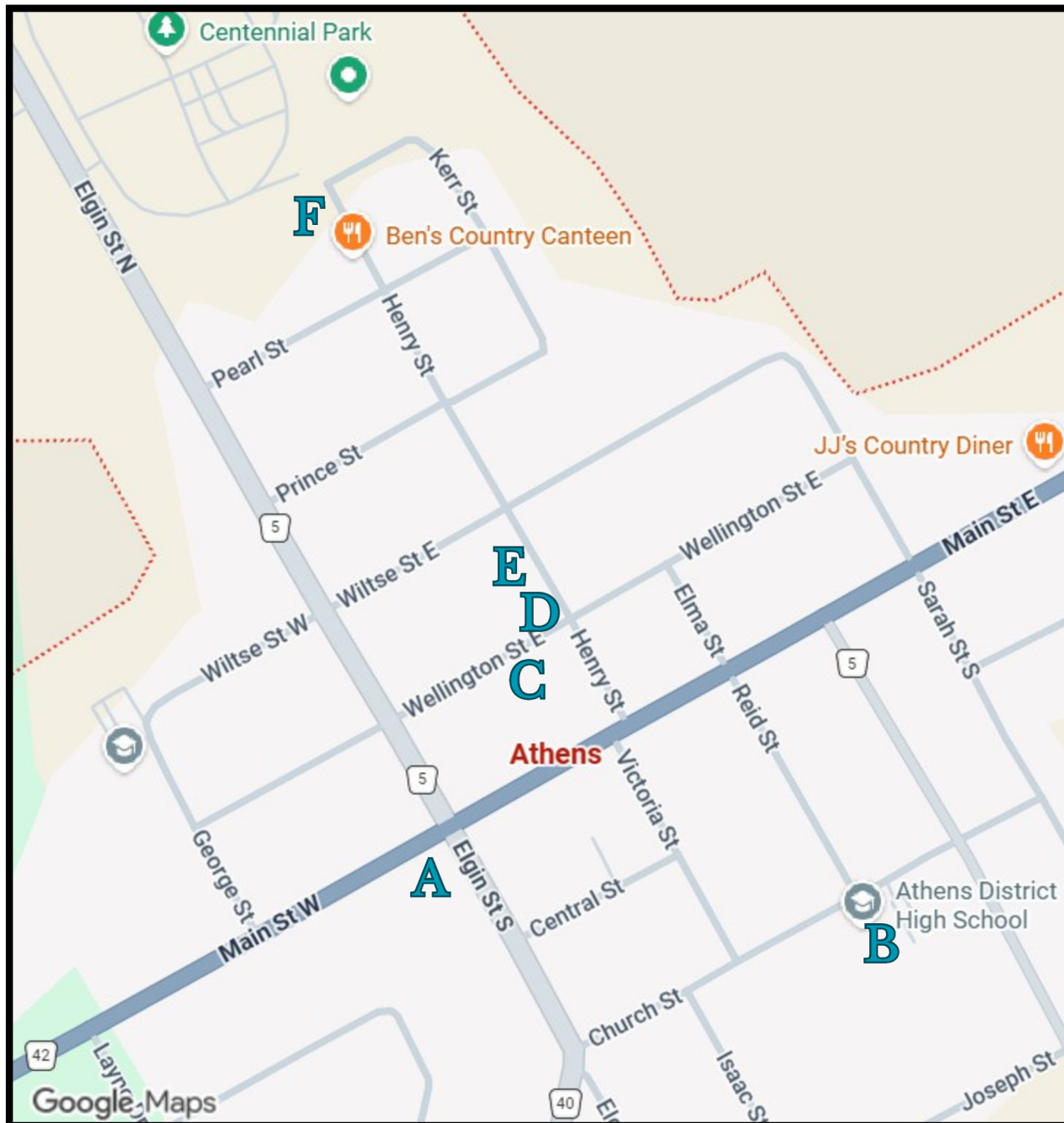




G Charleston Village

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Presents...

Outdoor Museum Signs of Athens Ontario

The Athens and Area Heritage Society (AAHS) is dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history and heritage of the people of Township of Athens.

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A 1 MAIN ST WEST - HISTORY OF ATHENS

Located at the Township Hall, Athens' first sign is the story of the newly named village in 1890 and includes photos of farming, the B & W Train Station, a 1930s Main St. Scene, artist Crawford Slack, historian Edna Chant, newspaperman B. Loverin, and the Model School. A scene from Turkey Fair provides the backdrop. Founder Joshua Bates and businesses like Fisher, Lamb and Earl are included.

B 21 CHURCH ST ATHENS EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Located at the Athens High School, this sign highlights Athens' history of commitment to education since its founding in 1836, and the establishment of a variety of schools resulting in a name change from Farmersville. Town fathers Bates and the Parishes had important roles. The High School's parliamentary system is highlighted as is famed alumni Louise McKinney. There is a brief mention of one room schools, as well as panoramic class photos. Original High School, Drama, WWI Cadets, and hockey photos are included as well.

C 9 WELLINGTON ST EAST ATHENS MEDICAL HISTORY

Located to the west of the Medical Centre on Wellington St.

This sign outlines the many facets of past medicine in Athens and includes photos of important figures including caregivers Mother Barnes and Aunt Sarah Wiltse, Dr. Giles, "medicine man" Arza Sherman, Dr. Harte, druggist J. P. Lamb, the Cornell brothers and Dr. A. K. Mainse. It tells the story of medicine from the early hospital on Sarah St. and the country doctors to the modern Athens District Health Service Centre.

D 12 WELLINGTON ST EAST MODEL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL

Just outside of the Athens Museum, this sign is situated at the original site of the Public School of 1860, first high school and the Model School. It includes classroom, graduation, and play photos as well as a brief history of those schools and interesting anecdotes.

E 12 WELLINGTON ST EAST - NORTH END JEFFREY'S BOATS

Myles Jeffrey operated a boat building business in a shop beside his home from 1883 – 1963. The sign includes his portrait, photos of his shop and beautifully crafted wooden boats, as well as a brief explanation about their construction.

F 26 HENRY ST - NORTH END ATHENS STATION OF THE BROCKVILLE WESPORT (B&W) RAILWAY LINE.

Located on Henry Street just before the entry to Centennial Park and Centre '76 The sign was installed April 13th 2025.

As you view the sign, you face towards the former site of the Athens Station, the sign provides snapshots in time of the original station from circa 1912, the soldiers getting ready to board the train in 1916, as well as the replacement station circa 1952.

G MAIN DOCK - CHARLESTON VILLAGE HISTORY OF CHARLESTON LAKE

Since 1853, Charleston Village has at times been the site of a post office, stores, tannery, sawmill, boat liveries, restaurants, a school, the Harbour View Hotel, the Cedar Park Inn, Camp Vega and many regattas.

There is also the incredible story of the Heroine of Charleston Lake. Jenny Lamb's photos captured this time of charm and enormous catches of fish in the early 1900s. It tells of many fishing guides and oarsmen whose names are titles for the Lake's features. Since 1890 The Charleston Lake Association has cared for this natural treasure.

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by volunteers of the AAHS in
conjunction with the
Township Council.*