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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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**March 2026**

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:

WHEN WE ALL COLLECTIVELY LOSE AN HOUR OF SLEEP AND PRETEND TO BE FINE.



DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH.

### Change in Transfer Site Hours

Starting Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, all three transfer sites within the RM of Piney will have Spring/Summer hours of 10:00am – 6:00pm.

### Spring Hunting Lease

*RM of Piney Land Access Permits*

**April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Spring season land access permits can be pre-purchased as of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for a cost of \$250.00. For a complete list of land available, please visit [www.rmofpiney.mb.ca](http://www.rmofpiney.mb.ca).

### RM Office Closed March 31<sup>st</sup>

The RM office will be closed to the public on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 for staff training. The office will re-open on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Coffee with Council

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

*We hope to see you there!*

### Road Weight Restrictions

**Coming: March 2026**

The RM of Piney will be imposing a 65% weight restriction of normal loading on the following roads:

- Menisino North (Rd 59E) from PTH 12 to PR 201
  - Whitemouth Lake Rd
- St.Labre Rd (Rd 27N & 63E) from PR 210 to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21)
  - Vassar East Rd 6N from Vassar East Access to PR 308



Road locations are subject to change. Once restrictions are implemented, they will remain until further notice.



Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation

### Farmland School Tax Rebate

All completed & signed Farmland School Rebate applications for the 2025 property tax year must be received by Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporations, by **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. To receive this rebate, your 2025 property taxes & interest charges must be paid by this date. Call 204-239-3246 or visit: [www.masc.mb.ca](http://www.masc.mb.ca).



### Additions to the Voters List

With 2026 being an election year, the RM of Piney Voters List is now open for changes and revisions. Any person who is eligible to vote in the RM of Piney elections can have their name added to the Voters List or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.

Any person can request to have their name and address obscured from the Voters List. A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number and may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot.



## RM of Piney Recycling Incentive Program Starts Now!

The Recycling Incentive Program has officially begun! Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, 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.

Drawing of the winning ticket will be done by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Therefore, tickets received in March will be drawn in April. The winning ticket will be announced on our Facebook Page, 'The Rural Municipality of Piney' and in our monthly newsletters. Please keep your portion of the ticket or write your name on the back of the dump attendants ticket.

## Changes in the Recycling Ticket Distribution

Please note that the following changes to this year's Recycling Incentive Program are as follows:

- There will be a max amount of 10 tickets given per visit; If dropping off bags for someone else, you could each receive a max amount of 10 tickets;
- Blue bags must be filled to the top in order to receive 1 ticket; If a bag is only half filled, it will not receive a ticket;
- 6 collapsed boxes will receive 1 ticket; Collapsed boxes are ones that are too large to be placed in a blue bag and are disposed of loosely;
- Draws will be done by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month; i.e. tickets received in March will be drawn in April;
- Winners will be announced on our Facebook after the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and in our monthly newsletter by mentioning the winning ticket number;



## Third Annual SRRWD Tree Giveaway

- Trees come in bundles of 10 trees
- 30 trees MAX per household (3 bundles)
- Property must be within the watershed boundaries
- Orders are first come, first serve
- Pick up of trees will be at the SRRWD office in Steinbach in May (date TBD)

### Species Available:

- Vilosa Lilac
- Acute Willow
- Okanese Hybrid Poplar
- Manitoba Maple
- Green Ash
- White Spruce
- Colorado Blue Spruce
- Red Pine

Find applications on our website at [www.srrwd.ca](http://www.srrwd.ca)  
 Contact for more information: 204-326-1030  
 or by Email: [administrator@srrwd.ca](mailto:administrator@srrwd.ca)

## Local Spring Pet Vaccine Clinic

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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!**

**Canine Vaccines:** (includes tax & exam)

- 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

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Nature, Night Skies & New Beginnings

As winter fades, Sunrise Corner comes alive with the sights, sounds, and simple pleasures of spring. It's the season to step outside, reconnect with nature, and rediscover the recreation opportunities right in our backyard. Here's your guide to spring in Sunrise Corner.

### Walking in the Tall Grass Prairie Preserve

Visitors to the tall-grass prairie trails will notice new interpretive signage being installed this season. These panels highlight the rare ecosystem found here — one of the last remaining tall-grass prairie landscapes in North America. The signage shares stories about species at risk, helping visitors better understand the importance of protecting this globally significant habitat.

### Bird Watching in Sandilands Provincial Forest

Spring migration turns our region into a haven for bird watchers. Warblers, sparrows, hawks, and waterfowl return to the forests, wetlands, and open spaces that define this landscape. Whether you're an experienced birder or simply enjoy a peaceful walk with binoculars, early mornings offer the best chance to catch the chorus of returning species. Don't forget sturdy footwear — trails can still be soft as the frost leaves the ground.

### Stargazing in Crisp, Clear Night Skies

Sunrise Corner's wide-open skies are something special. Work is underway toward having the Tall-Grass Prairie Preserve designated a dark sky preserve through the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. With minimal light pollution and expansive horizons, our region offers incredible stargazing opportunities. As warmer spring nights arrive, consider stepping outside to take in constellations, planets, and northern lights.

### Garden Planning & Spring Markets

Spring also signals the start of garden season. Local greenhouses will soon be opening with seedlings, perennials, and expert advice to help you plan your vegetable plots and flower beds. Supporting local growers not only strengthens our economy but ensures plants are well-suited to our climate. If you don't have a green thumb, attend a spring market and support local food producers. It's a wonderful way to shop local, connect with neighbours, and welcome the new season together.

### Geo-Caching & Outdoor Exploration

For families looking for adventure, geo-caching continues to grow in popularity. Hidden caches throughout the region encourage exploration of trails, parks, and lesser-known gems — combining technology with the thrill of a treasure hunt.

Spring is a time of renewal and there's no better place to experience the season than right here in Sunrise Corner. Visit our online event calendar for details.

<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/event-calendar>



Monique Chenier  
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Culinary  
Adventures &  
Health sessions  
(coming soon)

Communities will have the chance to host fun, informative & hands-on cooking sessions (for advance info contact [connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto:connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca))



Join us for an important community gathering where we'll share updates, answer questions, address transportation needs, and officially unveil the brand-new BPP Rent & Ride website.

Community organizations, local residents, and anyone interested in learning about BPP Rent & Ride are invited to attend.

## OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 11am to 12pm  
Migizi Was-ah-sune in Buffalo Point

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 7pm to 8:30pm  
RM Office, Council Chambers in Vassar

### What to Expect:

- Overview of BPP Rent & Ride services
  - Community Q&A
- Live demonstration of the new website
- Networking with local organizations
  - Light refreshments

*We hope to see you there!*

Contact: Candace Hiebert at 204-437-2284 / [admin@bpprentride.ca](mailto:admin@bpprentride.ca)

## Attention RM Ratepayers: Radon Screening Kits Available

Kits are available to raise awareness about the dangers of radon gas and to encourage Canadians to test their homes for high levels of this radioactive, odorless, and colorless gas. Radon gas is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.



The RM of Piney has created a lending library for radon screening devices and information for loan during winter months. Residents may borrow a unit from the office for 4 weeks with a \$25 deposit.



If you suspect a poisoning, contact the Manitoba  
Poison Centre at: 1-844-POISON-X (1-844-764-7669)

<https://info-poison.ca/>



## Guidelines for Attachments to Manitoba Hydro Infrastructure

### *A Message from Manitoba Hydro*

Manitoba Hydro has passed new guidelines on the safe installation of accessory attachments on MB Hydro infrastructure. Communities or organizations that currently have non-compliant banner holders, banners or planters installed, will have until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to update or remove them. Manitoba Hydro will begin removing non-compliant installations, starting January 2027. Up-to-date guidelines and specifications for all installations, along with application information, can be found on the MB Hydro website:

[hydro.mb.ca/service/permits/utility-pole-decoration/](https://hydro.mb.ca/service/permits/utility-pole-decoration/).

For more details, call MB Hydro at 1-888-624-9376.

# PROTECTIVE SERVICES



## Sprague RCMP

One of the most common questions the Sprague RCMP receive is, "Why can't police do something about this?" In many cases, the issue being reported is not a criminal offence, but rather a civil matter. Understanding the difference can help reduce frustration and clarify what police can and cannot do.

A criminal matter involves a violation of the Criminal Code of Canada or other federal or provincial statutes. These offenses are considered wrongs against society. Examples include assault, theft, fraud, impaired driving, and mischief causing property damage. When police investigate a criminal matter, the case may result in charges being laid and prosecuted by the Crown. The goal is public safety, accountability, and enforcement of the law.

A civil matter, on the other hand, involves disputes between individuals or organizations. These are typically disagreements over money, contracts, property, or services. Common examples reported to the Sprague RCMP include unpaid loans, landlord-tenant disputes, property line disagreements, custody and access issues (unless a criminal offence has occurred), and breaches of contract. In civil matters, the police generally do not have authority to force payment, remove someone from property without a court order, or resolve contractual disputes.

For example, if someone sells a used vehicle privately and later regrets the transaction, that is usually a civil issue. If a tenant stops paying rent, it is handled through the Residential Tenancies Branch, not through police enforcement. However, if there is evidence of fraud, threats, or violence, the matter may become criminal.

Police officers must assess whether a complaint meets the legal threshold of a criminal offence. If it does not, individuals may be directed to civil court, legal counsel, mediation services, or appropriate provincial agencies.

The Sprague RCMP understands that civil disputes can be stressful and financially significant. However, our authority is limited to enforcing criminal law and maintaining public safety. Knowing the distinction between criminal and civil matters helps ensure the right resources are used and that concerns are addressed through the appropriate legal channels.

If you are unsure whether a situation is criminal or civil, you may contact the Sprague RCMP detachment for guidance.

**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



**Service Canada**  
**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-2:00pm**  
 EBPHCC in Sprague

**Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce**  
**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**  
 RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

**Southeast Farmer's Market**  
**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am to 2:00pm**  
 Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

**Piney Bingo \*Date Change\***  
**Every second Sunday at 2:00pm until March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bingo will return to Fridays at 7:00pm on April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 Piney Community Centre

**Monster Bingo**  
**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Doors Open at Noon / Bingo starts at 2pm**  
 Sprague Community Centre

**Sprague & Area Arena**  
**OPEN: Monday-Fridays from 4:00-9:00pm**  
**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 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 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



**2026/2027 Enrolment**  
**Requirements:**

- \*Child Must Turn 5 Prior to December 31st 2026
- \*Copy of Childs Birth Certificate
- \*Childs MB Medical # And Any Important Medical Information
- \*Custody or Guardianship Documents/Court Documents (if applicable)
- \*Proof of Residence or Confirmation of Permanent Residence

Please visit the school office for registration package. Please remember to bring Birth Certificate and MB Medical card!!



204-437-2175 cotes@blsd.ca

Please Contact The School for more information

# Ballet Lessons

Join our beginner ballet class!  
 ages 3-6, learn the art of ballet.

EVERY THURSDAY  
 5:30 - 6:30 PM

69 DENNIS ST, WOODRIDGE  
 COMMUNITY HALL

APRIL - JUNE  
**\$100**

INSTRUCTOR  
**Daphne van Egmond**

REGISTER NOW: VANEGMONDDAPHNE@GMAIL.COM



MIDDLEBRO COMMUNITY CLUB

# TEXAS HOLD'EM

## Poker Tournament

SAT  
MAR  
7

\$30.00  
ENTRY

LUNCH AVAILABLE

Registration 10:30 am  
Game starts @ 11 am  
Up to 3 re-buys, 30 players max, No pre registration  
Contact Gary Dowhy @ 204-437-2251  
License: LGCA -4763TH50402



# MARDI social GRAS

MARCH 7 @ 8:00PM

MIDDLEBRO HALL  
\$10 COVER

GUMBO, HOT DOGS AND  
SWEETS AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE THROUGHOUT  
THE DAY

POKER DERBY 9AM-3PM  
\$5.00 PER HAND



9 am Breakfast, 11 am Ride, Lunch  
starting at 12 pm

## WOODRIDGE VINTAGE RIDE MARCH 7TH

Approx. 16 mile partial loop or 21 mile full loop on groomed non-designated trail. Fully marked.

- Breakfast & Lunch \$5 each
  - Rider Package \$20
  - Trail entry fee \$5
- Includes:
- 2 food tickets
  - Trail fee
  - 50/50 ticket

Everything is open and available to Riders, Spectators and Supporters

50/50 draw



Direct questions to woodridge.events@gmail.com



## NEED A RIDE?



Supporting 88 Communities across Southeast Manitoba

### Transportation Program

Volunteers provide transportation for patients who require assistance accessing care.

### Self-Drive Program

Contact us for assistance with gas and parking expenses.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help? Drivers are needed in all communities across Southeast Manitoba.

### Programs & Services

Visit our website to learn more about these programs and services!

- Transportation
- Support Groups
- Head Coverings
- Wellness Programs
- Educational Resources
- Cancer Prevention & Screening
- Palliative Care Resources

Contact Us

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For More Information

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