

THE PETROLIA CONNECTION

A monthly publication of all things Petrolia!



FIREWORKS SHUTTLE SERVICE

RULES

- Sit with your family group.
- No eating, smoking, drinking, vaping on bus or at pick up.
- Small fold up strollers allowed, no wagons.

compliments of 

**Starting at 6:00pm
Saturday, July 1st**

Buses will run from 6 p.m. until 30 minutes after the fireworks end. They will return residents to their original bus stops.

Buses will be marked with signs: Bus 1, 2, or 3



 For more info please call (519)882-2350 or visit www.town.petrolia.on.ca or find us on Facebook

BUS 1

Eureka & Gables
Eureka & Catherine
Eureka & Ernest
Ernest & Ernest (stop sign)
Catherine & Pine
Catherine & Garfield
Evergreen & Applewood
Applewood & Parkside
Parkside & Parkside
Parkside & Garfield
Garfield & Maple
Garfield & Florence

BUS 2

Farmers Market
Oil St & Henry St
Walnut & Greenfield St
Greenfield St & Dufferin
Albany & Walnut
Center St & Robert St
Center St & James
James & Eureka
Sycamore & Maple
Juniper & Juniper (cul-de-sac)
Juniper & Catherine St
Catherine & Pine
Catherine & Garfield
Evergreen & Applewood
Applewood & Parkside
Parkside & Parkside
Parkside & Garfield
Garfield & Maple
Garfield & Florence

BUS 3

Princess St & Grove
Kerr St & Glenview Rd
Tile Yard & 1st Ave
1st Ave & Garden Cres
1st Ave & 487 First Ave
1st Ave & Garden Cres
1st Ave & 6th St
1st Ave & 3rd St
3rd St & 4th St
Mutual & Derby St
Mutual & Petrolia Line
Petrolia Line & Kentail St
Petrolia Line & Northridge Place



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 permitted as of MAY 1.**



**Thank
you!**



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JULY EVENTS

- 1—Canada Day Events—see page 1, 8 & 9
- 1—Petrolia Farmers' Market
- 3—Municipal Office Closed for July 1 Holiday
- 4-23—Victoria Playhouse Petrolia presents "Yesterday Once More: 1973" On stage at Victoria Hall
- 7 & 8—Art in the Park—see page 8
- 8—Petrolia Farmers' Market
- 8—Barn Dance—see page 6
- 10—Council Education Session 5pm
- 10—Regular Meeting of Council 7pm
- 15—Compost Depot Day
- 15—Petrolia Farmers' Market
- 22—Petrolia Farmers' Market
- 29—Petrolia Farmers' Market



Pedestrian Crossing Lights Not Working – Residents are Advised to Use Caution

Following the storm last Thursday evening, and subsequent inspections by Bluewater Power following reports of malfunctioning lights on the controlled crossing at Petrolia Line and Greenfield Street, it has been determined that the units were heavily damaged due to a possible lightning strike.

As options for replacement of the damaged controlled crossing components are considered, residents are asked to treat the crossing as an unmarked crossing and to use caution when crossing Petrolia Line.

Pedestrians, please wait, look carefully and then point in the direction you wish to cross and proceed only when it is safe to do so. Drivers, please watch carefully for pedestrians, and wait for them to fully cross to the sidewalk on the other side of the street before proceeding.

As we obtain more information and a repair timeline, we will advise the public. There are signs on the buttons at the crosswalk to remind users to use extra caution, while we look for a timely resolution.

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

Third Wednesday – Royal Canadian Legion – Jamboree's – 12-4pm

Second & Fourth Friday—Petrolia Community Refrigerator—Salvation Army complimentary hot meals served

Third Sunday – Royal Canadian Legion Breakfast – 9am

Every Tuesday—Toastmasters, 7-8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, 416 Queen Street

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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**



**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



411 Greenfield Street
Petrolia Ontario N0N 1R0
519-882-2350
town.petrolia.on.ca



you'll be surprised!

2023 PETROLIA *Curbside* WOOD CHIPPING

2023 DATES

April 17 & 18

May 23 & 24

June 12 & 13

September 11 & 12

October 16 & 17

Collection is
NOT STREET SPECIFIC.
Residents can place their brush to the
curb on any of these days and
it will be processed.

Residents are asked to place the
brush no sooner than 4:00pm,
the night before a collection date,
and to have all brush at the curb
by 7:00 am the day of collection,
and are requested to not impede
sidewalk access.

Tree limbs and branches can not
exceed 4" in diameter.

Not permissible items include
hedge clippings, vines, roots,
perennials and any other
compostable materials.
Resident will be
responsible for removal.

For more information:
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www.town.petrolia.on.ca



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PETROLIA RESIDENT COMPOST Transfer Site!

**2023
Compost Pass
\$25**

Maude Street Transfer Site • 546 Maude Street

2023 RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO
HAVE A PASS TO ACCESS THE SITE

Passes are available at Town Hall now, and at the Petrolia Farmers' Market during the 2023 Season.

- 8AM UNTIL NOON -

April 15 • 29	June 10 • 24	Aug 19	Oct 14 • 28
May 13 • 27	July 15	Sept 9 • 23	Nov 4

PETROLIA COMPOST
DEPOT REQUIREMENTS

ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
 Grass Clippings	 Mulch and Fertilizer Bags
 Dead Plants	 Rocks or Bricks
 Sticks/Branches (under 4 inches)	 Plastic Pots
 Leaves	 Dirt/Sod
	 Plastic Barriers or Fencing
	 Pine Cones

Depot staff reserve the right to refuse any materials that do not conform to the requirements. Paper bags are required to dispose of compost materials.

TIPS

- Yard waste and brush will be separated into two bins - please do not bag it together.
- Please use paper bags or reusable bins.
- Brush must be of reasonable size & length.
- Residents will be asked to take unacceptable items home.


 For more information:
519-882-2350
www.town.petrolia.on.ca

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>

Reminder



NO SMOKING



NO VAPING

(e-cigarettes)



In all Petrolia Parks.
Thank you!

2023 Season Hours PETROLIA DISCOVERY

Historic Oil Field

OPEN FOR GUIDED TOURS

JUNE SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS
10AM-4PM

JULY AND AUGUST

THURSDAY- SUNDAY 10AM – 4PM
OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

519-882-0897

petroliadiscovery.com



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Shop Like Charlotte!

Friday
September 29

Tickets
\$25

Proceeds to
CEE Hospital

**Tickets on sale
NOW
at all Petrolia banks**

For information, contact **Denise Thibeault: 519-882-4359**



Save THE Date

October 14, 2023

Town of
PETROLIA
you'll be surprised!

1st Annual Youth Summit

More information coming soon!

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!



**Please do your
part, and clean up
after your pet.**



**Dogs are not permitted to run at
large or be off-leash in Parks .**

Concerns with lost/found dogs,
dogs running at large or general dog
complaints (example: barking)

Please contact:

**JSG Animal Solutions (Jeff) at
(519)312-1322 (call or text)**



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Saturday, July 8, 2023

BARN DANCE


LIVE MUSIC featuring **Scott Manery** and **The Barnburners**

LIONS FOOD TRUCK **OPTIMIST BBQ**




6:00 TO 11:00 PM




FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

You are invited to an old-fashioned barn dance, where you are sure to have a great time. Come on out - bring a lawnchair and get ready to dance the night away! There will be a cash bar.




SPONSORED IN PART BY:

AT THE FARMERS' MARKET
396 FLETCHER ST., PETROLIA
Brought to you by Town of Petrolia
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
COUNTY OF LAMBTON RESIDENTS ONLY
(Commercially Generated Hazardous Waste Will NOT be Accepted)



CORROSIVE
Batteries
Drain Cleaners
Oven Cleaners

TOXIC
Pesticides
Rat Poison
Pharmaceuticals
Cleaning Fluids

REACTIVE
Pool Chemicals
Ammonia
Bleach
Aerosols

FLAMMABLE
Gasoline, Paints
BBQ Starter
Oils, Solvents
Propane Cylinders

In every home there are products that need special care. You will recognize them by these warning signs.

When you use these hazardous products, you use them carefully. When you don't need them any more, you should dispose of them carefully. That's what Household Hazardous Waste Day is all about - an opportunity to clear potentially hazardous waste out of your home and protect our environment - water, land, and air - at the same time. If hazardous products are thrown in the regular garbage, they can injure sanitation workers and cause long-term environmental problems. Bring your Household Hazardous Waste to the special depot, and it will be dealt with by experts, at no cost to you.

ALSO ACCEPTED: Sharps (Hypodermic Needles)

NOT ACCEPTED: PCB's, commercial, industrial or radioactive wastes, tires, explosives (flares, ammunition), electronics.

PLEASE NOTE: For safety reasons, residents are asked to segregate lithium batteries from all other battery types prior to drop-off.


2023 Household Hazardous Waste Depot Schedule

March 25	April 29	May 27
June 24	September 30	October 28


9:00am - 2:00pm
4090 Telfer Road, St. Clair Township, ON

Services paid for by the County of Lambton. Waste management collection services provided by Clean Harbors Canada Inc.

PERMANENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT
at Clean Harbors Canada, Inc., 4090 Telfer Road, St. Clair Township, Ontario



For more information call the County of Lambton Public Works Department at 519 845-0801 / 1-866-324-6912 or visit www.lambtononline.ca



get real get fresh *get local*

Petrolia Farmers' Market

May 20 - Oct. 7 • Saturday Mornings 7:30am-12noon
396 Fletcher St. | Petrolia | Behind the Library | 519-882-2350

FREE services for job seekers!

lambtoncollege.ca/CES

» 519-882-4333

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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



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Petrolia | ON | N0N 1R0
519-882-2350
town.petrolia.on.ca

A JOYFUL JOURNEY BACK FIFTY YEARS
YESTERDAY *Once* MORE
1973
JULY 4 - 23

VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE PETROLIA
www.thevpp.ca (519)882-1221



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

5th Annual farm to table Harvestfest

THE IN HOME CHEF
will prepare the meal with local food items purchased from Petrolia Farmers' Market Vendors & Area Farmers

Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 6:00pm

Doors Open at 5:00pm

Dinner Entertainment and Dancing Under The Stars

Entertainment by the Victoria Playhouse Band

Cash Bar with Local Beer & Wine Available

EVENT SPONSORS



Outdoors at the Petrolia Farmers' Market Pavilion

TICKETS ON SALE JULY 5
at the Petrolia Farmers' Market on "Market Saturdays" or at Town Hall

TABLE OF SIX \$360
Advance Purchase Only
Limited Tickets Available

For more information please contact
Thera at (519)882-2350 Ext. 253
or by e-mail to twagner@petrolia.ca

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Lambton Central-Petrolia Optimists
LOVE Canada Day in Petrolia!
Saturday, July 1st at Greenwood Park

Variety of Children's Games
Water fun, bean bag toss, etc.

Basket Draws
People of all ages (one ballot per person)

Plinko Game
Prizes included (while quantities last)

Storybook Fair
Children will receive a book & tote bag (while quantities last)

3:00pm – 6:00pm
All of our activities listed above are FREE!

We will also have our
FOOD BOOTH there starting at
3pm until the fireworks,
so pop by and grab a bite to eat.

We LOVE our COMMUNITY!

Free Admission **2023**

Art in the Park
VICTORIA PARK, PETROLIA

Friday, July 7 - 11 to 7
Saturday, July 8 - 9 to 5

Over 50 artists and artisans!
Oil & acrylic painting, photography, pottery, home decor, woodworking, fabric art, metalwork, jewellery, glasswork, soaps, leather, florals, beadwork, clothing & more!

Live music in the bandstand
Tie Dye booth, Petrolia Sings! Youth Contest, Petrolia Optimists Kids Craft Area, Artist's Demonstrations, Petrolia Lions Food Truck

details at: www.artintheparkpetrolia.com

2023 Town of Petrolia events

Grand Opening
May 27, 2023
9am-Noon
Petrolia Farmers Market

Petrolia Farmers' Market

Saturday Mornings • 7:30am - noon
May 20 through Oct 7
Petrolia Farmers' Market

PETROLIA PIZZA FEST

12:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday, June 3, 2023
Victoria Park

Canada Day CELEBRATIONS
JULY 1, 2023 GREENWOOD PARK

KIDS FISHING DERBY
7:00am - 10:00am ~ July 1, 2023 ~ Bridgeview Park

Art in the Park
July 7 & 8, 2023
Victoria Park

BARN DANCE
FEATURING
SCOTT MANERY & THE BARNBURNERS
6:30pm - 11:00pm
Saturday, July 8, 2023
Petrolia Farmers' Market

farm to table Harvest Fest **September 16, 2023**
Petrolia Farmers' Market

Friday, Dec 1, 2023
Christmas
IN VICTORIA PARK

Saturday, Dec 2, 2023
2:00pm • Downtown Petrolia
SANTA CLAUS PARADE
Ho! Ho! Ho!



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PETROLIA MAYOR REQUESTS EXTENDED MEDICAL LEAVE – LONGTIME COUNCILLOR JOEL FIELD TO CONTINUE IN ACTING MAYOR ROLE FOR THE DURATION OF 2023

Petrolia's long-serving member of Council, Joel Field will continue to support the community in the coming weeks as appointed Acting Mayor while the current elected Mayor, R. Brad Loosley takes a longer leave to focus on a medical issue.

Councillor Field was appointed by his peers, and on the recommendation of Mayor R. Brad Loosley during the closed session meeting held during the regular council meeting.

Traditionally, when the mayor is unavailable for an engagement, meeting or other event, an acting Mayor will be appointed. The Town of Petrolia has, through by-law, a schedule of acting Mayor's that rotate between Councillors in two-month periods.

For this temporary leave, the Council approved that there would be an appointed Acting Mayor for the remainder of 2023 in the role, thus continuing the tradition of support for the community and Council and providing a clear point of contact. Acting Mayor Joel Field will attend County Council and many events on behalf of the Municipality, when unavailable to fulfill a commitment, just as they regularly would through the acting mayor by-law, other Councillors will continue to support Acting Mayor Joel Field during these events as required.

We thank residents for continuing to contact Acting Mayor Joel Field with items that would otherwise be directed to Mayor R. Brad Loosley during this approved time.

Councillor Field continues to be humbled by this appointment and the trust of Mayor Loosley and his fellow council members and is honoured to continue to serve the Town of Petrolia in this capacity.

On behalf of the Council and staff, we continue to wish Mayor R. Brad Loosley the absolute best and look forward to his return to his seat as the Head of Council for the Town of Petrolia.



11AM

FLAG RAISING
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
PETROLIA BRANCH 216

7AM TO 10AM
BRIDGEVIEW PARK
CUPE Outdoorsman
kids fishing derby

11AM TO 12PM
VISIT THE MARKET FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A
GREAT PRIZE

9AM TO 1PM
Petrolia Branch 216
Legion Pancake Breakfast \$6 per person

1PM
GREENWOOD PARK - DIAMOND 1
Raiders vs W
Wyoming Senior Cattlebarons

3PM
GREENWOOD PARK
Live Music Bouncies Games and more!
Rock the Park

Food Booths
Ice Cream

STARTS AT 6PM
BUS SHUTTLES
LANGS Watch for Schedule

4PM
GREENWOOD PARK
PETROLIA'S FAMOUS BED RACES

2:00pm Downtown Petrolia
PARADE

STARTING AT 10PM
GREENWOOD PARK
Fireworks

To register for the parade email twagner@petrolia.ca or call 519-882-2350

EVENT SPONSORS





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CAO's Corner—

Our Victoria Playhouse Petrolia (VPP)

Hello everyone! I hope you are finding my CAO's Corner articles interesting and informative. I know that municipal government plays many important aspects in our daily lives and that municipal affairs can sometimes seem complicated and foreign which can lead to misunderstandings. The purpose of my articles is to help demystify municipal government and reduce confusion.

Today, I will write about our VPP. Our Town is very fortunate to have our theatre which brings many benefits to our community. In 2017, the Canadian cultural industry was one of Canada's major industries generating about \$60 billion in economic activity. The cultural industry represented about 2.8% of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employed over 700,000 Canadians. The Canadian oil and gas industry generated about 6% of our GDP. Our VPP provides employment to about 100 people each year. The VPP also provides volunteer opportunities to about 160 local residents. I have met many of these volunteers and they are all enthusiastic to help at our theatre find the experience very rewarding.



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

The VPP has been financially self-sufficient since 2014 and accumulates annual operating surpluses to fund any future operating deficits and capital project requirements. The VPP brings in over 40,000 patrons annually. The estimated local economic impact of our VPP is \$6M annually. The VPP is the largest tourist attraction in Lambton County. When I became your Chief Administrative Officer five years ago, I wanted to have a better understanding of the local economic impact of the VPP. I decided to eat lunch at each of our local restaurants on VPP matinee show day and non-show day. I quickly acquired an appreciation of the economic impact of the VPP. Our VPP also partners with our businesses.

We are fortunate to have a very artistic, innovative and dedicated team including Director Laurissa Ellsworth, our Artistic Directors David Rogers and David Hogan, Music Director Mark Payne, Callandra Dendias our Development Coordinator, and a very talented cast and crew, front of house team and box Office. I have spoken to many patrons over my 10 years work for our Town, and I am always impressed by the strong positive feedback that I hear. The people are impressed by the "world class shows put on by the VPP".



The current season is listed in our Petrolia Connection, and I encourage you take in a show.

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