

### Welcome, Ward 5!

We will get started soon.

This meeting will be recorded and available online at a later date.

#### **Tips for using Zoom tonight:**

Type presentation questions in the Q&A. These will be relayed by on site staff and answered live. We'll also respond to technology questions.

Live transcription is available on Zoom tonight. If you would like to see live captioning during this meeting, please select the 'See Captions' button.



# Ward 5

MAYOR KATJANA BALLANTYNE
CITY COUNCILOR BEATRIZ GOMEZ MOUAKAD

## Agenda

Progress for All	Mayor Katjana Ballantyne
Office of Sustainability and Environment	Erin Noël, Community Engagement Specialist
Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development	Tom Galligani, Acting Executive Director
Office of Housing Stability	Ellen Shachter, Director
Engineering & Mobility Divisions Update	Brian Postlewaite, Director of Engineering, & Brad Rawson, Director of Mobility
Department of Health & Human Services	Karin Carroll, Director
Department of Racial and Social Justice	Denise Molina Capers, Director, & Adrienne Pomeroy, ADA Coordinator
Somerville Police Department	Chief Charles Femino
Somerville Fire Department	Chief Charles Breen
Council on Aging	Ashley Speliotis, Executive Director
Elections	Nicholas Salerno, Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners
Rodent Control & FOG (Fats, Oils & Greases) Updates	Colin Zeigler, Environmental Health Coordinator, Inspectional Services Department

# Progress for All

MAYOR KATJANA BALLANTYNE

### Somerville at a Glance

- •4 square miles in size
- •60% population turnover every 3 years
- •81,100 residents as of 2020
- •50+ languages spoken
- •Somerville Public Schools students are a majority minority with over 60% identifying as low income
- •From 2011 to 2021 we have added 8,856 jobs
- •City Budgets 'Then and Now':
  - **FY23 Budget:** \$309,260,849
- •17 City parks renovated in the last 10 years





## Access and Community

Access is rooted in affordability.

As our community changes, residents must be able to access the change around them.

•Developers, employers, job seekers, workforce development pipelines

Community is residents meeting, talking and coming together on issues that matter to them most.

SomerVision 2040

# Implementing Progress for All

- •It is created through inclusive, intentional efforts always viewed through an equity lens.
- •How have we been engaging Somerville communities?
  - COVID Listening Sessions, Participatory Budgeting, event attendance, Voice of Somerville survey
- •What are the issues I'm hearing?
  - Affordability, COVID impacts, social justice, environment, transportation, infrastructure, quality of life
  - Where is Progress for All headed?

# Office of Sustainability and Environment

ERIN NOËL, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST

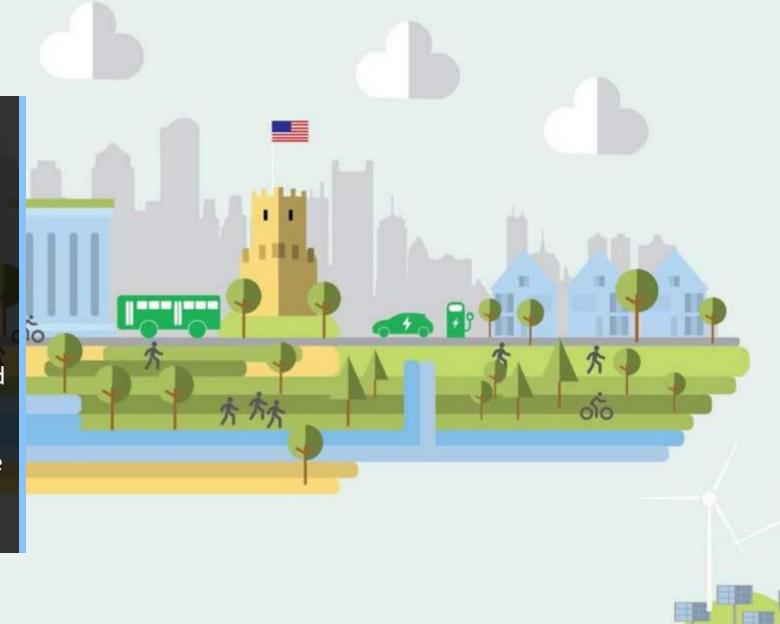
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www.SomervilleMA.gov/OSE

#### Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Environment Mission

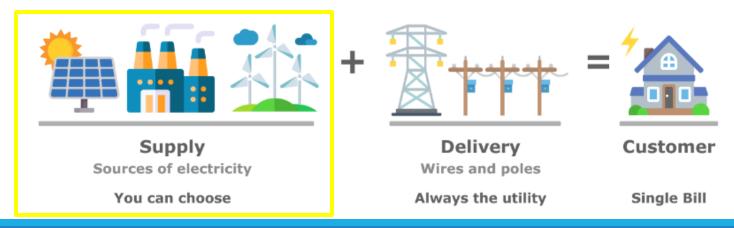
Develop and implement policies and programs that minimize environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions, build resiliency, and increase equity, enabling a healthy and enjoyable environment for all the people of Somerville and a responsible City government.



# Community Choice Electricity (CCE)

Electricity supply program organized by the City of Somerville to provide residents and businesses with new, City-vetted options for electricity supply.

- Receive stable, competitive pricing\*
- Promote regional, zero carbon, renewable energy generation and job creation
- Renters paying electric bills can participate without landlord permission



<sup>\*</sup>Future savings cannot be guaranteed due to Basic Service rate changes every 6 months for residential and commercial customers and every 3 months for industrial customers.

# Community Choice Electricity (CCE)

- What to know about the program between November 2022-December 2024
  - Doubled the renewable energy
  - Supplier will remain Direct Energy
  - Continue to receive one bill from Eversource
  - Will never knock on your door or call unsolicited
- Choose from three products
  - 1. Do nothing and receive 20% additional regional, zero-carbon energy
  - 2. Choose the Basic product for the lowest rate. Utility discount recipients still save 36%
  - 3. Opt-up for 100% regional, zero-carbon energy





# Become a Climate Ambassador!

For more information sign up tonight or online:

bit.ly/SCF-Ambassadors



## Somerville Climate Forward Update

- Somerville's Climate Action Plan
- Prioritizes equity, mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency.
- Identifies priority actions for the City to address.
- We are updating the Plan through September 2023.
  - Make your voice heard!
  - Help spread the word!
  - Sign up tonight to learn more about ways to get involved.



More information: www.somervillema.gov/climateforward

#### Contact Us!





#### Website:

https://www.somervillema.gov/dep artments/office-sustainability-andenvironment



Email Us: <u>ose@somervillema.gov</u> or e noel@somervillema.gov



Sign up for our newsletter!

# Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD)

TOM GALLIGANI, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Who is a part of OSPCD?

- Administration
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Mobility
- Office of Housing Stability (OHS)
- Planning, Preservation & Zoning (PPZ)
- Public Space & Urban Forestry (PSUF)

## Economic Development Division

#### Workforce Development

- Fund training programs to improve residents' skills
- Connect residents to local job opportunities in construction and life science industries

#### Business Development

- Main Street Programs
- Small business technical support and funding

#### Real Estate Development

- Buying, selling, leasing surplus City property (Somerville Armory)
- Facilitate large-scale redevelopment projects (Assembly Row, Boynton Yards)

## Somerville Armory Master Plan

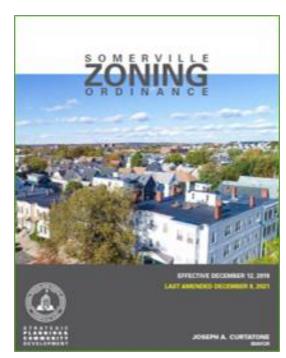
- Develop a long-term
   plan for management and programm
   ing the City's recently-acquired
   community arts building
- Plan to be completed in the spring of 2023
- https://voice.somervillema.gov/armo ry-master-plan

or just Google: "Armory Master Plan"



# Planning, Preservation, & Zoning (PPZ)

- The long-range comprehensive and neighborhood PLANNING
  - SomerVision 2040, Union Square Neighborhood Plan, Assembly Square Neighborhood Plan
- PRESERVATION of the City's buildings and character
  - Local Historic Districts and historic education & events, Demolition Review Ordinance, Historic Preservation Commission
- Permitting of **ZONING** relief requests made to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with the Somerville Zoning Ordinance



# Broadway Corridor: Municipal Zoning Coordination

#### **COMING SOON**

The boundary between Somerville and Medford splits many parcels, which forces property owners to juggle two sets of zoning regulations.

In Spring 2023, PPZ, in collaboration with the City of Medford, residents, and other stakeholders, will work to develop and oversee adoption of a Zoning Vision Plan that that benefits both cities.



# Office of Housing Stability

ELLEN SHACHTER, DIRECTOR

#### What We Do:

Work to prevent the involuntary displacement of Somerville residents; to assist residents who need help finding new housing; and to develop policies and programs that combat displacement and enhance housing stability.



#### **Contact Us:**

Phone: 617-625-6600 x 2581

**URL:** bit.ly/OHS-Referral

#### **Our Services:**

•Help accessing financial assistance to address rent and mortgage arrears, cover start-up rental costs. Over \$4.6 million leveraged since the Pandemic.

•Case management to help stabilize tenancies and assist with housing search and applications for affordable housing and Section 8 youchers.

•Advocacy and referrals for legal services to prevent evictions and foreclosures.

•Outreach and education about tenants' rights under state and local laws, including the Housing Stability Notification Act.

•Advice, information, workshops, and trainings for Somerville tenants, landlords, and advocates.



# Program and Policy Advocacy



- Implementation of stronger protections for tenants in apartments being converted to Condominiums.
- Development, support for City Council passage, and targeted outreach to broaden awareness of the Housing Stability Notification Act (HSNA), requiring landlords to provide tenants facing eviction with language-appropriate information about rights and resources that can help them avoid becoming homeless.
- Development in collaboration with lead sponsors on the City Council, and targeted outreach to inform landlords about an expanded HSNA requirement to provide at the outset of new tenancies language-specific information about rights and resources to support housing stability.
- Advocacy for **State Legislature passage of legislation to strengthen housing stability**:
- Transfer Fee to fund affordable housing development
- Rent Stabilization legislation
- Right to Counsel legislation
- Tenant Right to Purchase legislation
- Eviction Sealing legislation

# Engineering and Mobility

BRIAN POSTLEWAITE, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING BRAD RAWSON, DIRECTOR OF MOBILITY

## Green Line Extension (GLX)

- Green Line Medford Branch Opening: November 2022
- Photo: Test train at Magoun Square Station



For more information please visit: <a href="www.somervillema.gov/glx">www.somervillema.gov/glx</a>

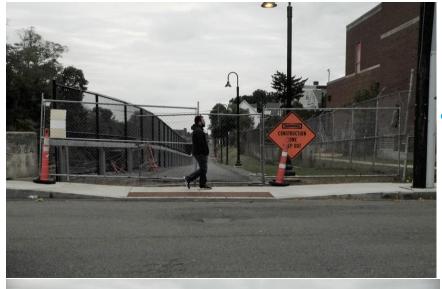
# Community Path Extension (CPX)

- Community Path Extension Opening:
   December 2022
- Year-Round Maintenance Challenges





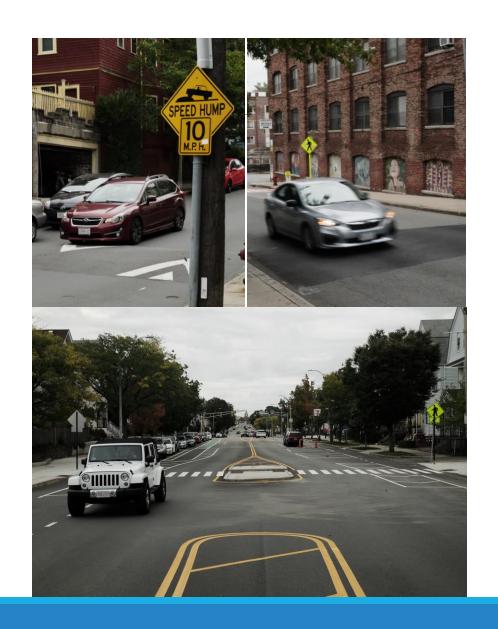
## Street Construction





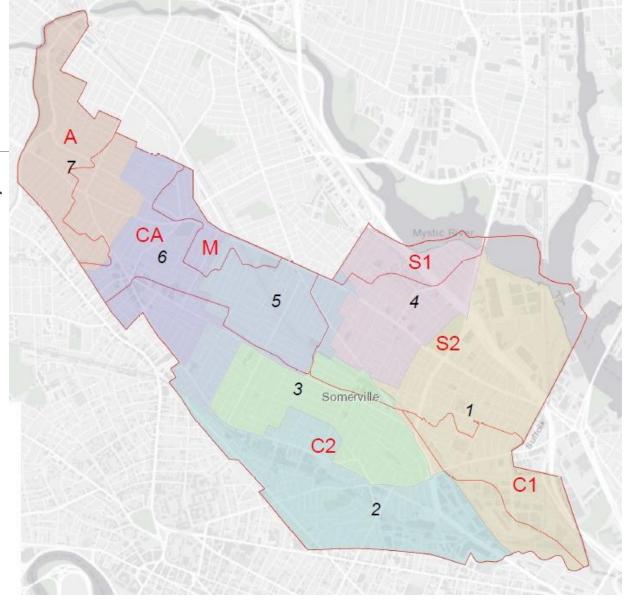
#### •Clockwise:

- Central Street
   CPX Crossing
- Central Street
   Speed Humps
- Broadway at Winchester Pedestrian Island
- Broadway at Boston Ave. Crosswalk



# Flooding & Stormwater

- Citywide Flood Mitigation and Water Quality Improvements Plan
- Expected Finalization: November 2022



For more information please visit: voice.somervillema.gov/citywide-drainage-and-water-quality-master-plan

### **Combined Sewer Overflows**

# Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Planning Update for the Charles River and Alewife Brook/Mystic River

Did you know that the water in our rivers can be contaminated with bacteria and other pollutants?

The Cities of Cambridge and Somerville are collaborating with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to develop plans to reduce the bacteria in the Charles River, the Alewife Brook, and the Mystic River.

We want to hear from you and learn how these rivers are used and impact your life.

To learn more and join the process underway to improve these rivers, visit the CSO Planning websites:



www.cambridgema.gov/CSOPlanning



www.somervillema.gov/cso



www.mwra.com/03sewer/html/sewcso.htm

For more information please visit: <a href="www.somervillema.gov/cso">www.somervillema.gov/cso</a>

# Department of Health & Human Services

KARIN CARROLL, DIRECTOR

## Department Overview

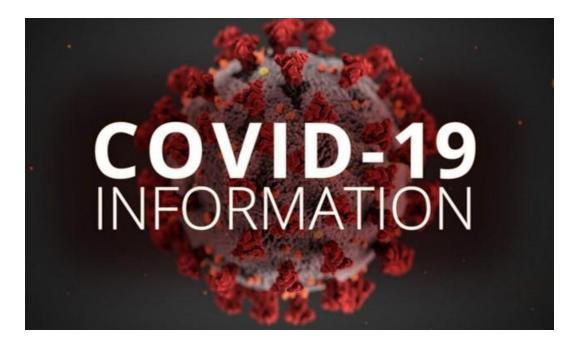
Growth in FY23 to better respond to the health needs of the community.

- Director- Karin Carroll, Started June 2022
- Deputy Director Public Health
- Shared Services Regional Coordinator
- Veterans' Benefit Coordinator
- Veteran's Project Manager
- Mental Health Services' Manager
- Youth Services Director
- LGBTQ+ Coordinator



### COVID-19 & Flu Vaccines

- •City flu and covid clinics with registration link: <a href="https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/covid-19-vaccinations">https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/covid-19-vaccinations</a>
- •Free covid test kits locations are listed here: <a href="https://www.somervillema.gov/covid19testing">https://www.somervillema.gov/covid19testing</a>



# Supervised Consumption Sites (SCS)

SCSs have been implemented in more than 10 countries to prevent fatal overdoses and connect people to services.

- 2021 Needs Assessment
- •2022 Feasibility Study
- Site visit to NYC's SCS
- Multiple community engagement meetings
- Ongoing Advisory Committee meetings
- •Fall 2022- detailed logistical and feasibility reviews by various City departments underway

# Racial and Social Justice Department

DENISE MOLINA CAPERS, DIRECTOR

ADRIENNE POMEROY, ADA COORDINATOR



# Racial and Social Justice Department

The Department of Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) leads the City of Somerville's equity efforts and collaborates with city departments, constituents, and stakeholders to eliminate the institutional and structural systems that create racial inequities, social disparities, and injustices.

# Developing the RSJ Department (Est. in 2021)

**Social media** – Twitter and Facebook



@somerville\_rsj



#### New Hires:

- 1. RSJ Coordinator Amanda Nagim-Williams
- 2. Community Engagement Specialist Leonor Galindo
- 3. Public Information Officer Haakon Brooks



# RSJ Youth League findings November 2022

Psychological First Aid

Hate/Bias Incidents
November 2022

# Reimagining Public Safety

Staffing and Operations Analysis (March) Building knowledge Community Visioning Focus groups (August) Reimagining Policing and Public Safety Perception Survey (September) **Building Capacity** RSJ Community Ambassadors to be announced October 2022 **Building Awareness** Reimagining Policing and Public Safety Micro Webpage November 2022

### RSJ Fund (Grant Program)

- The purpose of the Racial and Social Justice
   Fund is to provide a sustainable and enduring source of funding to dismantle systemic racism and social inequality.
- Focus groups November 2022

### Civilian Oversight

Task Force Members – November 2022

### Commissions

• Open call for commissioners, 4 seats each: HRC, SCPD, Women's Commission

# ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

### Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD)

- 4 open seats
  - 3 for persons with disabilities, 1 for a family member of a person with a disability.
- Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm on Zoom.

### **ADA Internal Survey**

- Majority of surveyed leadership staff has some to working knowledge of ADA.
- Informs professional development for City staff around ADA.

### Fire Department and Police Department - Training

- Fire Department October 2022
- Police Department TBD

### **ADA Community Survey - November 2022**



# Somerville Police Department

CHIEF CHARLES FEMINO

# SPD Status Update

### **Community Policing Unit**

- Previously composed of up to 7 Community Police Officers
- Update: Officers moved to patrol to meet minimum staffing; Unit no longer exists.

### School Resource Officers (SROs) & STEPS Program

- Previously up to 3 SROs were assigned to Somerville schools (2 at SHS).
- •The STEPS program involved up to 20 officers visiting students in a relationship-building capacity.
- Update: SROs were moved to patrol and the STEPS program was eliminated.

### Accreditation & Police Reform

#### **Accreditation**

- •SPD was re-accredited by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) on June 21, 2022.
- •SPD met the 257 mandatory standards, 125 optional standards, and 27 new police reform standards. These standards reflect critical areas of police management, operations, and technical support activities.

#### **Police Reform**

- •Certification of all Officers Certification by POST Commission, an independent state entity composed of 9-members (6 non-LE) appointed by the governor and attorney general.
- •Use of Force Bans and restrictions around use of force (choke holds, no-knock warrants, etc.)
- •Bias-free policing Banning of racial profiling; anti-bias training, restricts qualified immunity protections.
- •Reporting requirements Establishes new extensive reporting requirements.

# Ward 5 Crime: Index Crime Trends

### **Citywide:**

•Index crime increased 10% over one year and 11% over two years.

### Ward 5:

- •Index crime increased 14% (12 incidents) over one year and 5% (5 incidents) over two years.
- •Increases due to MV Theft and other Larceny.
- •Over the past three months (*map on right*) Ward 5 has seen a spike in Car Breaks.



## Ward 5 Crime Prevention

#### **Residents:**

- •Car Breaks: Always lock your vehicle.
- •MV Theft: Never leave your vehicle running without occupants, even when making a quick stop.
- •Theft of MV Parts: Call 911 to report any suspicious persons, particularly between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM.
- Bike Theft: Be wary of cable locks they are easily cut with wire cutters. Never lock your bike to wooden posts that can be broken. Keep a file of bike <u>serial numbers</u> and photos.

#### SPD:

- Area Cars deployed based on temporal patterns and geographical hot spots.
- •Increase residents' awareness of crime prevention methods.
- •One Detective assigned all catalytic converter thefts for continuity and case linkage. Member of regional taskforce.
- •Investigative resources dedicated to cases of violent crime such as robbery, sexual assault, hate crime, and shootings. Property crime assigned based on Criminal Investigation Division (CID) bandwidth and case solvability.

# Holiday Crime Prevention



- •When out of town, make your home look occupied, e.g., automatic timers on lamps, have Post Office hold your mail.
- Keep valuables out of sight. Register high value electronic devices.
- Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.
- •Ensure that all windows are locked & secured by a second method such as a wood dowel (particularly where an AC unit is installed).





- Avoid package delivery to porches easily accessible from the street.
- Take advantage of services like Amazon Lockers or UPS Access Points.

	Contact Name	Service	Contact Info.		
	MA Substance Use Hotline	Treatment program info	800-321-5050	7	
	Cambridge Health Alliance	Walk-ins Tue. 11:30; MA Health accepted	617-591-6051		
	Caspar First Step Outreach - Wet shelter & Community Outreach Van	Assist in accessing detox.	617-661-0600		
Substance Misuse	Riverside Community Care	Outpatient; MA Health accepted	617-623-3278	SU M	
	North Charles	Maintenance therapy; MA Health only	617-661-5700		
	Column Health	Counseling, medication assisted treatment	339-368-7696		
	Learn 2 Cope	Family support; Mon. 7 PM	1575 Cambridge St, CAM		
	Family Anonymous	Family support; Tue. 7 PM	121 Washington St, MEF	$\exists H$	
	SPD, COHR Unit Therapeutic Supports, Jail Diversion	Theraputic Supports; Jail Diversion	617-625-6600 ext. 7281		
	Cambridge Health Alliance	Inpatient & outpatient services	Adults: 617-591-6033 Juveniles: 617-665-3458		
	BEST Team	Psychiatric emergency services; MA Health	800-981-4357	_Vi S∈ Sι	
	Riverside - Child Guidance Center	Juvenile / family services	617-354-2275		
Mental	Neighborhood Counseling & Community Services	Counseling, skill & strength-based strategies	781-600-6074		
Health	SPD, COHR Unit Therapeutic Supports, Jail Diversion	Theraputic supports; Jail diversion	617-625-6600 ext. 7281		
	Somerville Health Department	Supportive services	www.somervillema.gov/support	721	
	Psychology Today provider finder	Find a provider	www.psychologytoday.org		
	INTERFACE Referral Service	Find a provider; Monday- Friday 9-5pm	888-244-6843 https://interface.williamjames.edu/		
Domestic	RESPOND	Shelter, crisis hotline, services, education	Hotline: 617-623-5900, Services: 617-440-7267		
Violence	Maureen DiPaolo, SPD Family Services	Victim Witness Advocacy	617-625-1600 x 7279		
Sexual Assault	BARCC (Boston Area Rape Crisis Center)	Free legal consultation, counseling, and education for survivors and family members of survivors	Hotline: 800-841-8371 https://barcc.org		
Additional	De Novo	Free civil legal assistance and psychological counseling specializing in work with immigrants and refugees, services based on income eligibility	617-661-1010 <u>Denovo.org</u>		

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# Somerville Fire Department

CHIEF CHARLES BREEN

# PORCH AND EXTERIOR FIRES



# Council on Aging

ASHLEY SPELIOTIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR









### Who We Are

The Somerville Council on Aging provides comprehensive services that enhance the lives of the older adult population and enriches the community at large. The COA provides access to fitness, health and wellness activities, socialization opportunities, educational programming and mental health and support services in a safe and welcoming environment.

# Program Updates

- •1,575 free to-go lunches provided this year at our mini-picnic celebrations and drive thru lunches.
- •438, Forty- pound boxes of shelf-stable food provided to seniors in need.
- •286 participants in cultural programming such as Dance Caliente, Irish Step Dance, Wang Center Tour, poetry writing, book club and performances by Powers Music School.

Holland Street Senior Center 167 Holland Street Somerville, MA 02144 Ralph & Jenny Senior Center
9 New Washington Street
Somerville, MA 02143

617-625-6600 extension 2300



# Elections Department

NICHOLAS SALERNO, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

# 2022 General Election Important Dates

- •In-Person Early Voting: October 22 November 4
- Deadline to Register for General Election: October 29
- •Deadline to Submit Application for Vote by Mail: November 1
- General Election: November 8

Find your Polling Place at <a href="mailto:somerville">somerville</a> at <a href="mailto:somerville">somerville</a> and <a href="mailto:somerville">somerville</a> and

# Annual City Census

- Must be submitted every year as proof of residence
- Census form does NOT register you as a voter
- Failure to fill out the form removes you from the 'Active Voter List'
  - Removal from the list does NOT prevent you from voting
  - Identification will be required when checking in to vote



#### IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT

City of Somerville Census • ANNUAL STREET LISTING / CENSO ANUAL DE RESIDENTES DE LA CIUDAD

lan 2022

#### IMPORTANT: FOR CURRENT RESIDENTS ONLY. Do Not Forward

Please update the information provided by adding, deleting, or making changes to the printed information below.

<u>List all persons, including roommates, who have lived at this address since January 1, 2022.</u>

Please sign and return this form upon receipt oven if no changes are personal.

i icase sign a	even in no changes are necessary.	
Ward:	Precinct:	If this address is incorrect, make corrections below  Si esta dirección es incorrecta, haga los cambios en la parte inferio

IMPORTANT: <u>Response establishes proof of residency.</u> Failure to respond to this mailing shall result in removal from the active voting list and may result in removal from voter registration rolls. M.G.L. Chapter 51, § 4

IMPORTANTE: Respondiendo a este Formulario establece una prueba de Residencia. No responder a este formulario podría resultar en eliminación de su nombre en la lista activa de votantes y también eliminar su nombre del padrón electoral. M.G.L. Capitulo 51, § 4

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### Become a Poll Worker

### Available positions:

### Wardens - \$265 per day

Oversees materials, set up, and regulations

### Clerks - \$235 per day

Maintains documents and accurate recording of votes

### Inspectors - \$200 per day

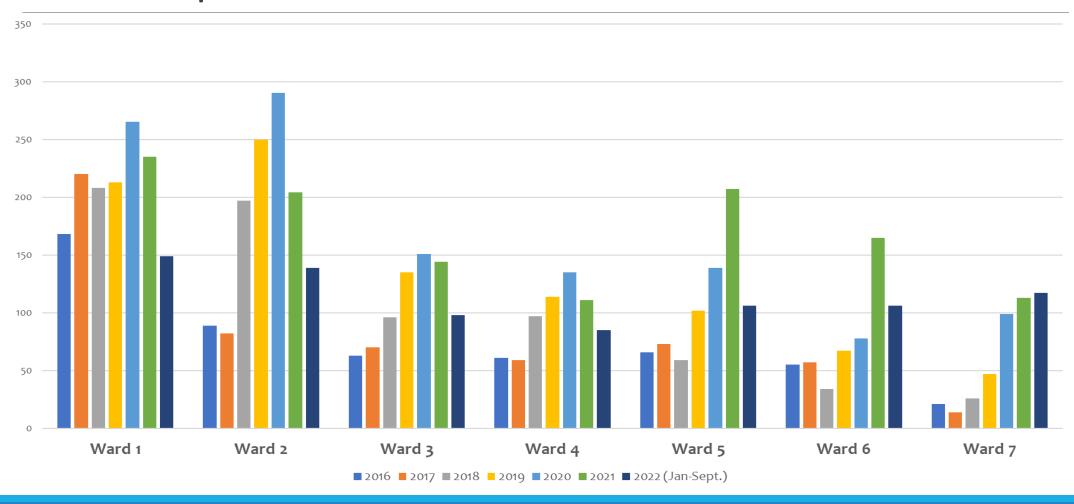
Checks in voters and assists with voting machines

# No prior experience required. To apply, email personnel@somervillema.gov

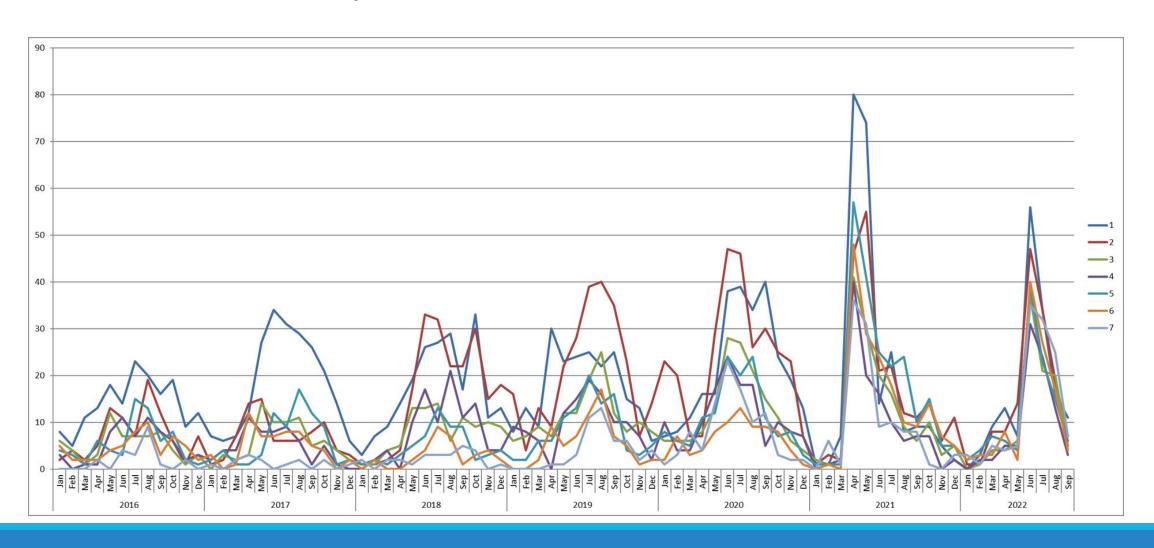
# Rodent Control & Fats, Oils and Greases (FOG) Updates

COLIN ZEIGLER, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR

# 311 Reports Per Ward 2015-2022



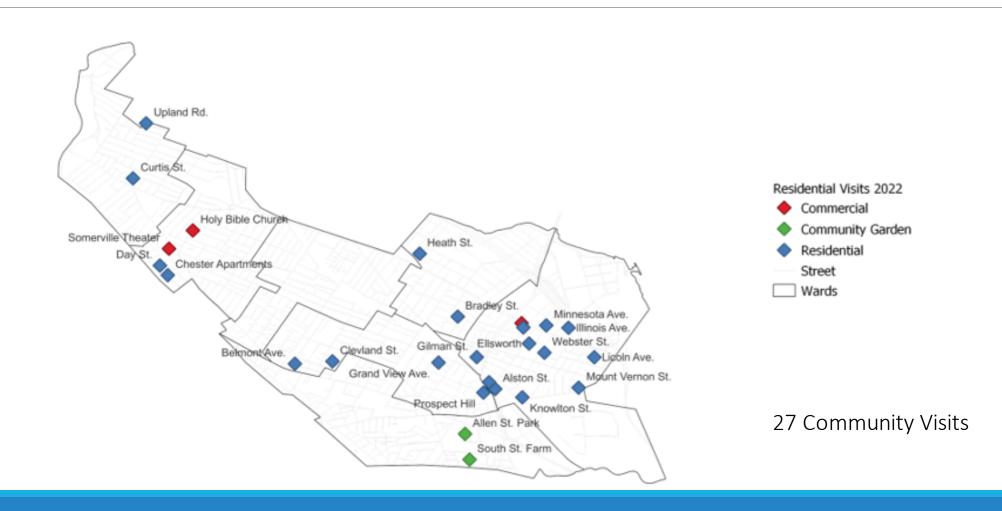
# 311 Calls by Ward Annual Trends



# City Inspector Response to Rodents



# Community Site Visits





# Trash Barrel Replacement in Parks

Phase I: Glen Park, Florence Park, Perry Park, Lincoln Park, Prospect Hill, and Lexington Park. Are all primed for replacement of open barrels.

The received quote is being processed by staff

Phase II: East Branch Library Grounds, Allen St Playground, Grimmons Park, Trum Field and Nathan Tufts Park.

Awaiting quotes and timeline.

# Fats Oils and Greases (FOG) Regulation Update

- •By order of the EPA and in concert with Mass DEP, the Somerville BOH has recently implemented revamped fats, oils, and greases (FOG) pretreatment regulations.
- •A FOG Management Plan will be required during the 2023 renewal period for Food Preparation Establishments as a part of their HFL.
- City Inspectors will review documents and practices during routine inspections

### What is included in a FOG Plan?

- Information and Documents to include
- Proof of licensed operators: Pumping (cleaning), maintenance, and measuring
- Description of operations
- Pumping, cleaning and maintenance documents of FOG Management Device and hoods
- Average Daily discharge calculations
- Waste manifests: Amount generated, transportation and disposal contracts
- Submit along with a renewal or application for permit
- •For more information: <a href="https://www.somervillema.gov/fog">https://www.somervillema.gov/fog</a>

# Still have questions?

**Email** 

vmacgregor@somervillema.gov

Thank you.