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Rural Municipality of  
**PINEY**

**Need to Contact your Councillor?**

Wayne Anderson: 204-527-0569  
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**December 2025**

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### Bid Hourly Contractor Forms

2026 Bid Hourly Forms are now available online to all contractors interested in submitting their bids to do any work for the RM in 2026. The form can be found under "Our Services – Roads & Infrastructure" on our website.

### Snow Clearing Reminder

A reminder to all landowners, when removing snow from your driveway to please make sure no excess snow is left on municipal roads or road allowances. When this occurs, the ice and snow become traffic hazards and make it difficult for the snowplows to clear properly.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*



**The RM Office will be closed from  
Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> until  
Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

The office will re-open to the public on Monday,  
January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Sprague Transfer Station will be  
closed on Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
and Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The Sprague Transfer Station will be open on Friday,  
December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.



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know?**



If your anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers leads to an arrest, recovery of drugs, weapons, or stolen property, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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Call: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)  
Report Online:  
[www.manitobacrimestoppers.com](http://www.manitobacrimestoppers.com)

**#SeeSomethingSaySomething**

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## Building Momentum: A Year of Progress in Sunrise Corner

As we wrap up another busy and rewarding year, it's a great time to look back at the progress we've made together as a community. From supporting local businesses and welcoming new entrepreneurs, to promoting our beautiful landscapes and strengthening community programs, this past year was filled with meaningful steps forward. Here's a snapshot of the initiatives that helped shape a stronger, more connected, and more vibrant region for all of us.

### Economic Development

This year was filled with exciting progress as we worked to strengthen our local business community and open the door to future opportunities. One of the biggest milestones was completing the regional Investment Attraction Strategy, which now gives us a clear roadmap for encouraging new development, supporting business expansion, and exploring ways to add more housing options in the region.

We also spent a lot of time connecting with local entrepreneurs—new and established. From meeting new business owners to helping others explore marketing ideas, business planning, or succession options, the goal was simple: make sure our local businesses feel supported and able to thrive. Our partnership with the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce continued to bring people together through a monthly speaker series, welcome kits for newcomers, and networking opportunities that help spark new ideas and collaboration. The PRCC Youth Entrepreneur Challenge provided business mentorship to young people in our region.

All of this work directly benefits Sunrise Corner by keeping essential services close to home, creating local jobs, and helping our region stay vibrant and resilient.

### Tourism Development

Tourism continued to grow in exciting ways this year as we showcased the best of what makes our area special. Through the Shared Legacy Partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, we moved forward on several meaningful projects—including new regional signage, community engagement, and a report to the community that highlights how the initiative supports both nature, culture and the local economy. Watch for these projects to be finalized in early 2026.

We proudly took part in parades, festivals, and markets across the region, sharing local stories and promoting tourism businesses. A highlight this year was nominating Nature Norm Gregoire as the recipient of the Nature Award from Recreation Manitoba for his tours in the tall-grass prairie, activities with school groups, and work with landowners in stewarding this unique landscape we call home.

Tourism brings energy, pride, and economic benefits to Sunrise Corner, helping support restaurants, shops, accommodations, and community events. Every visitor we welcome helps strengthen our region.

### Community Development

Supporting strong, healthy communities remained a big focus this year. We continued working with the South East Community Services Co-op as they explore an assisted living housing solution for local residents. We also assisted numerous community groups with grant applications for projects like playgrounds, trail improvements, event spaces, and cultural initiatives.

These efforts help ensure Sunrise Corner remains an incredible place to live—welcoming, active, and full of opportunities for people of all ages.

Thank you to everyone—residents, volunteers, businesses, and community partners—for your support and collaboration this year. I'm excited to continue working together in the year ahead!

Monique Chenier  
[monique@sunrisecornermb.ca](mailto:monique@sunrisecornermb.ca)

# PROTECTIVE SERVICES



## Sprague RCMP

As winter settles in across rural Manitoba, roads transform into a challenging landscape of snow, ice, and reduced visibility. Each year, we see too many preventable accidents due to unprepared drivers. The Sprague RCMP wants to remind everyone of key precautions to stay safe on the roads this season.

### Prepare Your Vehicle

Winterizing your vehicle is your first line of defense against unpredictable conditions. Ensure your car is equipped with winter tires, which provide better traction on icy and snowy surfaces. Regularly check your battery, wipers, and fluid levels, and top up with winter-grade washer fluid to combat ice buildup. Keep your gas tank at least half full to prevent freezing in extreme cold.

### Pack a Winter Emergency Kit

In Manitoba's harsh winter, being stranded can quickly turn dangerous. Pack a kit with essentials such as:

- A blanket or extra clothing
- Non-perishable snacks and water
- Jumper cables and a tow rope
- A flashlight and extra batteries
- A snowbrush, ice scraper, and shovel
- Traction aids like sand or kitty litter

A fully charged cellphone and car charger are also crucial for calling for help.

### Adapt Your Driving

The golden rule of winter driving is to **slow down**. Speed limits are based on ideal conditions, not winter's icy roads. Increase your following distance to allow for longer stopping times and brake gently to avoid skidding. If you feel your tires lose traction, remain calm, steer in the direction you want to go, and avoid slamming the brakes. When approaching intersections, especially in rural Manitoba where visibility may be limited, proceed cautiously as icy patches can be deceptive.

### Stay Informed

Check weather forecasts and road conditions before heading out. Manitoba's 511 service provides up-to-date information on road closures and driving conditions. If the weather is severe, consider postponing non-essential travel. It's always better to arrive late than to risk not arriving at all.

### Be Patient and Courteous

Winter conditions demand extra patience. Avoid aggressive driving behaviors like tailgating, speeding, or quick lane changes. Clear all snow and ice from your vehicle before driving to maintain visibility and prevent debris from endangering other drivers.

### Know When to Call for Help

If you find yourself in trouble, stay with your vehicle—it offers shelter and is easier for rescuers to locate. Call for assistance and use your hazard lights to signal distress.

By following these precautions, you can do your part to keep the roads safe for everyone. Drive safe, stay warm, and let's work together to make this winter accident-free.

**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.**

Cpl. Kevin Reimer  
Sprague RCMP

*Drive Safe this Holiday Season!*





### Service Canada

**Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am – 3:00pm**  
East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre in Sprague

### Stay & Play at RLG School

**Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30am**  
For children up to age 5 and their parents/caregivers  
Ross L Gray School in Sprague

### Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm**  
Woodridge Community Centre

### Community Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**  
Sprague Baptist Church

### PRCC Meeting

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar  
Guest Speaker: Futurpreneur

### Christmas Market

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm**  
Pine Grove Seniors Center in South Junction

### Christmas Lights “Bulbs That Build” Fundraiser

**Donate \$5 per bulb or light up a tree for \$75**  
Proceeds go towards: EBCH  
Drop your donation off at EBCH in Sprague

### Exercises at Vassar Hall

**Monday-Friday 9-9:30am Weights or 6:30-7pm Cardio**

Cost is \$20.00 from September-June or \$2.00/visit  
Vassar Community Recreation Centre

### “Meet Your Neighbours” – Coffee Groups

**Mondays - 1pm – Pine Grove Seniors in S.J.**  
**Thursdays - 1pm – Evergreen Seniors in Sprague**

### Piney Indoor Activities

**Mon: Cornhole 6:30pm / Tues: Curling 6:30pm /**  
**Wed: Pickleball 1pm & 7pm / Thurs: Archery 7pm**  
Piney Community Centre

### Woodridge Wellness Wednesdays

**Every Wednesday from 1:00-4:00pm**  
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### Moms & Tots

**Thursdays from 10:00am-12:00pm**  
Woodridge Community Club

**ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL**

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**COME JOIN US!**

**DECEMBER 16, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**  
DRESS REHERASAL  
DEC. 16TH TIME T.B.D.

**EVERYONE WELCOMED TO ATTEND**

**SOUTHEAST CANCER SUPPORT SERVICES**  
www.secancersupport.ca 204-326-8571

## HOPE... FOR ALL

Southeast Cancer Support Services (SCSS) is a community based, not-for-profit organization providing resources, support, education and hope for cancer patients and families in the southeast region of Manitoba.

### WHAT WE DO

- Transportation to treatments/appointments
- Accommodations, parking, incidentals
- Support Groups
- Wigs and head coverings
- Wellness programs
- Educational and informational resources
- Cancer prevention, screening and treatment information
- Palliative Care resources

Supporting 88 Communities Across Southeast Manitoba



For More Information

**www.secancersupport.ca**

**OFFICE NOW OPEN AT:**  
98 Brandt Street, Room 215, Steinbach  
T. 204-326-8571 E. info@secancersupport.ca



Charitable No. 853104859MC001

### NEED A RIDE?

Transportation to treatments and appointments should not be a barrier to getting the care you need!

Volunteers are available to assist.  
Visit [www.secancersupport.ca](http://www.secancersupport.ca) or call us at 204-326-8571 for information.

### Your Community Needs You!

#### Make a Donation!

Annual pledges, monthly donations and one time donations can be made online or over the phone!

All funds stay in Southeast Manitoba!

#### Ways To Give

- \* Individual, Family or Corporate Donations
- \* In Memory/Honour of
- \* Workplace/Payroll
- \* In Lieu of Flowers
- \* Wedding, Birthdays
- \* Event Sponsors
- \* Make a 5 Year Pledge

#### Become a Volunteer

- Drivers
- Co-ordinators
- Fundraising
- Marketing
- Administration
- Board Member

THANKS TO OUR FOUNDING PARTNERS!



SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 6, 2025  
VASSAR HALL

POT LUCK DINNER

5:00 PM

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followed by

CWL FUNDRAISER

7:00PM

Door prize, Special Christmas Draw,  
Bingo, Novelty Table, Hamper



Join together  
to celebrate the  
Wonderful Season of Christmas



welcome  
EVERYONE



Come join us!  
Middlebro Community Hall  
invites you to

*Breakfast  
With the  
Grinch*

Saturday, 13 December  
9:00am to 11:00am

Pancakes, eggs, sausage,  
juice, coffee  
\$10.00 / 5 and under free

Maddy Brown available  
for photos  
Nonperishable donations  
welcomed



International Christian Fellowship  
Christmas Program & Potluck  
Border Church HWY 89, Piney, MB.

December 14, 2025  
11:00 am

Everyone is invited to attend  
this celebration.



JOIN US FOR A 2025 YEAR END  
BASH WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM

**GOOD N DUSTY**

VASSAR COMMUNITY  
CENTER 8PM-1AM  
SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 27TH

SPONSORED BY THE VCRC  
\$15 Entry Fee

# Holiday Recycling Guide



**MMSM**  
Multi-Material  
Stewardship Manitoba  
INDUSTRY FUNDING RECYCLING

Visit the Recyclepedia at  
[SimplyRecycle.ca](http://SimplyRecycle.ca) to learn more!



## Accepted Items



Chocolate box



Brown kraft paper



Cardboard



Greeting cards  
(no foil, glitter or ribbon)



Metal cookie tins  
(empty)



Paper gift bags  
(no strings)



Paper gift tags



Plastic trays (clear)



Tape dispenser (empty)



Toy packaging

## Unaccepted/Reusable Items



Aluminum foil,  
pie plates and trays



Bows and ribbon



Bubble wrap



Candy wrappers



Cellophane



Decorations



Foam packaging  
(Styrofoam)



Food waste (organics)



Disposable plates  
and cutlery



Wine corks



Wrapping paper  
(with dyes, glitter and foil)

## Depot



Batteries



Christmas trees (real)



Electronics



Plastic bags  
(retail location)



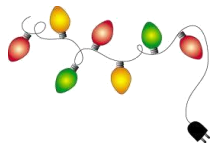
String lights  
(Urbanmine)

## HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Make sure all smoke alarms work, replace if 10+ years old.



Check all lights before decorating.



Water fresh trees daily.



Inspect first and use extension cords safely.



Develop and practice a fire escape plan.



Have your chimney inspected at least once a year by a professional.



Give space heaters space.



**Be safe this  
Holiday Season!**

Use battery-operated candles.



Never leave cooking unattended.

