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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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David Beaudry: 204-437-2528  
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May 2026

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### 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, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

**SANDILANDS: Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

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

### Scavenging at the Dumps

The RM would like to inform all rate payers that due to arising issues at our transfer stations, **scavenging will no longer be permitted any time at our three transfer station locations.**

This request must be observed, as non-compliance creates safety risks for the public and constitutes a violation of our operating licence.



### Holiday Office Closure:

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for Victoria Day**

### Municipal Election Candidates

Municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

#### Candidate registration will be received:

For head of council: May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

For councillor: June 30<sup>th</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Election forms can be obtained from the RM office or found on our website.

For more information, please contact:

Senior Election Official, Martin Van Osch

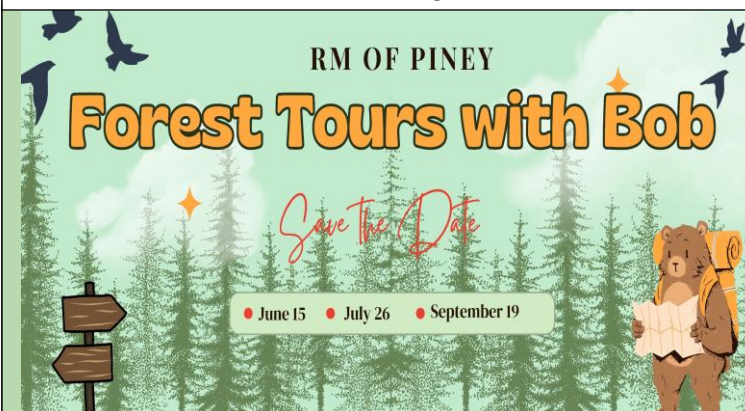
Ph: 204-437-2284 Email: martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca



006615

Congratulations to ticket no. 006615 who is the winner for the month of March Recycling Incentive Program.

***This ticket has already been claimed.***



RM OF PINEY

## Forest Tours with Bob

*Save the Date*

• June 15 • July 26 • September 19

The RM will once again be hosting three **FREE** forest tours with our knowledgeable tour guide, Bob Austman. Be sure to book in early as there are new tours this year!

**Monday, June 15 from 9:30am–4:00pm**

**WEST FRASER MILL TOUR  
IN BARWICK, ONTARIO**

Only 10 spots available! Only participants with a valid passport will be able to attend as we will be crossing the Warroad, MN customs and the Ontario crossing at the Rainy River customs. Round-trip transportation will be provided from the RM office from 9:30am – 4:30pm. The tour will stop for a short picnic lunch at the Lighthouse Park in Barwick prior to the tour. Steel-toed footwear must be worn. The mill will provide hard hats, high visibility vests, and hearing protection.

**Sunday, July 26 from 1:00–3:30pm**

**GOODS FROM THE WOODS: NON-TIMBER  
FOREST PRODUCTS**

**Saturday, September 19 from 1:00–4:30pm**

**FORESTS AND PEATLAND: FPM TOUR  
AND ST. LABRE SAWMILL TOUR**

Transportation will be provided from the RM office.

For Ages 12 & up; 15 spots available for the last 2 tours.

## Notice to All Dog Owners

The RM has received a high volume of dog complaints related to running at large and barking. If you are a dog owner, you have legal responsibilities under the Animal Control By-Law.

### Per By-Law No. 118/2016

#### Responsibility of owners regarding dogs:

7(1) No owner shall:

- a) permit his dog/cat to run at large. When a dog/cat is found running at large, its owner shall be deemed to have failed or refused to comply with this subsection;
- b) i) permit his dog to bark or howl or in any other way unduly disturb the quiet of any person or persons anywhere in the Municipality;
- ii) permit his cat to meow or howl or in any other way unduly disturb the quiet of any person or persons anywhere in the Municipality;
- c) permit his dog/cat to defecate on any public or private property other than the property of its owner. Where a dog/cat defecates on property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall cause such excrement to be removed forthwith;
- d) permit his dog/cat to defecate on his property in a manner which constitutes an environmental or health hazard or a nuisance for neighbours;
- e) permit his dog/cat to damage public property or private property other than that of the owner. Where public or private property has been damaged by a dog/cat, its owner shall be deemed to have failed/refused to comply with this subsection;
- f) own, keep, harbour or have possession or control of any dog/cat determined to be a dangerous animal, unless such dog/cat is kept at all times in accordance with the provisions;
- g) permit his dog/cat to pursue, bite, wound or worry any person or animal, whether or not on the property of the owner;
- h) permit his dog/cat on any school ground or playground;

## Building Inspector Message

Building season is well under way in the RM of Piney. With construction in full swing, I ask building permit holders to please give me a 24-48 hour heads up for inspections, especially during the summer, so I can accommodate your project timelines.

Just a reminder that any building over 108 sq. ft. requires a building permit BEFORE the work commences. If a build is started without an approved permit, further enforcement action may be taken, and double fees will be charged.

Before a building application can be approved, zoning must be reviewed, which can take up to two weeks before this process can be completed. After that time, I will be in contact with the applicant to schedule the first inspection.

We encourage our ratepayers who are planning a project to contact 204-380-9624 for any questions you may have. For our current Building Permit Application, please visit:

<https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/our-services/building-inspections/>

Gary Hora  
Municipal Building Inspector



## Burning Permits Required

Under the authority of the Wildfires Act, open fires are **prohibited from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>** except under a burning permit or in enclosed approved fire pits. Permits can only be obtained from Steinbach Conservation (Steinbach: 204-346-6110). No burning is allowed before 6:00pm or when winds exceed 15 km/hr unless authorized by MB Conservation.

## Road Weight Restrictions STILL IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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



## RM Private Well Water Testing

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 1<sup>st</sup> of 2026.

**Payment may be exact cash rounded to \$17.65 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, **prior to 10:00 am**, along with your completed Chain of Custody form on either Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

For more details, please visit [www.srrwd.ca](http://www.srrwd.ca), email: [administrator@srrwd.ca](mailto:administrator@srrwd.ca) or call 204-326-1030.

# PROTECTIVE SERVICES

## Wildfire Community Preparedness Day May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

This national campaign encourages citizens to take actions that increase their neighbourhood, home, and community's resilience to wildfire.



### A PREP DAY EVENT IS HAPPENING NEAR YOU!

#### COMMUNITY FIRESMART™ WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

10:00AM – 2:00PM

Woodridge Community Hall  
69 Denis St., Woodridge



FIRESMART, INTELLI-FEU AND OTHER ASSOCIATED MARKS ARE TRADEMARKS OF THE CANADIAN INTERAGENCY FOREST FIRE CENTRE.

## COMMUNITY FIRESMART™ WORKSHOP

### Protect Your Home and Community!

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

**Everyone is welcome!**

**BBQ lunch provided** by the RM of Piney with special help from the Woodridge Fire Department, sponsored by FireSmart™ Canada.

Please dress for the weather as some activities may occur outdoors.

**Please register with Candace:  
204-437-2284 / candace@rmofpiney.mb.ca**

FireSmart, Intelli-feu and other associated Marks are trademarks of the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC)



## Sprague RCMP

Spring is here, and many of us welcome the longer days, warmer temperatures, and the opportunity to get back outdoors. From a policing perspective, however, this seasonal shift also brings a predictable increase in calls for service, many of which are preventable with a bit of awareness and preparation.

One of the most common concerns we see this time of year is related to changing road conditions. The freeze-thaw cycle can quickly deteriorate gravel roads, create large potholes, and lead to soft shoulders or washouts. Motorists are reminded to adjust their driving habits accordingly. Reduce speed, increase following distance, and remain alert for unexpected hazards, particularly in less-traveled areas. Farm equipment will also begin appearing on roadways more frequently. These vehicles move slowly and may take up more space than expected, so patience and caution are essential when approaching or passing.

Spring also marks the start of Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) season. Under Manitoba's Off-Road Vehicles Act, operators are required to ensure their machines are properly registered and insured, and that they are wearing approved helmets where applicable. It is important to understand that impaired driving laws apply equally to ORV's and side-by-sides as they do to motor vehicles. Choosing to ride while impaired not only puts the operator at risk but also others in the community.

Another seasonal issue is an increase in property-related complaints. As snow melts, previously hidden items such as tools, fuel containers, and recreational equipment become accessible again. This unfortunately coincides with a rise in thefts from yards, outbuildings, and seasonal properties. Residents are encouraged to take simple preventative steps. Secure buildings, lock vehicles and equipment, document serial numbers, and report any suspicious activity promptly. Rural crime reduction relies heavily on community vigilance.

Finally, with more people spending time outdoors, whether hiking, working, or enjoying the backcountry, it's important to remain mindful of changing terrain and environmental conditions. Flooding, unstable ice, and soft ground can create hazards that aren't always immediately visible. Let someone know your plans before heading out and carry basic emergency supplies when traveling in remote areas.

The members of the Sprague RCMP Detachment remain committed to serving the communities within the RM of Piney. By working together and staying proactive, we can help ensure a safe and successful spring season for everyone.

**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

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## 10 Years of Momentum in Sunrise Corner

Did you know that Spring 2026 marks 10 years since Sunrise Corner's first strategic plan, which was originally focused on tourism development? That early vision recognized the region's natural assets and visitor potential as key drivers of growth. In 2019, the Piney Stuartburn Economic Development Board took an important next step – expanding the mandate to include economic development and community development. This evolution created a more holistic approach, ensuring that growth efforts support not only visitors, but also businesses, residents, and volunteers in a meaningful and sustainable way.

For business owners, this integrated strategy has created a stronger, more supportive environment to start, grow, and sustain operations. Strategic efforts such as targeted marketing, business attraction initiatives, and succession planning have helped generate new opportunities while ensuring existing businesses remain viable for the long term. Entrepreneurs benefit from improved visibility through local directories and promotional campaigns, while partnerships with organizations like the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce provide access to networking, training, and cost-saving programs. These combined efforts contribute to a resilient local economy where businesses can innovate and thrive.

Investment in housing development, infrastructure, and services is helping to meet evolving needs for current and future residents while maintaining affordability and accessibility, when compared to larger urban centres. At the same time, the emphasis on community development – through initiatives like volunteer-driven events, recreation programming, and community spaces – strengthens social connections and enhances overall well-being. This balance ensures that growth does not come at the expense of the close-knit, welcoming lifestyle that defines rural living in Sunrise Corner.

Volunteers play a vital role in bringing this vision to life contributing their time and energy to foster a strong community spirit. Sunrise Corner supports these efforts through event marketing, grant-writing workshops, and promoting funding and training opportunities. All these efforts combine to enrich the cultural fabric of our region and support the local economy by attracting visitors and encouraging local spending.

At its core, Sunrise Corner's success lies in its progressive outlook – one that embraces sustainable growth while protecting an exceptional rural quality of life. By aligning economic, tourism, and community priorities, the region is building a future that is not only prosperous, but also deeply connected to the values and lifestyle that make it special.

Monique Chenier

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

A COMMUNITY MEET-AND-GREET FOR **NEWCOMERS** AND RESIDENTS WHO'D LOVE TO HELP WELCOME THEM

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



A community meet-and-greet is planned for newcomers and those residents who'd love to help welcome them into our communities.

### RSVP by May 6th

your name, contact info and any dietary restrictions to [connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto:connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca), ph 204 905 3740.



Supported by the RM of Piney & AMBM

May 13<sup>th</sup>  
4:30pm-6:30pm  
Woodridge

Come learn about local services and our communities while enjoying some food and great conversation with other local residents,

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



## SEEKING CASUAL DRIVERS



**CASUAL DRIVERS** are required to drive the BPP Rent & Ride van for occasional RM of Piney sponsored events



- driving based on community need
- honorarium available
- must have clean driving record with class 5 license
- willing to pick up and drop off residents within the RM of Piney (daytime or evening)
- available for 2-4 hour periods

Please contact **Connie** at ph 204 905 3740 or [connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto:connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca)

## HOUSING SURVEY 2026

OPEN UNTIL  
**MAY 31**

The RM of Piney has launched a survey to better understand the housing needs of residents throughout the municipality. This information will help us better plan future development.

Please share your thoughts on where housing is needed and what housing types and ownership structures you'd like to see. Use the link or scan the QR code to provide your input by May 31.

<https://4eyes.io/s/gQbTJ/>



# Middlebro Spring

## CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

May 2, 10am-3pm

Looking for vendors,  
\$10 a table

Call Rita @ 204-437-2415 or Sharon @ 431-997-5384



Culinary Adventures & Health sessions with a dietician  
May 4, 5, 7 & June 8  
Register at least 1 week prior to date  
more dates & locations in the Fall

### Health sessions:

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2pm Vassar Nutrition as We Age

June 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm Vassar Diabetes Type 2

### Hand-on cooking classes \$5/class:

May 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm Vassar Appetizers & Summer Salads

May 5<sup>th</sup> 3pm Sprague East Indian Food

May 7<sup>th</sup> 5pm Middlebro Heart Health - Mediterranean Diet

June 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm Vassar Heart Health - Mediterranean Diet

Register for each session:  
ph. 204-905-3740 or connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca

note: Transportation may be available for anyone who may have difficulty getting to the event. Reach out when you register and we'll try to arrange a ride for you to join us.

Rural Municipality of Piney

## PRCC Youth Entrepreneur Challenge



YOU'RE INVITED MAY 14, 2026

(location to be announced)

Come cheer on youth entrepreneurs at our second Dragon's Den type business pitch competition.

This is a great opportunity to support local young people in building confidence, exploring career paths, bringing their ideas to life, and competing to win up to \$500 cash.



### EVENT SPONSOR



### GOLD SPONSOR



### SILVER SPONSOR



### BRONZE SPONSOR



[www.pineyregionallchamber.ca/youth-entrepreneur-challenge](http://www.pineyregionallchamber.ca/youth-entrepreneur-challenge)

PINEY CURLING RINK GROUNDS

# Party in the Pines!

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Free Camping available!

- ATV Mud Race: 1pm
- Corn hole tournament (Registration 12:30-2:30, Tournament at 3:00) \$20/team
- Free Kids Activities (Bouncers, Face painting, petting zoo)
- Beer Gardens & Canteen
- Evening live band - "Good N Dusty": 6pm

Free Entry to the event grounds!



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

TODAY AND EVERY DAY,  
WE CELEBRATE YOU.



# SPRING EVENTS

## Service Canada

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm**  
EBPHC Centre in Sprague

## Southeast Farmer's Market

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm**  
Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

## Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm to 9pm**  
*Location to be Announced*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show on the Ridge

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 from 10am-4pm**  
BBQ Lunch, Beer Gardens, 50/50 Draw & Silent Auction,  
& a Demonstration from the Woodridge Fire Department  
M.A. Querel Community Park in Woodridge

## 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 1pm – 4pm**  
Woodridge Community Club

## Moms & Tots

**Thursdays from 10am to 12pm**  
Woodridge Community Hall

## Vassar and Area Minor Baseball 2026

Vassar Minor Ball will be offering an In-house Recreational League  
Starting May 12 with the windup on June 16.  
Tuesday nights with rain date on Wednesday  
Cost \$30.00 per player

**COACHES ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN OFFER  
ALL OPTIONS LISTED BELOW.**

(All Practices/Games are at the Vassar Ball Park)

### T-Ball

T-Ball will be from 6:30-7:30.

The players are introduced to baseball, learn the basics of throwing and hitting, and play games amongst their group with an emphasis on sportsmanship and self-esteem.  
T-Ball - Preschool (Age 4&5) Parents must be on the field with their child. \$30.00  
T-Ball - Grade K-2 -\$30.00

### Grade 2-6

Players come together from 6:30 -7:30 to improve their baseball skills through drills and game-like situation. \$30.00

### Grade 7-12

Players come together from 6:30 -8:00 to enjoy the game of slo-pitch. \$30.00

Registration is preferred by May 4, 2026

Register at [vassarbaseball@hotmail.com](mailto:vassarbaseball@hotmail.com)

(there will be no registration form this year)

\*\*Please indicate your name, your child's name, the level they will be playing,  
and if you are willing to coach /assistant coach

\*\*Questions - please contact: Dee-Dee Culleton at [vassarbaseball@hotmail.com](mailto:vassarbaseball@hotmail.com)

## Gerhard E. Dekker Regenerative Education Center

**All Ages  
Community  
Forest & Nature School**

• Wild Skills • Arts & Crafts • Exploring & Play •  
In Reciprocity with the Land

**Weston Family Tall Grass Prairie Interpretive Centre,  
Stuartburn Manitoba** **1:00 - 4:00 pm, Monthly**

- Sat. March 28 - Pine Needle Baskets, Bug Hotels & Fairy Houses 
- Wed. April 22 - Whittled Dolls, Needle Felted Animals, Shelters & Forts
- Sat. May 2 - Red Willow Dreamcatcher Workshop  
with Alicia Alphonso & Big Group Games 
- Wed. June 17 - Nature Inspired Self Portraits & Herbal First Aid 
- All sessions- Free creative play, with access to loose parts, art materials, equipment, books & tools • Games, sit spot & nature journaling • Intergenerational skill sharing



\$5 - \$33 sliding scale • Ages 0-99+ • Children must be accompanied by an adult

TO REGISTER, VISIT **WWW.GERHARDCENTER.ORG**

With thanks to the Manitoba Government's *From the Ground Up* grant funding, which has made this program possible.



## Community Event Reminder



IF YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION HAS AN EVENT  
COMING UP AND YOU WOULD LIKE IT INCLUDED IN  
THE OUR NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR FLYER  
(IN JPEG FORMAT) TO [CARRIE@RMOFPINEY.MB.CA](mailto:CARRIE@RMOFPINEY.MB.CA)  
BY THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH MONTH.