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A monthly publication of all things Petrolia!

#### Dear Reader:

Please note that the format of the Petrolia Connection will be different for the near future as we have more information to share and less events and activities. For this reason, you will see digital editions released only. It is one of the ways that we are working to keep you informed.

We are not printing physical copies at this time due to the safety measures in place so we kindly ask that you share this information with your friends and family.

Thank you for reading,

The Petrolia Connection Editors





## Join us November 7 @ 12 noon



#### ...as we hold a rural Lambton wide food drive

We've all been struggling in so many ways this last year as a result of COVID-19. Among the hardest hit are food banks and organizations and those who rely on them for support.

It's easy to participate! Place a non-perishable food item on your doorstep or at the road before noon on Saturday, November 7th.

In our more urban areas we will be going door to door picking up non-perishable goods. In our more rural areas we will be identifying a drop off location that is easy to find. This will save time and allow us to gather as many goods as possible.

An amazing group of volunteers will be going across rural Lambton to pick the donations up following all the health protocols to keep you and our volunteers safe.

www.n2nfooddrive.com



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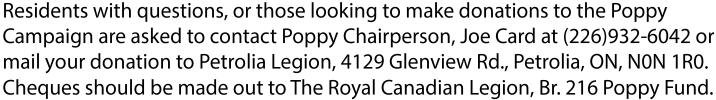
#### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 216, PETROLIA PROVIDES **UPDATE REGARDING REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020**

The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 216, Petrolia has provided the following information to the Town of Petrolia regarding Remembrance Day 2020. Poppy Chairperson, Joe Card has asked that this information be shared with our community.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 216, Petrolia has provided the following list for guick reference.

- 1. Poppy boxes will still be placed at businesses on October 30, 2020
- 2. On November 8, 2020, all veteran wreaths as well as wreaths from all the businesses, service groups and schools will be pre-laid.
- 3. There will be no Remembrance Day parade this year.
- 4. There will be a small service on November 11, 2020 at the Cenotaph in Victoria Park. This year this service will be for invited guests only.





take time to remember and express our gratitude for the service of these women and men. Please make time to visit the Cenotaph during the month of November with your family and participate in our poppy campaign should you be able to do so." Said Mr. Card.

"Just because we cannot safely gather at this time it does not mean that we cannot



The Town of Petrolia will live stream the Nov.. 11, 2020 Remembrance Day Service on Facebook.

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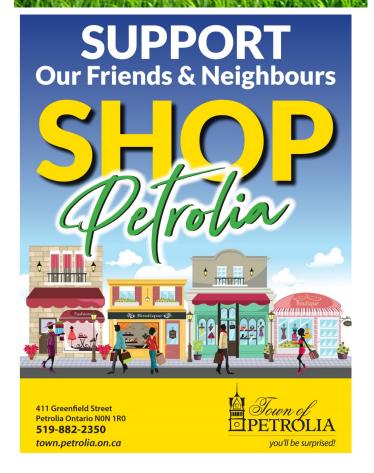
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In all Petrolia Parks.
Thank you!





## Petrolia! Let's take care of one another!

1. Be kind. Always.



2. Stay at least 6 feet apart.



3. Wash hands thoroughly, and often. Sanitize hands.



4. Wear a mask (if you are able)
Mandatory starting Aug. 14, 2020\*
\*For details: visit www.town.petrolia.on.ca

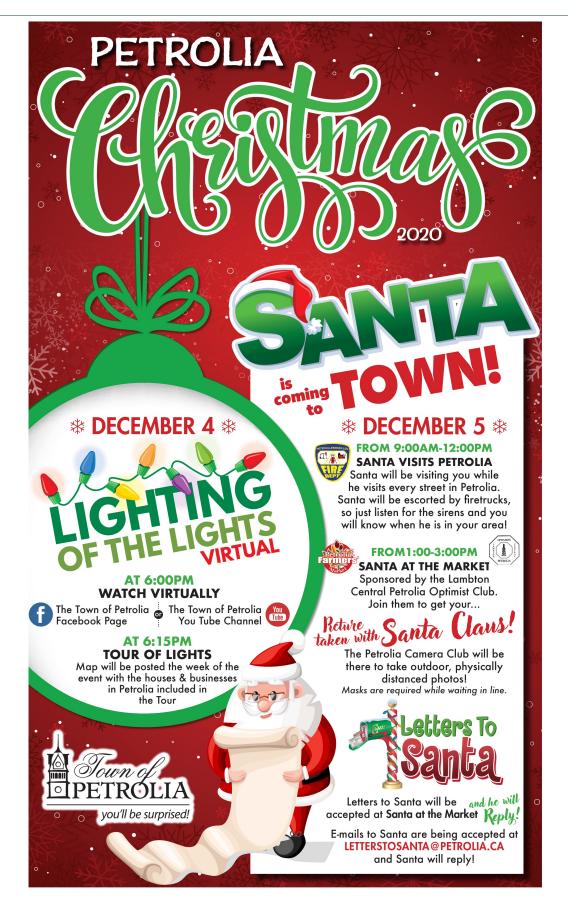


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FREE Keepsake Photo with Santa Candy Canes & Candy Bags

behind the Library

#### A FRIENDLY NOTE:

This is an outdoor event and in keeping with the current pandemic guidelines, please be patient as we provide a FUN and SAFE experience for the families of our community.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the Petrolia Camera Club, Windover Nurseries & Town of Petrolia for their generous contributions & support!

For more info: Optimist Ted G. 519-882-1255 or Optimist Jo-Anne W. 519-882-0514





Optimist Club of Lambton Central - Petrolia

Annual Angel Tree

Proceeds from this event will be donated to

#### Petrolia Food Bank and Community Life Centre

The tree will be on display in the window of BrokerLink, 4146 Petrolia line

December 4th – 31st.

If you wish to have an angel placed on our tree in memory of a loved one, forms are available at Petrolia Post Office and when completed can be placed in the mail slot at BrokerLink or mailed to the address provided on the form.

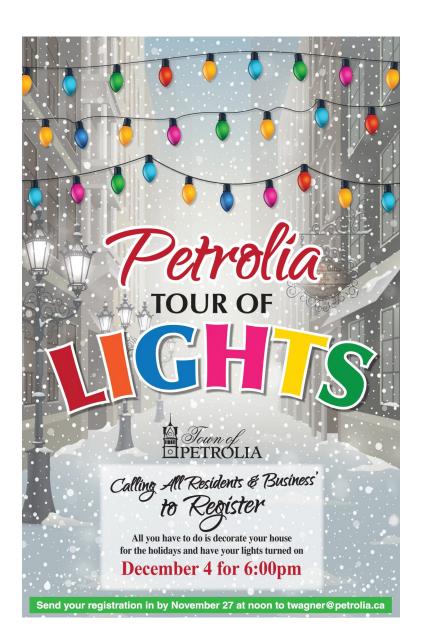
Contact person: Optimist Pam Core pam\_core@hotmail.com



Submission deadline: Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020









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#### SANTA CLAUS PREPARES FOR ARRIVAL TO PETROLIA

**Petrolia** – Following up on a promise to provide more information about the Christmas celebrations in Petrolia, the events team and Community Services Advisory Committee are pleased to confirm that Christmas in Petrolia will proceed with a few changes this year.

After careful consideration and discussions with our community partners, we are pleased to announce the following activities:

In place of the annual Christmas in the Park event there are still plans to decorate Victoria Park and to light the lights. Residents are asked not to gather for the lighting of the lights as it will be a virtual event, available online only. The lights will be turned on with the same ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020. The lighting event will be broadcast on Facebook, and available on YouTube, and will remain available after the event for those that miss the broadcast.

The Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club Angel Tree names, and the Angel Tree will be visible in the window of BrokerLink Insurance.

The annual Chili Cook Off has been cancelled for 2020 in observation of the importance for residents to maintain physical distance, service clubs to maintain physical distance when they would be preparing the chili and to actively encourage residents to enjoy a takeout meal from a Petrolia restaurant to show them support.

In place of the traditional wagon rides and live nativity scene, and roasted marshmallows, residents and business owners are asked to submit their address to be included on the "Magical Tour of Lights" a driving map of Christmas light and decorations throughout Petrolia from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020. To participate, Petrolia residents and business owners simply need to submit their address to <a href="mailto:twagner@petrolia.ca">twagner@petrolia.ca</a> and ensure that their home or business is decorated and that the lights are on for the tour. The map will be made available in the week leading up to the event.

"...There are a few surprises planned for the "Magical Tour of Lights" and we can't wait for you to see them." Said Dave Menzies, Director of Community Services and Facilities.

As previously announced, the December 5, 2020 Petrolia Santa Claus parade has been cancelled. This decision was a difficult one for staff to make, but it would be far too difficult for staff to limit the public gathering to the Provincial maximum of 100 people along the parade route. Additionally, consideration was made for the expenses that participants would incur in a year when fundraising has been difficult.

December 5 will still mark the arrival of Santa Claus! Santa has confirmed that he is available to greet the residents of Petrolia. This year, there is no need to load up the car or bundle up the kids, Santa Claus is coming to you! He will arrive in Petrolia around 9:00 a.m. and with help from a Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department escort, he will visit every street, except where not possible due to his turning radius, in Petrolia by noon! How will residents know when Santa Claus is close by? Families are asked to listen for the sirens and then greet Santa Claus from your porch or front yard at a safe distance. Please do not approach Santa's float or the fire trucks and please do not enter the roadway for your safety.

If you are wondering how Santa Claus will get your Christmas Letters and Wish Lists this year, he has advised the Town Hall that he will be responding to e-mails and letters. He has asked that e-mails be sent to <a href="letterstosanta@petrolia.ca">letterstosanta@petrolia.ca</a> and he will reply. Santa is also making his personal mailbox available for letters and wish lists at a public appearance later in the day.

The Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club along with the Petrolia Camera Club have confirmed that Santa Claus will be making an appearance at the Petrolia Farmers' Market this year instead of his usual stop at "The Centre" (The Petrolia YMCA). Santa felt that he can easily socially distance with those wishing for a photo this year by offering to greet them outside, and post in the same photo, but six feet or more apart. Through the magic of photography, the photo will be well-staged and printed onsite so that families may take home a memory of their visit. Several volunteers will be present to ensure that the gathering numbers are not exceeded and that physical distancing requirements are met and exceeded. Letters to Santa can be dropped off in the special mailbox at this event. This "Santa at the Market" event will run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants are reminded to dress for the weather, as this event will take place outdoors in any weather under the Market pavilion and are asked to wear masks until requested to remove them for the photos.

"2020 has been a year of changing our protocols to ensure that physical distancing is maintained, and for following provincial guidelines for gathering limitations and following the changing Provincial rules. As a community we have worked well together to



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meet these changes and challenges and we will do the same with our planned Christmas activities" Said Dave Menzies, Director of Community Services and Facilities.

Should you go:

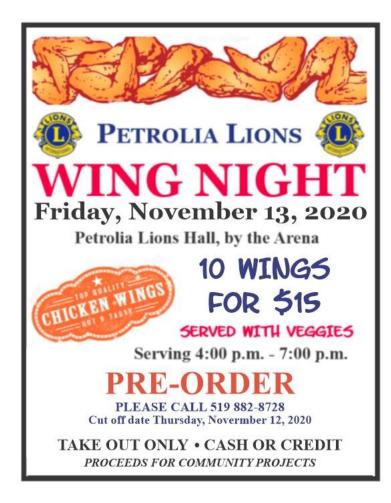
Friday, December 4, 2020 6:00 p.m. – virtual lighting of the lights 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Magical Tour of Lights – maps available December 1

Saturday, December 5, 2020

9:00 a.m. - noon - Santa will tour Petrolia with an escort to greet families at their residence

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Santa at the Market hosted by the Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club and The Petrolia Photography Club

E-mails and letters to Santa will be accepted until December 15, 2020 and will receive replies.



## **By-Law Concern?**



#### **Fire By-Law Enforcement:**

Phone: 519-312-1238

#### **Parking By-Law Enforcement:**

Phone: 519-312-1238

#### **General By-Law Enforcement:**

Phone: 519-845-5420. inspect@county-lambton.on.ca

#### **Animal Control:**

Glencoe Animal Shelter Phone: 519-287-2974





519-882-2350 | www.town.petrolia.on.ca



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# ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES at The Greenwood Rec. Centre!

# What's available? 2020/2021

Rink Boards (at sides) Corner Rink Boards Home Bench Visitors Bench Wall Boards \$460/year \$660/year \$1000/year \$1000/year

Signs are decals on existing board materials, and the cost of advertising includes two decals (in case of puck damage).



Please call (519)882-2350 to reserve your board. Space is extremely limited.



You can sign up to...

## Receive Notices Directly to your E-mail Inbox!





- Public Meetings
- Council Meetings
- Public Open Houses
- and more!
- 1. Visit: https://petrolia.civicweb.net/Portal/Subscribe.aspx
- 2. Select Your Interests
- 3. Enter Your E-mail

Questions? Please contact the Clerk's Office





SUNDAY, NOVEMBER I Remember to turn back the clock!

