

# 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

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## APPLICANT

**Company Name:** Somerville Community Growing Center

**Business Address:**

PO Box 76  
Somerville , MA 02143

**Work Phone:**

**Email:** Paula@thegrowingcenter.org

**# of days:** 1

**Contact Name:** Paula Jordan

**Home Address:**

22 Vinal Ave  
Somerville , MA

**Home Phone:** (781) 643-3714

**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 maple 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 and 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](mailto: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