

# THE PETROLIA CONNECTION

A monthly publication of all things Petrolia!



## MARCH BREAK Screens & Skates

Movies at Victoria Hall, Skating at Greenwood Rec. Centre Petrolia

**FREE**

**Monday, March 16-**  
1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating Sponsored by **MacFarlane** CHEVROLET • BUICK • GMC

**Tuesday, March 17**  
10:00am- Free Movie: Moana 2 (G)  
1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating Sponsored by **INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF OILFIELD**

**Wednesday, March 18**  
1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating Sponsored by **Langs BUS LINES**  
3:30pm- Free Movie: Zootopia 2 (G)

**Thursday, March 19**  
10:00am- Free Movie: Peter Rabbit (G)  
1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating Sponsored by **INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF OILFIELD**

**Friday, March 20**  
1:30-3:00pm- Free Public Skating Sponsored by **Councillor Liz Welsh**

Movies sponsored by:

## KIDS KARAOKE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**  
**5-8 PM**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**BRING OUT YOUR YOUNG STARS**

**THE PETROLIA LEGION**  
**216 LOUNGE**

## Kid's SCAVENGER Hunt

**MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>-22<sup>ND</sup>**

...AT ALL PARTICIPATING DOWNTOWN PETROLIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MERCHANTS

**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 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>  
Shop Downtown To Win Merchant Certificates

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



### 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 519-845-5420, 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!](mailto:petrolia@petrolia.ca)

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**PETROLIA Community THEATRE**  
A comical western parody that would make your horse laugh  
By Warren Graham

## Gee Ma'am You're Prettier'n Ma Horse



**Need a good laugh?**  
This fast-paced western is bursting with ridiculous characters, sharp one-liners, and pure community theatre joy.  
Think saloons, bandits, gold, mistaken identities, and unlikely heroes.

Photos by Tony White

Thursday & Friday **March 26 & 27** at 7:30 pm  
Saturday & Sunday **March 28 & 29** at 2:00 pm

TICKETS \$29  
Directed by Carol Graham

ON STAGE AT  
**Victoria Hall**  
411 GREENFIELD ST



2026

Tickets available at VPP Box Office - Call 519-882-1221 or 800-717-7694 toll free online at <https://thevpp.ca/other-events> (\$5 charge for online orders)  
More info at [www.petroliatheatre.com](http://www.petroliatheatre.com)

This play may be deemed offensive to everyone; we apologize if you were left out.



## Optimist Club of Lambton Central ~ Petrolia



# 'Easter Ham' Meat Raffle

Proceeds from this Meat Raffle will be donated to  
**Petrolia Scouting & Petrolia Girl Guides**

**Thursday, March 26th**  
**Chuck's Roadhouse Bar & Grill, Petrolia**

**6pm ~ 6 Rounds ~ \$1 per ticket**  
1st ticket drawn: Choice of Ham or Gift Card  
\$40 Meat Packages & Gift Cards, supplied by Wyoming Foodland

2nd ticket drawn: \$5 Chuck Bucks

**Plus 'Second Chance' Draws!**  
For every ticket you purchase, you will receive a FREE ballot for a chance to win some great prizes!

**We look forward to seeing you & Thank you for your continued support!**



Optimist Club of Lambton Central—Petrolia  
**A GREAT DIY PROJECT...**

## SEED KITS FOR KIDS GIVEAWAY

100 FREE kits available

**One child (single kit)**  
**Two or more children (family kit)**

First come, first serve



**THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH**  
**5pm - 6pm or until the kits are gone**

Drive through pick-up at Kerr Park  
**Please go down Kentail St. (off Petrolia line) and turn right onto Third St. and enter parking lot at south entrance and then you will exit onto Fourth St. Thank you!**



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](mailto:pam_core@hotmail.com)

## World Day of Prayer 2026 Journée mondiale de la prière

"I Will Give You Rest: Come"

Matthew 11:28-30



« Je vous procurerai le repos. Venez »

Matthieu 11, 28-30

Ecumenical Worship Service Information /  
Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

Fri. March 6, 2026 at 1 P.M.

Location/l'endroit

St. Philip Church, 415 King St. Petrolia  
handicap accessible

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

a Food Bank Donation of rice or olive oil would be appreciated.

Service written and Prepared by WOP Nigeria, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada  
Service préparé par des chrétiennes du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Bureau des chrétiennes du Canada



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**BIG lucky weekend**

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

**Shop Petrolia**  
Get an early start on your **Easter Goodies!**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** \$500. Petrolia Merchant Gift Certificates  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** \$375. Petrolia Merchant Gift Certificates  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** \$300. Petrolia Merchant Gift Certificates

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

### RECURRING EVENTS

Every Monday and Thursday— Royal Canadian Legion Zumba with Lisa— 7-8 p.m.

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

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

Every Tuesday— Royal Canadian Legion Yoga with Adina— 7-8p.m.

Third Wednesday— Royal Canadian Legion— Jamboree's 12-4p.m. Lunch Available \$10

Every Wednesday— Royal Canadian Legion Euchre 7p.m.

Every Wednesday— Royal Canadian Legion Cornhole 7 p.m.

Every Thursday— Petrolia Lions Meat Raffle at Bull Wheel 6-8pm

Every Thursday— Royal Canadian Legion afternoon Pepper 1-4 p.m. and Darts 7-10p.m.

Every Friday— Royal Canadian Legion Karaoke— 8pm

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

Every Saturday — Royal Canadian Legion Lunches – 12-2p.m. with the meat draw starting at 2p.m.

Fourth Saturday— Royal Canadian Legion Progressive Euchre Tournament— Lunch at noon and Euchre from 1-5p.m.

First Saturday— Royal Canadian Legion— Kids Karaoke from 5-8p.m.

Third Sunday— Royal Canadian Legion & LA Breakfast –11:30a.m.

**PETROLIA LIONS CLUB**

**BINGO dabber**

**COME & JOIN US**

at the Lions Hall  
Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
DOORS OPEN 6:00 p.m.  
BINGO 7:00 p.m.  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

INFORMATION  
519 882-8728

Proceeds to Local Projects

**OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING ENDS NOVEMBER 15, AND WILL RESUME ON APRIL 1.**

**Available Now!**

**RESIDENT SWIM PASSES**

- 10 youth passes \$70
- 10 adult passes \$110
- 10 senior passes \$100
- 10 family passes \$225

Learn all about it!

[www.town.petrolia.on.ca/residents/ymca/](http://www.town.petrolia.on.ca/residents/ymca/)

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you'll be surprised!

**GREENWOOD REC. CENTRE, PETROLIA**

## SKATING Schedule 2025/26

\*All programs end the last week of March, 2026

**LEARN TO SKATE**  
 Mon & Thurs 11am-12pm  
 \$4 -Adults  
 Free -Children  
 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. **Starts: Oct. 16**

**ADULT LUNCH TIME SKATE**  
 Mon & Thurs 12pm - 1pm  
 \$4 -Adults  
 For adults only. No sticks permitted. CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended. **Starts: Oct. 16**

**SHINNY (PICK UP) HOCKEY** **New for 2025/26!**  
 Tues 12pm - 1pm  
 \$4 -Adults  
 An opportunity for adults to participate in a shinny/pick up hockey game. Proper gear is mandatory. **Starts: Oct. 14**

**LEARN TO PLAY**  
 Friday 12pm - 1pm  
 \$4 -Adults  
 FREE - Children  
 An opportunity for adults to teach children hockey skills. No aggressive playing or slap shots are permitted. CSA approved helmets, a mask and gloves are mandatory. Players must bring sticks and pucks. Does not occur on PA Days or during Christmas Holidays. **Starts: Oct. 17**

**PUBLIC SKATING**  
 Every Sunday 1:50pm - 2:50pm  
 \$4 -Per Person  
 \$10 - Family  
 CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended. Children must be supervised by an adult. No sticks permitted. Skate aids are permitted. **Starts: Oct. 19**

Additional Public Skates will be announced as available.  
 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

## Don't Get Caught in a Scam!

### Fraud Awareness & Scam Prevention Night

**Victoria Hall – Petrolia** | **March 12, 2026**  
 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Protect Yourself. Protect Your Loved Ones.**

Fraud and scams are happening right here in our community — but together, we can stay informed and stay safe.

Join us for an engaging and informative evening where we'll talk

- ✓ The most common scams affecting local residents
- ✓ Phone, text and email fraud tactics
- ✓ Cryptocurrency and investment scams
- ✓ Gift card and emergency scams
- ✓ Warning signs and red flags
- ✓ Simple steps you can take to protect yourself
- ✓ What to do if you think you've been targeted

Bring a friend, a neighbour, or a family member — the more we share, the safer we all become.

**FREE • Open to the Public • No Registration Required**

Hosted By: **LAMBTON COUNTY** (OPP logo)

In Partnership with: **LAMBTON GROUP OPP DETACHMENT BOARD** and **TOWN OF PETROLIA ASSOCIATED** (Logos)

# CORNHOLE NIGHT

## Petrolia Legion



Every Wednesday  
**7:00 pm – 10:00 pm**  
**\$5 per player**  
 All skill levels welcome

**SH Scoreholio**

## KARAOKE Night

EVERYONE WELCOME  
 Come On Out & Enjoy!

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
 8 PM - CLOSE

IT'S HAPPENING AT THE ZIG

**ZIG LOUNGE**  
 216

OPEN DARTS / EVERYONE WELCOME

## DART NIGHT

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
 7 PM

Meet new people!  
 Play for fun!  
 Enjoy!

**ZIG LOUNGE**  
 216

4129 GLENVIEW RD, PETROLIA

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## 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HAVE YOU CONSIDERED RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL? JOIN US TO FIND OUT MORE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026**

**TWO SESSIONS AVAILABLE:  
2:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.  
(SESSION WILL RUN APPROX. 2 HOURS.)**

**VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:  
AVAILABLE BY REGISTERING [ELECTION@PETROLIA.CA](mailto:ELECTION@PETROLIA.CA)**

**LOCATION:  
COUNTY OF LAMBTON BUILDING  
789 BROADWAY STREET  
WYOMING, ONTARIO**



HOSTED BY THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LAMBTON COUNTY  
FEATURING PRESENTER: MR. NIGEL BELLCHAMBER



## COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

▶ Looking for a Job? **FREE**  
Employment Consultation



Canada

EMPLOYMENT  
ONTARIO

Ontario

This Employment Ontario program is funded in part by the Government of Canada.

### Fundraiser

St. Paul's United Church 4169 Petrolia Line, Petrolia

### BBQ CHICKEN TO GO



Half BBQ Chicken \$25.00  
Quarter BBQ Chicken \$20.00

Sat. March 28, 2026 4:00-6:00pm

Your Choice of a  
Half or Qtr BBQ Chicken from Appin BBQ  
Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Coleslaw,  
Homemade Roll & Brownies  
Gluten Free available upon request

PRE-PURCHASED TICKETS ONLY NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED  
SCHEDULED PICK UP TIMES FOR YOUR MEAL  
TICKET ORDER DEADLINE IS MARCH 22 at NOON

To order Email: Julie at [finacecommittee.stpaulspetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:finacecommittee.stpaulspetrolia@gmail.com)  
Include your preferred pickup time every 15 minutes from 4pm to 6pm.  
We will strive to accommodate your pickup time. The earlier you order the better your chance of receiving your selected time. This is due to volunteers packaging your orders to receive your food hot.



Payment by etransfer to [office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net](mailto:office@stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net)

Be sure to put Chicken Dinner in Comment



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF PETROLIA AND AREA

*Sip & Stitch*  
With Laura McCann

Mar 19 2026  
6pm - 9pm

BLACK GOLD BREWERY  
395 FLETCHER ST.  
PETROLIA

COST: \$55  
(\$16.50 FROM EACH DONATED TO PETROLIA KIWANIS)

CHOICE OF EITHER:  
1) 12 MONTH JOURNAL  
2) 4 SEASONS JOURNAL

ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED

No Experience Necessary!

CREATE AN EMBROIDERY JOURNAL



SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER



CONTACT  
[PETROLIA.KIWANIS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PETROLIA.KIWANIS@GMAIL.COM)  
[WWW.PETROLIAKIWANIS.CA](http://WWW.PETROLIAKIWANIS.CA)

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## Artist Call!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Petrolia Art Crawl

Our mission is to unite local businesses and artisans to foster a vibrant cultural economy. By enriching the lives of our residents and guests, we aim to establish Petrolia as a premier destination for visitors.

#### Application guidelines:

- **Who Can Apply?** We welcome creators of all ages and genres!
- **Showing Your Work:** Please ensure your art is ready to hang or bring your own display stands/pedestals.
- **The Timeline:** Setup at your assigned location must be finished by noon on June 28th; teardown is by noon on July 14th.
- **Get Noticed:** We'll promote you in our official event flyer!
- **Apply Now:** Send your name, phone number, and 3-7 photos of your work (with dimensions) to [theartwalkpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:theartwalkpetrolia@gmail.com).
- **The Fine Print:** Artwork must be appropriate for all ages. Only the pieces approved during the application process may be displayed.

Brought to you by the  
Petrolia Volunteer  
Business Group



Application Deadline:  
April 30th

Email application to:  
[theartwalkpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:theartwalkpetrolia@gmail.com)

Viewable from June  
29<sup>th</sup> - July 13th



# SWING INTO SPRING

MARCH 14, 2026 / 2PM  
VICTORIA HALL, PETROLIA

**MARK PAYNE & MICHAEL VANHEVEL**

FEATURING:  
**JAZZTEN**

Michael Vanhevel and Mark Payne team up with the 9-piece JazzTen band for a high-energy duo show filled with fresh swing, and smooth vocals.

Join us and  
**Swing Into Spring!**

**Tickets \$45**  
a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the **VPP Elevator campaign!**

VICTORIA HALL, PETROLIA  
411 GREENFIELD STREET, PETROLIA  
Call the box office: 519-882-1221  
or visit [www.thevpp.ca](http://www.thevpp.ca)

## PETROLIA & DISTRICT SKATING CLUB PRESENTS

# SUGAR! SUGAR!

Sunday April, 5<sup>th</sup> 2026  
1:00pm - 3:00pm

### NEW FOR 2026!

## Petrolia Eats, Beats and Boutiques

Street Party  
Shopping  
Cocktails  
Food  
Live Music  
Kids Zone & More!

Vendor Applications Now Available!

Save the date!  
**Saturday, June 6**  
1-9pm  
Downtown Petrolia  
[www.visitpetrolia.ca](http://www.visitpetrolia.ca)

### Spring Forward

Don't Forget To Change Your Clock  
+1 hour  
March 8, 2025

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.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/ontario](http://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/ontario) 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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**Pop Up Saturday Market**  
396 Fletcher Street, Petrolia- in the Kerr Building

8:00am-Noon

Watch for the vendors for each date!

November 1 & 15  
December 20  
January 3 & 17  
February 7 & 21  
March 7 & 21  
April 4 & 18

*Farmers market*

Town of Petrolia, ON



## Text the town to find information and report issues!

Text **Hi** To:

# 289.769.9799

Additional Keyword Options:

- Contact
- Water Issue
- Events
- FAQ
- Taxes
- Waste Services
- Report
- Council
- By-Laws

Visit: [textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions](https://textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions) to view terms and privacy policy info. Msg & Data rates apply. Msg frequency varies. Text STOP at any time to opt-out.



### T-shirts are now available!



Order by going to our website <https://town.petrolia.on.ca/news> or come into Town Hall for assistance. Cost is \$20.00 per shirt!

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2026

Visit: <https://www.registertovoteon.ca/> & make sure you're on the list!



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION PETROLIA  
BRANCH 216  
(with assistance of the LADIES AUXILIARY)

**Breakfast**

Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Quiche, Baked Beans, Fresh-made Home Fries, Toast, Juice, Coffee, Tea.

Sunday March 15, 9 am - 11:30 am

ADULTS \$13; AGES 6 - 10 \$6; UNDER AGE 6 FREE

Menu and prices subject to change

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## Optimist Club of Lambton Central ~ Petrolia Weekly Meat Raffles



at **CHUCK'S ROADHOUSE**  
BAR AND GRILL  
Petrolia

Every Thursday  
Starting at 6pm  
6 Rounds

**COME & JOIN US ON THURSDAYS!**

**Tickets ONLY \$1 each**

**1 of 3 - \$40 Meat Packages OR 1 of 3 - \$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 Chuck's Roadhouse Gift card

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

## Tuesday Night MEAT RAFFLES

IN SUPPORT OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF PETROLIA AND AREA



Every Tuesday  
6:00-8:00 PM



 **EVERY THURSDAY MEAT RAFFLE**  
6 PM - 8 PM  
4196 Petrolia Line in Downtown PETROLIA





**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](http://www.iodemargaretstokespetrolia.ca) or find us on Facebook!



Lunch starts at NOON

Join us in the Petrolia Legion 216 Lounge for prizes, fun, food and drink

PETROLIA LEGION BRANCH 216

*Saturday*  
**MEAT RAFFLES BACK ON!**

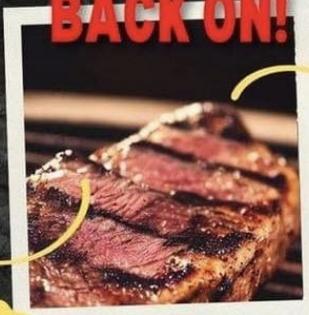
10 MEAT DRAWS!

3 50/50 DRAWS!

**\$2 PER TICKET**

**DONT MISS OUT!**

EVERY SATURDAY FROM 2-5PM



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The Victoria Playhouse Petrolia is hosting a

# VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

*day*

**April 1, 2026**  
**1:00PM & 6:00PM**  
 (please attend one session)  
 at Victoria Hall  
 411 Greenfield St.

We ask that volunteers be over 16 years of age and can apply the hours for the high school volunteer program requirements.  
 Questions?  
 Please call Thera at 519-882-2350 ext. 253 or by email [twagner@petrolia.ca](mailto:twagner@petrolia.ca)




**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**

## Annual PLANT SALE

*For Sale* • Order Deadline April 1, 2026 •

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <b>Geraniums</b><br><i>pink, red, salmon, white, magenta</i>                    | <b>\$4.50ea</b> |
| <b>Marigolds - flat of 48 plants</b><br><i>orange, yellow or mixed</i>          | <b>\$25flat</b> |
| <b>Petunias - flat of 48 plants</b><br><i>white, red, pink, purple or mixed</i> | <b>\$25flat</b> |
| <b>11" Baskets</b><br><i>boston fern, fuchsia, million bells, mixed sun</i>     | <b>\$25ea</b>   |
| <b>12" Mixed Patio Planter</b><br><i>please specify either shade OR sun</i>     | <b>\$35ea</b>   |

**PLANT PICK UP DATE**  
**Thurs., May 7, 2026**  
**9:00am - 11:00am**  
 @ Windover Nurseries

*Gift Certificates in any denomination are available for*  
**Windover Nurseries**

*All available for Mother's Day May 10, 2026*

**To Order**  
 Call: Wendy 519.882.2073 | Pauline 519.312.3167  
 or Email: [iodemargaretstrokes@gmail.com](mailto:iodemargaretstrokes@gmail.com) • Please no calls after 9pm



## Petrolia LEO Club

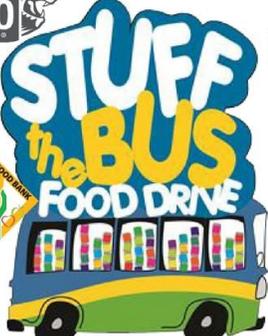
# STUFF the BUS

### FOOD DRIVE

**Help Stuff the Bus**

Sat., March 28 and Sun., March 29 at...  
 Independent HEIDY'S

Proceeds to the Petrolia Food Bank




**BE PART OF GOVERNING YOUR COMMUNITY**

# HOSPITAL

**Join Our Board of Directors**

**Serving Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia and Bluewater Health in Sarnia**

**We invite applicants who bring expertise in:**

- Finance & accounting
- Information technology
- Healthcare system & patient care
- Legal/law

We encourage applicants from individuals who identify as Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+, visible minorities, women, rural residents, persons with disabilities, and those who are bilingual in English and French — reflecting our commitment to inclusive and diverse leadership.



Application form and information at [www.bluewaterhealth.ca/board-recruitment](http://www.bluewaterhealth.ca/board-recruitment)  
 APPLICATIONS DUE BY March 29, 2026



## Purchase an At-Home Composter

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

### From March 9-27, 2026

Register and pay at Town Hall to receive your voucher.  
After March 28, the composters will be ordered.



To obtain a voucher, residents must provide:

- 1 Proof of Petrolia address
- 2 Payment

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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## CAO's Corner



### 2026 Municipal Budget – Water System

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 the municipal level of government.

My next three articles will highlight Council's 2026 Budget which was adopted at the end of November 2025. This was our Town's first Budget using the new provincially legislated "Strong Mayor Powers". Our municipality has three separate budget entities: Water System (includes capital and operating budgets which are funded by water rates); Sewer System (includes capital and operating budgets which are funded by sewer rates); and Town General (all the other services provided by our Town which is funded mostly by property taxes).

Today, I am writing about our safe drinking Water system which is critical to our health and safety. You are likely most interested in the changes to our water rates over the past few years. The graphic below depicts the inflation (Consumer Price Index – CPI for Ontario – All Items) from 2018 to 2024. The cumulative inflation over the past six years was 23.2%. The cumulative increases to our Water rates over these six years was 16.8%. Therefore, our water rates are 6.4% lower than inflation. It is important to know that over the past ten years Councils have also completed significant capital replacements/modernizations to our Water system's critical infrastructure: Mandaumin Reservoir and Booster Station; Water Treatment Plant Clearwell and Low Lift Pumps; the water portion of several major road reconstructions; Water Treatment Plant Intake and High Lift Pumps (\$16.2M project – completion date fall 2026 – second largest capital project in our history); upsizing of our watermain on Petrolia Line and Oil Heritage Road (last Phase will be completed in 2026); and others. Our Town has been very successful with federal and provincial grant applications. For example, we received almost \$12M in grant funding towards our \$16.2M Water Treatment Plant Intake; and about 95% of our \$3M Watermain Upsizing project will be funded by grants.

Petrolia supplies safe drinking water to Enniskillen, Oil Springs and Dawn-Euphemia. We have an excellent working relationship with our neighbours. The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) operates our Water system with Town staff. OCWA is very professional and are experts in this important and complicated industry.

Over the past 12 years, Councils have focused on revitalizing our Water system infrastructure as most of this critical infrastructure was beyond its useful life and needed to be replaced and/or modernized. Councils focused on improving our Asset Management planning which has been a key provincial priority over the past decade. Petrolia is seen as leader in Asset Management Planning. This strategic focus by Councils has resulted in the major pieces of our water infrastructure being replaced. We now have a modern and resilient water system.

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Council also foresaw the need for extra water production capacity to accommodate future residential growth. Our Town could double in size and still have extra capacity for some commercial and industry growth.

Our water rate increase for 2026 was 4%. As mentioned, our two major 2026 Water capital projects are replacement of our Intake (\$10.3M) and Phase II of our watermain upsizing (\$1.9M).

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

Link to 2026 Budget on Town website: <https://town.petrolia.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Adopted-Budget-2026-final.pdf>

**PS:** don't miss the placement of our new Water Treatment Plant Intake pipe as it is dropped into Lake Huron this summer/fall. This will be a once in lifetime experience!

