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



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February 2026

MONTHLY REMINDERS

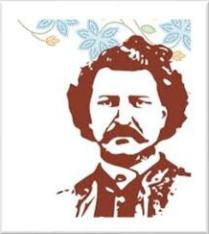
Community Grants Submissions

Due by: February 15th, 2026

All RM of Piney Community Grant submissions must be provided to the RM office by February 15th, 2026. These submissions include the Large, Cultural and Community Identity, Recreation, and Event grants.

Grants must be submitted using the Schedule "A" of the Community Grants policy. Council will provide their decision by March 31st, 2025. For details, please visit our website or email: carrie@rmofpiney.mb.ca.

The RM office will be closed on February 16th for Louis Riel Day



RM of Piney Recycling Incentive Program – Coming March 1st!

The RM of Piney is bringing back the Recycling Incentive Program! Starting March 1st, for every blue recycling bag you drop off at any of our three waste transfer stations, you will receive a ticket to be entered into our monthly draw. Only recycling done after March 1st will qualify to receive a ticket. The winning ticket will be announced on our Facebook Page, 'The Rural Municipality of Piney' and in our monthly newsletters.



For rules and regulations, please see next page...



Coffee with Council

Residents of the RM are welcome to join council members at the spring 'Coffee with Council' meet and greet on the following days:

Tuesday, February 24th, 2026 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Woodridge Community Centre in Woodridge

Thursday, February 26th, 2026 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Over 40 Club in Piney

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Evergreen Seniors Centre in Sprague

Coffee with Council is a time for rate payers within our RM to join council to voice any concerns or ask council any questions they may have.

We hope to see you there!



Local Spring Pet Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, March 21st, 2026

TOWN: Sprague
TIME: 9am – 11am
LOCATION: Sprague Fire Hall

TOWN: Piney
TIME: 1pm – 2pm
LOCATION: Piney Fire Hall

TOWN: Woodridge
TIME: 4pm – 5pm
LOCATION: Woodridge Fire Hall

Appointments are on a first come-first serve basis, wait times vary; **All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier!**
Please bring vaccination history if possible.

Canine Vaccines:
Rabies only: \$63
Distemper only: \$63
Both: \$77

Feline Vaccines: (includes tax & exam)
Rabies only: \$63
Indoor Cat Only: \$63
Both: \$77
Outdoor Cat Only: \$68
Both: \$83

Recycling Incentive Program

Continued...

Rules & Regulations:

- For every blue bag you recycle (or items of the equivalent size of a blue recycling bag), you will receive a ticket that will be entered into our monthly draw;
- Recycling bags must be dropped off at one of our three waste transfer sites: Sprague, Menisino/Piney, Woodridge;
- If you use a community recycling bin, tickets can be picked up at the RM office;
- If someone drops off your recycling for you, it is your responsibility to get your tickets from that individual;
- Once a ticket is received, the "KEEP THIS TICKET" portion is to be kept by the resident, while the other ticket is to be given back to waste transfer station attendant or RM office;
- If you do not want to keep your portion of the ticket, you must write your name on the back of the ticket that stays with the waste transfer station attendant or RM office;
- Only residents of the RM will be able to participate;
- Draws will be done by the 15th of the following month. i.e. tickets received in March will be drawn in April;
- Winners will be announced on social media after the 15th of each month as well as in our monthly RM of Piney newsletter by mentioning the winning ticket number;
- The winning ticket will be announced the month following the draw. i.e. the winning ticket from March that was drawn in April will be announced in our May newsletter;
- Winners are to come down to the RM office to pick which prize they would like; please bring your ticket, a picture of your winning ticket, or I.D. that matches the name on the winning ticket when picking up your prize;
- Prizes must be picked up by the end of the month your ticket was announced. i.e. your ticket is announced in the May newsletter, you must contact the RM office and have your prize picked up by the last day of May;
- If prizes are not picked up within the month that winning ticket was announced, another ticket will be drawn in place of the unclaimed ticket; please keep your tickets or take photos of them in case a re-draw needs to be done;
- After each monthly draw, the leftover tickets from that month will be destroyed and only new tickets received will be eligible to win for the following months draw;
- There is no limit on how many times one person can win, so keep recycling to see if you can win more than once!



Winners of the Recycling Incentive

Program will be able to choose from the Following Prizes:

\$250 Gift Cards to the following businesses:

Buffalo Point Resort

Carl & Kay's Fine Foods

Clearview Co-op

Prevost's Perennials

Vassar Corner Store

Vintage Corner Store

M & R Furniture & Variety Handmade Items:

6ft long Picnic Tables

Handmade Benches with Wooden Planters

If you are the owner of a winning ticket once the program starts, please call the RM of Piney office at 204-437-2284 to claim the prize you would like.



Recycling bags can be picked up at the RM office in Vassar or from attendants at any of the three waste transfer stations.

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Watershed District

REGEN AG DAY

Date: **February 12, 2026**

Time: 10am - 3pm

Location: Friedensfeld Hall,
Friedensfeld, MB.



Featuring:
Paul Overby
from North Dakota
-and-
Scott Beaton
from Manitoba

OPEN to ANYONE interested in learning about soil health, cover crops and regenerative agriculture.

Please RSVP by
February 2:

Email: administrator@srrwd.ca
Phone: 204-326-1030 ext.4



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resources to Help Our Community Clubs Thrive

Community clubs are the backbone of our rural communities in Sunrise Corner. Powered by volunteers, they create places to gather, celebrate, and connect – while maintaining facilities that serve residents year-round. Since inception, Sunrise Corner has been committed to supporting community clubs with practical, hands-on assistance that helps reduce volunteer burnout and strengthens long-term sustainability.

Grant & Funding Support

Navigating grants can be time-consuming, especially for volunteer-led organizations. To help build local capacity, grant-writing training sessions were offered for community volunteers in Vita and Vassar, focused on practical tips, common pitfalls, and where to find funding opportunities. If you or your club were unable to attend, please reach out by email and the full set of valuable resources and templates shared at the sessions will be sent directly to you. In addition, one-on-one support is available to brainstorm ideas, review applications and provide letters of support.

Marketing & Promotion

Getting the word out early is key to strong event attendance. Sunrise Corner promotes community events through its online event calendar, social media channels and mobile signs. Event organizers are encouraged to submit dates as early as possible, even if all details aren't yet finalized. Early listings help residents plan ahead and also assist other community groups in identifying available dates and avoiding scheduling conflicts. Details can always be updated as plans are confirmed. <https://sunrisecornermb.ca/event-calendar/>

Facility & Revenue Development

Many community clubs have underutilized assets that can generate much-needed revenue. Volunteers are encouraged to provide full details about their facilities – such as hall size, kitchens, accessibility, parking, and amenities – so Sunrise Corner can help market venues for rentals. These spaces are ideal for family reunions, corporate meetings, workshops, and milestone celebrations, with rental income helping offset fundraising pressures.

<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings/category/community-facilities/>

Volunteer Capacity & Planning

Finding and retaining volunteers is an ongoing challenge. Sunrise Corner's WorkFinder tool helps by listing local volunteering opportunities in one central place, connecting residents who want to contribute with clubs that need extra hands. Support is also available for brainstorming new event ideas, improving planning processes, and building volunteer succession.

<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/services/workfinder/>

All Sunrise Corner services are free for community clubs in the Sunrise Corner region. Whether you need help with grants, promotion, facilities, or volunteers, support is just an email away – and designed to make volunteering a little easier and a lot more rewarding.



Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

A community meet-and-greet is planned for newcomers and those residents who'd love to help welcome them into our communities on February 21st 11:30 to 1:30pm in St Labre.

A "newcomer" is someone who has moved to the RM of Piney in the last couple of years.

Come learn about local services and our communities while enjoying lunch and great conversation with other local residents!

RSVP by February 12th your name, contact info and any dietary restrictions to connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca, ph 204 905 3740 or 204 437 2284. Please also let us know if transportation is required for a newcomer to attend.

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

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED CAN YOU HELP?

CASUAL DRIVER RECRUITMENT

Brighten someone's day by stepping in as a friendly driver who helps neighbours get to appointments, community events, and other important destinations. BPP Rent & Ride offers access to a 7-passenger Sienna van or a 10-passenger ProMaster van, both of which can be driven with a Class 5 license.

If you enjoy lending a hand and have some spare time, reach out to Candace at BPP Rent & Ride at 204-437-2284 or 204-905-1768 or email: admin@bpprentride.ca





FIRST FULL WEEK OF FEBRUARY
**NATIONAL
BURN
AWARENESS
WEEK**

Burn Awareness Week **February 1st – 7th, 2026**

National Burn Awareness Week is taking place from February 1st to 7th, 2026, and this year, the focus is on workplace burn safety. From kitchens and laboratories to construction sites and offices, burns can occur anywhere, but prevention begins with awareness and action.

Even though the theme of the 2026 Burn Awareness Week is focusing on burns in the workplace, Burn Awareness Week is a perfect time to focus on being fire and burn safe no matter where we are.

For the past 16+ years, the Manitoba Firefighters' Burn Fund, Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs, Manitoba government, and the Office of the Fire Commissioner has teamed up and invites kids grades 5 - 8 to submit their original artwork featuring fire and burn prevention safety messages for a provincial poster contest.

- **Posters must be drawn on an 8 1/2 X 11 inch letter sized paper, 1 entry per student.**
- Poster artwork must represent any burn or fire safety message.
- The contest is open to any student residing in Manitoba from **grade 5 to grade 8**. Students can participate on their own without the participation of the school.
- Posters must include the artists' name, grade, school & address on the BACK of the poster.
- Winning posters are based on age appropriate skill & will be judged on the message content.
- Judges' decisions are final. Judges include representatives from The Office of the Fire Commissioner, Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Services, Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs.

**Deadline for poster submission is:
Friday, March 13, 2026.**

Send your poster to:

Municipal and Northern Relations
The Office of the Fire Commissioner
1601 Van Horne Avenue East, Brandon
Manitoba R7A 7K2



Information provided to you by:
https://firecomm.gov.mb.ca/safety_baw.html

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Sprague RCMP

Snowmobiling is a common and practical way to travel within the RM of Piney, whether for recreation, visiting neighbours, or accessing property during the winter months. While snowmobiles are a familiar part of rural life, they are still regulated under provincial law. The Sprague RCMP regularly responds to collisions, injuries, and complaints that could have been prevented by understanding these rules.

In Manitoba, snowmobiles are considered off-road vehicles and are governed primarily by The Off-Road Vehicles Act. Under this Act, snowmobiles must be properly registered and insured, and operators are required to carry proof of registration and insurance while operating. This Act also requires that approved helmets be worn at all times, regardless of the rider's age or experience.

Impaired operation of a snowmobile is strictly prohibited. The Off-Road Vehicles Act makes it an offence to operate a snowmobile while impaired by alcohol or drugs, and the Criminal Code of Canada applies equally to snowmobiles. RCMP officers do enforce impaired driving laws on trails, fields, and frozen waterways. Rural location does not change the law.

Snowmobiles are not permitted to travel along public roadways, except in limited circumstances allowed by law. Under The Off-Road Vehicles Act, snowmobiles may cross a roadway only when it can be done safely and, in most cases, at a 90-degree angle. Riders must yield to all vehicle traffic. Operating along or down a highway, ditch, or shoulder without authorization (such as a Snopass) can result in fines or charges.

Landowner permission is another important consideration when operating a snowmobile. The Off-Road Vehicles Act requires operators to have permission to travel on private property. Trespassing complaints are common during the winter months, particularly around farmyards, livestock areas, and rural residences. Snowmobilers are responsible for knowing where they are riding and respecting property boundaries.

This Act also places responsibility on parents and guardians. Allowing a young or inexperienced rider to operate a snowmobile unsafely can result in enforcement action. Snowmobiles are powerful machines, and serious injuries often occur when youth are unsupervised or riding machines that are too large for them.

The Sprague RCMP encourages rural residents to ride sober, respect landowners, slow down near homes and farmyards, and ensure snowmobiles are properly registered and insured. Understanding how The Off-Road Vehicles Act applies to snowmobiles helps keep riders, families, and rural communities safe throughout the winter season.

For all non-emergency matters, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Until further notice, we will not be completing Criminal Record Checks. Please contact the Steinbach RCMP or your closest RCMP detachment to have them completed. 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

February Events 2026

Piney Bingo *Date Change*

Every second Sunday at 2:00pm until March 29th
 Bingo will return to Fridays at 7:00pm on April 10th
 Piney Community Centre

Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, Jan 31st and Feb 28th – 10:00am to 2:00pm
 Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

Service Canada

Tuesday, February 3rd from 10am-2:00pm
 EBPHCC in Sprague

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, February 12th at 7:00pm
 RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

Sprague Community Center AGM & Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00pm

New Members are Welcome; Help us Plan our 2026 Year;
 Refreshments will be Served
 Sprague Community Hall

Sprague & Area Arena

OPEN: Monday-Fridays from 4:00-7:00pm
 Saturdays-Sundays from Noon-9:00pm
 Facebook Page: Sprague & Area Arena

Exercises at Vassar Hall

Monday-Friday 9-9:30am Weights/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

Stay & Play

Tuesdays from 9:30am – 11:30am until March 17th
 For Families with kids 5 & under; Caregivers must attend
 Ross L. Gray School Library

Woodridge Wellness Wednesdays

Every Wednesday from 1:00-4:00pm
 Woodridge Community Hall

Moms & Tots

Thursdays from 10am to 2pm
 Woodridge Community Hall



Pop Up Supper

Sunday, February 22

4pm-6pm

Evergreen Seniors Club
 Sprague, MB

Menu:

Chicken & Ribs,
 Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert,
 Tea/Coffee

\$23.00 per person

Everyone Welcome!



PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday, February 25th



Sprinkle Kindness



VASSAR ONE STOP DERBY

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**February
7th 2026**
Registration
11:00-
5:00pm
**\$5 per
hand**

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**Canteen!
Silent
Auction!**

1st Prize- 20%
2nd Prize- 15%
3rd Prize- 10%
4th Prize - 5%

Bingo
1:00-3:30pm
Bar
Opens at 1:00
Karaoke
7:00pm
\$5.00

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Snowmobile checkpoints on trails!



LOUIS RIEL

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026

NOON - 4 P.M.

WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

69 DENIS STREET, WOODRIDGE

- Free Food & Refreshment
- Entertainment
- Games & Crafts

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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PINEY ANNUAL OPEN BONSPIEL

\$130

E-Transfer: pineycommunitycentre@gmail.com

February 13th-15th, 2026

Contact Drew at 204-380-2544

CABIN FEVER FUNDRAISING SOCIAL



**WARM UP WITH US ON
FEBRUARY 21, 2026
WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY CLUB
69 DENIS ST.
TICKETS \$15**

DJ • LATE LUNCH • SILENT AUCTION • 50/50

Please email woodridge.events@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or donate a silent auction prize