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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 or text –519-312-1322, or reach us through our online portal https://petrolia.civicweb.net/Portal/

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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MARCH EVENTS

- 5—Sponsored Public Skating—Councillor Liz & Dave Welsh
- 8-10—LCCVI presents CLUE on stage at Victoria Hall
- 9—Optimist Vegetable and Flower Kit Handout at Kerr Park
- 12—Sponsored Public Skating—Petrolia and Area Kiwanis
- 13-17—Sponsored Public Skating Daily and other skates available
- 16-18 Downtown Kids Scavenger Hunt
- 17-19 Victoria Playhouse Petrolia presents: Pot O'Gold, a microphone fundraiser.
- 17 St. Paul's United Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 18 Downtown St. Patrick's Day Shopping Event
- 30—Green Leader Grant Application Deadline
- 30—Petrolia Lions Paint and Sip Event





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 other Tuesday—Petrolia & Area Kiwanis Meat Raffles at Black Gold Brewery

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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Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist

DIY Vegetable / Flower

Garden Kit for Kids

A GREAT AT-HOME PROJECT...

We have 100 FREE kits available

I per child/limit of 2 per family

Drive through pick-up at Kerr Park

To ensure that things run as efficiently as possible, when coming to Kerr Park, please go down Kentail St. (off Petrolia line), turn right onto Third St. and enter parking lot at Third St. entrance and then you will exit onto Fourth St. Thank you!

First come, first serve

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 TH

5pm - 6pm or until the kits are gone
We would love to see photos of you
planting them and how they have grown!
Remember to tag us on facebook



For more information, please

Contact—Optimist Pam

pam_core@hotmail.com



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?

Text or Call Ruth Syer at: 519-383-9085 Email arsyer@brktel.on.ca

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







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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



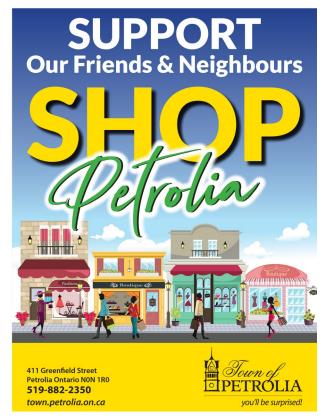


The Salvation Army (TSA) will be serving hot meals to any person who needs one. No information is needed, which ensures it is kept anonymous. TSA will also be offering numerous amounts of resources as well.

Contact Information-

Community Refrigerator- 519-882-1390

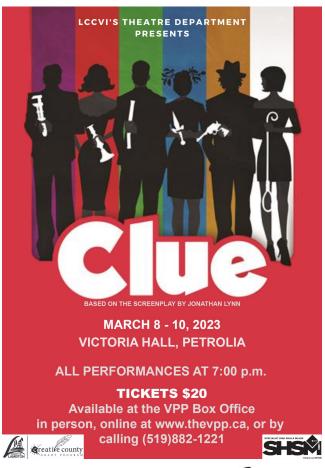
The Salvation Army Sarnia Community & Family Services— 970 Confederation Street, Back Door, 519-344-1142





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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



In all Petrolia Parks.

Thank you!



With thanks to Councillor Liz and Dave Welsh!





1:50 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

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Large Item Collection May 1 - 5, 2023

on your regular collection day

All items are to be placed at the curb no sooner the 7am the day of your regularly scheduled collection.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Anything hazardous (paint, aerosols, etc.) - Broken Glass, Window Panes or Sliding Doors - Recyclable materials - Compost - Construction Material

> - Vehicles or Vehicle parts - Electronics Appliances





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

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

Let's get back to the basics of recycling.

Remember these three rules each time you recycle:









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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GREENWOOD RECREATION CENTRE

Skating Schedule

Helmets are recommended for all skaters.

Thank you to our Public Skating sponsors!











FIME FOR A:

BREAK

	Learn to Skate!	Adult Skate!	Learn to Play!	SPONSORED PUBLIC SKATING!
Monday, March 13	11:00 a.m. - noon	noon - 1:00 p.m.		1:00 p.m 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by: The Rotary Club of Petrolia
Tuesday, March 14				11:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by: Margaret Stokes IODE
Wednesday, March 15	William			11:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by: Petrolia Lions Club
Thursday, March 16	11:00 a.m noon	noon - 1:00 p.m.		1:00 p.m 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by: Langs Bus Lines Ltd.
Friday, March 17	*		noon - 1:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m noon Sponsored by: Petrolia & Area Kiwanis Club 1:00 p.m 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by: Town of Petrolia



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- **Select Your Interests**
- 3. Enter Your E-mail

Questions? Please contact the Clerk's Office



411 Greenfield Street Petrolia | ON | NON 1R0 519-882-2350 town.petrolia.on.ca

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.





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. Pace 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

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.S., 170 (12).

- 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 permittable, 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



- Don't let your sewer turn on you and your neighbours
 Never pour FOG down the drain!

PREVENT FOG (FATS, OIL and 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

THREE

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

1. Pee

2. Poo 3. Paper (toilet paper)



- 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



- 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 wipes greasy dishes clean









2023 GREEN LEADER PROGRAM Open for Applications

In partnership with WM and the Town of Petrolia

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

The "Green Leader Program" is part of WM Canada and the Town of Petrolia's ongoing efforts to encourage the development of local community engagement and environmental solutions that build sustainable communities. The program is centered around a grant opportunity that is available to applicants living, working and learning in the Town of Petrolia or benefitting Petrolia and its residents.

WM and the Town of Petrolia are inviting businesses, organizations and institutions to apply for this funding opportunity. The program is inclined to support initiatives that highlight the following:

Environmental Conservation: With a commitment to sustainability and reducing dependence on fossil fuels, we give priority consideration to organizations and programs that preserve and/or enhance renewable resources.

Environmental Education: We're committed to enhancing communities through programs that make them cleaner and better places to live.

Community Vitality: When we ensure that our neighbourhoods and communities are safe and sustainable, we provide the best living environment for customers, employees and stakeholders.

SUCCESSFUL 2023 Applicants Included:

Hillcrest Public School (School Council) - \$5,000
The Rotary Club of Petrolia - \$5,000
Petrolia Heritage Advisory Committee - Special North Street Cemetery Project - \$2,500
IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter - \$2,500

Applicants may request up to \$15,000 in program/project funding. This funding is a one-time, non-repayable, fully funded grant. Applications will be reviewed by a committee. Successful applicants will be announced on April 21, 2023, as Earth Day falls on a Saturday.

Questions? Please contact us at lfurtado@wm.com or dmenzies@petrolia.ca.

APPLY BY MARCH 30, 2023

To begin the application process, visit: http://town.petrolia.on.ca/town-hall/forms/green-leader-grant/

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PETROLIA MAYOR CELEBRATES VOLUNTEERISM FOR 2022

Mayor R. Brad Loosley was pleased to honour all Town volunteers tonight at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. More than eighty volunteers were present to celebrate their accomplishments in 2022.

This recognition event, generally held in February of each year, follows an event that was held in September 2022 to honour recipients for 2020 and 2021.

Service Club members, Town Committees, Victoria Playhouse Petrolia volunteers, and many other groups were recognized at the event. The evening culminated with Mayor Loosley awarding the Volunteer of the Year Awards to two individuals and reserved a third award for a separate presentation when the, as of now, unnamed recipient is available.

Town of Petrolia – Volunteer of the Year 2022 - Community Partner – LARRY LECKIE

St. Paul's United Church

Petrolia Community Refrigerator

Petrolia in Bloom

Town of Petrolia – Volunteer of the Year 2022 - Community Service – TERRY SYER

Petrolia Trails Committee

Member of Lambton Trails Association

Petrolia Heritage Advisory Committee

Petrolia Host for the Outdoor Club

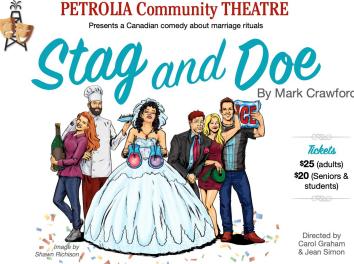
Town of Petrolia Community Pickleball Coordinator

A third, unnamed at this time, volunteer will be recognized later, as they were unable to attend the event.

Mayor R. Brad Loosley couldn't thank each volunteer enough and stated, "It is a true joy to see so many people so actively invested in the Town of Petrolia. Words do not simply describe the depth of appreciation that we have for each of you. Thank you for sharing generously of your time and for being such proud community supporters."

Each of the honouree's was awarded a framed certificate from the mayor, and a glass award with the Town's clock tower on the face, and bouquets of flowers.

Photo: From left to right: Larry Leckie, Mayor R. Brad Loosley, Terry Syer



Two brides-to-be, one rental hall. What could go wrong?

Bonnie & Brad are having a party to raise money for their upcoming wedding, the cost of which has secretly gotten out of control. Their Maid of Honour, Dee, is about to come face-to-face with the ex who left her at the altar. Mandy & Rob are getting married today, but their wedding tent blew away in last night's storm. In addition, the caterer has lost his entire staff! Can things get any worse?

Thursday Mar. 30 7:30 pm Friday Mar. 31 7:30 pm

Saturday
Apr. 1
7:30 pm

Sunday Apr. 2 2:00 pm

on stage at Victoria Hall, 411 Greenfield St., Petrolia

Tickets available at VPP Box Office - Call 519-882-1221 or 800-717-7694 toll free online at https://tickets.thevpp.ca (\$5 charge for online orders)

More info at www.petroliatheatre.com

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CAO's Corner

Asset Management - Part 1

Hello everyone! I hope you had a great week. I will speak about Asset Management in this article. Given the importance of asset management, I have broken it down into two articles.

Municipalities are very capital intense organizations. The Town of Petrolia has over \$300 million of capital assets or infrastructure at replacement costs. That is about \$120,000 per residential property! This critical infrastructure is essential for Council to provide the vital municipal services to our residents and businesses. For example, Council cannot provide safe drinking water without our Water Treatment Plant (located in Bright's Grove); the massive water main that brings the treated water from Bright's Grove to our Water Reservoir and Booster Office

Station (halfway between Bright's Grove and Petrolia); our Water



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



Tower in Petrolia; and our water distribution system that brings our safe drinking water to every home and business in Town. The province uses the term "Asset Management", but I prefer the term "Service Management", because if Council didn't need safe drinking water, we would not need all these water system assets.

Has everyone heard about Bonnie and Clyde? The famous bank robbers from the early 20th century. One day back then, Bonnie was being interviewed by a reporter who asked "Bonnie, why do you and Clyde only rob banks, it is always banks? Bonnie said, "the answer is

simple. That is where the money

is!"

For municipalities, the money is in Asset Management or infrastructure.

I will write further on Asset Management in my next CAO's Corner. In the meantime, I have a challenge for you. The next time you are out walking, running, biking or driving, see if you can spot of some our municipal infrastructure – roads; sidewalks; parks; street lights; all the water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer assets (most are underground); etc. Then ask yourself, if our Town did not have these assets, what would that mean for our businesses and to the quality of life for residents

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

