

THE PETROLIA CONNECTION

A monthly publication of all things Petrolia!



Just a few reminders to help us keep Petrolia looking great!

1. Please remember to “stoop and scoop” and clean up after your pet.
2. Large waste collection at the curbside only occurs twice per year (in April and October). Please refrain from placing these items at the curb during any other time as a fee will be incurred should the Town have to remove the items for you. Large Item Collection Dates for 2022 will be posted soon.
3. At no time do we offer collection of construction materials. Please dispose of these items on your own.
4. Curbside collection in the Town of Petrolia includes recycling and household waste only. No garden waste is collected. Transfer site dates will be available in the Spring.
5. By-Laws for Property Standards and our Tidy Yard By-Law is available on the Town website at: <http://town.petrolia.on.ca/town-hall/by-laws/> under “General by Alphabet” or a copy can be requested at Town Hall.

Do you know what is acceptable to recycle in Petrolia?
Have you ever wondered if something you are recycling is supposed to be recycled or thrown away?

Check out **www.RORR.com** and find out all about it!



PS—You can even recycle this newsletter when you're finished reading and sharing it!



We are always here to answer your questions!

Please call us at (519)882-2350 from Monday—Friday, reach out to us on Facebook or Twitter any-time, or send an e-mail to petrolia@petrolia.ca!

Do you want the bi-monthly Petrolia Connection delivered to your e-mail inbox? Send an e-mail to petrolia@petrolia.ca

IODE MEETINGS:

2nd Monday of Each Month—December through June Please contact Wendy Loosley for more information! (519)882-2073 Or visit www.iodemargaretstokespetrolia.ca or find us on Facebook!



REMINDER: OVERNIGHT

PARKING ENDED OCT. 31. Please refrain from parking on roadways between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. until May 1, 2022



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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Oct. 31—Overnight Parking Ends

All Month—Curb Side Leaf Collection continues on your regular waste collection day. Weather permitting.

1-12—Poppy Projector Display visible on North wall of Victoria Hall

7—Daylight Savings Time Ends—set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Nov. 6

7—Laying of the Wreaths—Cenotaph, Victoria Park, Petrolia 2:00 p.m.

8—Council Education 5:00 p.m., Public Budget Meeting 6:00 p.m., Regular Council 7:00 p.m.—Electronic -Zoom

11—Remembrance Day—Service at the Cenotaph, Victoria Park, Petrolia 11:00 a.m.

11—Municipal Office Closed in Observation of Remembrance Day

23—Starbright Christmas Opens and runs until Dec. 12 (519)882-1221 for tickets.

30—Petrolia Community Fund Micro Grant Applications due, applications online at www.town.petrolia.on.ca/news

VIRTUAL Public Information Meeting

Annual Budget
Information Presentation

Monday, Nov. 8, 2021

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Link available at:

petrolia.civicweb.net/Portal/, on Facebook,
or by request by e-mail to:
clerksdepartment@petrolia.ca



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NEW FOR 2021!

Petrolia
Christmas Market

Makers, creators, artists, food vendors and more are welcome!

Saturday, December 4, 2021
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

 396 Fletcher Street, behind the Library

Call Thera at (519)882-2350, or send an e-mail to twagner@petrolia.ca for more information.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Thursday at 6pm-730pm—Optimist Club Meat Raffle at Crabby Joe's

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Planner Hours at Town Hall

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Reminder



**In all Petrolia Parks.
Thank you!**

Town of Petrolia Operated Arena Activities
COVID – 19 Guidelines
(Subject to Change)

| TYPE | GUIDELINES | SCHEDULE |
|---|--|---|
| Learn to Skate (Formerly Moms Pops & Tots) Starts Oct 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tots defined as 11 and under No sticks permitted, skate aids are available CSA approved helmets are mandatory for all skaters 6 and under and strongly recommended for all skaters Strollers are permitted Maximum participants on ice is 70 Masks are mandatory for ages 2 and up | Mondays & Thursdays 11:00am to 12:00pm |
| Adult Skate Starts Oct 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 years and older No Sticks CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended Maximum participants on ice is 70 Masks are mandatory | Mondays & Thursdays 12:00pm to 1:00pm |
| Learn to Play Starts Oct 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children 11 and under with parent or provider Sticks and pucks permitted No aggressive play CSA approved helmet, and gloves are mandatory at a minimum Maximum participants on ice is 70 | Fridays 12:00pm to 1:00pm |
| Public Skating Starts Oct 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 11 and under need to be accompanied by a responsible guardian Masks are mandatory for ages 2 and up CSA approved helmets are mandatory for all skaters 11 and under and strongly recommended for all skaters No sticks permitted Strollers are permitted Maximum participants on ice is 70 | Sundays 1:50pm to 2:50pm |

Please remember...

- ✓ All patrons 12 years of age and older are required to be fully vaccinated
- ✓ All COVID-19 safety protocols are still in place and must be adhered to
- ✓ Masks are mandatory for all Town of Petrolia operated arena activities unless otherwise posted in the guidelines
- ✓ Children 11 years of age and under must always be under adult supervision
- ✓ Carrying an infant on the ice is not permitted
- ✓ Use of cell phones and or headphones while on the ice is not permitted
- ✓ Skaters are requested to not sit on the boards or in the players benches
- ✓ Figure skating is not permitted
- ✓ Those displaying unsafe or inappropriate behaviour on or off the ice will be asked to leave
- ✓ Skating aids are available for public use
- ✓ Sledge skating is permitted




Mon & Thurs 11am-12pm
\$3 - Adults
FREE - Children
Learn To Skate
(formerly Moms, Pops & Tots)
An opportunity for parents to teach children to skate, and for open skating. Skate aids are permitted, and CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended. No sticks permitted.

Mon & Thurs 12pm-1pm
\$3 - Adults
Adult Lunch Time Skate
For adults only. No sticks permitted. CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended.

Friday 12pm-1pm
Not available during Christmas Holidays
\$3 - Adults
FREE - Children
Learn To Play
Provides an opportunity for adults to teach children hockey skills. No aggressive playing or slap shots are permitted. CSA approved helmets and a mask and gloves are mandatory. Players must bring sticks and pucks.

Every Sunday 1:50pm-2:50pm
\$3 Per Person
\$6 Per Family
Public Skating
CSA approved helmets and strongly recommended. Children must be supervised by an adult, and no sticks are permitted.

Snow Day and Holiday Public Skating
Watch the Town of Petrolia Facebook page or visit www.town.petrolia.on.ca for Snow Day Updates!
Additional sponsored Public Skates during Christmas Break and otherwise will be promoted at a later date.

Dates & times are subject to change, please contact Town Hall for more information and bookings at 519-882-2350 or by email to lbela@petrolia.ca

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VIRTUAL SHOPPING EVENT

FRIDAY NOV 19 6PM TO 10PM

Click & Shop
at Participating Merchants
from the comfort of your own home!

Visit www.shoppetroliaonline.com
START SHOPPING!
Have your credit card ready **START SAVING!**
Pick up your purchase **ENJOY!**

DAILY DRAWS TO Win Your Purchase!
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact Denise Thibeault at 519-464-8420



Your Responsibilities as a PROPERTY OWNER

The Town of Petrolia would like to remind property owners of the following responsibilities that apply to your property and its use:

- Please ensure that your property is generally well-maintained, free of waste/refuse and drained at all times.
- All buildings, structures, landscaping (including tree planting) and any other features must be kept within the boundaries of your property.
- No waste of any kind is to be deposited onto another property.
- No clearing or change of vegetation is allowed on property that is outside your property's boundaries.
- Ensure that no drainage waters are diverted to neighbouring or municipal properties.
- Weeds and grass are to be maintained at a height of 8 inches (20 cm) or less.
- Ensure pool water, surface drainage and grading is maintained on your property and that it does not affect neighbouring properties.
- Ensure pool backwash waters are not discharged to sanitary or storm outlets and that all drainage is maintained within your property's boundaries.
- If you have a swimming pool or plan to install a swimming pool, you must comply with the Municipal Pool By-Law and the pool and fence/enclosure must be maintained in accordance with the By-law.
- Any structure which is 108 square feet (including covered areas) or less does not require a building permit, but the structure must comply with all applicable law, which includes the Petrolia Zoning By-law and the Ontario Building Code. Any structure larger than 108 square feet is subject to building permit issuance.
- Please take notice that if any Municipal By-Law violation(s) is not remedied within the time specified in an issued Order, the Municipality may correct such violation by repair or clearance at the expense of the Owner and without further notice to the Owner - which includes all expenses associated with the administration and enforcement of all Municipal By-Laws.
- The Town of Petrolia thanks all residents for their efforts in keeping the Town an attractive and quality community.



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town.petrolia.on.ca

411 Greenfield Street
Petrolia Ontario N0N 1R0

Let's get back to the basics of recycling.

Remember these three rules each time you recycle:

-  1. Recycle all empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
-  2. Keep food and liquids out of the recycling.
-  3. Empty recyclables directly into your cart - NO bagged recyclables.

A helpful guide to keep in mind:

- Please flatten your cardboard and keep it smaller than 36" x 12".
- Rinse your recyclables.
- No masks or gloves.
- Waxed cardboard is not accepted.
- No plastic bags.
- No diapers, or household wipes.
- Styrofoam is not recyclable.
- Any paper items are recyclable but remember to remove personal information prior to recycling.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101>



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4156 PETROLIA LINE, UNIT 1
PETROLIA, ON N0N 1R0
226-349-8660 F 519-882-4387
christmasforeverypetrolia@gmail.com

2021 CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

GIFT DEPOT LOCATION & HOURS OF OPERATION

As of Monday, October 4th, 2021 - gifts can be dropped off Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm to 4156 Petrolia Line, Petrolia (entrance at REAR of the building, which can be accessed off of Robert Street)

After hours contact: Sandra or Nicola @ 226-349-8660 or 519-330-5773 (please leave a message)

Please understand that due to COVID-19 rules & regulations we require gifts to be in earlier than ever.

It is **CRUCIAL** to have ALL DONATED GIFTS

(as toys are packed prior to packing the food) including those from "WHITE GIFT SUNDAYS" in NO LATER THAN Saturday, November 27th, 2021 to the above location. Therefore if further shopping is needed, it can be completed prior to the final packing day.

Gifts for all age groups are needed; we understand that buying for the older children can be difficult.

Gift cards are also a wonderful and appreciated idea for the older children.

Our need for donations continues to grow each year, and this year is no different. Due to COVID-19 - job losses and reduced work hours we are anticipating even higher numbers. Therefore we welcome new donors. If you know of a group who might like more information, please have them contact us at the number listed above.

FOOD DONATIONS & PACKING LOCATION

Our PACKING LOCATION again this year will be generously provided by NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY CHURCH (421 Oozloffsky St, Petrolia)

Beginning Monday, November 1st, 2021 food donations may be dropped off to the Church during their office hours of 9:30 am and 4 pm and will be collected up to December 13th.



VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are crucial to our operation and will be needed beginning Sunday, December 12th, 2021.

HOWEVER, this year due to COVID-19 volunteers MUST pre-register via email: christmasforeverypetrolia@gmail.com or by phone 226-349-8660 ...where you will then be contacted with all details.

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 86605-4927-RR0001

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

LET US HELP YOU!

THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TO FINDING AN ANSWER FOR YOUR QUESTIONS!

Please ask your question to our friendly administrative staff.



Call Town Hall • 519.882.2350

or visit www.town.petrolia.on.ca or find us on Facebook

If you have further questions:



Ask for the Department Director or the Clerk

If you don't know the department you need, our friendly staff can help direct you.



Do you still need more information?

Please ask for the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)



Contact Your Members of Council

Their contact information is available by visiting www.town.petrolia.on.ca/town-hall/mayor-council/



Town Hall Business Hours
Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

If you are still not pleased with the response you are welcome to **Attend a Town Council Meeting**

Lambton College
Community Employment Services

WE'RE NOW OPEN

Offering virtual or in person consultations with an Employment Consultant.

By appointment only ★ lambtoncollege.ca/CES

- Free services for job seekers & employers
- Free computer lab access for job searching
- Free online workshops & webinars
- Online training, certifications & resources
- Printing and faxing services to support your job search

**not currently accepting walk-ins.*

Your job is out there. Book your appointment today.

CES@lambtoncollege.ca | Call 519-882-4333 | Text 519-312-3189 | 4248 Oil Heritage Road, Petrolia

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

All dogs must be on leash in Petrolia parks, and any public spaces.

Leashes are required to be a maximum of 6' long.

Please remember to pick up after your pet.

To report off-leash dogs, please forward your concerns to:
Glencoe Animal Shelter at (519)287-2974

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DID YOU KNOW?

You can sign up to...

Receive Notices Directly to your E-mail Inbox!

It's easy to **Sign Up!**  **Notices Include:**

- 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



WASTE COLLECTION Reminder to Residents

- Waste/Recycling is to be placed at the curb no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the night before collection
- Please have Waste/Recycling at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on day of collection



For more information on what can/cannot be placed at the curb for recycling/waste collection please visit: www.town.petrolia.on.ca



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WINTER MAINTENANCE NOTICE

Snow Removal

- Under the Highway Traffic Act Section 181 - Deposit of snow on Roadway, states that "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry of Transportation or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road."
- This generally applies to the snow that accumulates in laneways from precipitation and from private or municipal snow plowing operations, those who insist on plowing snow from private property onto public roads can be fined

Overnight Parking

- Residents are reminded there is no overnight parking on Town streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- This allows for the Town's Road Crews to plow the roads safely and efficiently, we ask that you please abide by the by-law and be considerate of the road crews when they are out doing their best to keep our roads open and in safe condition

Parking on roadway

- Under the Highway Traffic Act Section 170.

Vehicles interfering with traffic

(12) Despite the other provisions of this section, no person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 170 (12).

Sidewalks

- Under By-Law Business owners are required to maintain the front area of their storefront, this includes the removal of snow
- The Sidewalk Plow will make its way through Town once permissible, Roads are the priority for Works Crew once they are clear Sidewalks

Sporting Equipment

- Please ensure all sporting equipment ie: hockey nets, basketball nets are removed from the curb & roadway

Your co-operation is appreciated

Mike Thompson
Director of Operations

2021 Remaining Council Meetings:

Monday, November 8, 2021

5:00 p.m.—Education

6:00 p.m.—Public Budget Session

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council

Monday, December 13, 2021

5:00 p.m.—Education

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council

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PETROLIA SET TO WELCOME SANTA CLAUS TO TOWN WITH CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK, A PARADE, AND A CHANCE TO MEET HIM AT THE PETROLIA YMCA!

It's about to look a lot like Christmas in Petrolia! After careful consideration and discussions with our community partners, we are pleased to announce the following activities:

Christmas in the Park will take place in Victoria Park, Petrolia on Friday, December 3, 2021. We are excited to welcome our Service Clubs, and Petrolia & North Enniskillen Fire Department as they all prepare to share some sweet treats with attendees! Families are asked to visit each group for a special Christmas treat starting at 5:00 p.m. The Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club Angel Tree names, and the Angel Tree will be visible in the Park, and names will be read by Club members. At 6:00 p.m. Mayor R. Brad Loosley will have the important job of lighting up the Park and kicking off Christmas in Petrolia! We are pleased to welcome the New Life Assembly Band for your enjoyment. For the safety of all participants, families are reminded to please maintain appropriate distance from other families, and to wear masks when not eating or drinking.

The annual Chili Cook Off has been postponed until 2022 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 3, 2021. To participate, Petrolia residents and business owners simply need to submit their address to twagner@petrolia.ca 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.

"...As we move forward from the gathering limits and other restrictions, we felt that it was important to provide a family-friendly option once again that would usher in the Christmas season and bring back the tradition of the lighting of the lights in Victoria Park and see the return of Santa Claus to Petrolia." Said Dave Menzies, Director of Community Services and Facilities.

Saturday, December 4, will mark Petrolia's first Outdoor Christmas Market, taking place at the Petrolia Farmers' Market site from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a variety of vendors and light refreshments available for purchase.

"Following the huge success of the Tuesday Evening Market this Summer it seemed like an obvious addition to our events for 2021." Said, Marketing and Events Associate, Thera Wagner. "This year has been all about getting people out of their homes, safely, and offering outdoor opportunities to bring the community together as health guidelines have allowed. We have a full roster of vendors already, and have a waiting list as well, so visitors can expect a full Market."

"Shop Like Santa", all day Saturday, December 4, Downtown Petrolia welcomes shoppers to participate in a Christmas-themed shopping event and a chance to win Petrolia Bucks! For more details on this event please watch for a detailed announcement, coming soon.

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Santa Claus is indeed coming to town! The Petrolia Christmas Parade will return for 2021 in all its colourful, festive, joyful, and whimsical glory! The Community Services Advisory Committee and events team are pleased to announce that Petrolia's "All the Colours of Christmas" Parade will take place on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. downtown Petrolia.

Parade organizers have developed appropriate safety protocols for parade participants and ask that those attending the parade do their part to help with following the guidelines. Prior to the parade, an online sign in portal will be available for contact tracing attendees. QR codes will be placed around the parade route so that you can check in also. One check-in per family is all that is required. Attendees are asked to stay in their family group, and to wear a mask if you cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from other families. Details of the parade route will be available shortly.

The Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club along with the Petrolia Camera Club have confirmed that Santa Claus will be making an appearance 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, and pose 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 physical distancing requirements are met and exceeded. Those 12 years or older, entering the Petrolia YMCA must show proof of vaccination per Provincial regulations. 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 letterstosanta@petrolia.ca and he will reply. Alternatively, Letters to Santa can be dropped off in the special mailbox at the Santa at The Centre (Petrolia YMCA) event.

This event will start immediately following the parade. Participants are reminded that wear masks must be worn while inside the Petrolia YMCA until requested to remove them for the photos.



Petrolia CHRISTMAS 2021

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3RD

5PM — COOKIES AND TREATS with Petrolia Service Clubs

6PM — LIGHTING OF THE LIGHTS

TOUR OF LIGHTS
Pick up a map at Victoria Park from 5:00-6:30pm or find it on Facebook

Reading of THE ANGEL TREE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH

10AM TO 4PM — OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET
AT PETROLIA FARMERS' MARKET 396 FLETCHER STREET

2PM — SANTA CLAUS PARADE
Theme: All The Colours of Christmas

— IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE —
AT PETROLIA YMCA - 360 TANK STREET

Sponsored by the Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club. Join them at the Petrolia YMCA to get your **PICTURE TAKEN WITH SANTA CLAUS!** The Petrolia Camera Club will be there to take photos! Masks are required.

Santa AT PETROLIA YMCA

Letters to Santa
Letters to Santa will be accepted at PETROLIA YMCA
E-mails to Santa are being accepted at LETTERSTOSANTA@PETROLIA.CA

COVID -19 PROTOCOLS IN PLACE FOR ALL EVENTS. FOR DETAILS VISIT WWW.TOWN.PETROLIA.ON.CA