalled 53,511.20 with 2024 total kgs collected equalling 68,913.30. Because of everyone who participated in this program, our recycling numbers jumped by 28.8% in 2024!

RM of Piney Recycling Stats:

	2023 (in kgs)	2024 (in kgs)
Newsprint	8,253.30	11,662.90
Residual	7,509.15	12,329.10
Boxboard	9,200.40	11,489.90
Gable Top Cartons	1,420.65	1,583.34
Steel Cans	1,961.85	2,387.96
Aluminum Cans	2,367.75	2,950.35
PET #1 Plastic	5,073.75	6,887
HDPE #2 Plastic	3,044.25	3,659.82
#4, 5, & 7 Plastic	1,623.60	2,137.05
Glass	13,056.50	13,825.90
TOTAL	53,511.20	68,913.30
Old Corrugated Cardboard	13,691	17,028.60

The RM appreciates everything our communities have done in the past year and hopes that everyone continues to make progress in recycling to help maintain a sustainable and clean community.





Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce AGM
Thursday, February 13th at 7:00pm
RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

Southeast Farmer's Market
Saturday, February 22nd from 10am – 2pm
Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

Sprague Fire Department Spring Fling Social
Saturday, March 8th, 2025
Will be held at the Sprague Community Center

Exercise for Fun & Health
Mondays & Thursdays at 9:30am
Pine Grove Seniors Club in South Junction

"Meet Your Neighbours" – Coffee Groups
Mondays at 1pm – Pine Grove Seniors in S.J.
Thursdays at 1pm – Evergreen Seniors in Sprague

Stay & Play
Every Tuesday in February from 9:30am – 11:30am
Ross L. Gray School Library

CRA In-person Support Clinic & Service Canada
First Tuesday of the Month from 10am – 3pm
East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre, Sprague

Floor Curling, Pickle Ball & Archery
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
Piney Community Centre

Woodridge Wellness Wednesdays
Every Wednesday from 1:00 – 4:00pm
Woodridge Community Club

Moms & Tots
Thursdays from 10am to 12pm
Woodridge Community Hall



Twice a Week at Ross L. Gray School

February Dates

2:00- 3:15 in the Library



JOIN OUR NEW PROGRAMS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
-WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
WATCH YOUR CHILD THRIVE!

Play & Learn

Funded by RLG School, BLSLD and



Fun-Filled Learning for Pre-School Children

"Colouring Outside the Lines" is a program that explores the concept that creativity is a bridge to learning and an important part of a young child's development. It is designed to share practical skills, tips, and resources for how we can engage children with open-ended process art activities to extend literacy concepts. A book will be shared each session followed by an open-ended craft.

"Shake, Rattle and Roll" is a parent-child program that encourages early movement and coordination using simple songs, large and small apparatus and hand-held equipment. Toddlers will develop a positive attitude towards physical activity while having fun with a parent or caregiver.

Supported by Ross L. Gray School
and Healthy Together Now

RECONNECTING WITH NEIGHBOURS AND NATURE THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

Tuesday, February 25th
4:00 - 5:00

FREE WORKSHOP

BRING A CAMERA OR A CELL PHONE

4:00-4:30 PM - INTRODUCTION TO LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY,
RULE OF THIRDS, BACKGROUND-MIDDLE GROUND-FOREGROUND
4:30-5:00-COME FOR A WALK AND PRACTICE

EMAIL CULLETONA@BLSLD.CA OR
ARMSTRONGB@BLSLD.CA TO REGISTER
OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.





VASSAR ONE STOP POKER DERBY

February
8th 2025

Registration
10:00-
5:00pm
\$5 per
hand

Canteen!
Silent
Auction!

Bingo
1:00-3:30pm
Bar
Opens at 3:00
Karaoke+
Open Mic
7:00pm

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

PINEY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.



PINEY ANNUAL OPEN BONSPIEL

\$120

February 14th-16th, 2025

Contact Wally at 431-205-1248

or

Drew at 204-380-2544



2nd Annual Chill Out Social

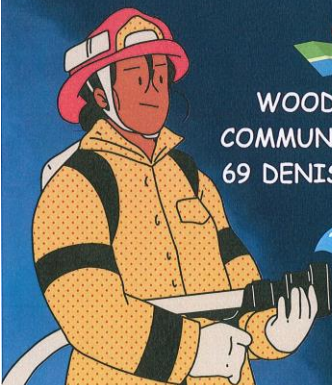
BENEFITING:
THE WOODRIDGE FIREHALL & COMMUNITY CLUB

FEBRUARY 22, 2025

DOORS OPEN @ 8:00PM

TICKETS: \$15.00

BUY YOUR TICKET FROM ANY WOODRIDGE
FIREFIGHTER, BOARD MEMBER OR AT THE
WOODRIDGE GARAGE & THE VINTAGE STORE



WOODRIDGE
COMMUNITY CLUB
69 DENIS STREET

50/50 DRAW
SILENT AUCTION
NIGHT LUNCH
DJ: F&R MUSIC

WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY CLUB

PRESENTS

YOUTH NIGHT!

A FUN, SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH TO BUILD COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAYS 7:00 - 9:00 PM*

Ages 13-17

*The 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of
every month.

FREE snacks and drinks.

Sports - basketball, soccer, air hockey, floor hockey, ice
hockey, foosball, ping pong, pickleball.



Adult supervision
provided.

CONNECT WITH US!

Instagram: woodridge_community_club

Facebook: Woodridge Community Club

Email: woodridgecommunityclub0@gmail.com