

Twice a Week at Ross L. Gray School

Starting January 6th

2:00- 3:15 in the Library



Play & Learn

JOIN OUR NEW PROGRAMS
JANUARY DATES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
MONDAY, JANUARY 20
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 AND
WATCH YOUR CHILD THRIVE!

Funded by RLG School, BLSLD and

Fun-Filled Learning for Pre-School Children

Healthy Child Coalition

"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.

Middlebro Community Hall

Texas Holdem Tournament

Licence: LGCA 4763-TH-46644



\$30.00 Entry

January 18th /2025

Registration: 10:30 Game: 11:00

Up to 3 rebuys, 30 players max
No preregistration

Contact: Gary Dowhy at: 204-437-2251

Lunch available



Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce AGM
Thursday, January 16th at 6:00pm
RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

Stay & Play
Tuesdays from 9:30am – 11:30am
January 21st – March 18th
Ross L. Gray School Library
(families with kids 5 & under)

Southeast Farmer's Market
Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction
Upcoming Dates:
Saturday, January 25th 10:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday, February 22nd 10:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday, March 22nd 10:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday, April 19th 10:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday, May 10th 10:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday, June 7th 10:00am – 2:00pm
Summer Weekly Market – July 11th – August 29th



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

"Meet Your Neighbours" – Coffee Groups
Mondays at 1pm – Pine Grove Seniors in S.J.
Thursdays at 1pm – Evergreen Seniors in Sprague
CRA In-person Support Clinic & Service Canada
First Tuesday of the Month from 10am – 3pm
East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre, Sprague

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

Moms & Tots
Thursdays from 10am to 2pm
Woodridge Community Hall

Phone: 204-437-2284 or
204-437-2060
office@rmofpiney.mb.ca
Hours: Monday – Friday
8:30am – 12:00pm
12:45pm – 4:30pm



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

January 2025

MONTHLY REMINDERS

COTW Meeting Rescheduled

The Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for January 1st has been moved to Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 at 10:00am.

2023/2024 Overdue Taxes

Tax Sale Processing Deadline: Monday, March 31st

2024 RM taxes were due on October 31st. If you happened to miss the deadline and have 2023 taxes still owing on your property, your property will incur tax sale costs if not paid by March 31st, 2025.

For all rate payers who have 2023 and 2024 taxes owing, a letter will be issued to you later this month stating what you owe for 2023, including arrears and penalties. This amount is due by **Monday, March 31st, 2025**. The letter will not state the amount due for 2024 taxes since only 2023 needs to be paid in order for the property to not incur additional tax sale costs. Come April 1st, tax sale costs will be added to your property as well as monthly penalties.

OVERDUE

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Piney Weed / Building District

Year in review

Our 2024 building season was another strong year for building permits. We saw our third busiest year to date with 62 permits being pulled for 2024. This is a 55% increase over our normal averages for Piney building permits and shows that year after year our RM is continuously growing, this is the 3rd year in a row of above average permits. With the new sub-divisions in Woodridge and Sandilands I can see another strong year coming for 2025.

The 2024 road side spray program for noxious weeds saw it's challenges this year. We had a mild winter which turned into a cool spring, before finally getting a normal summer. This did see an effect on the growing season and our crew had to adjust accordingly. The "new" Tier 1 weed in our RM called Red Bartsia was discovered in the summer of 2023. This weed is very hard to control and mainly effects lawns, pasture and grazing lands, effecting our cattle producers and hay lands. The weed was mostly located in and around the town of Piney with a few spots in South Junction and Badger. This year it has now spread to include several PR roads (201,210 and PTH 89) and the towns of Woodridge, Sundown and Stuartburn. If you see this weed on your property please try to contain it to a small spot in order to help prevent further spread of the seeds.

Gary Hora
RM of Piney

Ticket No.
018374

is the Recycling Incentive
Program November Winner!

This ticket has already
been claimed.

Snowmobile Safety Tips

Check the weather

Check the weather forecast and trail conditions before going out. If it's frozen, windy, or there's a blizzard, you might want to reschedule.

Wear safety gear

Wear a full-face helmet and dress in layers to stay warm and dry. Snowmobile suits, jackets, bibs, gloves, and mittens should repel water and cut the wind.

Ride safely

Ride at a safe speed and slow down at night, in poor visibility, near residential areas, and on the roadway.

Stay on the trails

Stay on designated trails and avoid riding off-trail. Riding off-trail can damage the environment and put you in danger.

Stay alert

Focus on the trail ahead of you, not the snowmobile in front.

Carry an emergency kit

Carry an emergency kit, extra fuel, snacks, a tow rope, and a communication device.

Get permission

Get permission from the landowner before riding on private land.

Take a safety course

An approved safety course will prepare you on how to ride safely and responsibly.

Don't drink or use drugs

Never ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Notify someone

Before you leave, let someone know where you'll be riding and when you expect to return.

Permanent Closure of Piney Pinecreek Border Airport

Effective midnight, December 26th, 2024, the Piney Pinecreek Border Airport will cease operation. There will be no further maintenance or operational activities taking place at the airport. This notice is to inform the public and all air travelers of this change in operations.

The decision to close the airport follows the termination of the operations agreement between the Rural Municipality of Piney and the State of Minnesota. This agreement, which included shared costs for critical upgrades estimated at \$2.5 million, was deemed unsustainable for the municipality due to fiscal constraints.

For many years, the Piney Pinecreek Border Airport has been a vital part of our community, facilitating medical transfers and supporting local air travel. Despite the closure, discussions between the RM of Piney and the State of Minnesota are ongoing, and there is still a possibility of finding a solution to continue operations in the future.

Questions regarding the decommissioning of the airport should be directed to:

Martin Van Osch, RM of Piney
204-437-2284
martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Residential Development Opportunities

With Sunrise Corner's growing population, positive business climate, and incredible quality of life, there are significant opportunities within our Residential Development sector for Southeast Manitoba's Sunrise Corner spans 3,596 square kilometers of incredible landscapes that include breathtaking boreal forest and unique tall-grass prairie. With strong demand in our region for urban and rural living options in both home rental and ownership, we are proactively reaching out to developers and residents alike to expand our housing stock.

Demand for housing in Sunrise Corner has been growing steadily over the last decade and is expected to continue to grow into the future. The majority of our population (61%) live within one of our many small communities. From 2016 to 2021, population in Sunrise Corner increased by 5.6%, equivalent to an increase of about 40 people per year or approximately 16 new homes annually. This growth has been sustained, and Sunrise Corner has seen a growth of nearly 10% over the last 10 years.

Why is Sunrise Corner an incredible place to invest in housing?

Small Town Quality of Life. Sunrise Corner offers a unique rural quality of life and authentic natural beauty. It's a prime location for those seeking a more relaxed and fulfilling lifestyle with opportunities for an enhanced quality of life with more time to spend on the activities that matter most.

Affordable Residential Properties. Cost for land in Sunrise Corner is among Canada's most affordable. We offer an attractive place for targeted residential development with a streamlined approval process and low development fees.

A Growing Community. Sunrise Corner has been gaining a lot of interest as an employment destination, and it's not hard to see why as the region offers immense potential for growth. Ample land is available for building much-needed housing whether rural lots, residential sub-divisions or infill-style housing in urban centres.

Ready to start your next business opportunity in Sunrise Corner? Whether you're interested in multi-family housing, cottage home communities, child care facilities, rural residential lots, short- and long-term rental housing or a retirement community, we invite you to book a one-on-one meeting to discuss how we can support the achievement of your business and investment objectives in Sunrise Corner. Our free consultation service can show you how to take advantage of our streamlined and low-cost development environment, business development services and available incentives in the Residential Development sector.



Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Happy new year everyone!

With the recent election in the United States many residents may have heard talk of an increase of individuals crossing the border from the US to Canada not at the proper crossings. It is still uncertain if this will happen, there has and will continue to be people who decide to cross the border in this fashion. We here at Sprague RCMP have received several calls regarding situations like this throughout the summer and fall. I ask that residents of the area especially those that reside close to the border remain vigilant and report and suspicious activity you see. Most activity that we have seen has been at early hours in the morning, especially with the cold weather we don't want anyone trying to cross to be travelling on foot in the cold. It is better for them to be found and go through the proper channels to enter Canada. Thank you for your time and enjoy the rest of the winter!

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 Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:00am - 5:00pm. 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

BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER

The RM of Piney Fire Service consists of three fire departments:

- Station 1 in Piney
- Station 2 in Sprague
- Station 3 in Woodridge

Apply today to become a paid volunteer fire fighter!

Applications available at the RM office and on our website

<https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/our-services/protective-services/emergency-services/>

Contact your local District Chief for more information:

Piney Fire Department:
Harold Grawberger - 204-380-3742

Sprague Fire Department:
Bill Ross - 204-437-2589/204-371-0847

Woodridge Fire Department:
Joel Grenier - 204-392-5679



career • experience • contract
giving back • opportunity
skills •  goal
unpaid • employment • paid
volunteer • full-time • vocation
entrepreneur • job • part-time

For paid employment and volunteer opportunities
in Sunrise Corner, visit:

www.sunrisecornermb.ca/workfinder