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



Need to Contact your Councillor?

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August 2025

MONTHLY REMINDERS

August Long Weekend



RM Office Closed Monday, August 4th

August Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole is scheduled for August 6th at 10:00 am and the Regular council meeting is scheduled for August 12th at 9:30 am.

The August 26th meeting has been cancelled.

New Landowners 2025 Property Taxes

The RM of Piney should be receiving the property tax bills from the province shortly and hope to have them mailed out in August. Depending on when you purchased your property, the address may not have been changed by the province in time and therefore you may not receive 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.

2025 Property Taxes are due on Friday, October 31st by 4:30pm. If the payment is not made 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 office.



Added / Reduction Taxes

Any added and/or reduction tax bills for 2024 and/or 2025 will be mailed out later this month. 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, 2025.

Thank You!

Council would like to thank Clearview Consumers Co-op for their efforts in organizing the Piney Wildfire Relief fund. Together through member donations, additional support from Clearview Co-op and matching contribution from Federated Co-operatives Limited they raised **\$6,000**.

We are beyond grateful for every contribution made!



RM of Piney council members alongside South Junction C-store/Gas Bar Manager, C-store/Gas Bar District Manager, and Director of Energy & Agriculture.

RM of Piney Seedling Program

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

Seedlings will be sold in bundles of 25 seedlings at the cost of \$7.00 per bundle (\$0.28 per seedling). Pre-paid orders will be accepted, starting August 1st, 2025. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, debit, or by credit card (with a 2% service fee).

Contact the RM office to reserve your seedlings!

Once the seedlings are ready for pick up, a notice will be posted on our website and Facebook Page. Ratepayers with pre-orders will be contacted directly with pick up dates. Seedlings must be picked up during regular office hours.

RM of Piney Forest Tours

Saturday, August 16th, 2025 from 1:00 – 4:00pm



BECOMING FIRESMART

Friday, September 26th, 2025 from 1:00 – 3:30pm

GOODS FROM THE WOODS

All participants are to meet at the RM office in Vassar (6092 Boundary St.) for each tour.

Transportation will be provided from the RM office to and from each touring site.

For Ages 12 & Up (only 15 spots available)

Contact the RM office to reserve your spot!

Please call 204-437-2284 or email:

candace@rmofpiney.mb.ca

(RSVP by the prior Monday of each tour)



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, 2025**. 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.

Be Aware of All Burn/Travel Bans

There are currently no burn bans in place for the RM of Piney.

Updates will be posted on our Facebook page and website, in our Newsletters, and on our info line at 204-437-2845.

Burning Permits Required

April 1st – November 15th

Under the authority of the Wildfires Act, open fires are prohibited from April 1st to November 15th except under a burning permit or in enclosed approved fire pits.

Burning Permits can only be obtained from your local Conservation Office.

Sprague: 204-437-2348 / Marchand: (204) 424-4025 / Steinbach: 204-346-6110



https://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation_fire/Restrictions/index.html

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Welcoming New Business Owners: Building a Stronger Future Together

Sunrise Corner thrives on the strength and spirit of our people – and nothing shows that more than when someone starts a new business or takes over a local business. Whether it's a brand-new venture, a new owner stepping in to continue a legacy business, or an existing business owner offering new products or services, entrepreneurs bring jobs, energy, and stability to our region.

There has been a great deal of new business activity over the past couple years that has been generating optimism and sends a message: Sunrise Corner is a community worth investing in. Whether it's new owners of an established grocery store or restaurant, a new retail business that offers products that weren't available here before, or home-based businesses that provide pet grooming, guided quad adventures or farm-based and eco-tourism experiences, these ventures add vitality to our daily lives and help keep dollars circulating close to home.

Moreover, fresh businesses and their owners bring innovation. New ideas, technologies, and services can inspire improvements across sectors and attract visitors and other investors. A thriving business scene boosts our community profile and makes our town more appealing for future residents and families considering a move to a rural setting.

Our role as a community is just as important. By shopping local, spreading the word, and offering a warm welcome, we help make entrepreneurship more sustainable and appealing. Simply stopping in to say hello can make all the difference to someone who's poured their heart and savings into a dream. When you choose to support local businesses, you're not just making a purchase, you're strengthening the economic backbone of our region.

Let's continue to celebrate and support the entrepreneurs who are helping shape our community's future – one business at a time. Check out the Sunrise Corner business directory where you're sure to find a product or service you need that you didn't know was available locally. <https://sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings/>

Whether you're ready to start your next business opportunity or you're thinking about retiring and interested in succession planning options, we invite you to book a one-on-one meeting to discuss how we can support your business objectives right here in Sunrise Corner.

Monique Chenier

monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

With the beginning of summer now in full swing, the RM of Piney is experiencing an influx of vehicle traffic. Not only on the paved highways, but also on the many gravel roads within the RM. Unfortunately, the Sprague RCMP has responded to several traffic collisions this summer. Some of which have resulted in serious injury, and one of which resulted in tragedy.

Just like we do throughout the winter months, I urge everyone to be aware of the ever-changing weather, and the changes that it presents to visibility and road surface conditions. Road crews do an outstanding job and work very hard to maintain the roads. However, sometimes it's impossible to keep up as visibility and road surface conditions can change suddenly and drastically due to changes in the weather.

For example, when it rains you can expect the gravel road to be slippery and sloppy. When the road crews maintain the road by adding new loads of gravel, the gravel can be very loose before it gets packed down which causes vehicle tires to lack grip with the surface of the road. When it is dry, a cloud of dust can trail behind a moving vehicle which can span over a kilometer thus decreasing visibility. In the summer months trees and bush are far thicker, which can impede the view of oncoming and adjacent vehicles at intersections or curves on the road.

I urge everyone to be diligent when getting behind the wheel. Please pay special attention to the road surfaces and visibility. Adjust your speed accordingly. Just because there is a white sign that says 80 or 90 km/h, it does not mean you have to go that fast! Take your time. Being two or three minutes late won't make a huge difference. Let's all do our part to ensure safe roadways so we can focus on all the fun activities during these summer months.

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



RM of Piney Fire Service

Special Thank You for all donations received towards the RM of Piney Fire Service in support of our volunteer fire departments. These funds will be directed towards strengthening our wildfire protection efforts, including the purchase of essential equipment to help protect both residents and first responders.

Thank You

ATV/UTV Safety Tips

Key Safety Recommendations:

Wear Protective Gear: Always wear a helmet, eye protection, gloves, and appropriate clothing, including long pants and over-the-ankle boots.

Ride Sober: Avoid alcohol and drugs while operating an ATV/UTV. Impairment significantly increases the risk of accidents.

Stay on Designated Trails: Adhere to marked trails and respect private property.

Be Aware of Your Surroundings: Pay attention to other riders, vehicles, and potential hazards on the trail.

Know Your Route: Inform someone of your intended route and expected return time.

Ride with Others: Avoid riding alone and consider riding in a group for safety.

Carry Essentials: Pack a first-aid kit, tow rope, and other necessary supplies for emergencies.

Know Your ATV/UTV: Ensure your ATV/UTV is properly registered, insured, and in good working condition.

Supervision for Youth: Youth under 16 operating ATVs should complete a safety course and be supervised by someone 19 or older.

Avoid Passengers on Single-Rider ATVs: ATVs designed for one person should not carry passengers.

Pre-Ride Inspection: Before each ride, check tires, controls, and other components for proper functioning.

Obey Traffic Laws: ATV/UTV operators must adhere to traffic laws and regulations, even on unpaved roads.

Respect Wildlife: Approach livestock and wildlife cautiously and give them ample space.

Be Visible: Ensure that your ATV/UTV has functioning headlights and taillights, especially when riding in low-light conditions.

72 Hour Emergency Preparedness

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. Visit www.getprepared.ca to download your Emergency Preparedness Guide.

Is Your Family Prepared?

Learn how quick and easy it is to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere. Create your own emergency plan and use the checklist 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 various disasters can be similar, knowing the risks in your region can help you better prepare. Across Manitoba, we face a number of hazards, such as floods, blizzards, tornadoes, and wildfires. In addition to natural disasters, there are other types of risks, such as power outages and industrial or transportation accidents.

Some of the risks may be relevant to your community. Find out which ones by visiting [getprepared.ca](http://www.getprepared.ca). You may want to identify the most likely ones for easy reference. You may also want to find out how disasters have impacted Canadians. Learn more about disasters, including those triggered by natural hazards, technological hazards or conflict by using the Canadian Disaster Database at: <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cdd>.

Know the hazards most common to your area and what to do for each hazard. These actions may save your life.

Flood

- Stay away from moving water.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves (if instructed to do so).
- Don't drive through flood waters.
- Move to higher ground if there is a possibility of a flash flood.

Power Outage

- Use a battery powered or crank radio to listen for updates.
- Use glow sticks or flashlights to see.
- Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
- If you are outdoors, never go near or touch a fallen power line.

Tornado

- Go to a basement, safe room or the center of an interior room.
- Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- If you are outside, go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter, or lay flat in a ditch and cover your head with your hands.

Wildfire

- Stay calm.
- Report immediately by dialing 9-1-1
- If it is safe to do so, take some or all of the following actions:
 - Monitor local radio, television or social media for information, warnings, alerts or evacuation orders from authorities and emergency officials.
 - Follow instructions. Be ready to leave.
 - Pack your emergency kit and any valuables or items that cannot be replaced in your vehicle, in preparation to evacuate.
 - Park your vehicle, positioned forward out of the driveway. Keep car windows closed.
 - If you are comfortable doing so, post a message in clear view for local authorities to know where a property's resident has gone and how they can be contacted.

Winter Storm

- Stay indoors and keep your pets inside.
- Run a trickle of water to prevent pipes from freezing.
- If you are outside, dress appropriately for the weather and check for frostbite regularly.

Plan for Specific Risks

Public Safety Canada offers brochures on specific risks, such as earthquakes, power outages, floods and severe storms.

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. It will take you about 20 minutes to make your plan.

Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another and discuss what you would do in different situations.

Keep your plan in an easy-to-find, easy-to-remember place (for example, with your emergency kit). Photocopy your plan and keep it in your car and/or at work, and a copy close to your phone. If you completed your plan online, keep an electronic version on your computer. Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/plns/mk-pln-en.aspx to create your plan online.

Family Emergency Plan

Develop a family emergency plan and discuss emergency situations ahead of time to reduce fear and anxiety. Review your plan each year and practice going to your meeting places.

Meeting Places

- Identify two meeting places in case you need to leave your home or cannot return home.
 - Right outside your home.
 - Outside of your neighbourhood.
- Know the exact location of both meeting places.

Family Emergency Plan

- Ask an out-of-town relative or friend to be your family contact.
 - Your contact should live outside of your area and everyone in your family should know the contact's name, address and phone number.
- In an emergency, family members should call the family contact and tell him or her where they are.
- Teach your children how and when to dial 911 as well as how to call the designated family contact.

Step 3. Get an emergency kit



In an emergency, you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

You may have some of the items already, such as food, water and a battery-operated or crank flashlight. The key is to make sure they are organized and easy to find. Would you be able to find your flashlight in the dark?

Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is. Keep it in a backpack, duffle bag or suitcase with wheels, in an easy-to-reach, accessible place, such as your front-hall closet. If you have many people in your household, your emergency kit could get heavy. It's a good idea to separate some of these supplies in backpacks. That way, your kit will be more portable and each person can personalize his or her own grab-and-go emergency kit.

Family Emergency Survival Kit

An emergency survival kit contains all the basic items you and your family need to remain comfortable for at least 72 hours. Keep your kit in an easy to carry bag and check the contents twice each year to ensure the freshness of your food and water.

- ☐ Bottled water (2L per person, per day)
- ☐ Non-perishable foods
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Flashlight (w/batteries) or crank flashlight
- ☐ Radio (w/batteries) or crank radio
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Candles and matches/lighter
- ☐ Extra keys and cash
- ☐ Important papers (ID, insurance)
- ☐ Copy of your emergency plan and contact information

Family Emergency Survival Kit Continued...

It is important to customize your kit to meet the needs of your family (prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, or food, water and medication for your pets or service animal).

EMERGENCY KIT BASIC ITEMS



If you or someone in your household has a disability or special need, check out the Emergency Preparedness Guide for People with Disabilities/Special Needs at: www.getprepared.gc.ca.

*Emergency Preparedness Quick-Guide's
are available at the RM office.*

FALL/WINTER/SPRING 2025-2026

GEDREC Forest & Nature School

Learn ★ Play ★ Adventure ★ Grow

Ages 5.5 to 12 Weekly Sessions Sept. to June

Stuartburn Tuesdays, 10:00am-3:00pm
La Broquerie Thursdays, 9:30am-3:30pm
All Ages / Family Sessions / PD Days TBA

WILD CREATIVITY

- ⇒ Forts & Shelter Building
- ⇒ Woodworking with Hand Tools
- ⇒ Watercolours, Weaving, Wood Burning, Nature Games, Music, Movement & More!

Emergent, Inquiry Based & Child Led Pedagogy
Supports Holistic Well Being

Self Care Outdoors: Self Regulation, Cooperation, Physical Activity, Risk Assessment, Weather Safety, Fire Safety, Cooking, and More

GET ACTIVE!

CONNECT WITH NATURE

- ⇒ Natural Literacy Through Inquiry, Play, Observation, Research & Journaling
- ⇒ Reciprocity and Connection to Land

Register: WWW.GERHARDCENTER.ORG

Many thanks to the Manitoba Government's From the Ground Up Grant: Healthy, Safe, Connected Children and Youth Stream

Manitoba



Vassar Pool BBQ Lunch Fundraiser
Friday, August 1st, 2025
 BBQ from 12:30-4:30pm
 Pool open from 1:30-5:30pm

Southeast Farmer's Market
Every Friday in August from 3:00 – 7:00pm
 Pine Grove Seniors Center in South Junction
 Farmer's Market runs until August 29th
 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 9th, 2025
 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 (\$10.00) from 8pm-1am

Moms & Tots
Thursday, August 21st, 2025 from 10:00am – 12:00pm
 Woodridge Community Hall

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

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

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting
SUMMER HIATUS: No Meetings in August
Next Meeting: Thursday, September 11th, 2025 at 7pm
 RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar
 Guest Speaker: Theresa Wirth

*For all upcoming events in the southeast corner,
 please visit the Sunrise Corner website:
<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/annual-events/event-calendar/>*

31ST ANNUAL CARRICK DAYS

SAT. & SUN. AUGUST 9 & 10, 2025
 MAIN ST, CARRICK, MB
FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

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 • PETTING ZOO • INFLATABLE BOUNCING TENT • DUNK TANK • 50/50 DRAW
CARRICK BEARS FOOD CANTEN
WATERMELON EATING CONTEST • SILENT AUCTION
SPIKE DRIVING CONTEST (BRING YOUR OWN HAMMER)
BANDS • CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY & EVENING



DARREN LAVALLE
COUNTRY JUNCTION
 2 PM



GOOD N DUSTY
EVENING
 8 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

FREE ADMISSION

BREAKFAST - 10 AM-12 NOON

SERVING AN AWESOME BREAKFAST

WOLLMAN GOSPEL ENTERTAINMENT - 11 AM-12 PM

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

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

MAKE CARRICK GREAT - COME TO CARRICK

NO DOGS ALLOWED

VASSAR August 15th, 16th, 17th 2025 BALL TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY Night Dance
GoodnDusty - \$10

SATURDAY
Open Air Dance
Universal Music - \$10

Weekend Camping
Available - \$20

Saturday Slo-Pitch
6 MEN,
4 WOMEN
\$300/Team

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

Sat/Sun
SILENT AUCTION
Canteen
Pool Open

Sunday Activities
Breakfast @ Park 9:00-11:00
Cornhole Registration 11am
Cornhole starts @ NOON
Children's activities 1:00pm
BINGO 1:00-3:30

Ball registration contact Jeremy Culleton
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Cornhole registration contact Karen Theriault
krtheriault5@gmail.com
E-Transfer to vassarreccentre@gmail.com