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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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May 2025

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Vassar & Sandilands Dump Hours

Burnable Yard Waste Only!

Vassar and Sandilands waste disposal sites will be open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on the following days:

VASSAR:

Saturday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 10th

SANDILANDS:

Sunday, May 4th and Sunday, May 11th

Only yard waste such as trees, flax straw, grass, leaves, branches and natural debris are accepted.

Household garbage, recycling, or any non-burnable debris will not be accepted at these dump sites.

Financial Plan Hearing

Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 at 9:00am

The RM of Piney council will be presenting their financial plan for the fiscal year 2025 at a public hearing on May 13th, 2025 at 9:00am in the RM of Piney Council Chambers in Vassar. Please join us in person or to attend virtually, contact martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca.

Council will hear any person who has questions, make a representation, or register any objections to the financial plan. Copies of the financial plan are available for review during our regular office hours.

Holiday Office Closure

The RM Office is Closed for Victoria Day on
Monday, May 19th, 2025.



Well Water Testing

May 27th & June 24th

The Seine Rat Roseau Watershed will be assisting residents with private well water testing for the presence of *E. coli* and coliform bacteria. The provincially subsidized cost of private well water testing is **\$17.67**, including tax.

Each legal location is eligible for one sample per well per year; you must be the owner of the well; and this sample must be first sample since April 1st of 2025.

Payment may be cash (exact amount) or cheque ONLY, with cheques made payable to Duracan Ltd.

Water sample bottles & application forms can be picked up in advance at the RM office. Water samples must be taken on the same day as the drop-off. Drop your water sample off at your participating RM office **prior to 10:00 am**, along with your completed Chain of Custody form on either Tuesday, May 27th or Tuesday, June 24th.

Only those samples accompanied by correct payment and completed forms will be accepted.

For details, visit www.srrwd.ca or call 204-326-1030.

RM of Piney Forest Tours

The RM will be hosting three **FREE** forestry walking tours with our knowledgeable tour guide, Bob Austman.

Saturday, May 31st, 2025 from 1:00 – 3:30pm
FORESTRY 101 – WISDOM IN THE WOODS

Don't know a White Poplar from a Black Poplar? Don't know a hardwood from a softwood? Then join us for the first, in a series of walking tours designed to educate you about our region's wonderful forest resource. Participants will learn how to properly identify tree species and their life cycle from seedling to maturity and look at how the various species interact in a healthy forest ecosystem. We will visit a publicly owned forest (Crown Land) as well as a private woodlot and compare how they are managed. Everyone will come away with a booklet on tree identification....so you can become your family's tree expert!!

Participants meet at the RM office in Vassar.
Transportation will be provided from the RM office.

For Ages 12 & Up (only 15 spots available)

Contact Carrie to register by May 26th:
204-437-2284 or email: carrie@rmofpiney.mb.ca

Upcoming Forest Tours:

Saturday, June 28th and Friday, September 26th

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Craft Food & Beverage Opportunities

With Sunrise Corner's natural resources, entrepreneurial spirit, and positive business climate, there are significant opportunities within the Craft Food & Beverage sector for investment, business growth and diversification. Sunrise Corner is a hub for small businesses and entrepreneurs. Whether it's farm-to-table products, specialty foods, or craft beverages, Sunrise Corner offers a thriving ecosystem for craft food and beverage products to flourish and reach a broader consumer base.

Why is Sunrise Corner an incredible place to invest in craft food and beverages?

Growing Agri-Food Sector. Food and beverage processing is the largest manufacturing industry in Manitoba which is expected to grow in the future. There is strong demand for food-based commodities at both the local and global level, coupled with convenient and established trade connections that create a solid business case for food and beverage producers of all sizes. With an established business base and a growing population, Sunrise Corner has the labour force capability to support larger scale investment as well as the close-knit community ties to support small scale endeavours.

Available Supply. The area has strong internal support for agriculture, with potential to expand to service markets beyond the region and grow clientele for farmers. Our clusters of small-scale farms and local food producers are part of the heart and soul of our diverse economy, presenting many emerging opportunities to enter the local market and complement our current offerings in livestock production, dairy products, honey and beeswax products, specialty crops and water-based products.

Efficient Goods Movement. Convenience to the Ontario and Canadian mid-west markets (and the United States when trade conditions become more stable), through efficient road and rail infrastructure is an important asset to businesses looking to scale-up or scale-out their operations.

Ready to start your next business opportunity in Sunrise Corner? Whether you're interested in craft beverage rooms and distilleries; plant-based protein and microgreen production; plant & horticulture consulting; greenhouse & hydroponic farming; premium bottled water production; or boutique garden markets, 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 Craft Food & Beverage sector.

Monique Chenier

monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

PRCC Youth Entrepreneur CHALLENGE

You're Invited
May 15, 2025 at 7 pm
Location: TBD

Join us as six local youth entrepreneurs pitch their business
for a chance to win \$500 cash and other prizes.



Thanks to the Many Volunteers in the RM of Piney

Volunteers are the life blood of our communities, contributing countless hours to hosting events, supporting local activities or stepping up whenever the community needs support. The RM of Piney is fortunate to have so many exceptional volunteers who consistently go above and beyond to create so many warm and welcoming places with their dedication to community spirit.

To show our appreciation, additional event grant funding was made available and granted to community organizations. Your commitment is what makes our communities unique, vibrant, and filled with connection.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!

Notice to All Dog Owners

The RM has received a high volume of dog complaints related to running at large and barking. If you are a dog owner, you have legal responsibilities under the Animal Control By-Law.

Per By-Law No. 118/2016

Responsibility of owners regarding dogs:

7(1) No owner shall:

- a) Permit his dog to run at large. When a dog is found running at large, its owner shall be deemed to have failed or refused to comply with this subsection;
- b) Permit his dog to bark or howl or in any other way unduly disturb the quiet of any person or persons anywhere in the Municipality;
- c) Permit his dog/cat to defecate on any public or private property other than the property of its owner. Where a dog/cat defecates on property other than the property of the owner, the owner shall cause such excrement to be removed forthwith;
- d) Permit his dog/cat to damage public property or private property other than that of the owner. Where public property or private property has been damaged by a dog/cat its owner shall be deemed to have failed or refused to comply with this subsection;
- g) Permit his dog/cat to pursue, bite, wound or worry any person or animal, whether or not on the property of the owner;
- h) Permit his dog/cat on any school ground/playground.

Building Inspector Message

Building season is well under way in the RM of Piney. With construction in full swing, I ask building permit holders to please give me a 24-48 hour heads up for inspections, especially during the summer, so I can accommodate your project timelines.

Just a reminder that any building over 108 sq. ft. requires a building permit BEFORE the work commences. If a build is started without an approved permit, further enforcement action may be taken, and double fees will be charged.

Before a building application can be approved, zoning must be reviewed, which can take up to two weeks before this process can be completed. After that time, I will be in contact with the applicant to schedule the first inspection.

We encourage our ratepayers who are planning a project to contact 204-380-9624 for any questions you may have. For our current Building Permit Application, please visit:

<https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/our-services/building-inspections/>

Gary Hora
Municipal Building Inspector

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

April showers bring May flowers! The month of May is a great time to spend outdoors. The weather is warmer, and the mosquitos are not quite in full force. Spending some time in the sun and going for a nice stroll is a great way to not only enhance our physical health, but our mental health as well.

While doing so, something to keep in mind is the abundance of wildlife in the RM. In addition to the fresh air and the birds singing, the black bears are now out and about. The bears are likely very hungry after several months of hibernation. Our friends at the Sprague Conservation office field dozens of calls every season regarding nuisance black bears. Many of which could have been prevented. Sometimes we receive calls for nuisance bears at the detachment. Especially if the safety of the public is at risk, or if a conservation officer is not available to intervene right away.

Unfortunately, in some cases the bear who learns bad habits (such as associating food to people), pay the ultimate price.

There are many things we can do to deter the black bears from developing these bad habits and potential conflicts. Store food and garbage where bears cannot access it. Put those bird feeders away until winter. And do not feed the bears!

I specifically recall a time I was driving home at one of my previous postings. I was off duty when I observed a mother bear, three cubs, and a car parked on the roadway. The people in the car were feeding the bears chips. They didn't realize the harm they were doing. As I conducted my daily patrols, I could always count on seeing the Mother Bear and her cubs at the same place along the roadway. Seemingly waiting for people to give them food. After a few weeks, I observed one of the cub's dead on the shoulder of the road. And then a week later, a second one. Not long after, the third cub was struck by one of our police vehicles at night while rushing to a call for service. The Mother bear lost all of her cubs. It was very sad, and it was due to the bear family associating the roadway with food.

Please remember that bears are wild. Do not approach them, and do not feed them. Let's keep ourselves, and the bears safe! Should you need, you can reach our friends at the Sprague Conservation office at (204)437-2348. The tip line is 1-800-782-0076.

For all non-emergency matters, 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. For Criminal Record checks, our office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Cpl. Kevin Bruce
Sprague RCMP

Emergency Preparedness Week

May 4th – 10th, 2025

Be Prepared. Know Your Risks.

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative and an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you're prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. This year, the theme is **Be Prepared. Know Your Risks**. We encourage you to understand the risks in your area and learn what actions you can take to protect yourself and your household.



72 Hours: Is Your Family Prepared?

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.

Learn how quick and easy it is to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere. Use this guide to create your own emergency plan. Use the checklists to build a 72-hour emergency kit. These basic steps will help you take care of yourself and your loved ones during an emergency.

Step 1. Know the Risks

Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks in your region can help you better prepare. www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/hzd/index-en.aspx

Step 2. Make a Plan

Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency. www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/plns/mk-pln-en.aspx

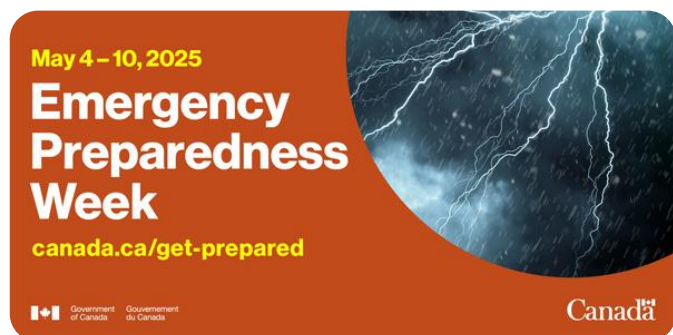
Step 3. Get an Emergency Kit

In an emergency, you may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/kts/index-en.aspx

All information has been provided to you by The Government of Canada:

www.getprepared.gc.ca

www.gov.mb.ca/emo



Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

May 3, 2025

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a national campaign that encourages citizens to take actions that increase their home, neighbourhood and community's resilience to wildfire.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day began in the United States and was developed by the National Fire Protection Association®.

Residents of all ages all over the country are encouraged to come together at any time from May to October to host events and work on projects that raise awareness of wildfire risk and increase their resilience to it.



**CELEBRATING
10 YEARS
2015-2025**

Vassar and Area Minor Baseball

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR BASEBALL

Registration Is Open Until May 2, 2025

- Please register at vassarbaseball@hotmail.com
- There is a level for everyone age 4 - 18!!
- For more information, please contact vassarbaseball@hotmail.com



Hey New Neighbour

The RM of Piney and Vassar Community Rec Centre are throwing a special event for all "newcomers" to learn more about our communities while enjoying delicious food and great conversation!

Choose the location most convenient for you:

Vassar Community Hall
May 4th, 2025 11:00am – 2:00pm

Woodridge Community Hall
Date TBD

Space is limited so please RSVP by April 30th:

connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca / 204-905-3740
shirleepreteau@gmail.com / 204-228-3046

Transportation is available to those with transportation challenges, please contact Candace at 204-437-2284 or email admin@bpprentride.ca.

Personal invitations go a long way in making people feel welcome, so let's spread the word and show our friendly community spirit!



ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL AND HEALTHY TOGETHER NOW PRESENT

GEOCACHING CHALLENGE



CONTACT CULLETONA@BLSO.CA
OR CHUBATYC@BLSO.CA
TO REGISTER.

TAKE PICTURES AS YOU FIND
THE GEOCACHES AND WIN
PRIZES.

Unleash your
inner
explorer!

Find all 9 geocaches in RM of Piney: Middlebro,
Sprague, South Junction, Vassar, Piney, Badger,
Carrick, Woodridge and St-Labre. Participants find
the locations by signing up for an account at
geocaching.com and search Sunrise Corner Tourism.

So what is geocaching? It's basically
a family-friendly treasure hunt
where you use GPS coordinates to
search for caches filled with
treasures.

**MAY
9-26**

Woodridge Community Club and the
Woodridge Firefighters Association present the

4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAR SHOW ON THE RIDGE

Bring it all . . . cars, trucks, race cars, Rat Rods,
motorcycles, semi-trucks, tractors and 'projects'

Saturday, May 24, 2025

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(Rain Date: Sunday, May 25)

Car Show registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

**M.A. Querel Community Park
Woodridge, Manitoba**



Vehicle Registration by DONATION

includes a souvenir dash plaque and
ticket for prize draws



Public Admission: FREE

For more info or directions, go to
www.woodridgecommunityclub.com
or call (leave message) at 204-429-2344.

Planned events include: Car Show with trophies,
Tail Gate Swap Meet (bring your own table), BBQ Lunch,
DJ & Music, Beer Garden, Silent Auction, 50/50 Draw,
Chase the Ace (Woodridge style), Jaws of Life Demo

FREE ENTRY!

MAY 17/18

10-4 PM BOTH DAYS

SANDILANDS Spring HOME, YARD & GARDEN SWAP

Community-Wide Yard Sale
*Pending Participation/Hours May Vary.

Family Friendly Activities
In The Park Both Days

Local Vendors Including:

- Jodee's Designs
- Falcon Farms Naturals
- Bobertas Dragon Rescue
- Cheaper Than Therapy-Rustic Works
- Crystal Cavern
- A Country Chameleon
- Margita Farr Crochet Stuffies
- Speckled Sweets & Sourdough
- Dare 2 Dream Design
- Metal Head Forge

Water Always Free!!

SCCI SNACK SHACK
OPEN BOTH DAYS

May Long Weekend 17th/18th
Sandilands Park, Sandilands MB
sandilandscommunityclub@gmail.com

Ross L. Gray School and Healthy Together Now Present

OUTDOOR GAME NIGHT

Thursday, May 29, 5:30-7:30
Ross L. Gray School – Front Lawn

Get ready for evening of bonding, making memories, and enjoying a
wide range of fun-filled activities. Here's what you can expect:

Cornhole

Crossnet

Bocci Ball, Ladder Ball
and much much
more

Questions?? – Contact
culletona@blsd.ca or chubatyc@blsd.ca



Sandilands Community Club AGM
Sunday, May 4th, 2025 at 2:00pm
 Sandilands Park

Southeast Farmer's Market
Saturday, May 10th, 2025 from 10:00am – 2:00pm
 Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Thursday, May 15th, 2025 at 7:00pm
 RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar
 Members & Non-members welcome

Service Canada
First Tuesday of the Month from 10:00am – 3:00pm
 East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre, Sprague

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

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 10:00am – 12:00pm
 Woodridge Community Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

RM of Piney Forest Tours
Becoming FireSmart
Saturday, June 28th, 2025 from 1:00 – 3:30pm
 RM of Piney Office

Piney Kite Carnival
Sunday, June 29th, 2025 from 11:30am – 1:30pm
 Curling Rink Field in Piney

Métis Mobile Clinic

Clinical Services – Health & Wellness Department

Southeast Region, Woodridge

Location: 69 Denis Street

Woodridge Community Center

Date & Time: Thursday, May 29, 2025,
 10am – 3pm (by appointment)

Services on Site

- ✓ Diabetes Screening
- ✓ 5-Minute General Health Check-In
- ✓ Substance Use Information & Support
- ✓ Chronic Health Management Resources

Contact: Please leave a name, phone number,
 and community date you are calling about
 Phone: 1-833-390-1041 Ext.3
 E-mail: clinicinfo@mmf.mb.ca



ATV Mud Run & Cornhole Tournament

Saturday May 31, 2025

Mud Run Registration

Registration 9:00 - 11:00 am
 Racing Starts at 12 noon

ATV Classes

Youth 1 - 0-125cc (age max 6)
 Youth 2 - 0-300cc (Age max 12)
 Stock A (0-800cc)
 Stock B (801-1000cc)
 Pro A
 Pro B
 Women's (anything goes-no SXS)
 Open (anything goes)
 SXS (anything goes)

Wally Gushulak (431) 205-1248
 Terry Bjornson (204) 795-8591

Cornhole Tournament

Registration
 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
 Drew Gushulak
 (204) 380-2544



Petting Zoo for the Kids

Beer Gardens - Free Camping - Hot Food

Admission to Grounds – 5.00 per person
 Kids 12 years and under - Free

