

THE PETROLIA CONNECTION

A monthly publication of all things Petrolia!



MARCH BREAK Screens & Skates

In Petrolia



Monday, March 10-

1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating
3:30pm- Movie: A League of Their Own

Tuesday, March 11

10:00am- Movie: Kung Fu Panda 4
1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating

Wednesday, March 12

1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating
3:30pm- Movie: Wicked

Sponsored by
Langs

Thursday, March 13

10:00am- Movie: DuckTale the Movie, Treasure of the Lost Lamp
1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating

Friday, March 14

1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating



Movies sponsored by:



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 En-
forcement, call 519-845-5420, Animal Control, call or text -519-
312-1322, or reach us through our online portal [https://
petrolia.civicweb.net/Portal/CitizenEngagement.aspx](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
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you'll be surprised!

MARCH AT A GLANCE

4– Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner– Christ Church Anglican

6– Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Garden Seed Kit giveaway– Kerr Park

10-14– March Break

15– St. Patrick’s Take Out Dinner 4-6pm– St. Pauls United Church

27-30– PCT presents Hilda’s Yard written by Norm Foster, Directed by Caleb MacKinnon– Victoria Hall

28– Little Rascals Free Swim– Petrolia YMCA

29-30– Leo’s Stuff the Bus at Heidi’s YIG

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

Volunteer Firefighter's use Green Flashing Lights while responding to the Fire Station

WATCH FOR FLASHING GREEN LIGHT FIREFIGHTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE

ontario.ca/firemarshal

PETROLIA Community THEATRE presents a comedy

Hilda's Yard

By Norm Foster

It's 1956 and Hilda & Sam are empty nesters until both of their children unexpectedly return with hilarious results.

Thursday & Friday **March 27 & 28** at 7:30 pm
 Saturday & Sunday **March 29 & 30** at 2:00 pm

2025

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

TICKETS \$25 Directed by Caleb MacKinnon Adult humour Some language

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

More info at www.petroliatheatre.com

Produced with special arrangement by Playwrights Canada Press

THRIVE

Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30PM


Thrive will kick off Tuesday, January 14th, 2025! Thrive is a power packed hour designed to build up and encourage kids age 6 to 11, hosted at First Baptist Church, Petrolia. For more info call 519.617.6414 or email u-turn@kent.net



THRIVE is an outreach program designed by U-Turn Ministries, the creators of Camp U-Turn, The Underground and The Underground Summer Camp. U-Turn Ministries is a registered not for profit organization established in 2002.

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**Optimist Club of
Lambton Central - Petrolia
DIY Vegetable / Flower
Garden Kit for Kids**

A GREAT AT-HOME PROJECT...

We have 100 FREE kits available

One child (single kit)

Two or more children (family kit)

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) and 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 6TH
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

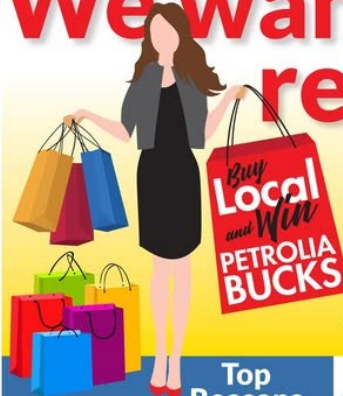
For more information,
please contact

Optimist Pam

pam_core@hotmail.com



We want your receipts!



**Enter to Win
1 of 2 Great Prizes!**
EACH RECEIPT IS AN ENTRY!
\$250 | **\$250**
PETROLIA BUCKS | PETROLIA BUCKS
DRAW FEB. 28 | DRAW MARCH 31

Top Reasons to Shop Locally

Your Money Stays in Petrolia	Support Your Friends & Neighbours
Embrace What Makes Petrolia Unique	Benefit from Local Owners' Expertise
Job Opportunities Expand	Help Preserve and Build Local Entrepreneurship
Saves Time and Gas Expenses	

It is Easy to Enter!

DROP OFF YOUR RECEIPT*
*Original or Copy Accepted
at one of these locations

- Petrolia Town Hall Mail Slot**
411 Greenfield Street
- Family Discount Depot**
4219 Petrolia Line
Open Tues-Thurs 10am-5pm
Fri-Sat 10am-4pm
- Red Apple Stores**
4141 Petrolia Line
Open Mon-Sat 9am-6pm
Sun 10am-5pm

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

Kid's SCAVENGER Hunt



MARCH 8TH-16TH
...AT ALL PARTICIPATING DOWNTOWN PETROLIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MERCHANTS

Win 1 of 2 Prizes Of \$100 in Petrolia Bucks

HOW TO PLAY

- PICK UP SCAVENGER HUNT FORM AT PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS
- SEARCH WINDOW DISPLAYS DOWNTOWN TO FIND THE ST. PATRICK'S ICONS/PHOTOS, RECORD LOCATION OF EACH ON FORM
- HAND IN COMPLETED FORM AT PARTICIPATING MERCHANT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
BIG lucky weekend
March 14th & 15th
Shop Downtown To Win Merchant Certificates

BIG lucky weekend

Shop Petrolia
Get an early start on your Easter Goodies!

Shop Downtown
...fill out a ballot at participating Downtown Petrolia Line stores for your chance to

March 14th & 15th

- 1st Prize:** \$500. Petrolia Merchant Gift Certificates
- 2nd Prize:** \$375. Petrolia Merchant Gift Certificates
- 3rd Prize:** \$300. Petrolia Merchant Gift Certificates

Don't forget to bring along the kids for the Kid's Scavenger Hunt at participating merchants.

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Pop Up Saturday Market

396 Fletcher Street, Petrolia- in the Kerr Building

8:00am-Noon

Watch for the vendors for each date!

November 9
December 14
January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12

Farmers market



Understanding the Transient Trader (Door-to-Door Sales) Bylaw



Who needs a permit?
Everyone. Except charities.
Do charities still need to register?
Yes.

How will I know if a permit or registration has taken place?

It will be posted on the Town website, on social media, and in the newspaper*/Petrolia Connection*.

How should I report door to door solicitors without a permit in my neighbourhood?

Call: (519)845-5420

If you are feeling intimidated or pressured call the Non-Emergency OPP at 1(800)310-1122

*If enough notice is given.

WWW.TOWN.PETROLIA.ON.CA



Call (519)882-2350 for more information.



Greenwood Rec Centre
2025 Winter Skating Schedule

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

Learn To Skate
(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
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
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

TOWN OF PETROLIA ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW



is a guideline for domesticated animals in Town.



Certain animals that can be categorized as livestock are referred to in the Town of Petrolia zoning by-law.

Please be sure that before homing any domestic, exotic or livestock that you are familiar with these regulations and what zone you live in.

If you have any concerns regarding animal control, please contact the JSG Animal Solutions, Jeff Dewhirst at 519-312-1322 (call/text)



you'll be surprised!



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 **\$10 DONATION**
= SOUP + BUN + COOKIE!
* CASH ONLY *



soup choices: cream of broccoli - beef barley - pasta e fagioli - butternut squash
* each soup serving comes with a bun and cookie too *

PETROLIA COMMUNITY FRIDGE SOUP FUNDRAISER

Want to just donate? E-transfer: office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net
* put "soup" in remarks *

Saturday March 8th
Drive-thru 11:30 to 1:30
@ St Paul's United Church Parking lot (or pick up in basement)
Consider BOGO (Buy One for You, Give One for the PCR)
Need more info? 519-402-1995

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, PETROLIA

Saint PATRICK'S DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 15 TAKE OUT DINNER
4:00 - 6:00PM

SHEPHERDS PIE OR BEEF STEW AND IRISH VEGGIE SOUP, COLESLAW, IRISH SODA BREAD STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING
Gluten Free on Request

Last date to order March 9
e-mail orderyourdinnernow@gmail.com

\$30

E-Transfers to office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net



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**

Legion 

EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH


LUNCH
12 PM - 1 PM
\$10

MUSIC
1 PM - 4 PM
BY DONATION

EVERYONE WELCOME
4129 GLENVIEW RD, PETROLIA

JAMBOREE
SOFT ROCK COUNTRY

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 216



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!



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Optimist Club of
Lambton Central ~ Petrolia



Weekly Meat Raffles

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

BIGGER PRIZES
(\$10 more value)
at the same
LOW PRICE!!
Starts Feb. 6th, 2025

Tickets
STILL
ONLY
\$1 each

1 of 3 - **NOW \$40** Meat Packages

OR 1 of 3 - **NOW \$40** Gift Cards

Meat Packages & Gift Cards, supplied by Wyoming Foodland

1st Ticket drawn: Choice of Meat Package or Gift Card

2nd Ticket drawn: \$5 Crabby Joe Gift Card

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR
CLUB AND ALL THAT WE DO!**



SCOTIABANK FACILITY FOR RENT

We Welcome Interested Parties to contact
Town Hall!



(519)882-2350
Please ask for Julie or Rick

In person at:
Victoria Hall
411 Greenfield St, Petrolia



By e-mail to:
petrolia@petrolia.ca



Available April 2025
Approx. 2000 ft²



IODE MEETINGS: Second Monday of the month,
except July and August. 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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Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

Every second counts in an emergency

- Remove snow and ice from the hydrant
- Clear an area approximately 3 feet around the hydrant
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street

3 feet



3 feet



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 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 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



World Day of Prayer 2025 Journée mondiale de la prière 2025

"I Made You Wonderful"

Psalm 139: 1-18

Artists: Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa



« J'ai fait de toi une merveille. »

Psaume 139, 1-18

Artistes: Tarani Napa et Tevairangi Napa

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration ecuménique

Friday, March 7 @ 1:00 PM
Day, Time/la date, l'heure

St. Pauls United across from Tim Hortons
Location/l'endroit

Chair Lift Available

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
Service rédigé/Préparé par le Comité JWP des Îles Cook, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Conseil œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada



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Y PARENTS
Night Out

DATE: March 28th, 2025
TIME: 5pm-8pm
AGE: 4yrs-12yrs

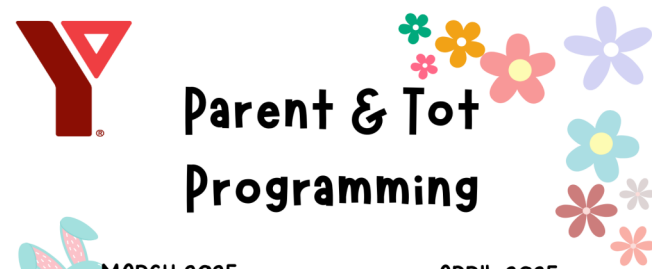
Activities :

- ★ Games ★ Pizza
- ★ Craft ★ Swim

\$15

☎ 519-882-2232
🌐 www.ymcaswo.ca

SPACES ARE LIMITED!



Parent & Tot Programming

MARCH 2025							APRIL 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1			1	2	3	4	5
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
23	24	25	26	27	28		27	28	29	30			

- **Little Rascals:**
9:30am-11:30am
- **Free Swim:**
10:00am - 11:00am



STORM WATER DRAINAGE

AND

REAR YARD DRAINAGE

When there is significantly higher rainfall than average, this contributes to increased stormwater levels.

Higher stormwater levels can overwhelm any drainage systems, leading to localized flooding and other issues. This is a common challenge many communities face due to changing weather patterns.

Public Works actively monitors these significant events and where able take steps to mitigate the impact including increasing the frequency of drain inspections and clearing.

Residents can help by ensuring that leaves and debris are cleared from storm drains near their properties. Simple measures like this can significantly improve drainage efficiency.

If you notice any blocked drains or flooding, please report it immediately to our public works department at 519-882-2351, we are here to assist you and address any concerns promptly.

The municipality is responsible for maintaining and managing public drainage systems, including streets, public parks, and other community areas. This ensures that the public infrastructure functions properly and prevents flooding on public property.

Drainage issues that occur within the boundaries of private property, such as rear yards, are generally the responsibility of the property owner. This includes ensuring proper grading, maintaining private drainage systems, and addressing any water runoff issues.

The reason for this division of responsibilities is that municipalities are not equipped to manage the individual drainage issues that can arise on private properties. Each property has unique characteristics and needs that are best addressed by the property owner.

Some common measures to improve rear yard drainage include re-grading the yard to ensure proper slope, installing French drains, and using rain gardens or other landscaping techniques to manage excess water.

If your drainage issue is related to water runoff from a neighboring property, we encourage you to discuss the matter with your neighbor to find a mutually agreeable solution.