

Chairman's Corner – December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Happy Holidays!**

**Town offices will be closed Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Welcome to the monthly update of events, important dates and general information for the Town of Ludlow. As always, you may visit <http://www.ludlow.ma.us/home.htm> for comprehensive town information.

Please be aware and careful of school children walking while you're driving.

Current employment opportunities for the Town of Ludlow can be found on the town website or by clicking on or copying and pasting the following link: <http://ludlowma.us:81/HR/>

Locally and nationally there has been an increase of Covid-19 positive tests. As of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Ludlow's numbers are as follows (Time period 11/28-12/7):

	<u>Last Update on 11/24</u>	<u>As of 12/16/2021</u>
Cases Last 14 Days:	57	217
% Positive Last 14 Days:	3.4%	8.58%
Rate per 100K:	19.7	74.8
Tests Last Two Weeks:	2,456	2,738
Total Case Count:	2974	3,289
Fully Vaccinated:	62%	66%
Individuals with at least 1 Dose		73%

From December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup> we've had 246 positive cases, which several have been children. Studies have shown the Omicron variant can multiply up to 70 times faster than the Delta variant, but with less severe infections. With this in mind, please be cognizant of any flu or cold like symptoms. In the event you have any symptoms of the flu, cold or seasonal allergies it is recommended you still get tested for Covid-19 as the symptoms can be similar. If you do test positive, please adhere to the quarantining guidelines, whether vaccinated or non-vaccinated.

***Information on additional vaccination clinics will be coming soon.  
All vaccinated people 18 and older are now eligible for a booster.***

For more information on Covid-19 reporting, please click on or copy and paste the following link:  
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting>

Vaccination updates can be found at [mass.gov/covid](https://www.mass.gov/covid). You may also call 2-1-1 for non-emergency questions and help. For the Crisis Counseling Assistance Program, call 888-215-4920.

Recycling Calendar for the following four weeks:

***Transfer station and compost facilities will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.***

Week of December 20<sup>th</sup> – Paper/Cardboard

Week of December 27<sup>th</sup> – Bottles/Cans

Week of January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Paper/Cardboard

Week of January 10<sup>th</sup> – Bottles/Cans

To download a copy of the 2021-2022 Recycling calendar, click on or copy and paste the following link:  
[http://www.ludlow.ma.us/reports/dpw/reports/curbside\\_recycling\\_calendar.pdf](http://www.ludlow.ma.us/reports/dpw/reports/curbside_recycling_calendar.pdf)

For informational purposes, here is a link from the Division of Local Services from the Mass. Dept of Revenue:

[https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=AverageSingleTaxBill.SingleFamTaxBill\\_wRange](https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=AverageSingleTaxBill.SingleFamTaxBill_wRange)

This information depicts single family home values and the single family average tax bill based on the median home values.

Being the holidays, please be aware of all phone and email scams even more so. Do not give out your personal information.

Be cognizant of automobile break-ins. Do not leave anything in clear view, don't leave valuables in your car and keep it locked.

Upcoming Events:

- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Wreaths Across America
- December 24<sup>th</sup> – Town Offices Closed
- December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day
- December 31<sup>st</sup> – Town Offices Closed
- January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day

Please be safe and kind to others, respect people's opinions/views and always remember everyone's comfort levels are different. Thank you for allowing us into your homes.

Sincerely,

William Rosenblum  
Chairman, Board of Selectman