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REMINDER: OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED UNTIL MAY 1. Thank you!

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/CitizenEngagement.aspx

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!

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APRIL AT A GLANCE

- 7– Petrolia & District Skating Club Ice Show-Greenwood Rec Centre 1-3pm
- 7-Petrolia 150 Birthday Party at the YMCA 1-3:30pm— Free Swim
- 7– Order if the Eastern Star Victorian High Tea at Albany Retirement Village– Residents Event
- 8- Regular Meeting of Council at Town Hall-7:00pm
- 10- Lions Gift Card Bingo at Lions Hall- 7:00pm
- 11-14- Petrolia Community Theatre Production at Victoria Hall
- 13- Compost Transfer Site Open-8am-noon
- 15-16- Curb Side Wood Clipping
- 17- Jamboree and Lunch at the Legion- Noon-4pm
- 20- Pickle Ball Tournament at Petrolia YMCA
- 21- Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast at the Legion
- 22-Parks and Recreation Committee Tree Planting
- 22- Green Leader Recipients Announced
- 23- Lambton Elderly Outreach Diners Club at the Lions Hall
- 24- Public Meeting of Council at Town Hall-7pm
- 26- Kiwanis PA Day Gyn & Swim at the YMCA
- 27- Compost Transfer Site Open-8am-noon
- 28- Kiwanis Fashion Show at Petrolia YMCA- 11-2pm
- 28-Order of Eastern Star Victorian High Tea at LMV- Resident Event
- 28- St. Paul's United Church Lunch to Go







and leave a message for Laura
We look forward to hearing from you!

RECURRING EVENTS

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

Every 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 Friday- Royal Canadian Legion Karaoke- 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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Go online at www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



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May 13
June 17

Sept 16 Oct 14

June 18 Sept 17 Oct 15

May 14

For more information: 519-882-2350



NEW THIS YEAR

Collection will be divided with off-setting days, with the NORTH side of Petrolia Line being pick up on Monday's and the SOUTH side of Petrolia Line being picked up on Tuesdays.

Residents are asked to place the brush no sooner that 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 permittable items include hedge clippings, vines, roots, perennials and any other compostable materials. Resident will be responsible for removal.

Purchase an At- Home Composter

With Partnership with Petrolia Home Hardware, Residents can purchase an at home composter for at cost!

From April 2-19

Register and pay at Town Hall to receive your voucher. After April 19, the composters will be ordered.

\$75

To obtain a voucher, residents must provide:

Proof of Petrolia address



Once composters are in stock, residents will be contacted. Residents will then pick up their composters with their voucher at Petrolia Home Hardware.







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Solar Eclipse Safety

April 8, 2024

As the moon aligns perfectly between Earth and the Sur., parts of Ontario will experience temporary darkness. Use the advice below to stay safe during the eclipse.



Warning!

Looking directly at the uncovered Sun without protection can cause retinal burns, blurred vision, or loss of eyesight. There are no pain sensors in your retinas to tell you that your eyes are being damaged. Once symptoms begin, the damage is usually too late to reverse.

Quick facts

- The eclipse is expected to start just after 2:00 p.m. EDT with a full eclipse from approximately 3:20 p.m. and move eastward. The specific time and duration of the eclipse will depend on your location. Areas outside the path of totality will observe a partial solar eclipse.
- Historically, eclipses have prompted mass movements of people to prime viewing areas.
- Check your municipality's website for service changes and local closures.
- For more information about viewing the eclipse in Ontario, visit Destination Ontario's website

Travel tips

- While driving, avoid looking at the eclipse. Keep your eyes on the road to safely operate your vehicle and avoid collisions.
- Follow local directives and road signage as you travel on April 8. While travelling on highways, do not stop, take pictures, or get out of your car to view the eclipse.
- Stay updated on road conditions before, during, and after the eclipse by visiting 5110n.ca.
- Expect increases in traffic and road congestion. Plan ahead, fill your gas tank, and have snacks, water, entertainment, and first-aid supplies on hand.
- If travelling to view the eclipse, plan to arrive at your destination 24 to 48 hours ahead of time.

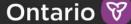
Eye safety

- It is not safe to look at the Sun without eye protection. Looking at even a small sliver before or after the eclipse without eye protection can be harmful to your vision. Health impacts may include retinal burns, blurred vision, and loss of eyesight (immediate or delayed onset).
- Glasses with specialized filters adhering to the ISO 12312-2 international standard can be worn to prevent eye damage. Glasses should be inspected for wrinkles or scratches ahead of use and should not be used if damaged.
- If appropriate eye protection is not 3 available, alternative viewing strategies should be considered, such as an eclipse box or a live stream.

Visit the Canadian Space Agency's website for more information.









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Geraniums

pink, red, salmon, white, magenta

Marigolds - flat of 48 plants

orange, yellow or mixed

Petunias - flat of 48 plants white, red, pink, purple or mixed

10"/11" Baskets

boston fern, fuchsia, million bells, mixed sun

12"/14" Mixed Patio Planter

please specify either shade OR sun

PLANT PICK UP DATE Wed., May 8, 2024 9:00am - 11:30am

Windover Nurseries

·Order Deadline April 5, 2024 ·

\$4.50ea

Gift Certificates in any denomination are available at

> Windover Nurseries & DeGroot's Nurseries

All available for Mother's Day May 12, 2024

Wendy 519.882.2073 | Dawn 519.882.4919 Please no calls after 9pm

Volunteer Tax Clinics



Need help with your Income Tax return?

If your income is modest and your tax situation is simple, volunteers from our Community Volunteer Income Tax Program can help you free of charge!

Friday March 15 & Friday April 19 9:30am - 3:30pm

St. Paul's United Church 4169 Petrolia Line, across from Tim Hortons

To book an appointment contact: 519-882-1390 Mon-Fri from 9am-3pm office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net

This service is provided by The Inn of the Good Shepherd







Go to canada.ca/taxes-help or call 1-800-959-8281 for more information.







Lambton Central - Petrolia **Optimist Club** would like to invite you to their

at Crabby Joe's, Petrolia Every Thursday ~ 6pm ~ 6 Draws



Proceeds to benefit the youth of our community!

Thank you for your continued support!









MEN'S 2-PITCH LEAGUE

LOOKING FOR TEAMS TO JOIN OUR LEAGUE **RUNS MAY TO AUGUST** TUESDAY NIGHTS @ GREENWOOD ARENA

7PM/8PM

CONTACT TRAVIS SUTHERLAND 519-328-2795

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PARENT & TOT PROGRAMMING



Little Rascals runs every Friday 9:30am - 11:00am

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PARENT + TOT ARTS & CRAFTS 9:00-9:30AM LITTLE RASCALS 9:30-11:00AM														



PARENT + TOT STORY TIME 9:00-9:30AM







Are you caring for someone living with dementia? The Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton leads a support group for care partners each month at the Central Lambton Family Health Team. Registration is required. If you are interested in attending, please contact Maggie Boulton at 519-332-4444 ext. 228."

Alzheimer *Society*



Mrs. Savage has plans for the 10 million dollars her husband left to her. Her stepchildren have very different plans.

How far are they willing to go to get their hands on her money?

Thursday & Friday April 11 & 12 at 7:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday April 13 & 14 at 2:00 pm

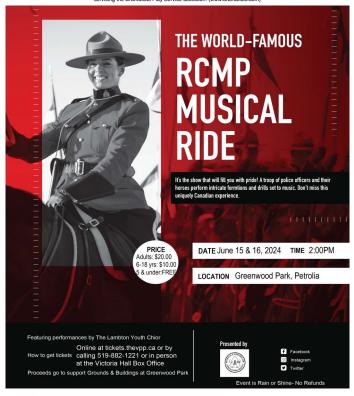


on stage at Victoria Hall 411 Greenfield St., Petrolia Directed by Anna Bechard

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)

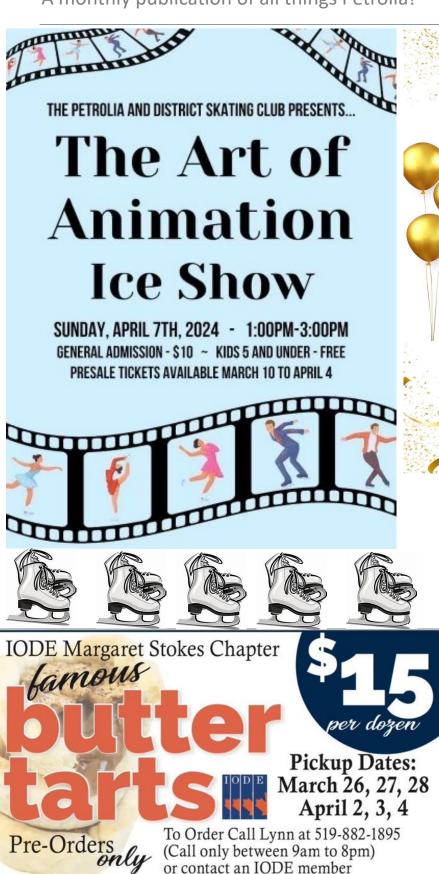
More info at www.petroliatheatre.com

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. (www.dramatists.com)



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Pick Up Time Between 11:00 am & 2:00pm at the Petrolia Arena



The Town of Petrolia 150 Committee & The Petrolia Parks and Recreation **Advisory Committee** are pleased to present the...

PETROLIA

PARADE

2PM · Downtown Petrolia



For more information or to register your float please contact Thera at twagner@petrolia.ca or call 519-882-2350 registration forms can also be found at 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

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 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 &

Your co-operation is appreciated

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Fri-Sun 15, 16 & 17 Petrolia 150 Town Crier Contest

Monday -1 Town - Canada Day Celebrations

JANUARY

Monday - 1 Petrolia 150 Gala 7:30-10:30pm

FEBRUARY Fri-Mon 16, 17, 18, & 19 Family Fun Days Weekend

Saturday - 25 Farmers' Market Grand Opening

JUNE Saturday - 1

Town - Pizzafest Fri-Sat 15 & 16

Special Event in Greenwood Park to he announced soon

Saturday - 13 Town - Barn Dance

Fri & Sat 12 & 13

JULY

Sunday - 18

Saturday – 17 Petrolia 150 Parade

Nonsectarian Church Service in Greenwood Park - 11am

SEPTEMBER Saturday - 14 Harvestfest - Farmers' Market

DECEMBER Friday - 6 Town Christmas in the Park, Chili Cook Off

Saturday - 7 Town - Christmas Market, 10am-3pm

Saturday -7 Town - Santa Claus Parade - 2pm "Celebrating Petrolia 150"

Tuesday - 31 Petrolia 150 Closing Event at Greenwood Recreation Centre

Thursday - Sunday, AUGUST 15, 16, 17 & 18 Hard Oil Music Festival in Greenwood Park

Visit: petrolia150.com for event details, and more!

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:



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/



If you are still not pleased with Attend a Town Council

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Director of Operations

From of John 2024 Council Meeting Calendar

to add correspondence to agenda listing, is 12:00 noon the Tuesday Prior to the council meeting to register as a delegation or presentation, is 12:00 noon the Tuesday Prior to the council meeting please send items to clerksdepartment@petrolia.ca 7:00 pm, Regular Meeting

unicipal Conference own Hall Public Meeting, 7:00 pm

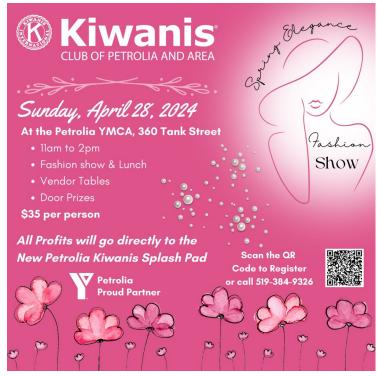
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Vendor Applications are now Open!

PETROLIA FARMERS'

MARKE

May 18 - October 19

Saturday mornings from 7:30AM-Noon



& Watermain Hydrant |

April 15 - May 10, 2024 7:30am-4:30pm

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) will be flushing watermains throughout Petrolia as part of the annual flushing program.

You may experience discoloured water coming from your tap. If this happens, we suggest you try the following:

- remove the aerators from your taps and flush all the house lines until the water runs clear
- youmayalsodecidetorefrainfromdoinglaundry during this period to avoid staining of your

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

OCWA will continue to work on the flushing programs to ensure consumer satisfaction. Any concerns, please contact OCWA at the phone number below.



Ontario Clean Water Agency

Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) West Elgin • Ontario • N0L 2P0



411 Greenfield Street Petrolia • ON • NON 1R0 519-882-2350 w.town.petrolia.on.ca BE PART OF GOVERNING YOUR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Seeking individuals with skills and expertise in the areas of.

- Finance & accounting
- Legal/law
- Healthcare system & patient care
- Information technology
 Diversity, equity & inclusion
 - Construction & project management

The hospital is governed by a volunteer, skills-based board of directors which is responsible for setting policy, establishing strategic direction and monitoring organizational performance. Terms are three years for directors and one year for nondirector committee members. Applicants are required to live in Lambton County.

We seek members that reflect the diversity of the communities we serve, with a focus on recruiting Indigenous peoples, members of visible minority groups, the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, persons with disabilities, and rural representatives.



Application form and information at www.bluewaterhealth.ca/board-recruitment

APPLICATIONS DUE BY March 31, 2024







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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!



1:00p.m. at First Baptist Church. Please contact Dawn McNally at 519-882-4919 for more information! Visit us at www.iodemargaretstokespetrolia.ca or find us on Facebook!

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CAO's Corner—

ParticipACTION!

Hello everyone! I hope you are finding my CAO's Corner articles interesting and informative. My goal with these articles is to provide clarity and a better understanding of the work that we do, as a municipal government. Hopefully, my articles will help demystify the municipal world.

Today's article is about our Town's participation in ParticipACTION, a national non-profit organization that inspires and supports people living in Canada to Rick Charlebois make physical activity a vital part of their everyday life. ParticipACTION works to help Canadians reduce sedentary time and move more through innovative engagement initiatives.



The ParticipACTION program includes a Community Challenge which is open to the 3,600 municipalities across Canada. Communities must register and residents record their physical activities throughout the month of June 2024 to obtain a total score for their municipality. The most active community has a chance to win \$100,000 for their municipality. 2024 will be the first year that the Town of Petrolia has participated in this Community Challenge. We have several activities planned to help get our residents moving:

Walk with the Mayor – for the month of June, enjoy an hour walk with our Mayor. We will meet at the Petrolia Y parking lot for 6 pm start on Thursdays. I will also be leading a jogging group for those interested at the same time.

Our local Kiwanis with assistance from the Petrolia Youth Advisory Committee will be holding a "colour run". This is a 5-km walk-run and participants are sprayed with different coloured powder. The date in June is yet to be confirmed.

"June is Bike Month" – Jackie Dupuis will lead a group of bikers for a leisurely bike throughout Petrolia. The day of the week in June is yet to be determined.

I encourage you to participate where you can or create your own activities with your family, friends, Church, service club, etc.

ParticipACTION will release an app to record your activities. You will also be able to record your activities manually.

Across all ages and demographics, Canadians are not moving enough. About half of Canadian adults, and only 28% of youth meet the recommended physical activity guidelines. Regular exercise is the most effective strategy for healthy aging, preventing chronic diseases, and reducing healthcare costs, as emphasized by the World Health Organization.

I welcome any feedback including suggestions for topics. Have a great day.