

# Rodent Committee Update

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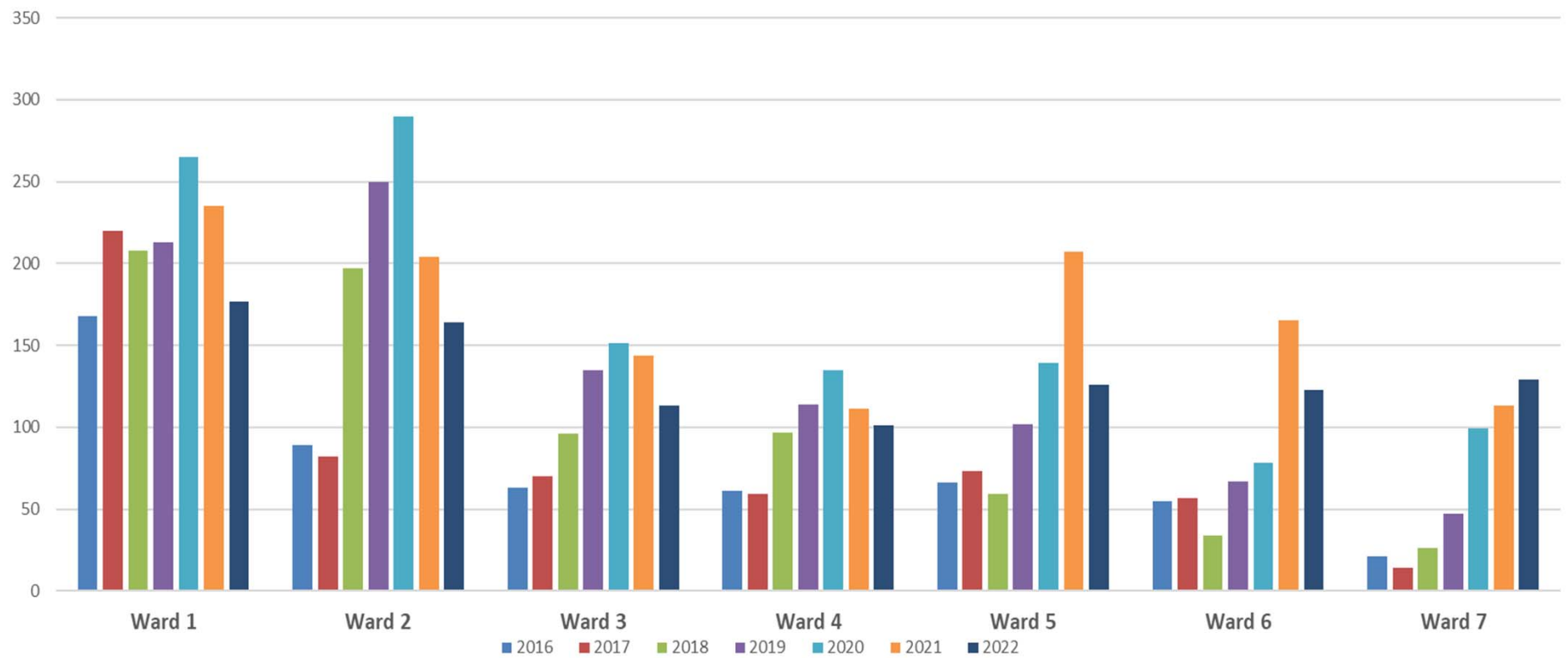
# Agenda



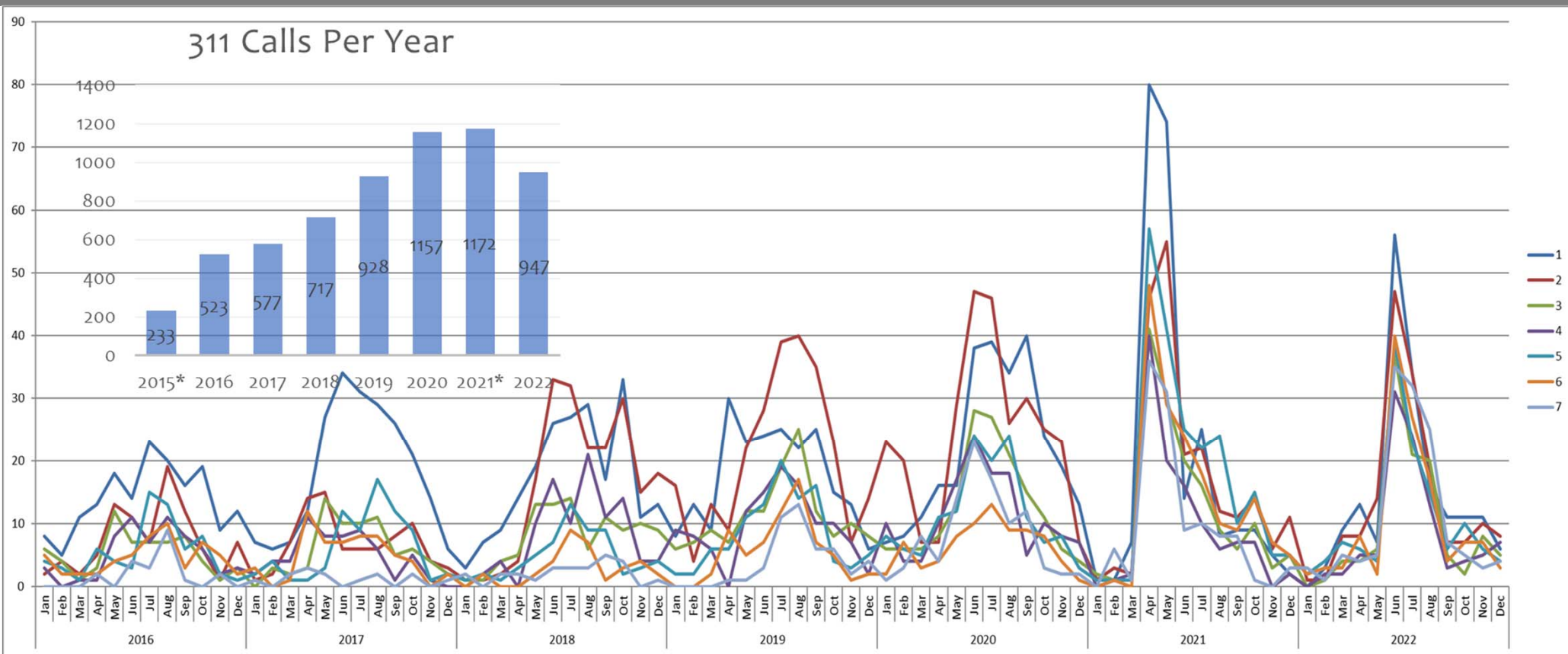
- Data and discussion of 311 Calls
  - Ward Specific
  - Calls 2019-2022
- Residential Assistance Program and Visits
- Community Site Visits
- SMART Pilot Phase II
- 2023 objectives and changes



# 311 Reports Per Ward

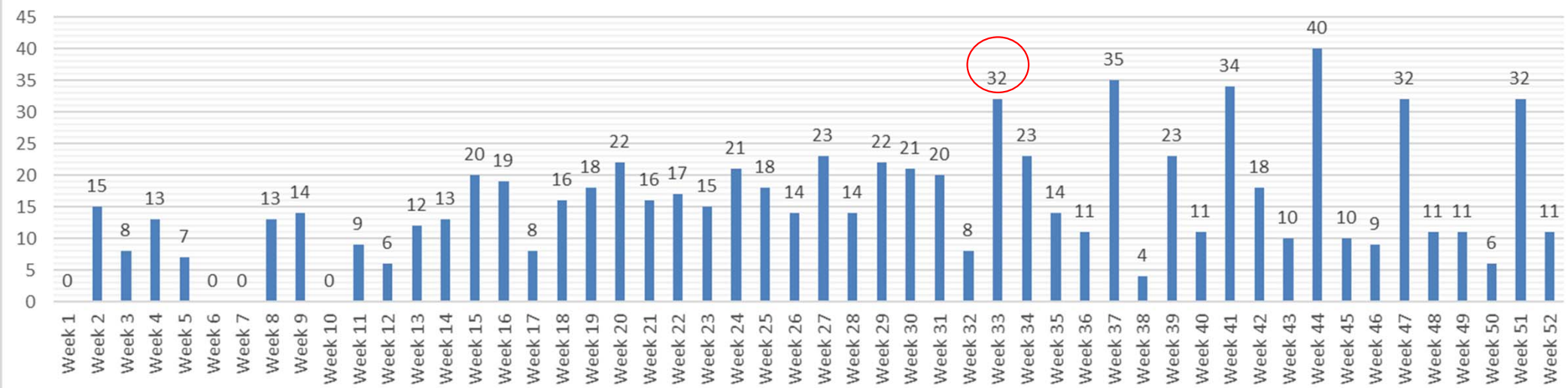


# 311 Calls by Ward Throughout Year



# 1<sup>st</sup> Time Residential Visits/week

## Residential Program Visits by Week 2022



# Total Residential Program Treatments

2019	2020	2021	2022
323	547	642	799

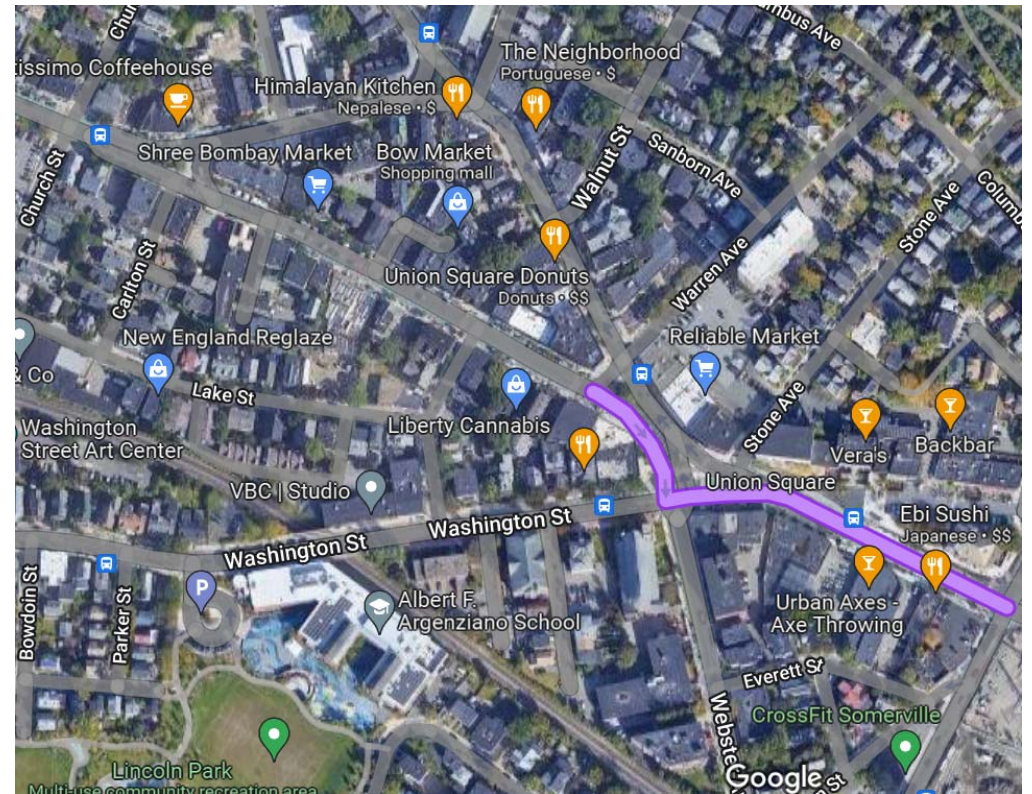
# Community Site Visits

Will continue in  
the Spring!



# SMART Pilot Phase II

- Boxes have been moved to Union Sq. and Lincoln Park
- We now have two assigned pest techs. Servicing the boxes filing reports and disposing of rodents
- Goals for the program: Increase total captures, compile a year long data set, compare to 2022!





# Communications

- Annual Postcard early April
- Updates to website
- National + Local Media Coverage of SMART
- Coordination with other municipalities. (Cambridge, Brookline, Peabody) around SMART and IPMs



The City of Somerville has received reports of  
**RAT ACTIVITY**  
in your neighborhood...

<b>WHAT TO DO:</b> <b>CLEAN UP</b> Get rid of backyard clutter, weeds, etc.	<b>QUÉ HACER:</b> <b>LIMPIAR</b> Desahácese del desorden del jardín, las malezas, etc.
<b>STARVE THEM</b> Remove access to food, such as trash or compost	<b>MATARLOS DE HAMBRE</b> Eliminar el acceso a alimentos, como basura o compost
<b>WIPE THEM OUT</b> Property owners, call 311 to ask about free rodent baiting from the city!	<b>LÍMPIALOS</b> Dueños de propiedades, llamen al 311 para preguntar sobre el cebo de roedores gratis de la ciudad!

**FREE RAT CONTROL!**  
Control de roedores gratis!  
Control de roedores gratis!  
Kontwòl rat gratis!  
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## Spring is the best time for **RAT CONTROL,** and the City of Somerville is here to help!

Call 311 to sign up for our Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program, which now provides free pest control to all residential properties with 3 or fewer units!

**FREE! Control gratuito de roedores!  
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for rat prevention tips and resources!

¡Llame al 311 para inscribirse en nuestro Programa de asistencia para el control de roedores residencial GRATUITO para todas las propiedades residenciales con 3 o menos unidades!

Ligue para 311 a fim de se inscrever no nosso Programa de Assistência no Controle de Roedores Residenciais GRATUITAMENTE para todas as propriedades residenciais com 3 ou menos unidades!

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Spring into action!

**Call 311**  
to sign up today

# Looking forward!

## **Staffing Needs:**

- 1-2 Additional Inspectors to assist with rodent ticketing, residential, and property contacts

## **Expansion and improvement of Current Programs:**

- Expansion of the SMART boxes to other neighborhoods
- Working with staff to rethink how we administer the Residential Assistance Program in Feb.

## **New CO Pilot Program:**

- Neighborhood Carbon Monoxide Pump pilot for a neighborhood with high burrow presence or target-specific properties.

## **Continued Community Outreach:**

- Additional mailers focusing on prevention methods
- Educational links added to 311 response to supplement RAP sign-up



# Any Questions? Thank you!

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