

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000001

File #: 20-001703

Event Name: SCGC Maple Boil Project and Boil 2026

Business Name: Somerville Community Growing Center

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: Vinal AVE

APPLICANT

Company Name: Somerville Community Growing Center

Contact Name: Paula Jordan

Business Address:

PO Box 76

Somerville , MA 02143

Home Address:

22 Vinal Ave

Somerville , MA

Work Phone:

Home Phone: (781) 643-3714

Email: Paula@thegrowingcenter.org

of days: 1

Does this event occupy a public space or significantly affect nearby residents?: Yes

Are you the party applying for the Public Event License?: Yes

Describe the location in detail: 31 year old 1/4 acres public garden, multicultural arts/educational green space outside of Union Sq. City owned and run, upkeep by Friends of the Community Growing Center and volunteers, 22 Vinal Ave.

In the last 5 years, have you been found guilty, liable, or responsible, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, for any violation of the City Wage Theft Ordinance or any State or Federal laws or regulations regulating the payment of wages? [City Wage Theft Ordinance](#): No

Date: 03/06/2026

Event Setup Begins: 07:30 AM

Start Time: 09:00 AM

End Time: 05:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 08:00 PM

Do You Have a Proposed Rain Date for Your Public Event?: Yes

Date: 03/13/2026

Start Time: 07:30 AM

End Time: 08:00 PM

of Additional Dates for Public Events at This Location (if applicable): 2

Date: 03/07/2026

Start Time: 07:30 AM

End Time: 08:00 PM

Date: 03/14/2026

Start Time: 07:30 AM

End Time: 08:00 PM

Organization name; if none, your name: Somerville Community Growing Center

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : Getting outdoors in all weather, connecting to environment and community. Celebrating urban trees, winter ecosystems and sap to syrup making. Offering unique volunteer and community engagement opportunities, building community with partner groups in Somerville.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: Potential support of businesses in Union Sq due to foot traffic. In past ESMS have tabled along with other community businesses.

What is the budget for this event?: \$600

Complete Mailing Address : PO Box 76 Somerville, MA- 02143

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): Paula Jordan, Lisa Brukilacchio

Email: lisa@thegrowingcenter.org

Phone (Will be available to the public): 781-234-5311

Event Name : SCGC Maple Boil Project and Boil 2026

Describe the Event: Spend a winter day learning about and experiencing the mape sap collecting and boil process using a metal evaporator built by SHS students in an urban green space in Somerville. Activities include learning about the sap to syrup process, Indigenous knowledge, history of the SCGC and the maple boil project. Volunteers and many partner groups in Somerville are part of this highly anticipated and beloved event.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): none

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): none

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: walkways/entrance clear of debris, ice an snow. chairs, benches available for seating, accessible portapotty and brick and cement pathway around lower and upper garden

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 125

Estimated total number of people attending: 450

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 400

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 400

Attendee fees or suggested donations : free to all

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: multilingual social media flyers in public spaces, FB and Instagram. Email invites and flyer to all partner and community groups in Somerville, YMCA, CAAS, Somernova, SHS, SPS, early ed groups, Padres Latinos, senior housing, community outreach at Farmers Market, virtual and in person volunteer/community meet up prior to event

Will food be served?: Yes

If yes, describe:: Bake sale similar to November Pumpkin Smash, will apply for appropriate permit

Will the event be catered?: No

Will a grill/open-flame device be used? : No

Will any streets be blocked? : No

Will any sidewalks be blocked? : No

Will any public parks be used? : No

Has this event occurred in the last two years? : Yes

If yes, prior dates : 2025, 2/28, 3/1 2024, 3/1, 3/2

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : No

Restrooms : Yes

If yes, please describe the restrooms being provided, and if you are providing portable toilets, state how they will be delivered and removed:: accessible portapotty

Liability Insurance : Yes

If yes, describe:: Cleary, Ins 226 Causway St Boston, MA 02114 Liability Insurance held Wendy Smith, 617-723-0700

Date(s): 3/6, 3/7

Rain Date(s): 3/13, 3/14

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: Maureen Lee, ISD Health, Approved with Conditions

1. approved with the condition a Temporary Food License application is submitted. If assistance is needed accessing the application, please contact Arturo Vazquez at avazquez@somervillema.gov.

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete

Reviewer: Yianny Tsirigotis, Recreation, Approved

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Suzanne Rinfret, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved