

A man and a woman are smiling and taking a selfie. The man is holding a smartphone. They are standing in front of a large, historic stone building with a prominent clock tower. The building has multiple windows and a gabled roof. A red car is partially visible in the bottom left corner.

Picture yourself in

PETROLIA

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This is Petrolia! We invite you to come and see why we're sure you'll be surprised!

Located in the heart of Lambton County, Petrolia launched the global oil refining industry when oil was discovered here in 1866! Once the richest town in Canada, Petrolia is now rich with unique heritage properties, Victorian storefronts and a working 19th century oil field. We are excited to share our past with you and to offer walking tours, self-guided tours, and hosted tours for large groups.

Petrolia has a busy downtown with distinctive shops, great dining, lovely parks, popular B&B's and the friendliest residents around! At the center of it all is Petrolia's rare gem—Victoria Playhouse Petrolia—set in historic and beautiful Victoria Hall.

Petrolia is a premier tourist destination because of the extraordinary combination of critically acclaimed original theatrical productions, signature events, family activities, and a historic small town atmosphere. Come for a day, or stay for a weekend, *and be surprised!*

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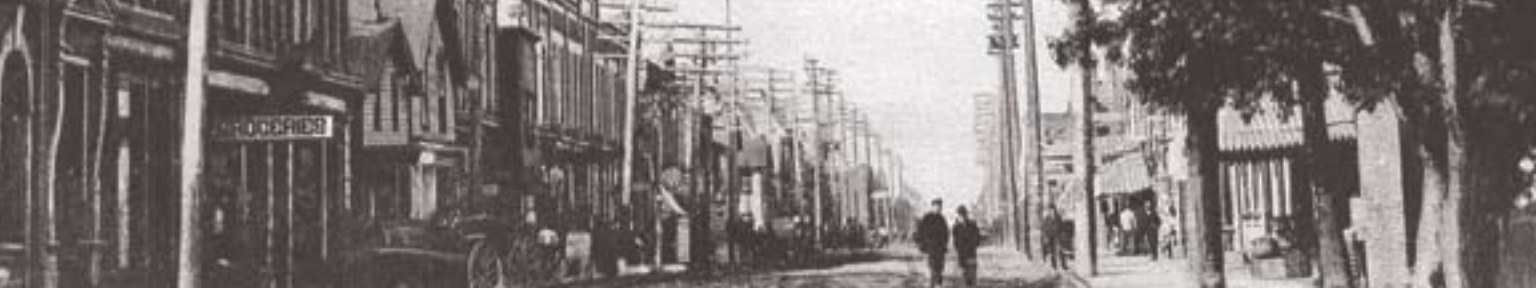


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Downtown

Whether you're here to shop, dine or take an afternoon stroll, Petrolia is ready to welcome you! Spend the afternoon in our unique shops, or take a self-guided historical tour. Dine in one of our restaurants or tearooms and treat yourself to something special!





Shopping

Always in Bloom

4183 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-9034 • alwaysinbloom.ca

Full service florist also offering home décor & unique gifts.

Bailey Jewellers

4190 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0790 • baileysjewellery.ca

Fine jewellery, custom designs, Pandora and a selection of giftware.

Bits 'N Buckles Western Store

4207 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-4609 • bitsnbuckles.com

Cowboy boots, britches & bling for men, women & children!

Clouse Photo

4172 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-3979 • clousephoto.com

Digital cameras, prints, sittings, frames, custom framing, passport photos, gifting.

Family Discount Depot

4219 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-4885

Clothing, furniture, household items, toys/games and jewellery, all at great prices!

Grandis Jewellery

4230 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-1320 • grandisjewellers.com

Direct diamond importers, gemmologists, goldsmiths, designers, Simon G. Est. 1895

Gray's Flowers & Gifts

4345 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-1330 • graysflowersandgifts.com

Retail florist – silks, fresh arrangements, giftware, wire service – for 30 years.

Heidi's Independent

4136 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-2211

Full service grocery store, bakery, deli meats and salads.
Hot meals to go!

Leisure Lane

4229 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-2311 • leisurelane.ca

Women's fashions. French Dressing, Tribal, Simon Chang. 2-20, petite/regular, alterations.

Lilith Lingerie

4215 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-4028 • lilithlingerie.com

Exclusive lines, international brands, Victoriana gowns, mastectomy bras & forms.

Shopping

MacFarlane Chevrolet • Buick • GMC

4219 Oil Heritage Road, Petrolia
519-882-1090 • macfarlanechev.com

Mister B's

4227 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-3111

Olde Post Office Gift Shoppe

4189 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0747 • petroliaenterprises.ca

Petrolia Home Hardware

4120 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0920 • homehardware.ca

Petrolia Mercantile & Tea

4192 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0238 • [Like us on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/petroliamercantile)

Sitek & Company

4223-4225 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0706

The Olive Tree

4211 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-4499 • theolivetreepetrolia.com

The Pickers Emporium

4228 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-1310 • thepickersemporium.com

Victorian Country Flowers

4174 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-4451

Windover Nurseries Inc

3662 Petrolia Line, west of Petrolia
519-882-0120 • windovernurseries.com

New sales and leasing, pre-owned, service to all makes since 1922!

Quality brands for men. Casual wear, suits. Sizes S - 4XL. Alterations.

Unique primitive or upcycled furniture & home décor in a beautiful historic setting.

Local, full service hardware store. Beauti-Tone paints, home décor, garden & gifts.

Purveyor of tea, coffee, gourmet foods, jewellery & fine gifts. Open 7 days.

Women's fashions. Joseph Ribkoff, Tan Jay. 6-20, petite/regular, alterations.

Visit Sharon for vitamins, supplements, foods / herbal teas, homeopathy.

Unique home décor featuring custom painted furniture and vintage finds!

Fresh florals, silks, unique home décor, garden accents & gifts.

Trees and plants for your home & garden. Landscape design service.

Dining

Actor's Casual Dining

4211 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0400

Coffee Lodge

4119 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0633 • coffeelodge.ca

Last Course Café & Bakery

4211 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
226-738-0687 • lastcoursecafeandbakery.com

Crabby Joe's Tap & Grill

4236 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-4848 • crabbyjoes.com

Haywood's Tap & Grill

4196 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0300

Join us for lunch or dinner. Steaks, seafood, pasta, daily soup and specials.

Sarnia-Lambton's premiere coffee house and café. Espresso. Food. Wine.

Breakfast, lunch and decadent baking from scratch. Dine in, takeout & catering available.

Casual, family-friendly dining. Open late daily with full menu. Bus group menus.

Fully licensed dining lounge & bar. Full and group menus. Daily entertainment. 7 days till 2am.



Dining

Helen's Hideaway Restaurant & Pizzeria

4196 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0300

All day breakfast, lunch & dinner buffet, great Seniors' menu. Dine in or take out.

Oil Rig Restaurant

413 Albany Street, Petrolia
519-882-1617

Weekend buffet, Sunday brunch, Friday night fish special. Steps from VPP.

Petrolia Pizza & Subs

4170 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-1886 • petroliapizza.com

Made fresh pizza, subs, hamburgers, fries, chicken wings. Eat in / take out / delivery.

Streets Eatery & Pub

4124 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-1761

Family restaurant specializing in Italian cuisine. Open 7 days a week!

Accommodation

Dew Drop Inn Bed & Breakfast

4078 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
519-882-0562

Impressive Victorian home with modern comforts. Come as a guest, leave as a friend!

Rosie's Bed & Breakfast

544 Valentina Street, Petrolia
519-882-2960

Beautifully landscaped home in quiet suburban subdivision with no stairs & TV in all rooms.

Oil Heritage Attraction

Petrolia Discovery

4381 Discovery Line, Petrolia
519-381-5979 • petroliadiscovery.com

Come experience the fever of "Black Gold."



Photos courtesy of Town of Petrolia

Attractions

- 1 Victoria Playhouse
- 2 Petrolia Discovery
- 3 Heritage Heights Golf & Curling Club

Parks

- 4 Bridgeview Park
- 5 Crescent Park
- 6 Englehart Park
- 7 Greenwood Park
- 8 Kerr Park
- 9 Lions Park
- 10 Mary Beach Park
- 11 Moncrieff Park
- 12 Peace Park
- 1 Victoria Park
- 13 White Rose Park
- 14 Woodland Park

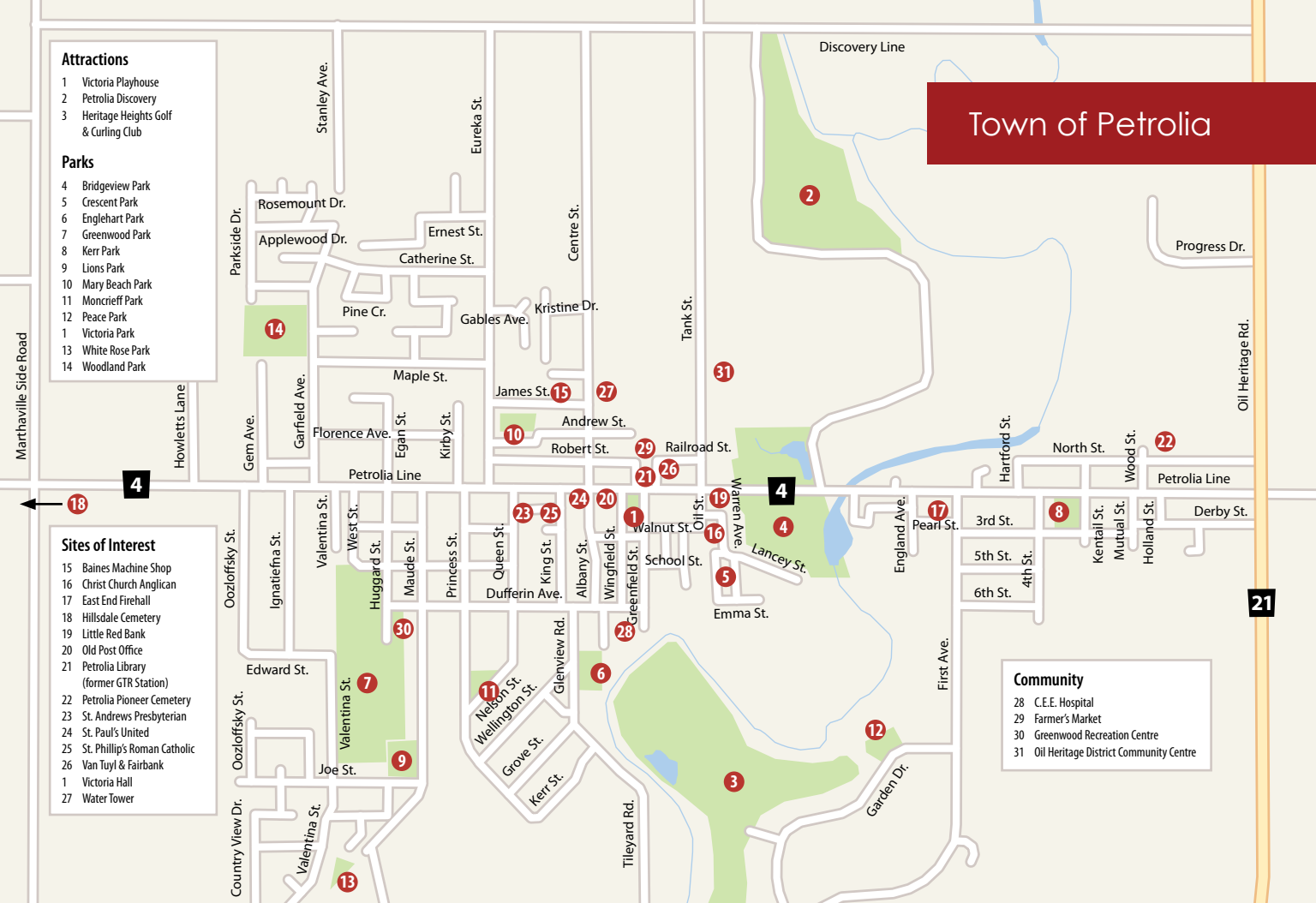
Sites of Interest

- 15 Baines Machine Shop
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- 17 East End Firehall
- 18 Hillisdale Cemetery
- 19 Little Red Bank
- 20 Old Post Office
- 21 Petrolia Library (former GTR Station)
- 22 Petrolia Pioneer Cemetery
- 23 St. Andrews Presbyterian
- 24 St. Paul's United
- 25 St. Phillip's Roman Catholic
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- 1 Victoria Hall
- 27 Water Tower

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Community

- 28 C.E.E. Hospital
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VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE PETROLIA!



With a summer season full of music and laughter and Christmas events that attract crowds from across the country, visit this historic theatre and enjoy the VPP experience. Featuring Canada's top theatre performers, musicians, a dedicated staff and a wonderful sense of community, your first show at the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia won't be your last!

victoria playhouse PETROLIA



Show Info: www.thevpp.ca

Box Office: 1-800-717-7694 • 519-882-1221



Recreation

You'll find more parks per capita in Petrolia than anywhere else in Canada, and that's not all! Petrolia is rich with walking and biking trails, well-manicured public picnic spaces, and a beautiful Conservation area. Hike, bike, try your hand at Geocaching, relax by our covered bridge or just enjoy a break under a lush canopy of trees.

Petrolia Discovery invites you to step into a 19th century working oil field. That's right; we're still pumping oil using the same methods that were used 150 years ago! Join us in celebration of a global industry born and nurtured here.

Take a swim at the Oil Heritage District Community Centre, which also features a fitness facility with state-of-the-art equipment and many family activities. Maybe golf is more your style? Look no further than Heritage Heights Golf Course – Canada's second oldest golf course—a gift to the town from Jake Englehart, a founder of Imperial Oil.

Every Saturday morning from May to October, the Petrolia Farmers' Market overflows with locally grown and produced foods. Located behind our historic library (once a busy train station), the Farmers' Market draws crowds from across the county.

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Local Architecture

Don't forget your camera! Petrolia boasts some extraordinary heritage properties. Private Victorian homes, a church renowned for its magnificent stained glass windows, Victoria Hall, downtown storefronts – our commitment to the preservation of our rich history is evident everywhere.

Visit a rare Victorian water tower, a machine shop that has been in operation for 100 years or Van Tuyl and Fairbank, a hardware store which has changed little since its founding in 1865 and once described as “the largest hardware store West of Toronto.” Our library is housed in a former train station that witnessed the departure of our oil men for places as far away as Borneo, South America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East (the first oil well in Iran was drilled in 1912 by two drillers from Petrolia).

The remarkable Victoria Hall, located in the center of town, is a national historic site built in 1889. Originally, it housed the town's fire hall, police station, courthouse, municipal office and 1,000 seat opera house. Following a devastating fire in 1989, the exterior was restored to its original beauty and the interior was reimagined to include a 400 seat theatre for the performing arts, municipal offices and council chambers.

Be sure to visit Crescent Park, one of the last private greens in Ontario, with its impressive Victoria homes looking much as they did when they were built by the oil barons of the 1860's.



1. Train in downtown Petrolia behind the **Grand Trunk Railway Station**, built in 1903.
2. The **GTR Station** has served as Petrolia's Library since 1937. The Queen Anne style structure has been well preserved.
3. **Victoria Hall** was built in 1889 to house Petrolia's municipal offices, police station, fire hall and opera house. The building still serves as the town's municipal centre and boasts a state of the art, 400 seat theatre.
4. **Stained Glass** in Christ Church Anglican.
5. This Romanesque Revival style building was built as **Petrolia's first post office** in 1891. The building now serves as home to Lambton County Developmental Services gift shop, appropriately named The Olde Post Office Gift Shoppe.
6. **Lancey Hall** was built in 1876 for local oil baron Lemuel Cole and is now owned by the Dillon family. The home, situated in Crescent Park, is a magnificent example of Gothic Revival Style architecture.
7. Turn of the century view of Main Street Petrolia.
8. **The Oddfellows Hall**, constructed in Italianate

Commercial style was completed in 1889. Features include the repetition of the floral keystone pattern, recessed entry and expanses of coloured glass. Owners Reg and Maureen Grandis have retained the historical feeling inside their jewellery store including the high ceilings and many antique display cases.

9. **The Little Red Bank** operated as a privately owned bank from 1869 until 1924. It is now privately owned and houses a law practice. The original tellers wicket and safe remain intact.

10. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was built in 1890 with a new addition built in 1964 which houses the offices, Sunday school area and other meeting rooms.

11. Petrolia's Covered Bridge, located in Bridgeview Park.

12. Visitors to the Petrolia Discovery experience a fascinating, one-of-a-kind glimpse into the early days of the oil boom. Historical displays include an authentic 1860's oil field in action. petroliadiscovery.com

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Signature Events

Petrolia is known for having fun! Our yearly signature events have something for everyone. Bring the family and explore, skate, swim, shop, dine, laugh and marvel at our history and stay for the fun. We invite you to join us and encourage you to stay!

For a complete list of exciting events, visit:

www.town.petrolia.on.ca

Town Wide Garage Sale Day

Pizzafest

Farmers Market

Petrolia Discovery Car Show

Canada Day Celebrations

Art in the Park / Downtown Sidewalk Sales / Barn Dance

Victoria Playhouse Summer Theatre & Christmas Productions

Community & Youth Theatre Events

Petrolia & Enniskillen Fall Fair & Scarecrow Festival

Petrolia Heritage Cemetery Tour

Petrolia Arts & Crafts Sale

Christmas in the Park

Santa Claus Parade

Silver Stick Tournament

Service Club Events



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