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



Rural Municipality of
PINEY

Need to Contact your Councillor?

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April 2026

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Holiday Office Closure

The RM Office is Closed for Easter on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th, 2026.



Financial Plan Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00pm

The RM of Piney council will be presenting their financial plan for the fiscal year 2026 at a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 at 1:00pm in the RM of Piney Council Chambers in Vassar. Please join us in person or to attend virtually, contact martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca.

Council will hear any person who has questions, make a representation, or register any objections to the financial plan. Copies of the financial plan are available for review during our regular office hours.

Road Weight Restrictions

Resolution No. 69

The RM has imposed a 65% weight restriction of normal loading on the following road sections:

- Menisino North MM (Rd 59E) from PTH 201
- Whitemouth Lake Rd MM (Rd 21N) PR 210 to Rd 74E
- St. Labre Rd (Rd 27N & 63E) PR 210 to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21)
- Vassar North – Vassar to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 20N)
- Vassar East Rd 6N from Vassar East Access to PR 308
 - Municipal Road 12N from PTH 12 to PR 210

Restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.



Conservation

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 / Steinbach: 204-346-6110

No burning is allowed before 6:00pm or when winds exceed 15 km/hr unless authorized by MB Conservation.

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

Vassar & Sandilands Dump Hours

Burnable Yard Waste Only!

Vassar and Sandilands waste disposal sites will be open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on the following days:

VASSAR:

Saturday, April 25th, 2026

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

SANDILANDS:

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

Only yard waste such as trees, flax straw, grass, leaves, branches and natural debris are accepted.

Household garbage, recycling, or any non-burnable debris will not be accepted at these dump sites.

Recycling Incentive Program

A ticket will be drawn by April 15th, 2026 for the **March winner** of the Recycling Incentive Program. The winning ticket number will be posted in the May newsletter as well as on our Facebook Page: The Rural Municipality of Piney. Don't forget to recycle as the program will run until the end of 2026. Each month, a ticket will be drawn to win a prize of up to \$250 in value.





AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASE OPPORTUNITY

The RM of Piney is seeking proposals and prices on a seven (7) year rental for the following section of land:

- **SE ¼ 1-1-11 EPM – 172 acres
(known as the Piney airport property)**

Those interested in leasing the listed property for agricultural purposes must submit in their proposal stating the property they are wanting to lease and the proposed price per year for the 7-year term.

The lease will commence May 1st, 2026 and run until December 31st, 2032 with payment being due yearly.

Lessee will be responsible for:

- Noxious Weed Control
- Management of the land
- No land clearing or drainage of permanent wetlands
- Initial payment due by May 31st and payments thereafter due March 31st of each succeeding year
- At end of the lease, the property must be left in a perennial forage cover
- Lessee to sign a 7-year agreement with the RM;

All proposals must be received to the RM of Piney Office by Monday, April 20th, 2026 by 4:30pm.

The proposal is to be submitted in a sealed envelope, outside of each envelope must be clearly labeled:

**“Proposal for Agricultural Lease”,
submitted by _____.**

For more information contact:

Martin Van Osch, Chief Administrative Officer
204-437-2284 or martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca



SEINE RAT ROSEAU WATERSHED DISTRICT

RM Private Well Water Testing

Thursday, May 28th and June 25th

The Seine Rat Roseau Watershed will be assisting residents with private well water testing for the presence of *E. coli* & coliform bacteria. The provincially subsidized cost of private well water testing is **\$17.67**, including tax.

Each legal location is eligible for one sample per well per year; you must be the owner of the well; and this sample must be first sample since April 1st of 2026.

Payment may be cash rounded to \$17.65 (exact amount) or cheques made payable to Duracan Ltd.

Water sample bottles & application forms can be picked up in advance at the RM office. Water samples must be taken on the same day as the drop-off. You can drop your water sample off at the RM of Piney Office, located at 6092 Boundary Street in Vassar, **prior to 10:00 am**, along with your completed Chain of Custody form on either Thursday, May 28th or Thursday, June 25th, 2026.

Only those samples accompanied by correct payment and completed forms will be accepted.

For more details, please visit www.srrwd.ca, email: administrator@srrwd.ca or call 204-326-1030.

WELL WATER TESTING



BPP RENT & RIDE

• Bringing People Places •

Thank you for joining us at our Open Houses that were held in Buffalo Point and Vassar. All input received was greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to check out our new website at: www.bpprentride.ca

For details, please Contact:
Candace Hiebert at 204-437-2284 /
admin@bpprentride.ca

HOUSING SURVEY 2026

COMING
SOON



WWW.RMOFPINEY.MB.CA

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Public Works Labourer – Full Time Position

Resumes are being accepted for a full-time Public Works Labourer with an anticipated start date of April 27th, 2026. The posting will remain open until the position is filled.

Summary of Responsibilities:

This position involves the performance of general manual labor, operation of construction, repair, and maintenance of infrastructure within the Municipality.

Qualifications:

- Heavy equipment experience is an asset
- Experience/knowledge of land surveying is an asset
- A valid Class 3 with air driver's license preferred, must be willing to attain a Class 3 with air driver's license
- Good working knowledge of the utilization of road construction/maintenance equipment
- Must be able to perform manual labor
- Criminal Records Check and Driver's Abstract
- Willing to accept professional development opportunities

Field Survey Technician – Term Position

Resumes are being accepted for a term position Field Survey Technician with an anticipated start date of April 27th, 2026.

Summary of Responsibilities:

This position will support the RM's Public Works operations by carrying out field surveying tasks, collecting and organizing municipal asset data, and contributing to drainage and water management initiatives. This position requires a high level of independence, strong organizational skills, and the ability to manage daily work priorities with minimal supervision.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled or completed a degree or diploma program related to Geomatics, Surveying, Geography, or Civil Engineering
- Strong understanding of field surveying methods and the ability to accurately plot and interpret survey data
- Valid Class 5 (non-restricted) driver's license
- Work independently and manage workload effectively
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to collaborate with staff, contractors, and the public
- Ability/willingness to travel regularly in RM for fieldwork
- Clear criminal record check and driver's abstract

The RM of Piney offers a competitive salary, benefits and pension package. Qualified candidates can submit a cover letter and resume stating experience, education, salary expectations and three references.

Interested candidates should submit their information to:

Martin Van Osch, CAO for the RM of Piney
P.O. Box 48 Vassar, Manitoba R0A 2J0
or Email: martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca

For full job descriptions, please visit the RM website.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Winter driving in the Rural Municipality of Piney presents serious risks due to ice, snow, and limited visibility. The Sprague RCMP have seen an increase this winter with motor vehicle collisions and stranded motorists, especially during poor driving conditions. If you are involved in a collision, prioritize safety immediately.

Move your vehicle off the roadway if possible and activate hazard lights. If it cannot be moved, remain inside with your seatbelt fastened unless there is danger. Check for injuries and call 911 if anyone is hurt, vehicles are heavily damaged, or the road is blocked. Provide clear location details, as response times in rural areas may be longer.

Make yourself visible using hazard lights, reflective gear, or warning devices, and stay off the roadway. Exchange required information with other drivers but avoid discussing fault.

If safe to do so, document the scene with photos, including vehicle damage and road conditions. If there is injury or death, suspected alcohol or drug impairment, suspected unlicensed driver or unregistered vehicle involvement, or a hit and run incident, you must report the collision to police as soon as possible as required under the Highway Traffic Act and follow direction from dispatch or attending RCMP members.

Always be prepared for winter conditions by carrying emergency supplies. If stranded, remain with your vehicle.

Driving to conditions remains the most effective way to prevent collisions in this region.

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

Approved 2026 Community Grants



Large Grant:

2026 Large Grant funds were allocated towards supporting community halls/clubs in upgrading their lighting systems through Efficiency Manitoba's incentive program.

Cultural & Community Identity Grants:

Sprague & District Historical Museum - \$3,500

Recreation Grants District 1:

Middlebro Community Club - \$5,500
South Junction Community Club - \$1,000
Sprague and Area Arena - \$5,500
Sprague Community Center &
Evergreen Senior Social Club - \$5,500

Recreation Grants District 2:

Piney Community Centre - \$8,750
Vassar Community Recreation Centre - \$8,750

Recreation Grants District 3:

St. Labre Community Club - \$2,000
St. Labre 200 - \$5,500
Woodridge Community Club - \$9,000
Woodridge Community Club - \$500

Event Grants:

Carrick Community Club
Carrick Days - \$1,250

Middlebro Community Club
Middlebro Community Park Event - \$1,250

Piney Community Centre
Party in the Pines Festival - \$1,000

South Junction Community Club
Canada Day Celebrations - \$2,500

Sprague and Area Arena
Snow Much Fun Holiday Event - \$500

Sprague Community Center
Sprague Fest Kids Festivities - \$1,250

Sprague & District Historical Museum
Annual Opening Picnic - \$500

St. Labre 200
Gelly Ball - \$1,250

Vassar Community Recreation Centre
Summer Camp hosted by VCRC - \$1,000

Vassar Community Recreation Centre
Vassar Ball Family Fun Day - \$750

Woodridge Community Club
Car Show on the Ridge - \$750

Woodridge Community Club
Summer Fun on the Ridge - \$1,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Strengthen Sunrise Corner by Shopping Local

In Sunrise Corner, small businesses are more than storefronts – they are the backbone of our communities. They are the friendly faces behind the counter, the innovators working from home-based shops, and the local employers creating opportunities close to home. Every time you choose to support a local business, you are making a direct investment in the future of our region.

One of the most powerful benefits of shopping local is the impact it has on our economy. Studies consistently show that a significantly higher portion of every dollar spent at a local business stays within the community. That money circulates – supporting local jobs, paying local suppliers, and funding community initiatives. In contrast, when we spend money at large chain stores outside the region, much of that revenue leaves immediately, reducing the long-term economic benefit to Sunrise Corner.

Local businesses also contribute to the character and vibrancy of our communities. They provide unique products, personalized services, and experiences you simply can't find anywhere else. From specialty foods and trades services to tourism operators and artisans, our entrepreneurs bring diversity and resilience to the local economy. These businesses help keep dollars circulating close to home while enhancing daily life for residents and visitors alike.

Beyond economics, supporting small businesses strengthens community connections. Local business owners sponsor events, donate to fundraisers, and volunteer their time. They are invested not just in their success, but in the success of Sunrise Corner as a whole.

To make it even easier to support local, Sunrise Corner has developed an online business directory featuring over 250 listings. This comprehensive tool connects residents and visitors with local businesses, community groups, and non-profit organizations – many offering products and services you may not even realize are available right here at home.

Before making your next purchase or planning your next project, take a moment to explore what Sunrise Corner has to offer. You might be surprised by the quality, variety, and expertise available locally.

Visit the Sunrise Corner business directory today:
<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings/>.

Choosing local isn't just convenient – it's a meaningful way to build a stronger, more sustainable future for our region.



Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

PS. If your business isn't yet listed or you'd like to update your profile, get in touch. It's FREE for businesses in the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn.

Play and Learn



11:30 – 1:15 – Bookmates-
Colouring Outside the Lines

1:15 – 1:30 – Lunch
(Snack provided -
bring your own lunch)

1:30 – 3:20 – Wiggle, Giggle and Munch

Feel free to join us for one or both
programs.

Meet in the kindergarten room.

Funded by RLG School, BLS and



Fun-Filled Learning for Pre-School Children



JOIN OUR NEW PROGRAM AND
WATCH YOUR CHILD THRIVE!

TUESDAY, APRIL 7
THURSDAY, APRIL 9
MONDAY, APRIL 13
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
MONDAY, APRIL 20
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
FRIDAY, APRIL 24
TUESDAY, APRIL 28
THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Woodridge Community Club and the
Woodridge Firefighters Association present the

5TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW ON THE RIDGE

Bring it all . . . cars, trucks, race cars, Rat Rods,
motorcycles, semi-trucks, tractors and 'projects'

Saturday, May 23, 2026
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(Rain Date: Sunday, May 24)

M.A. Querel Community Park
Woodridge, Manitoba



Car Show registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

Registration by DONATION

Registrants will receive a souvenir magnet and a ticket for prize
draws

Public Admission: FREE

For more info or to pre-register,

go to www.woodridgecommunityclub.com or

email: woodridge.events@gmail.com or

call 204-429-2344 and leave a message, a volunteer will return the call in a timely manner



Planned events include:

Car Show with trophies, Tail Gate Swap Meet (bring your own table),
BBQ Lunch, Beer Garden, Silent Auction and 50/50 Draw and a
Demonstration from the Woodridge Fire Department!

Net proceeds and donations will be shared between the Woodridge Fire Department and
the Woodridge Community Club

Sprague Fire Department Spring Fling Social



April 11th, 2026

Sprague Community
Hall

8pm - 1am

Universal Music

\$10 each



MONSTER BINGO

\$5,000
TO GO!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
SPRAGUE COMMUNITY HALL
DOORS OPEN AT NOON
BINGO STARTS AT 2PM

20
GAMES!

4
SPECIALS

COST: *PRE-REGISTER \$100
*AT DOOR \$125

e-transfer to spraguebingo2026@gmail.com

~COST INCLUDES 1 GAME CARD BOOKLET
AND 1 OF EACH OF THE 4 SPECIAL CARDS

RUSH SEATING

CANTEEN

FOR MORE INFORMATION

GLORIA - 204.408.5016

GRACE 204.437.2339

LYNN 204.437.2278

LIC# LGCA 426-BI-39874 - PROCEEDS FOR UPKEEP OF SPRAGUE COMMUNITY HALL



EVENTS

Service Canada

Tuesday, April 7th from 10am to 2:00pm
EBPHCC in Sprague

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, April 9th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

Southeast Farmer's Market
Saturday, April 18th from 10:00am to 2:00pm
Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

Middlebro Spring – Craft & Bake Sale
May 2nd from 10am to 3pm
Looking for vendors, \$10 per table
Rita: 204-437-2415 or Sharon: 431-997-5384

Party in the Pines
Saturday, May 30th, 2026
ATV Mud Run, cornhole, kids activities, beer gardens,
and live music by Good n' Dusty
Piney Curling Rink Grounds

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

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

Moms & Tots
Thursdays from 10am to 12pm
Woodridge Community Hall

Bingo Nights
Piney Bingo at the Piney Community Centre will return to
every second Friday at 7:00pm on April 10th
Sprague Bingo at the Sprague Hall runs every second
Wednesday at 7:00pm (opposite weeks of Piney)

COMMUNITY FIRESMART WORKSHOP

Protect Your Home!
Protect Your Community!

Join us for a free hands-on workshop to learn
practical steps you can take to reduce wildfire risk
around your home and neighbourhood.

Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026
Woodridge Community Hall
69 Denis St., Woodridge

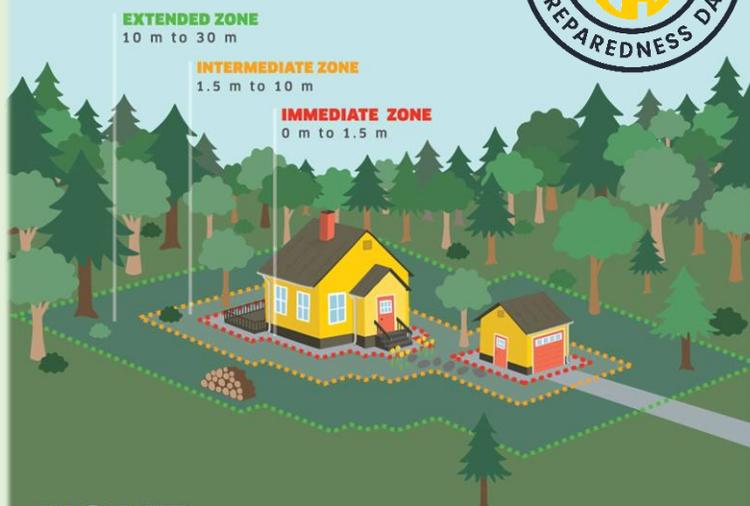
What You'll Learn

- How wildfires spread and what puts homes at risk
- Simple FireSmart™ actions you can take
- Landscaping and yard maintenance tips
- Home ignition zone best practices
- How to work together as a FireSmart™ community

Stay tuned for more details!

To Register contact Candace:
204-437-2284 or candace@rmofpiney.mb.ca

FireSmart your property



HOME IGNITION ZONE



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