

PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION
City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Application #: PEL15-000058
File #: 15-004046

Organization name: Friends of the Community Growing Center

Description: A series of free community events

Date(s): Various events, 5/1/15 - 10/31/15

Setup starts at (time): varies

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): varies

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: less than 50

Maximum attendees accommodated: usually less than 50

Attendee fees or suggested donations: Free, donations accepted

Social or cultural benefits:

Environmental education, arts, children's groups, community, health and wellness

City Contact:

Organization mailing address:

c/o 110 Belmont Street, #2
Somerville, MA 02143

Event name: Growing Center 2015 Season Calendar

Location: 22 Vinal Ave All events to be held at the Growing center at 22 Vinal Ave. 2015 Calendar attached.

Rain date(s): Various dates

Event starts at (time): varies

Event ends at (time): varies

Total people attending: 75

Total Somerville residents attending: 50

What is your budget for this event: Volunteer run events

Financial benefits:

Increased foot traffic,

Contact person:

Kim Schmidt
Telephone: 617-755-3531
Email: volunteercgc@gmail.com

Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Food served?	No	
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	No	
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
Arrangements:		
Auxiliary Police?	No	
Police Detail:	No	
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	Yes	Port-a-potty onsite
Liability Insurance?	Yes	FCGC has obtained liability insurance
Will any public parks be used?	No	
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	The Growing Center has been holding community events for 20 years
Alcohol License?	No	

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: John J. Long, City Clerk, Complete

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: CS Police, Police, Approved

Reviewer: CS Traffic and Parking, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Christine Morin, Public Works, Approved



Somerville Community Growing Center 2015 CALENDAR

For updates and full calendar: www.thegrowingcenter.org

22 Vinal Ave (outside Union Sq), Somerville, MA 02143

Sponsored by the Friends of the Community Growing Center and the City of Somerville, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. The Somerville Community Growing Center is a place for people of all ages and backgrounds to gather, learn and celebrate – to grow a healthy community. On our quarter acre site you will find gardens and space for arts, performances, education and community gatherings. This peaceful urban oasis was built by the community and is maintained and run by a volunteer organization called the Friends of the Community Growing Center. Volunteers and donations are always welcomed to help support events and programs offered at this city-owned site. All events are free unless a suggested donation is noted. The performance site is accessible by wheelchair. The City of Somerville has permit parking on all streets, including Vinal Avenue, so we encourage you to walk or bike!

Recurring Growing Center Events/Playgroups/Happenings

MONDAYS

The Dragonflies: Farm-Learn-Play: Mondays from 2:45-4:45 pm from May 4-June 29.

For summer and fall schedule, check our web calendar at www.thegrowingcenter.org

Ages: 9-12 with an adult partner (younger siblings welcome). Young farmers of all skill levels are invited to join us in the garden to plant, water, weed, harvest and play. We are growing for learning and fun, with a focus on producing vegetables.

The Dragonflies: Farm-Learn-Play Special Field Trips and Workshops: date and time TBD

Ages: 9-12 with an adult partner. Contact: Aileen at growingcenter@aol.com

Farm! at Belmont Acres Farm (mid-summer)

Wildcraft! at Farrington Nature Linc (late summer)

Make Medicine! (fall)

WEDNESDAYS

Red Fire Farm CSA Distribution: Wednesdays from June 4-mid October, 3:30-6:30 pm

Pre-ordered shares of vegetables (and some fruits) delivered weekly. Contact: Red Fire: 413-467-SOIL or www.redfirefarm.com

FRIDAYS

Growing Center 0-5 Playgroup, Fridays, 9 am-11 pm (May -October, check web calendar for updates)

Play! Play! Play! For children age 0-5 years of age and their caregivers. No registration necessary. Parents take turns to provide this open drop in time, so if interested in volunteering, contact Kim: volunteercgc@gmail.com

Homeschool Open Garden, Fridays 11:30am - 1:30pm, Start date 5/1, end date 6/26

Come hang out at the Growing Center for nature play and parent chat. Wander up after homeschool soccer or drop by to enjoy the space and your neighbors. The Growing Center will be open for unstructured play and exploration, and we welcome anyone to join us. Linger with the little ones after the drop in play group? Curious about how normal (or not!) your local homeschooling community is? Itching to spend time outdoors with friends? Come and check it out! Please note, this park day is reliant on Growing Center volunteers that are part of the homeschooling community. It may be closed during inclement weather or if the host volunteers have a conflicting obligation. Please call or text Lauren Bell at 617.875.7450 if you have questions about whether the space is open. The host of the earlier playgroup (9-11am) is not responsible for keeping the Growing Center open.

SATURDAYS

Open Garden Saturdays, May 9th through Oct 5th, from 9am-noon

Volunteers open the garden for visitors to enjoy. Helping hands welcome! Contact: Kim at volunteerCGC@gmail.com

SUNDAYS

Contemplative New Moon Labyrinth Walks

Sundays nearest the new moon, 7pm May through July, 6:30 pm August, 5:30pm Sept and Oct

May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, Sept 27, Oct 25

Each month interested folks are invited to come walk the labyrinth as a meditative way to connect with grounding earth energy, the cycles of the moon, and our own cycles of energy, focus and intention. Katrina Piehler: (617) 833-3035 or katp32@yahoo.com.

May 2015

Spring Garden Day!- Sunday May 3th, 12:30-2:30pm

Kick off the growing season at the Growing Center—and in your own containers or gardens! Bring any extra seed and seedlings (even garden plants) you might have to swap with others! Enjoy the annual Maypole Dance. Morris dancers will perform at 1:30pm. Street parking permit requirement has been “relaxed” for the day in the nearby area.

Porchfest- Saturday, May 16th, 12:00-6:00pm

Join in this wonderful Somerville event as musicians around town perform on their front porches. The Growing Center will be hosting musicians in the garden. Check our website for band and time updates.

Volunteer Orientation - Sunday May 17, 10-11:00am

Join our core group of volunteers! Orientations are offered throughout the season and last about one hour. Organizations offering programs or events on site must arrange to attend a training before your program start date. Contact: Kim at VolunteerCGC@gmail.com to register and to confirm date. Most orientations will be followed by a Garden Work/Learn day, so plan on staying to help with a garden project if you can!

Garden Work/Learn Day - Sunday May 17, 11:00-12:00pm

Spend time outdoors across the garden season, learn and/or teach, and help the garden thrive for all to enjoy! Wear clothes that can get dirty! Bring gloves, snacks, and/or water container if desired. Groups can be accommodated with prior arrangements. This is how the work gets done—your chance to get dirty while literally building community.

June 2015

SFLC Family Playgroup- Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:00-7:30pm

The Somerville Family Learning Collaborative will be hosting Tuesday evening family playgroups for caregivers with young children, including playtime and storytime, at the Growing Center for the month of June. Contact Michelle at 617- 625-6600 x 6990

Youthquake Theater presents “Twelfth Night”- June 5 (5:30pm), June 6 (11:00am), June 7 (2pm)

Youthquake is a great way for youth, in a large range of ages, to stage the works of William Shakespeare and other great plays. Youthquake productions are organized, acted, and directed entirely by children and teens.

Info: youthquaketheater.com or youthquaketheater@gmail.com

Kick off of Spirited Women Series: Mothers Out Front, (tentative) June 11th, 7pm

Gather with local women gathering mothers, grandmothers and caregivers to act together on climate change. Learn about the MA campaign to “power up our children’s future”. Contact Randi at randismith16@yahoo.com to learn more and/or visit www.mothersoutfront.org

Yoga with Jaime Silverstein, June Series- Monday evenings June 15, 22 and 29, 6:00-7:00pm

Yoga in the garden with Kripalu yoga instructor Jaime Silverstein, jaimesilversteinyoga.com. Classes are by donation in support of the Growing Center. Please bring your own mat.

15th Annual Solar Picnic- Saturday, June 20, 10:56am-2:56pm (solar noon is 12:46pm)

Join Boston Area Solar Energy Association (BASEA) for this annual gathering of old and new friends interested in solar, renewable and energy efficient communities. For more details, check out www.BASEA.org and local sponsor Somerville Climate Action at somervilleclimateaction.org

Volunteer Orientation, - Saturday June 27, 10-11:00am

Join our core group of volunteers! Orientations are offered throughout the season and last about one hour. Organizations offering programs or events on site must arrange to attend a training before your program start date. Contact: Kim at VolunteerCGC@gmail.com to register. Most orientations will be followed by a Garden Work/Learn day, so plan on staying to help with a garden project if you can!

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July 2015

Yoga with Roberto Lim, Sundays July 5, 12, 19 and 23, 9:00-10:00am

Join local resident Roberto for a movement meditation Prana Vinyasa practice that is strengthening, centering & liberating. All levels are welcome. (www.robertolim.com). (Suggested donation: \$10)

Pajama Storytime- Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 29 6:30-7:30 pm

Pack a picnic, grab your favorite bedtime friend, get your pajamas and come down to the garden for a nature-themed storytime. Stories told from 6:30 – 7; Stories will be geared for 3-6 year olds but all ages welcome. No registration required. Contact: Debbie at 781-771-0692 or schmidttopold@yahoo.com

Growing Center Sing-Alongs , Thursday evenings, July 16 and August 20, 5:30-7:00pm

Join your voice with others in an old-fashioned sing-along. All ages and voices welcome! Bring your guitar, percussion and any other instruments to add to the musical celebration. Picnic and enjoy the garden! Contact: Liza at lpkitchell@aol.com

Spirited Women film series: The Barefoot Artist, (tentative) July 9th, 7pm open for picnics, 8pm film

Film screening featuring artist/activist Lily Yeh. Co-sponsored with partners including SCATV. Contact: info@thegrowingcenter.org

Volunteer Orientation, Saturday July 25, 10-11:00am

Join our core group of volunteers! Orientations are offered throughout the season and last about one hour. Organizations offering programs or events on site must arrange to attend a training before your program start date. Contact: Kim at VolunteerCGC@gmail.com to register and to confirm date.

August 2015

Growing Somerville Voices: Teen Open Mic Night, date TBD

Join local youth for an evening of song, spoken word or music, coordinated by Teen Empowerment. Contact: Teen Empowerment (617) 625-6600 x2255 or sassy@teenempowerment.org

International Day of Play , Wednesday August 5th, 4-7pm, (with possible additional times at Nunziato Field)

Join the Growing Center and other partners in celebrating the joys and benefits of play for all ages. Watch for details! Contact info@thegrowingcenter.org

Yoga with Jaime Silverstein, August Series- Tuesday evenings August 11, 18, 25, 6:00-7:00pm

Yoga in the garden with Kripalu yoga instructor Jaime Silverstein, jaimesilversteinyoga.com. Classes are by donation in support of the Growing Center. Please bring your own mat.

Spirited Women film series: Turning Prayer Into Action. (tentative) August 12, 7pm open for picnics, 8pm film screening

In 2006, the annual meeting of the International 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, gathered in Nepal, was beamed into Bioneers in California. Co-sponsored with SCATV, with thanks to film editor Beth Gallagher. Contact: info@thegrowingcenter.org

Volunteer Orientation, Monday August 24, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Join our core group of volunteers! Orientations are offered throughout the season and last about one hour. Organizations offering programs or events on site must arrange to attend a training before your program start date. Contact: Kim at VolunteerCGC@gmail.com to register and to confirm date.

September 2015

A Gathering of Fairies- Saturday September 19 from 2-4 pm, (rain date September 20)

A garden celebration for fairies and their friends: build a fairy house, create fairy art, listen to a fairy story, and search the garden for signs of fairies. Everyone is invited to come dressed up as a fairy or their favorite magical being. A fairy fun time is guaranteed for all! Before the Gathering, try to find time to go outside and collect natural materials such as feathers, stones, shells, twigs, bark, pods, pinecones and other plant material and bring them with you so you can build a fairy house as your very own gift to the fairies. Donations are encouraged to support the Growing Center and future Gatherings of Fairies. For more information, contact Aileen at growingcenter@aol.com

October 2015

Harvest Festival- Sunday October 4th, 2:00-4:00 pp

Help us celebrate with a season finale including harvest games, demonstrations, pumpkin decorating, and music for all. Contact: Lisa info@thegrowingcenter.org

Anti-Morris and Pumpkin Carols- Saturday, October 31, 5:00-7:00pm

Pumpkin Carols followed by the AntiMorris at Sunset, danced by Recently Traditional Fictional Morris. The dancers shall fade silently into the night upon conclusion of the dance. Rain or shine (check website) Contact: Jeremy 617-718-9623 or rtfm@peculiarity.net