



MINUTES

Ardsley Village Board of Trustees

8:00 PM - Monday, March 21, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom Platform

Present: Mayor	Nancy Kaboolian
Deputy Mayor/Trustee	Andy DiJusto
Trustee	Asha Bencosme
Trustee	Steve Edelstein
Village Manager	Joseph L. Cerretani
Village Clerk	Ann Marie Rocco
Village Attorney	Robert J. Ponzini

Absent: Village Trustee Craig Weitz

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Kaboolian called to order the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Ardsley Fire Fighter Michael Federico

2020 Census Data Presentation Ted Leimbach, Westchester County Planning-2020 Census Data Presentation.

1. Associate Planner, Mr. Ted Leimbach was present to provide the Board with the 2020 Census results for Westchester County.
 - Ardsley had the number one population growth, including growth in the population under 18.
 - Ardsley population is more diverse than ever (Asian population growth).
 - Ardsley gained population in the aging population and population under 18.

Mayor Kaboolian questioned what our nursing home facility and how it was counted? Mr. Leimbach some were counted as regular housing units and this data can be very tricky. Senior Living is different from what it use to be.

Mayor Kaboolian would like to see statistics from ages 35-50 and or over 65.

Mr. Leimbach explained that we should have those statistics by the end of the year.

Mayor Kaboolian questioned are there census blocks that are empty?

Mr. Leimbach answered yes.

Trustee DiJusto stated that he was not aware of the growth in population under 18 and this information is helpful for our Parks & Recreation area.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING Public Hearing to Discuss the Proposed Application to convert the Vacant Commercial Space at 469 Ashford Avenue into a Grocery/Convenience store

1. Mayor Kaboolian opened Public Hearing at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor Kaboolian suggested that the Public Hearing be continued until April 4, 2022. All members of the Board were in agreement.

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed 4-0-0 RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby continues the public hearing on the conversion of the vacant space located at 469 Ashford Avenue into a grocery/convenience store until April 4, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. or soon thereafter.

PUBLIC HEARING To Discuss Proposed Application for 721 Saw Mill River Road_River Rock Music School, LLC.

Mayor Kaboolian read the Notice into the record.

1. Mayor Kaboolian opened Public Hearing at 8:03 p.m.

Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed 4-0-0 RESOLVED, that the public hearing be closed for the proposed application for 721 Saw Mill River Road, River Rock Music School at 9:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2.1 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes March 7, 2022

Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed 4-0-0. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 7, 2022 as submitted.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. LEGAL

- 1.a March 21, 2022 Village Attorney Robert Ponzini
Village Attorney Robert Ponzini stated there is nothing to report other than those items that he is working on with Village staff and he is available for Executive Session if needed.

2. MANAGER

- 2.a March 21, 2022 Village Manager Report
- Village Manager Cerretani read the following Village Manager report dated March 21, 2022:
 - The Tentative Budget had been distributed to the Village Board, filed with the Village Clerk, and was posted on the Village website on Friday, March 18.
 - We have Budget Work Sessions scheduled beginning this week, and the Budget Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 4. I wish to extend thanks to all Department Heads and staff in their work during the budget preparation process, with Special Thanks to Leslie Tillotson and Charles Hessler for their efforts and assistance.
 - The Saw Mill River Parkway will be closed in both directions between Exit 12 (Farragut Parkway) and Exit 17 (Ashford Avenue) Mondays through Thursdays between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. through Thursday, March 24th.

3. TREASURER

- 3.a March 21, 2022 Abstract Report
Village Manager Cerretani read the Treasurer's Report for March 21, 2022:

Village Manager Cerretani stated the bills for the past two weeks totaled as follows: From the General Fund: \$262,430.90 from the Capital Fund: \$0.00, Trust & Agency Fund: \$176.50 and Sewer Fund: \$0.00.

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed 4-0-0.
RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following payments: From the General Fund: \$262,430.90 from the Capital Fund: \$0.00; Trust & Agency Fund: \$176.50 and Sewer Fund: \$0.00

4. BUILDING

- 4.a February 2022 Building Department Report

Building Inspector, Larry Tomasso read the following February 2022 Building Department

February 2022 Building Department Report:

- 9 Building permits
- 15 Application fees
- 6 Certificates of Occupancy
- 2 Plumbing permits
- 5 Electrical permits
- 11 Title Searches
- 1 Miscellaneous

Total received - \$7,111.50

Other activities-

- 53 Building inspections
- 8 Zoning inspections
- 1 Fire Inspections
- 2 Violations
- 2 Warnings
- 0 Appearance Tickets

5. FIRE

5.a February 2022 Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Murray read the Fire Department Report for February 2022:

February 3,17,24 Department Held Drills

February 5 Major Structure Fire at 133 Huntley Drive

February 7 Major Gas Emergency within the Village and surrounding areas

February 10 Department held Annual Physicals

February 11 Chief Murray met with Concord Road School Safety

February 17 Department held Annual OSHA Training

February 23 Chief Knoesel and Podolski attended B-14 Chiefs Meeting

Total calls for the month of February 2022: 25

Fire Chief Murray read the following statement:

First off, I would like to thank the mayor and the board for everything they have done for the fire department over the last two years. You all have been a big supporter of helping us get everything we needed done including our new fire engine that I can't wait to be in service. Mrs. Mayor I want to thank you personally for everything you've done to help me out you've always answered all of my phone calls, supported us in every way possible and I've always given me great advice when needed.

Next, I would like to thank Joe and the staff here at Village Hall Leslie, Larry, Annmarie, Charles, and Teresa for all they have done helping us with our bills our correspondence and everything else to help make our department run smoothly.

Without them this department would not be able to run or survive through everything we have. When I have to come get all the mail and bills they always brighten up my day, make me smile and laugh and always lend a helping hand.

I would like to thank former Village Manager Meredith Robson, she's an amazing person to work with and taught me tons of things. She pushed me to start my masters and she was always there to help me and the department out.

To the Police Chief, thank you for all of done and again helping our department grow you said it best at one of our meetings that we both have a great passion for this village and we both have our best interest in making sure the emergency response in his village is the best he can be. I've gained a lot more respect for you and everything you have gone through. This village is very lucky to have you as a police chief thank you for all that you've done for myself and this department. I would also like to thank Officer Vacca of the police department for helping us with all of our community events and making sure the fire department is always involved showing that we are one great team.

Thank you for the Highway Department Foreman DiGregorio and for all they have done thank you David for letting your men respond to all the alarms in the village helping us find apartment run we cannot do without you.

Thank you to my assistant Chiefs TJ, Bob, and Joan without you I would not be able to run this Department as smoothly and effectively as I wanted to. You've done everything I've asked and wanted to and then some you've kept this department moving forward in the right direction. The village is lucky to have you as chiefs and I know you all will continue to do great things within this department. Some of The Ex-Chiefs I would like to thank Chief Jamie Macri my nose watching this at home thank you for all the support making sure that all of our documents are written properly making sure that we always do everything the correct and proper way. thank you to Ex Chief Vinny Coulehan responding to every alarm possible helping out the chiefs when the Chiefs are not available and being a mentor to all the younger members and officers of this department. I would like to thank all the members of this department for all the hard work and dedication they've given me over the last few years responding to every and any type of emergency training every Thursday to become better and more proficient at our skills and doing everything I asked of you with a great smile and understanding you are some of the best firefighters in the world.

Thank you to my parents and my brothers. after any type of alarm I can always count of them to call ask how it was and what could have gone better. They have always helped me out and made sure that I have always learned from each alarm. My parents have always listened to my complaining and frustration but have always kept me pushing forward.

Lastly, I would like to thank my wife Meagan. She's always stood by my side responded to many emergencies with me, assisted with everything I needed and most importantly keep me grounded when I needed it most. I know you weren't a fan of those 3 a.m. alarms, meetings on every night of the week, or my time spent in the office getting paperwork done, but you knew I had to get the job done and you never said a word or complained about it. You're as strong as they come and I'm lucky to have you as my wife thank you for everything.

Mayor Kaboolian stated that Chief Murray has worked so hard during this very difficult period. We really appreciate the Fire Department and all their work.

Trustee Bencosme thanked Chief Murray for his commitment to this Village.

Chief Piccolino stated that Police Department respects the Fire Department for all that they do. Thanked all the volunteers in the Village.

Village Manager Cerretani stated that it has been a pleasure working with Chief Murray and he always made him feel like he was part of the team.

6. POLICE

6.a February 2022 Police Department Report

Police Chief Piccolino reported the following activities for February 2022:

- Property lost or stolen - \$1,666.99
- Alarm fines and fees - \$390.00
- Court fines & fees-\$64,126.00
- Meter collection - \$1,314.20
- Property Recovered-\$541.99
- 7 Traffic Accidents
- 3 Arrests
- 213 Calls for Service
- 8 Investigations
- 0 Impounded vehicles
- 15 UTT summonses issued
- 10 Parking tickets issued
- 26 Total Summonses issued

Training in February 2022:

16 hours on SWAT and 104 hours on Community Policing.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Child Passenger Safety Unit – Officers installed 8 child seats by appointment and issued 0. In addition, a Child Passenger Safety seat technician class was offered. Instructor Det. Vacca assisted with training and certified another officer within the department PO John Goldstein passed and is now certified to install child seats. A

total of 21 technicians from various police, fire, ems and private sectors completed the 32 hours course and all certified. Also a child seat check event was conducted. A total of 28 child seats were installed.

Det. Vacca attended a four-day training conference for CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) under the Ardsley SAYF Coalition Grant

Det. Vacca attended Westchester County Youth Officer's and Detective's meeting

School Resource Officers attended Concord Road Elementary school safety meeting

School Resource Officers participated and conducted a lock down drill at Concord Road Elementary school

School Resource Officers attended Ardsley School District threat assessment meeting

Det. Vacca participated in a webinar training on Searching Social Media Tools

School Resource Officers arranged for NBA player from the New York Knicks, Obi Toppin to Ardsley High School for meet and greet with the Ardsley girls & boys basketball teams

Det. Vacca participated in a webinar training for digital training on solving crimes

Community information

The police department has received many calls about Coyote's in the area. Coyotes are common in this area and generally do not pose a risk to humans but caution should be taken when encountering a coyote.

Coyote Conflicts

The Eastern coyote is firmly established in New York. They live in New York as an integral part of our ecosystems. People and coyotes can usually coexist if coyotes' natural fear of people is maintained. Coyotes provide many benefits to New Yorkers through observation, photography, hunting, and trapping; however, not all interactions are positive. While most coyotes avoid interacting with people, some coyotes in suburbia become emboldened and appear to have lost their fear of people. This can result in a dangerous situation with pets and young children at the greatest risk.

Below are steps you should take to reduce and prevent coyote problems from occurring.

Coyote Encounters

A coyote that does not flee from people should be considered dangerous. Coyotes in residential areas can be attracted to garbage, pet food, and other human-created sources of food. Coyotes can associate people with these food attractants. In some cases human behavior is perceived to be non-threatening by coyotes (running into your home after seeing a coyote is behaving like prey). In short, people may unintentionally attract coyotes with food and people may behave like prey. Add to the mix people intentionally feeding coyotes and the potential for a coyote attack becomes very real.

How to handle coyote encounters:

- Do not let a coyote approach anyone.
- If you see a coyote, **be aggressive** in your behavior-stand tall and hold arms out to look large. If a coyote lingers for too long, then make loud noises, wave your arms, or throw sticks and stones.
- Contact your local police department and DEC regional office for assistance if you notice that coyotes are exhibiting "bold" behaviors and have little or no fear of people.
- Teach children to appreciate coyotes from a distance. Children are at greatest risk of being injured by coyotes. If a coyote has been observed repeatedly near an area where children frequent, be watchful.

Potential does exist for coyote attacks in New York. However, a little perspective may be in order. On average, 650 people are hospitalized and one person killed by dogs each year in New York State. Nationwide, only a handful of coyote attacks occur annually. Nevertheless, these conflicts are bad for people, pets, and coyotes.

Make your yard less hospitable

Unintentional food sources attract coyotes and other wildlife, as well as increase risks to people and pets.

To reduce risks:

- Do not feed coyotes and discourage others from doing so.
- Do not feed pets outside.
- Make any garbage inaccessible to coyotes and other animals.
- Eliminate availability of bird seed. Concentrations of birds and rodents that come to feeders can attract coyotes.

Protect your pets

Take action:

- Do not allow coyotes to approach people or pets.
- Do not allow pets to run free. Supervise all outdoor pets to keep them safe from coyotes and other wildlife, especially at sunset and at night.
- Fencing your yard may deter coyotes. The fence should be tight to the ground, preferably extending 6 inches below ground level, and taller than 4 feet.
- Remove brush and tall grass from around your property to reduce protective cover for coyotes. Coyotes are typically secretive and like areas where they can hide.

- Be alert of your surroundings and take precautions such as carrying a flashlight or a walking stick to deter coyotes.

Dogs

Do dog owners need to be concerned about coyotes? The answer is maybe. Conflicts between dogs and coyotes can happen any time of the year, but are more likely in the months of March and April. It is during this time that coyotes are setting up their denning areas for their soon-to-arrive pups. Coyotes become exceptionally territorial around these den sites in an attempt to create a safe place for their young. In general, coyotes view other canines (dogs) as a threat. Essentially, it comes down to a territorial dispute between your dog and the coyote. Both believe that your yard is their territory.

Owners of large and medium sized dogs have less to worry about, but should still take precautions. Owners of small dogs have cause for concern. Small dogs are of greatest risk of being harmed or killed by coyotes. Small dogs are at risk when left unattended in backyards at night and should be supervised by owners. Coyotes have attacked and killed small dogs unattended in backyards. Coyotes may approach small dogs along streets at night near natural areas, even in the presence of dog owners.

Cats

Do coyotes kill cats? Absolutely, but so do foxes, dogs, bobcats, vehicles, and even great horned owls. Cat owners need to be aware that cats allowed to roam free are at risk from many different factors. To protect your cat, keep it indoors, or allow it outside only under supervision. Coyotes in some areas appear to become specialists at catching and killing cats.

Livestock Risk

Problems with coyotes and livestock do occur in New York. Most problems involve sheep or free ranging chickens and ducks. Most problems can be avoided with proper husbandry techniques. It is much easier to prevent depredation from occurring than it is to stop it once it starts.

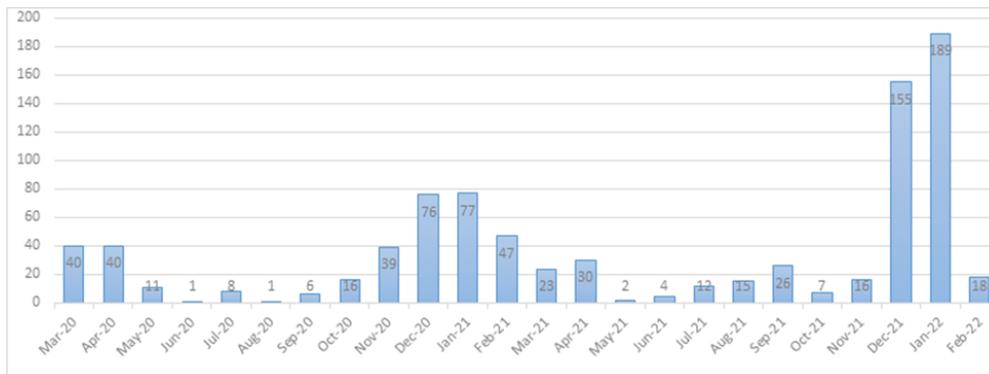
Coyote Incident Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

The New York State Coyote Incident Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) have been developed for use primarily by DEC staff who routinely handle phone calls pertaining to coyotes but may be a valuable reference document for other entities interacting with public experiencing conflicts with coyotes (e.g., municipal law enforcement and animal control officers).

Contacts

- [Regional DEC Wildlife Office](#)
- USDA APHIS
1930 Route 9, Castleton NY 12033
Phone: (518) 477-4837
- [Wildlife Damage website](#) (leaves DEC website)
- Find a [Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator](#) (NWCO)

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Prevention

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when possible and limit travel.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.

For information about handwashing, see [CDC's Handwashing](#) website

For information specific to healthcare, see [CDC's Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings](#)

These are everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of several viruses. CDC does have [specific guidance for travelers](#).

For more information, please visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm>

[Delta Variant: What we know about the science](#)

On July 27, 2021, CDC released [updated guidance](#) on the need for urgently increasing COVID-19 vaccination coverage and a recommendation for everyone in areas of [substantial or high transmission](#) to wear a mask in public indoor places, even if they are fully vaccinated. CDC issued this new guidance due to several concerning developments and newly emerging data signals.

First, a significant increase in new cases reversed what had been a steady decline since January 2021. In the days leading up to our guidance update, CDC saw a

rapid and alarming rise in the COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates around the country.

- In late June, the 7-day moving average of reported cases was around 12,000. On July 27, the 7-day moving average of cases reached over 60,000. This case rate looked more like the rate of cases we had seen before the vaccine was widely available.

Second, new data began to emerge that the Delta variant was more infectious and was leading to increased transmissibility when compared with other variants, even in some vaccinated individuals. This includes recently published data from CDC and our public health partners, unpublished surveillance data that will be publicly available in the coming weeks, information included in CDC's updated [Science Brief on COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination](#), and ongoing outbreak investigations linked to the Delta variant.

Delta is currently [the predominant variant](#) of the virus in the United States. Below is a high-level summary of what CDC scientists have recently learned about the Delta variant. More information will be made available when more data are published or released in other formats.

Infections & Spread

The Delta variant causes more infections and spreads faster than early forms of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19

- **The Delta variant is more contagious:** The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants.
- **Some data suggest the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous variants in unvaccinated people.** In two different studies from Canada and Scotland, patients infected with the Delta variant were more likely to be hospitalized than patients infected with Alpha or the original virus that causes COVID-19. Even so, the vast majority of hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19 are in unvaccinated people.
- **Unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern:** The greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to get infected, and therefore transmit the virus. Fully vaccinated people get COVID-19 (known as [breakthrough infections](#)) less often than unvaccinated people. People infected with the Delta variant, including fully vaccinated people with symptomatic breakthrough infections, can transmit the virus to others. CDC is continuing to assess data on whether fully vaccinated people with asymptomatic breakthrough infections can transmit the virus.
- **Fully vaccinated people with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. However, vaccinated people appear to spread the virus for a shorter time:** For prior variants, lower amounts of viral genetic material were found in samples taken from fully vaccinated people who had breakthrough infections than from unvaccinated people with COVID-19. For people infected with the Delta variant, similar amounts of viral genetic material have been found among

both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people. However, like prior variants, the amount of viral genetic material may go down faster in fully vaccinated people when compared to unvaccinated people. This means fully vaccinated people will likely spread the virus for less time than unvaccinated people.

Vaccines

Vaccines in the US are highly effective, including against the Delta variant

- The COVID-19 vaccines approved or authorized in the United States are highly effective at preventing severe disease and death, including against the Delta variant. But they are not 100% effective, and some fully vaccinated people will become infected (called a breakthrough infection) and experience illness. For all people, the vaccine provides the best protection against serious illness and death.
- Vaccines are playing a crucial role in limiting spread of the virus and minimizing severe disease. Although vaccines are highly effective, they are not perfect, and there will be vaccine breakthrough infections. Millions of Americans are vaccinated, and that number is growing. This means that even though the risk of breakthrough infections is low, there will be thousands of fully vaccinated people who become infected and able to infect others, especially with the surging spread of the Delta variant. [Low vaccination coverage](#) in many communities is driving the current rapid surge in cases involving the Delta variant, which also increases the chances that even more concerning variants could emerge.
- Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community. High vaccination coverage will reduce spread of the virus and help prevent new variants from emerging. CDC recommends that everyone aged 12 years and older get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Masks

- Given what we know about the Delta variant, vaccine effectiveness, and current vaccine coverage, layered prevention strategies, including wearing masks, are needed to reduce the transmission of this variant
- At this time, as we build the level of vaccination nationwide, we must also use all the prevention strategies available, including masking indoors in public places, to stop transmission and stop the pandemic. Everyone who is able, including fully vaccinated people, should wear masks in public indoor places in areas of [substantial or high transmission](#).

Omicron Variant: What you need to know

Updated Dec. 5, 2021

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Emergence of Omicron

On November 24, 2021, a new variant of [SARS-CoV-2](#), B.1.1.529, was reported to the World Health Organization (WHO). This new variant was first detected in specimens collected on November 11, 2021 in Botswana and on November 14, 2021 in South Africa.

On November 26, 2021, WHO named the B.1.1.529 Omicron and classified it as a Variant of Concern (VOC). On November 30, 2021, the United States designated Omicron as a [Variant of Concern](#), and on December 1, 2021 the first confirmed U.S. case of Omicron was identified.

CDC has been collaborating with global public health and industry partners to learn about Omicron, as we continue to monitor its course. CDC has been using [genomic surveillance](#) throughout the course of the pandemic to track variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, and inform public health practice. We don't yet know how easily it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, or how well available vaccines and medications work against it.

Despite the increased attention of Omicron, [Delta](#) continues to be the main variant circulating in the United States.

What we know about omicron Infection and Spread

- **How easily does Omicron spread?** The Omicron variant likely will spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and how easily Omicron spreads compared to Delta remains unknown. CDC expects that anyone with Omicron infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don't have symptoms.
- **Will Omicron cause more severe illness?** More data are needed to know if Omicron infections, and especially reinfections and breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated, cause more severe illness or death than infection with other variants.
- **Will vaccines work against Omicron?** Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, [breakthrough infections](#) in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur. With other variants, like Delta, vaccines have remained effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. The recent emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.
- **Will treatments work against Omicron?** Scientists are working to determine how well existing treatments for COVID-19 work. Based on the changed genetic make-up of Omicron, some treatments are likely to remain effective while others may be less effective.

We have the Tools to Fight Omicron

Vaccines remain the best public health measure to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging. COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. Scientists are currently investigating Omicron,

including how protected fully vaccinated people will be against infection, hospitalization, and death. CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting [fully vaccinated](#). CDC recommends that everyone ages 18 years and older should get a [booster](#) shot at least two months after their initial J&J/Janssen vaccine or six months after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna.

Masks offer protection against all variants. CDC continues to recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high [community transmission](#), regardless of vaccination status. CDC provides [advice about masks](#) for people who want to learn more about what [type of mask](#) is right for them depending on their circumstances.

Tests can tell you if you are currently infected with COVID-19. Two types of tests are used to [test for current infection](#): nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) and [antigen tests](#). NAAT and antigen tests can only tell you if you have a current infection. Individuals can use the [COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool](#) to help determine what kind of test to seek. Additional tests would be needed to determine if your infection was caused by Omicron. Visit your [state](#), [tribal](#), local, or [territorial](#) health department's website to look for the latest local information on testing.

[Self-tests](#) can be used at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results. If your self-test has a positive result, stay home or isolate for 10 days, wear a mask if you have contact with others, and call your healthcare provider. If you have any questions about your self-test result, call your healthcare provider or public health department.

Until we know more about the risk of Omicron, it is important to use **all tools available** to [protect yourself and others](#).

What CDC is Doing to Learn about Omicron

Virus Characteristics

CDC scientists are working with partners to gather data and virus samples that can be studied to answer important questions about the Omicron variant. Scientific experiments have already started. CDC will provide updates as soon as possible.

Variant Surveillance

In the United States, CDC uses [genomic surveillance](#) to track variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 to more quickly identify and act upon these findings to best protect the public's health. CDC established multiple ways to connect and share genomic sequence data being produced by CDC, public health laboratories, and commercial diagnostic laboratories within publicly accessible databases maintained by the [National Center for Biotechnology Informationexternal icon](#) (NCBI) and the [Global Initiative on Sharing Avian Influenza Dataexternal icon](#) (GISAID). CDC's national genomic surveillance can detect a variant that is circulating at 0.1% frequency with 99% statistical confidence.

What to do if you test positive for COVID-19

If you test positive for COVID-19 and have [one or more health conditions](#) that increase your risk of becoming very sick, [treatment may be available](#). Contact a health professional right away after a positive test to determine if you may be eligible, even if your symptoms are mild right now. Don't delay: Treatment must be started within the first few days to be effective.

If you have a fever, cough, or [other symptoms](#), you might have COVID-19. Most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home. If you are sick:

- Keep track of your symptoms.
- **If you have [an emergency warning sign](#) (including trouble breathing), call 911.**

Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

[If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have COVID-19](#), follow the steps below to care for yourself and to help protect other people in your home and community.

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Stay home except to get medical care

- **Stay home.** Most people with COVID-19 have mild illness and can recover at home without medical care. Do not leave your home, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas and do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.
- **Take care of yourself.** Get rest and stay hydrated. Take over-the-counter medicines, such as acetaminophen, to help you feel better.
- **Stay in touch with your doctor.** Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you have trouble breathing, or have any other [emergency warning signs](#), or if you think it is an [emergency](#).
- **Avoid public transportation**, ride-sharing, or taxis if possible.

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Get tested

- If you have [symptoms of COVID-19](#), get [tested](#). While waiting for test results, stay away from others, including staying apart from those living in your household.
- **Get tested as soon as possible after your symptoms start.** Treatments may be available for people with COVID-19 who are at risk for becoming very sick. Don't delay: Treatment must be started early to be effective—some treatments must begin within 5 days of your first symptoms.

○ Supply of treatments may be limited, and treatments are reserved for those at high risk for becoming very sick. Contact your healthcare provider right away if your test result is positive to determine if you may be eligible.

• [Self-tests](#) are one of several options for [testing for the virus that causes COVID-19](#) and may be more convenient than laboratory-based tests and point-of-care tests. Ask your healthcare provider or your local health department if you need help interpreting your test results.

- You can visit your [state, tribal, localexternal icon](#), and [territorial health department's website](#) to look for the latest local information on testing sites.

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Separate yourself from other people

As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people and pets in your home. If possible, you should use a separate bathroom. If you need to be around other people or animals in or outside of the home, wear a well-fitting [mask](#).

Tell your close contacts that they may have been exposed to COVID-19. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person has any symptoms or tests positive. By letting your [close contacts](#) know they may have been exposed to COVID-19, you are helping to protect everyone.

- See [COVID-19 and Animals](#) if you have questions about pets.
- If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, someone from the health department may call you. [Answer the call](#) to slow the spread.

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Monitor your symptoms

- [Symptoms](#) of COVID-19 include fever, cough, or other symptoms.
- Follow care instructions from your healthcare provider and local health department. Your local health authorities may give instructions on checking your symptoms and reporting information.

When to seek emergency medical attention

Look for emergency warning signs* for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

mobile light icon

Call ahead before visiting your doctor

- Call ahead. Many medical visits for routine care are being postponed or done by phone or telemedicine.
- If you have a medical appointment that cannot be postponed, call your doctor's office, and tell them you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the office protect themselves and other patients.

head side mask light icon

If you are sick, wear a well-fitting mask

- You should wear a [mask](#) if you must be around other people or animals, including pets (even at home).

- Wear a [mask](#) with the best fit, protection, and comfort for you.
- You don't need to wear the mask if you are alone. If you can't put on a mask (because of trouble breathing, for example), cover your coughs and sneezes in some other way. Try to stay at least 6 feet away from other people. This will help protect the people around you.
- Masks should not be placed on young children under age 2 years, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is not able to remove the mask without help.

box tissue light icon

Cover your coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw away used tissues in a lined trash can.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

hands wash light icon

Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry.
- Soap and water are the best option, especially if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- [Handwashing Tips](#)

ban light icon

Avoid sharing personal household items

- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home.
- Wash these items thoroughly after using them with soap and water or put in the dishwasher.

spraybottle icon

Clean surfaces in your home regularly

- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces (for example, doorknobs, tables, handles, light switches, and countertops) in your "sick room" and bathroom. In shared spaces, you should clean and disinfect surfaces and items after each use by the person who is ill.
- If you are sick and cannot clean, a caregiver or other person should only clean and disinfect the area around you (such as your bedroom and bathroom) on an as needed basis. Your caregiver/other person should wait as long as possible (at least several hours) and wear a mask before entering, cleaning, and disinfecting shared spaces that you use.
- Clean and disinfect areas that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them.

- Use household cleaners and disinfectants. Clean visible dirty surfaces with household cleaners containing soap or detergent. Then, use a household disinfectant.
 - o Use a product from [EPA's List N: Disinfectants for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)[external icon](#)
 - o Be sure to follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product. Many products recommend keeping the surface wet with a disinfectant for a certain period of time (look at “contact time” on the product label).
 - o You may also need to wear personal protective equipment, such as gloves, depending on the directions on the product label.
 - o Immediately after disinfecting, [wash your hands](#) with soap and water for 20 seconds.
 - o For completed guidance on cleaning and disinfecting your home, visit [Complete Disinfection Guidance](#).
- Take steps to improve ventilation at home
- [Improve ventilation \(air flow\) at home](#) to help prevent from spreading COVID-19 to other people in your household.
 - Clear out COVID-19 virus particles in the air by opening windows, using air filters, and turning on fans in your home.
 - Use [this interactive tool](#) to learn how to improve air flow in your home.

7. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS Mayor Kaboolian announced the following:

- Thanked Chief Murray for all his service.
- Actively working together with NYCOM to address budget issues in the state budget.

8. COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS Trustee DiJusto did not have anything to report.

Trustee Edelstein announced the following:

- The Multicultural committee is working on events for June. If anyone is interested in helping with these events the next meeting will be on April 19th via zoom.
- Pollinator Pathways, Garden Club & Ardsley Cares are working on a number of events in April.
- Invasive Vine Cutting will take place on April 9th.
- Stay tuned for gardening activities at the Ardsley library garden at the end of April.

Trustee Bencosme announced

- Energy Smart Homes Community was very well attended.

4. VISITORS

5. OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 Consider a Resolution Granting Permission to Convert the Vacant Space Located at 469 Ashford Avenue into a Grocery/Convenience Store

This resolution will continue to the April 4, 2022. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the proposed change of use to convert the vacant space at 469 Ashford Avenue into a grocery/convenience store as presented by the applicant.

Any approvals should contain the following provisions:

1. The applicant must provide plans for the remainder of the build-out showing full compliance with the NYS Building Code.
2. The applicant must obtain the required permits prior to commencing construction for the build-out.
3. The applicant must obtain a sign permit and BAR approval for all proposed signage.
4. The hours of operation should be identified/confirmed.
5. The floor area devoted to tobacco and vaping products, including accessories, shall be limited to 20% of the entire floor area of the store.
6. Tobacco and vaping products and accessories shall not be displayed in window of the store or in a manner by which they would be visible from the sidewalk outside of the store.
7. The business owner must install a Knox Box on the building.
8. The employees of the business must obtain parking permits

5.2 Consider a Resolution to Convert the Vacant Space Located at 721 Saw Mill River Road into a Music School

Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed 4-0-0. RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the proposed change of use to convert the vacant space at 721 Saw Mill River Road into a music school as presented by the applicant.

Any approvals should contain the following conditions:

1. The applicant must provide plans for the remainder of the build-out showing full compliance with the NYS Building Code.
2. The applicant must obtain the required permits prior to commencing construction for the build-out.
3. The applicant must provide ample soundproofing so as not to interfere with the operations of the existing businesses.
4. The applicant must provide ample traffic control in the parking lot for safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up of students.
5. The applicant must obtain a sign permit and BAR approval for all proposed signage.
6. The hours of operation should be identified/confirmed.
7. All employees must obtain parking permits.

8. The business owner or property owner must install a key box (Knox Box) on the building in a location approved by the Ardsley Fire Chief.
9. Any conditions the VB deems appropriate.
10. 10.Any conditions the Village Attorney or Village Manager deem appropriate.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 Consider a Resolution for Home Rule Request Concerning Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Extender Senate Bill No. S8413

**Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed 4-0-0.
RESOLVED,**

that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a Home Rule Request for Senate Bill No. S8413 entitled “AN ACT to amend Chapter 504 of the laws of 2016, amending the tax law to impose a hotel/motel occupancy tax for hotels not located in a village and authorizing specified villages in the towns of Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant to adopt local laws to impose a hotel/motel occupancy tax in such villages, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Clerk to certify a Home Rule Request form and forward required copies to the New York State Assembly.

- 6.2 Consider a Resolution for Home Rule Request Concerning Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Extender Assembly Bill No. A9469

**Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed 4-0-0.
RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a Home Rule Request for Assembly Bill No. A9469 entitled “AN ACT to amend Chapter 504 of the laws of 2016, amending the tax law to impose a hotel/motel occupancy tax for hotels not located in a village and authorizing specified villages in the towns of Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant to adopt local laws to impose a hotel/motel occupancy tax in such villages, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Clerk to certify a Home Rule Request form and forward required copies to the New York State Assembly.

- 6.3 Consider a Resolution to Schedule a Public hearing to Set Sewer Rents in the Village Pursuant to Section 165 of the Village Code

**Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed 4-0-0.
RESOLVED,**

that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, April 4, 2022 to discuss setting sewer rents in the Village pursuant to Chapter 165 of the Village Code in the amount not to exceed \$1.89/CCF for the year 2022-2023.

6.4 Consider a Resolution To Schedule a Public Hearing on Tentative 2022-2023 Village Budget

**Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed 4-0-0.
RESOLVED,**

that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, April 4, 2022 to review the Tentative 2022-2023 Village Budget.

PROPOSED BUDGET:

<u>Village of Ardsley</u>				
2022 - 2023 Tentative Budget Multi-Fund Summary				
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT THE FOLLOWING SUM COMPRISING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2022 - 2023 IS HEREBY APPROVED TO MEET THE VILLAGE'S TENTATIVE BUDGETARY NEEDS FOR THE YEAR 2022 - 2023.				
Date:	March 17, 2022			
		<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Library Fund</u>
		<u>Total</u>		
Appropriations		\$15,319,660	\$389,814	\$637,538
				\$16,347,012
less:				
Total Revenue		\$3,171,568	\$389,814	\$637,538
				\$4,198,920
Balance of Appropriations for Tax Levy		\$12,148,092	\$0	\$0
				\$12,148,092
less:				
Tax Levy		\$12,148,092		
Add: Estimated Uncollectible Tax Levy		\$0		
Deduct: Estimated Collectible Delinquent Taxes		\$0		
Deduct: Appropriation from Debt Reserve		\$0		
Deduct: Appropriation from Fund Balance		\$0		

Adjusted Tax Levy		\$12,148,092
	Allowable levy at tax cap	\$12,159,651
	Excess Levy Per Tax Cap	(\$11,559)
	2022-23 Tax Rate	10.23
Assessed Values		
3/1/2022		\$1,187,011,482

6.5 Consider a Resolution Declaring Lead Agency & Scheduling of a Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Text Amendments to the B-1 General Business & R-0 Residence Office Zoning Districts

Moved by Trustee Bencosme, Seconded by Trustee Edelstein and passed 4-0-0.

WHEREAS,

in February 2021, the Village of Ardsley Board of Trustees (the Village Board) adopted a duly prepared Comprehensive Plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) which included significant public input including public hearings and an environmental review as required by the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR); and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan outlined certain goals and objectives related to the redevelopment of Ardsley’s underutilized and vacant properties, diversifying housing opportunities and the adoption of more flexible zoning code standards; and

WHEREAS, Section 200-13 of the Code of the Village of Ardsley provides for the process and procedures for amendments to the Village’s Zoning Code, and accordingly a draft of proposed zoning text amendments for the B-1 General Business and R-O Residence Office Districts (the Proposed Action) have been prepared for Village Board review; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, at a regularly scheduled work session meeting of the Village Board, the Board did review and discuss the proposed zoning revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, under Section 7-700 of New York State Village Law and Section 200-13 of the Code of the Village of Ardsley, is the only duly authorized legislative body that has the authority to approve the Proposed Action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board, given its exclusive authority to amend the zoning code does hereby declare itself to be the Lead Agency under SEQR for the review and environmental determination for the Proposed Action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby schedule a public hearing to be held at Village Hall on April 18, 2022, in which all members of the public are invited to participate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby direct the Village Clerk to circulate a public hearing notice for the Proposed Action along with this resolution, the proposed zoning amendments and any other related material to the following list of Interested Agencies:

Village of Ardsley Planning Board

Village of Dobbs Ferry

Town of Greenburgh

Westchester County Department of Planning

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

New York State Department of Transportation

New York State Thruway Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the proposed zoning amendments will be available on the Village of Ardsley Web-site for public review and comment.

- 6.6 Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Sign and Intermunicipal Agreement with Dobbs Ferry For The Shared Purchase & Use Of Specialized Equipment “800-Hpr-Eco Series IV Truck Mounted High Pressure Sewer Cleaner”

Moved by Trustee DiJusto, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed 4-0-0.

RESOLVED, Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Sign and Intermunicipal Agreement with Dobbs Ferry For The Shared Purchase & Use Of Specialized Equipment “800-Hpr-Eco Series IV Truck Mounted High Pressure Sewer Cleaner”

7. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

8.1 Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Edelstein, Seconded by Trustee Bencosme and passed 4-0-0.

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley Hereby adjourns the regular meeting of Monday, March 21, 2022, at 9:45 p.m.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 23, 2022 BOT 22/23 Budget Work Session 6:00 pm
- March 23, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals 8:00 pm
- March 24, 2022 Library Board Meeting 7:30 pm

- March 28, 2022 BOT 22/23 Budget Work Session 6:00 pm
- March 30, 2022 BOT 22/23 Budget Work Session 6:00 pm

10. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 4, 2022

Village Clerk, Ann Marie Rocco

Date: