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Public Information Meeting

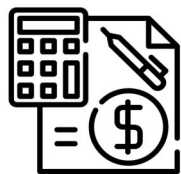
Regarding Proposed
2023 Budget

Monday, Feb. 13, 2023

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

In-Person at

Victoria Hall, Council Chambers
411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia



All are welcome.



you'll be surprised!

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BY-LAW CONTACTS

Water related Emergency, call 1-888-522-0117

Public Works Emergency (non water), call 519-882-2351

General By-Law Enforcement, call 519-845-5420

Parking Enforcement, call 519-312-1238

Animal Control, call 519-312-1322

or reach us through our online portal [https://](https://petrolia.civicweb.net/Portal/CitizenEngagement.aspx)

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Happy Valentine's Day

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 or send an e-mail to petrolia@petrolia.ca!

Do you want the 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 STREET
PARKING is not permitted until MAY 1.**



Thank
you!



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FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 1—20—Snow Sculpture Contest—see page 6
- 5—St. Paul's United Church Pet Pantry Food Drive
- 13—CEE Hospital Auxiliary Valentine's Chocolate Extravaganza Bake Sale - see page 3
- 13—Public Meeting Regarding Proposed 2023 Town Operating Budget—see page 1
- 14—St. Paul's United Church "Italian" Valentine's Dinner—see page 9
- 17-20—Family Fun Days in Petrolia—see page 7
- 21—Shrove "Pancake" Tuesday, Christ Church—see page 9
- 21—Shrove Tuesday "Messy Church" St. Paul's United Church—see page 9
- 28—Petrolia Soccer Registration Closes

Charlotte's Corner - ADVERTORIAL -



CEEH New Manager Inspired to Lead in 2023

Happy New Year to Petrolia and Central Lambton residents. I hope 2023 is filled with health and wellness for you and your loved ones. I would like to take this time to introduce myself, Anastasia Carron, as the newly appointed Manager of Rural Health, overseeing management of Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital (CEEH) of Bluewater Health. I began my new role January 5, 2023.

I have been with Bluewater Health since 2013, and have held other leadership roles during my tenure, including Charge Nurse for the CEEH site. Most recently, I held the role of Professional Practice Supervisor for Rural Health and the Complex Continuing Care Cognitive Unit at the Sarnia site.

I graduated from nursing in 2002 from St. Clair College and completed a Masters in Nursing Science in 2019 from Walden University.

In my years with CEEH, I have been inspired by my colleagues in their unwavering commitment to delivering excellent care to Petrolia and rural Lambton County. I understand, and believe in, the strong sense of community that defines CEEH. It is an excellent example of how

hospitals and community partners can work together to improve the overall health and wellbeing, and ultimately, a patient's experience. I am truly honoured to lead this committed team and continue our great work together.



Anastasia Carron

#PetroliaProud



Town of Petrolia Apparel available!

Drop by Town Hall to see what we have to show your town pride!

RECURRING EVENTS

- Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Planner Hours at Town Hall
- Every Thursday – Lambton Central Optimist Meat Raffles at Crabby Joe's Petrolia 6-8pm
- Every Thursday – Petrolia Lions Club Meat Raffles at Haywood's Tap & Grill 6-8pm
- Every Saturday – Royal Canadian Legion Lunches – 12pm
- Every Saturday – Royal Canadian Legion Meat Raffles – 2pm
- Third Wednesday – Royal Canadian Legion – Jamboree's – 12-4pm
- Second & Fourth Friday—Petrolia Community Refrigerator—Salvation Army complimentary hot meals served

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We want your receipts!

Enter to Win
1 of 2 Great Prizes!
EACH RECEIPT IS AN ENTRY!

\$250 **\$250**
PETROLIA BUCKS PETROLIA BUCKS
DRAW APRIL 30TH DRAW MAY 31ST

Top Reasons to Shop Locally

<p>Your Money Stays in Petrolia</p> <p>Embrace What Makes Petrolia Unique</p> <p>Job Opportunities Expand</p> <p>Saves Time and Gas Expenses</p>	<p>Support Your Friends & Neighbours</p> <p>Benefit from Local Owners' Expertise</p> <p>Help Preserve and Build Local Entrepreneurship</p>
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3 Easy Ways to Enter!

- 1. DROP OFF**
Drop off your receipt (original or copy) at
Petrolia Town Hall Mail Slot
- 2. DROP OFF**
Drop off your receipt (original or copy) at
Gramma's Candy Store
4110 Petrolia Line, Unit 3
Open Tues- Sat 11am-8pm
Across from Circle K
- 3. EMAIL**
Email your receipt (original or copy) to
twagner@petrolia.ca

Participation Rules:

- Make sure business name and date are on receipts, winning receipt will be verified at that business.
- Must be 18 or older to participate.
- May only win one of the two drawings.
- Receipts must be from businesses in Petrolia and total more than \$20 (before taxes).
- Make sure your name and phone number are both written on receipt.

This Promotion is Sponsored By:
The Petrolia Business Association

CEE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

VALENTINE'S CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA BAKE SALE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

at Charlotte's Boutique, 450 Blanche St.,
Petrolia (Dufferin St. Entrance)

Buy your Valentine's Chocolate treats - one day only - 10:00 a.m. til it's gone!

All proceeds go toward purchase of medical equipment and patient comforts at CEE Hospital Petrolia.

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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!



FREE services for job seekers!

lambtoncollege.ca/CES

» 519-882-4333

 Community Employment Services

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO

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Greenwood Rec Centre

2022 Fall Skating Schedule

Mon & Thurs 11am-12pm
\$3 - Adults
FREE - Children

Learn To Skate Starts Thurs., Oct. 13
(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 Starts Fri, Oct. 14
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 Starts Sun., Oct. 16
CSA approved helmets are 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 lbelan@petrolia.ca



New collaboration between The Salvation Army Community Outreach Truck & Petrolia's Community Refrigerator

When— Every Second & Fourth

Friday of the month

Where— Community Refrigerator, Petrolia, 4169 Petrolia Line



The Salvation Army (TSA) will be serving hot meals to any person who needs one. No information is needed, which ensures it is kept anonymous. TSA will also be offering numerous amounts of resources as well.

Contact Information-

Community Refrigerator- 519-882-1390

The Salvation Army Sarnia Community & Family Services— 970 Confederation Street, Back Door, 519-344-1142


SUPPORT Our Friends & Neighbours

SHOP

Petrolia



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 *Town of*
PETROLIA
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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.

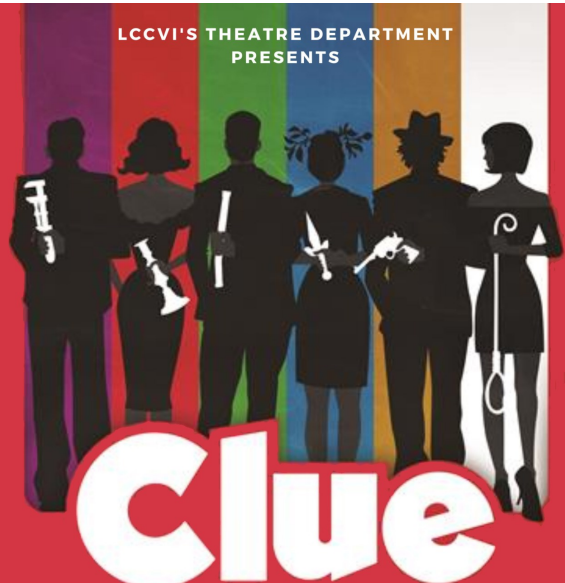
Please remember to pick up after your pet.

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

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LCCVI'S THEATRE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS





Clue

BASED ON THE SCREENPLAY BY JONATHAN LYNN

MARCH 8 - 10, 2023
VICTORIA HALL, PETROLIA

ALL PERFORMANCES AT 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS \$20
Available at the VPP Box Office
in person, online at www.thevpp.ca, or by
calling (519)882-1221

PETROLIA LEGION & LADIES AUXILIARY EVENTS

REGULAR EVENTS

Wednesday - Euchre 7:00 P.M.

Thursday - Pepper 1:00 P.M.

Thursday - Fun Darts 7:00 P.M.

Saturday - Lunch Noon - 3:00

(as quantities last)

Saturday - Meat Raffles 2:00 P.M.

MONTHLY

3rd Wednesday - Country

Jamboree (lunch at Noon; Music at
1:00 P.M.)

3rd Sunday - Breakfast 9:00 A.M. to
1:00 P.M.

3rd Tuesday - Regular (General)
Membership Meetings 7:00 P.M.

Call 519-882-1557 for details

Reminder

 **NO SMOKING**

 **NO VAPING**
(e-cigarettes)



 Ontario

In all Petrolia Parks.
Thank you!

PETROLIA SOCCER

Registration for Petrolia's spring/summer 2023 season is
now open.

Players born between 2009 and 2020 can register.

Last day to register is **February 28th**. Don't miss out!

Please contact Carianne Brophy (519-882-2518 or
petroliascregistrar@gmail.com)

for more information or check out the Facebook page
Petrolia Soccer Club.

The link to register is:

<https://petroliasoccer.sportngin.com/register/form/584353640>

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ANNOUNCING THE *Annual* **TOWN OF PETROLIA** **SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST**

WIN GREAT PRIZES

sponsored by
LAMBTON
CENTRAL
PETROLIA
OPTIMIST
CLUB

WEATHER PERMITTING
FEBRUARY 1 TO 20

**THEME:
SPORTS LOGOS**

STEP 1 Make Your Sports Logo.
You may use props but snow must be the main material.

STEP 2 Take a picture.

STEP 3 Email pictures to twagner@petrolia.ca by 4pm on Feb 20, 2023.

SOME SIMPLE RULES
USE SNOW • BE CREATIVE • HAVE FUN
PETROLIA RESIDENTS ONLY - PRIZES WILL BE MAILED TO THE WINNERS



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/



you'll be surprised!

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**

Community Pet Pantry

(located at the Petrolia Community Refrigerator)



PET FOOD DRIVE

When: Sunday February 5, 2023

Where: St. Paul's United Church Petrolia (4169 Petrolia Line, Petrolia – across from Tim Horton's)

Time: 1~3pm

What: Pet Food

How: Bring your donations of food to the above address on Feb. 5th. *Or* Cash, Cheq (*written to St. Paul's United Church with Pet Pantry on the memo line*),

E-Transfer: office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net (*please type Pet Pantry on memo or notes line*)

For more Info, please call 519-882-1390, or **if you would like to arrange for your donation(s) to be picked up!**

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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Friday Feb 17

7pm
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13)
Victoria Hall, 411 Greenfield St.
Sponsor: D2 Entertainment



Saturday Feb 18

9am-11am
FREE Family Sports & Fun!
Petrolia YMCA, 360 Tank St.

1pm-3pm Open Gym
Petrolia YMCA, 360 Tank St.



2pm
Paws of Fury:
The Legend of Hank (G)
Victoria Hall, 411 Greenfield St.
Sponsor: Kiwanis Club of Petrolia & Area

Kiwanis

7pm
The Lost City (PG-13)
Victoria Hall
411 Greenfield St.
Sponsor: Petrolia 150 Committee



Sunday Feb 19

9am-11am
FREE Family Sports & Fun!
Petrolia YMCA, 360 Tank St.

1pm-3pm Open Gym
Petrolia YMCA, 360 Tank St.



9am-1pm
Fundraising Breakfast
Petrolia Legion, 4129 Glenview Dr.
Sponsor: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 216

Legion

10am-2pm
Family Safety Open House and Fundraising BBQ
Fire Hall, 370 Centre St.
Sponsor: Petrolia & North Enniskillen Fire Dept.

1:50pm-2:50pm
FREE Public Skating
Greenwood Recreation Ctr.
4065 Dufferin Ave.
Sponsor: Doug & Judy Krall and Family



Monday Feb 20 Family Day

8am-10am
FREE Family Day Breakfast
New Life Assembly, Gymnasium
421 Oozloffsky

10am-12pm / 1pm-3pm
FREE Public Swimming
Petrolia YMCA, 360 Tank St.
(Pool Closed 12-1pm)



11am-1pm
Sponsor: Mayor Brad & Wendy Loosley
1:30-3:30pm
Sponsor: The Lions Club of Petrolia
FREE Public Skating
Greenwood Recreation Centre
4065 Dufferin Ave.



10am-2pm
Family Bouncy Fun and Games
Petrolia YMCA, 360 Tank St.
Sponsor: The Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club



11am-1pm
Low Cost Family BBQ
Petrolia YMCA, 360 Tank St.
Sponsor: The Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club



3:30pm-4:30pm
FREE Family Fun Bingo
Petrolia Lions Hall
451 Huggard St.
Sponsor: The Lions Club of Petrolia



FEBRUARY 17-20

Petrolia Family Fun Days!



Are you joining us for our Family Day Events?



you'll be surprised!

411 Greenfield St.
Petrolia, Ontario
N0N 1R0
519-882-2350



Send us your pictures Take pictures and send them to twagner@petrolia.ca we would love to see them!
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MOVIES AT VICTORIA HALL
FREE ADMISSION *Popcorn available for a low cost*
Films licensed by Criterion Pictures. No outside food or drink allowed.
All movies require adult supervision for youth under 13.

Annual TOWN OF PETROLIA SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST
WEATHER PERMITTING
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Petrolia Residents Only - Prizes will be mailed to the winners. SPONSORED BY: LAMBTON CENTRAL PETROLIA OPTIMIST CLUB



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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



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Winter Weather Tips

Winter weather causes challenges for residents and waste collection crews. Please follow these guidelines to make collection safe, easy, and efficient for all.



Place your blue boxes and carts in a shoveled or carved-out area on your driveway.



Collection crews begin curbside collection at 7 a.m. Please have all items at the curb before 7 a.m. on your service day. Winter weather may require collection routes to change, resulting in earlier pickup times.



During snow events, make sure your blue boxes and items are visible to drivers and safe to access - place all items in a shoveled area on your driveway or on the ground, NOT on snowbanks. Drivers do their best to complete their routes, although there may be delays due to road and weather conditions. Please check with your municipal website for updates during severe weather.



Keep your drivers safe. Collection crews are not permitted to climb snowbanks to retrieve blue boxes or waste bags. Place items at the end of your shoveled driveway or shovel a shelf for your blue boxes and waste containers.

Follow these tips to keep materials in your blue boxes and not litter the streets:

- Stack the blue bin containing heavier recyclable materials like glass bottles and jars on top of your blue box filled with loose papers/fibers.
- Don't fill your blue box above the rim - fill a second and third box with recyclable materials.
- On really windy days, wait to put your blue boxes out for collection until the following week to prevent litter.
- Blue boxes may blow away when empty, so please take a look around your neighborhood if your blue box is missing on a windy day.



Broken Blue Box - If your box freezes to the ground or the plastic cracks due to the cold, please replace and keep it free from ice to ensure collection.

Write your address on your blue boxes, green bin, and garbage can in permanent marker so they can be returned if blown away during winter weather. This makes it easier for them to be returned.

Thank you for keeping our community clean and drivers safe.



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.3, 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

Prevent



FOG

(FATS, OIL & GREASE)

in Our Sewers

- With your help we can prevent FOG from clogging the sewer
- Protect your pipes
- Don't let your sewer turn on you and your neighbours
- Never pour FOG down the drain! FOG clogs!

PREVENT FOG
(FATS, OIL & GREASE)
in our sewers

What is FOG?

FOG (Fats, Oil and Grease) is the most common cause of sewer back-ups.

FOG is a by-product of cooking and can be found in butter, margarine, salad dressing, gravies, sauces, lard, shortening, baking goods, meat fats and dairy.

THREE P's

Did you know the sewer system is only designed for the 3 P's?

1. Pee
2. Poo
3. Paper (toilet paper)

ATTENTION: Restaurants, Industry or Commercial premises where food is cooked, processed or prepared: Necessary measures are required to ensure oil and grease are prevented from discharging to a sanitary sewer more than the limits.

What can you do to help?

do:

- collect used grease and cooking oil in a container and dispose of it in the garbage
- wipe out visible fats, oil, grease and food residue from dishes, pots and pans with disposable paper towels
- put solid waste and food scraps in the garbage
- be aware of hidden FOG's in salad dressing, sauces, gravies, cheese and desserts
- use a strainer in the sink to remove excess food debris
- encourage neighbours to keep FOG's out of the sewer system

do not:

- pour oil and grease down the sink, drain or toilet
- scrape food scraps down the sink, drain or toilet
- pour liquid food down the sink, drain or toilet
- run hot water over greasy dishes or pans - the FOG will cool and stick to the inside of the pipes
- use a food waste grinder to get rid of food and grease
- use washable cloths to wipe greasy dishes clean

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**Examining
Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras**
FREE & FUN for the whole family

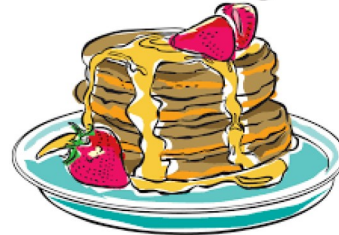
Tuesday, February 21st
5:30pm – 7:00pm

5:30pm ~ MEAL
6:00pm to 7:00pm ~ PROGRAM

St. Paul's United Church, Petrolia

LIMITED SEATING OF 50 PEOPLE
Pre-registration is required. Thank you!
Contact the church office by Feb. 17th
519-882-1390

**Shrove
Tuesday**



February 21, 2023 Shrove "Pancake" Tuesday.

Time: 5 pm to 7 pm (while quantities last)

Location: Christ Church 414 Oil Street Petrolia

Good Will offerings accepted with all proceeds to Lancer
Locker

Everyone is Welcome !

Christ Anglican Church Petrolia
414 Oil Street
Petrolia, Ontario
519-882-1430

Upcoming Events for Christ Anglican Church Petrolia

Sunday February 5th, 2023

Church Service 10 am

Special Guest: Bishop Todd Townsend of the Diocese of Huron
presiding over the service.

Light luncheon to follow by good will donation.

Wednesday February 22nd, 2023

Ash Wednesday Services

Church Service 10:30 am

Sunday February 26th, 2023 The Dementia-Friendly Canada Project.

Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton

 **Italian**



St. Paul's United Church, Petrolia
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
4:30-6:30 PM
Take Out



Menu
Chicken Alfredo
Caesar Salad
Focaccia Bread
Cherry Cheesecake
Truffles







Gluten Free on Request
Advance Tickets Only
\$25.00
Last Date to Order Feb. 8
Call, Text or E-Mail Ruth Syer
519-383-9085 arsyer@brktel.on.ca

Payment by e-transfer to
office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net
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CAO's Corner

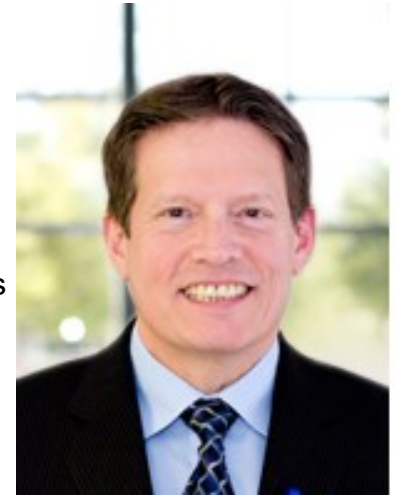
Municipal Property Taxes – Part 2

Hello everyone! I hope you had a great week. This is the second part to my article on municipal property taxes.

Due to the negative financial impacts of COVID-19, the provincial government froze the annual inflationary changes to property assessments calculated and provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for 2021, 2022 and 2023. There are assessment changes if for example a property adds a building (an increase to assessment) or tears down a building (a decrease in assessment).

Many property owners are concerned that when the province directs MPAC to restart providing current value assessments (currently projected to restart in 2024) that they will see a huge increase in their property taxes. It is true that over the past few years the value of properties, especially residential properties, has increased tremendously. However, as explained in Part I property taxes are simply **Property Assessment multiplied by the Property Tax Rate equals Taxes Payable**. This huge increase in assessment should be accompanied with a similar decrease in the components of the property taxes (Education, County and Town portions).

I will try to further explain with an example.



Rick Charlebois, Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer—Town of Petrolia

	Current Assessment	Post –freeze Assessment
Residential Property	\$100,000	\$200,000
Property Tax rate	1%	1%
Tax Revenue, no change in tax rates	\$1,000	\$2,000
But Provincial Education, County and Town tax rates should decrease		0.5%
Result is same amount of tax revenue raised		\$1,000

I will provide a Part III article once the province has re-introduced annual property assessments and explain the MPAC 4-year assessment cycle.

As mentioned before, I welcome any feedback including suggestions for topics. Have a great day.
rcharlebois@petrolia.ca