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Hours: Monday – Friday
8:30am – 12:00pm
12:45pm – 4:30pm



Need to Contact your Councillor?

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July 2025

MONTHLY REMINDERS

The RM office and the Piney/Menisino Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, July 1st, 2025.



Cancelled Council Meetings

The RM has cancelled the following council meetings:

Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025
Tuesday, August 26th, 2025

Committee of the Whole is scheduled for July 2nd and August 6th at 10:00am, with Regular council meetings to be held at 9:00am on July 8th and August 12th.

Be Aware of All Burn Bans

A Complete Fire Ban is still in effect for ALL FIRES in the RM of Piney. The burn ban will remain in effect until further notice. All updates will be posted on our Facebook page and website, in our Newsletters and E-Newsletters, and on our info line at 204-437-2845.

A REMINDER TO ALL: Even though the RM may have a different ban in place than Manitoba Wildfire Services at said time, the public is to follow the stricter of the two bans in place for the whole municipality.



One-Way Traffic on Fraser Avenue & Chenier Street (Rd 76E) AND Prevost Street CLOSED in South Junction on July 1st

Fraser Ave. & Chenier St. (Rd 76E) in South Junction will be converted to one-way traffic only on July 1st for the South Junction Canada Day event. Traffic must enter Fraser Ave. off of Main St. in South Junction. The flow of traffic will be Fraser Ave. to Chenier St. (Rd 76E) to HWY 12. HWY 12 & Chenier St. will be used to exit the event.

Prevost Street in South Junction will be closed to all through traffic in the evening of July 1st.



EA057 Wildfire Meeting

The RM of Piney recently held a meeting on June 4th at the Woodridge Community Club due to our recent wildfire situation near St. Labre, Florze, Badger, Carrick, and Woodridge. Residents who were affected by the EA057 Wildfire joined Council, RM administration and MLA for La Vérendrye, Konrad Narth, for a community debrief and question period.

During that time, the following comments/concerns were brought forth from our residents:

- Better communication with communities
- Reception Centre location and confusion with registration of evacuees
 - Policing not present during evacuation
- Firesmart / Emergency Skill Workshops – more education needed for residents
- Other means of communication than social media/news
 - Maintenance of Fireguards
- Concern over lack of fire support in St. Labre – no warning
 - Community wants to meet with MWS
 - Start PEAT again throughout our communities
- Concerns over fire departments roles & responsibilities while on Crown lands
 - Mental Health of evacuees
 - Concerns over CNR
- More funding put towards fire protection – should be the RM's main priority
- Funding towards PEAT and Emergency Coordinator
- Having water holes located along the railway tracks
 - Debris left on Crown land by logging companies
- Timeline of when residents can see changes made by the RM & guidelines to what the changes will look like
 - Resources available to seniors
 - Evacuation Process

The RM appreciates everyone that attended and are taking some time to reflect and focus on some very important concerns brought to our attention and comments that the RM have already begun the process of dealing with. Additional information and further communication to the public regarding the topics discussed in the meeting will be done through our monthly newsletters and our website.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and aren't being terrorized by the mosquitos and other insects that come with that!

Given this warmer weather and with some communities having a dryer than average year I wanted to draw attention to the Restrictions put in place by the province to keep us safe. Conservation and RCMP have been getting many reports of individuals ignoring the restrictions put on All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) for back country travel. These restrictions were put in place to prevent further fire outbreaks in the area. The province understands that the risk of these fires is extremely high and this is their action to mitigate this risk. By driving ATV's around communities and down backroad trails, a new fire can be lit. It is extremely hard for Conservation to put out these fires, especially if they have grown momentum.

During the last fire Conservation worked tirelessly alongside local fire departments to mitigate a lot of property damage that could have been inflicted. I implore you to listen to guidance that was put in place and not contravene their decisions. As the next fire could result in even more damage. If we receive calls about this, they are taken seriously.

I respect those that are treading on the cautious side, many have taken the liberty to call us to inquire if lawn mowers are included in the ban of off-road vehicles. I will add in this newsletter that in our understanding lawn mowers are not included in the ban. Individuals can continue to use lawn mowers especially as long grass can be a fire hazard in its own right. I recommend being responsible with the dead trimmings by not burning them, as the burn ban is still in place.

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



RM of Piney Fire Service

Fire Department Upgrades!

Two of our local fire departments have received some vital upgrades in the past few months.

Station 2 – Sprague Fire Department

After three years of fundraising the Sprague Fire Department now has a brand new 2025 Can-Am Defender HD10 6x6!

Sprague Fire Department was able to raise 2/3 of the cost to acquire this new UTV and with the additional 1/3 support by the RM were able to purchase the 6x6 in May of this year.

This vehicle has the ability to navigate tough terrain where traditional fire trucks struggle, ensuring firefighters can reach emergencies faster. Whether it's wildfire suppression, medical evacuations, or search-and-rescue missions, a 6x6 UTV can adapt to multiple scenarios.

With a few upgrades/additions this vehicle will be well equipped for the many tasks it will face.



Station 3 – Woodridge Fire Department

Woodridge Fire Department had tracks and power steering installed on their 6x6 in April of this year. They will most definitely be put to the test during our winter months.





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. There's a short quiz at the end to ensure participants understand the material.

FireSmart 101

- 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.

FireSmart 101 empowers residents to take action!

Take the course here:
<https://firesmart101.com/>



The Advanced Home Assessment Program is a voluntary property assessment program for residents looking to determine and mitigate their home and property's risk to wildfire. It's the next step to take after using the FireSmart Begins at Home app or completing the self-assessment scorecard.

The Advanced Home Assessment is conducted by a formally trained assessor. The assessor will visit the property with the resident and review key areas within the **home ignition zone**. The assessment will highlight areas of risk and provide specific recommendations of actions and upgrades residents can take to increase their property's resilience to wildfire. The assessor will provide a comprehensive report once the assessment is complete. Contact FireSmart Canada or the provincial or territorial liaison in your area for program availability or for more information on how to get started.

For tips on how to be FireSmart, please visit the FireSmart website:

<https://firesmartcanada.ca/>



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Make This Summer Shine – Volunteer for Community Events

Summer in Sunrise Corner is something special. The long days, warm evenings, and beautiful southeast Manitoba landscape make the perfect backdrop for the community events we all love – festivals, markets, parades, and more. These events don't just happen on their own, though. Behind every smiling child with an ice cream cone, every live music performance, and every delicious community BBQ is a team of dedicated volunteers who help bring the fun to life.

This summer, we're inviting you to be part of the magic!

Volunteering at local events in Sunrise Corner is a great way to get involved, meet your neighbours, and make a real impact. Whether you've got a few hours or a whole weekend to spare, there's a role for everyone – from helping with setup and cleanup to running kids' activities or greeting guests at the gate.

Why volunteer?

First, it's fun! Community events are full of energy, music, and good vibes. Volunteering puts you right in the heart of it all. Instead of just attending, you help shape the experience and create memories for others – and yourself.

Second, it's a great way to connect. Summer events bring people together, and volunteering helps you meet new friends and strengthen community ties. For youth, it's also a great way to earn volunteer hours and build experience.

Third, you make a real difference. Local events support our economy, bring visitors to the region, and highlight what makes Sunrise Corner so special. Your time and effort help create something that benefits the whole community.

And don't worry if you're new to volunteering – everyone's welcome! Whether you're 15 or 85, there's a place for you. You'll get guidance and support, and you'll finish your shift feeling proud of what you've contributed.

Ready to jump in?

Check out the Sunrise Corner event calendar, local bulletin boards, or community Facebook pages for upcoming events. Then get in touch with the organizers to ask what they need help with and offer your services. Thanks in advance for your service! <https://sunrisecornermb.ca/event-calendar/>

Let's make this a summer to remember. Together, we can make Sunrise Corner shine even brighter!

Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



The BPP Rent & Ride initiative is a collaborative effort between Buffalo Point First Nation and the RM of Piney.

New Mileage Rate for 2025! \$0.40/km

***NEW* WEBSITE COMING SOON!**

Embark on Your Next Adventure

Whether it's a senior outing, medical appointment, sports trip, recreation, or an event, we've got you covered!

Community organizations are invited to apply to become an approved user to support group travel for residents and enhance community connectivity. Once approved, you can reserve a vehicle, authorize your driver, and set off on your next adventure, all while saving on travel costs.

For more information contact:

Candace Hiebert
BPP Administration
204-437-2284 / 204-905-1768
admin@bpprentride.ca

Are you a NEW RESIDENT in the RMs of Piney or Stuartburn in the last two years?

Hello NEIGHBOUR Welcome Program

NEW RESIDENT WELCOME KIT INCLUDES:

- Essential municipal information
- Print version of the Sunrise Corner business directory
- Exclusive local deals

REQUEST A KIT FOR YOURSELF OR REFER A NEW NEIGHBOUR:

www.pineyregionalchamber.ca/hello-neighbour-welcome-kit/



CONTACT:

hello@pineyregionalchamber.ca
www.pineyregionalchamber.ca





Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit

For the 2025 tax year, the Education Property Tax Credit (EPTC) has been replaced with a new Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC). This is a Provincial initiative, and the RM of Piney will continue to share information as it becomes available.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What changes have been made to school tax rebates and credits for the 2025 tax year?

Key changes include:

- The Education Property Tax Credit (EPTC) is being replaced with the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC). The amount of the HATC is the lesser of \$1,500 and the gross school taxes on your principal residence.
- The School Tax Rebate, which provided a 50% rebate on school taxes for residential and farm properties, and a 10% rebate on school taxes for other properties, is being eliminated for all properties except farm properties. Farm properties will continue to receive the 50% rebate, applied directly on the property tax statement.
- There is no additional seniors credit as part of the HATC, but the Seniors School Tax Rebate continues to be available. The Seniors School Tax rebate is being maintained at \$235 minus 1.0% on family net annual income over \$40,000 for principal residences only. This rebate is claimed on the personal income tax return.

The HATC Advance can only be claimed on a homeowner's principal residence. To check on whether your principal residence has been declared for the 2025 property tax year, you can enter your information in the online form (link below) and someone will respond to you by phone or email to confirm if your principal residence has been declared.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/aa36cf5803de46b084430be567953711>

For more information contact:

Manitoba Government Inquiry

Tel: 204-945-3744 ~ Toll Free: 1-866-626-4862

Email: mgi@gov.mb.ca

Recycling Bags

Blue recycling bags are available to all residents in the RM of Piney. Please ask the attendant at your local transfer station or stop in at the RM office in Vassar to pick up your recycling bags.

Absolutely no waste in your recyclables please!

When in doubt, check the [Recyclepedia](https://simplyrecycle.ca/recyclepedia/).

<https://simplyrecycle.ca/recyclepedia/>



EV Chargers in the RM of Piney!

Got an electric vehicle—or know someone who does?

We're excited to share that both Sprague and Vassar community centres now have public ⚡🚗 Level 2 electric vehicle chargers installed and ready to use!

💡 What is a Level 2 charger?

There are three types of chargers for electric vehicles.

- Level 1 is the slowest charging method and uses a standard household outlet;
- Level 2 uses a 240v outlet and is faster — great for homes and community locations;
- Level 3 is the fastest, but very expensive and best suited for busy locations, such as highways.



Look Out for Wild Pigs



Wild pigs pose a threat to rural Manitoba. If you see evidence of wild pigs in your community, please report your sightings by calling:

1-833-SPOT-PIG



Join us for a free summer camp for children age 5-13.

VCRC is offering summer camps at Sprague School and at Middlebro Park

July 2, 3, & 4
Sprague School (outdoor classroom) 9:00 – 12:00
Middlebro Park 1:00 – 3:30

What does my child need to bring?
 Children need to provide their own sunscreen, bug spray,

Sign in
 Please ensure that your children are signed in when they arrive at camp!

Camps available through funding from RM of Piney event grant, Urban/Hometown Green Team, and Metis Employment and Training, and Canada Summer Jobs Program

For more info please contact adriane_culleton@hotmail.com

The children will be involved in various crafts and games, a snack is also provided!




Join us for a free summer camp for children age 5-13.

VCRC is offering summer camps at VASSAR POOL during swimming lessons

Weekdays July 7 – August 15 12:00 – 3:00

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VASSAR POOL

LAP SWIM

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings!
 Times will vary, so stay tuned!



Public Swim

All summer! Check Facebook and posters for details to come.

Aquacize

Tuesdays and Thursdays
 6:00-6:45 pm




Southeast Farmer's Market

Fridays - July 11 to August 29
3:00 – 7:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba

Rain or Shine
Variety of Local Vendors



SHOP LOCAL

BRING Your own Bag

New Vendors Welcome

For more information message us on Facebook or at 204-380-1593

Join Southeast Farmer's Market on Facebook

If you can't make it, bake it or grow it... You can buy it at the Farmer's Market!

Middlebro Community Hall

Texas Holdem Tournament

Licence: LGCA 4763-TH-47984



\$30.00 Entry

Saturday July 19/2025
Registration: 10:30 Game: 11:00

Up to 3 rebuys, 30 players max
No preregistration

Contact:

Gary Dowhy @ 204-437-2251



WELCOMES YOU HOME!

125th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, July 26 & Sunday, July 27, 2025

**M.A. Querel Community Park &
Woodridge Community Centre**

Weekend Festivities Include:

Heritage Parade, Opening Ceremonies, A Look Back In Time, Live Band and DJ for Old Time Dance Parties, Museum Style Gallery, Vintage Bingo, Farmhouse Style Dinner, Sunday Church Service and Pancake Breakfast.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT PLEASE GO TO:
WWW.WOODRIDGECOMMUNITYCLUB.COM or CALL 204-429-2344**



MIDDLEBRO GRIT & GLORY GAMES

Saturday July 19th. @ 5pm.

Middlebro Community Hall

VOYAGER STYLE GAMES!

**Log sawing, Pillow Fight, Tug of War,
Arm Pull, and Leg Wrestle
REFEREE: DAVE PREVOST**

**For Participation: We are looking for
16 men @ 16 women \$35. entry**

Must be 18 yrs. of age

**50-50 tickets plus Bar,
Beer Gardens & Canteen**

**CONTACT: Jodie Meek - 218-242-2283
Donna Marynewich - 204-881-8409**

RM OF PINEY FOREST TOURS



**Saturday, June 28th from 1:00-3:30pm
BECOMING FIRESMART**

**Sunday, July 13th from 1:00-3:30pm
FORESTRY 101 – WISDOM IN THE WOODS**

**Friday, September 26th from 1:00-3:30pm
GOODS FROM THE WOODS**

The RM of Piney will be hosting three Walking Tours with our knowledgeable tour guide, Bob Austman. Tours will be provided rain or shine, but we ask that you come dressed for the weather. This is an interactive immersive event so be prepared for some light hiking.

Transportation will be provided from the RM office to and from each touring site. 15 spots per tour will be available for ages 12 & up.

If you would like more info or would like to sign up today, call 204-437-2284 or email candace@rmofpiney.mb.ca.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS



South Junction Canada Day
Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 at 8:30pm

Live performance by Crossline
Free coffee, juice, cookies, mini flags, pins & more!
10:30pm – Singing of O Canada, Followed by Fireworks

Horseshoes on the Tracks
Friday, July 4th, 2025 at 8:00pm
St. Labre 200 Track

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting
SUMMER HIATUS: No Meetings in July & August
Next Meeting Scheduled for September 11, 2025 at 7 pm

Moms & Tots
Thursday, July 17th from 10:00am – 12:00pm
Woodridge Community Hall

Carrick Days
Saturday & Sunday, August 9th & 10th, 2025

Vassar Ball Tournament
Friday to Sunday, August 15th to 17th, 2025
Friday night dance Ft. Good N' Dusty
Slo-Pitch on Saturday with Fastball on Sunday,
Sunday fun for the kids, Silent Auction & More!

Exercise for Fun & Health
Pine Grove Seniors Club in South Junction
See you in September!

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

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

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

ST-LABRE 200

Day 1 - Build ~ Day 2 - Race
July 4 & 5 2025



Talbot & Associates Speedway, St. Labre Manitoba

SPRAGUE FEST and SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW

CAR SHOW REGISTRATION EMAIL: spraguefest.ss@gmail.com

SATURDAY, AUG. 9, 2025

EVENTS FOR THE DAY

8am - 10am - **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** (free will offering...min \$8 per plate)

10am - **PARADE REGISTRATION**

10:30am - **PARADE STARTS**

(call Chuck 204.408.1355 or Jackie 204.371.0151)

11am - 4pm **CAR SHOW** (call Craig 204.437.3078)

SILENT AUCTION: OPEN ALL DAY, DRAWN AT THE SOCIAL (License 399)

CONCESSION STAND - OPEN ALL DAY

"All Fun and Games for Children" 11am - 4pm

WOOD CARVING DEMONSTRATION - 1pm - 2pm

BEER GARDENS - NOON TO 1am (License W145390)

GAMES: PICKLE BALL ~ call Jerry 204.437.2704 ~ CORN HOLE START 12pm

BINGO - STARTS AT 2:30pm (License 426)

SPRAGUE FEST **SOCIAL:** "Universals Music" 8pm - 1am

Tickets at the door \$10

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS ANNUAL EVENT HELPS SUPPORT YOUR
COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Thank you!

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for
ATTENTION**



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With your permission, we'll install a fiber line on your property leaving little trace of our work in your yard. When you're ready for service, connection will be quick and easy.

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