

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL25-00029

File #: 25-007243

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: Somerville Arts Council and SomerViva

Description: The Haitian Flag Festival is a vibrant celebration of Haitian culture and heritage, marking the creation of the Haitian flag. The event brings together the community to celebrate Haiti's rich history, pride, and unity through music, food, art, and cultural performances. A highlight of the festival is the opportunity to enjoy traditional Haitian dishes, adding a delicious and authentic taste of Haitian culture to the celebration. This special day honors the significance of the Haitian flag, which symbolizes freedom, resilience, and the spirit of independence. The festival is an opportunity for everyone to learn about and appreciate Haitian traditions, while also fostering connections within the community.

Date(s): 05/17/2025

Setup starts at (time): 12:00 PM

Entertainment: The event will feature music, food, art, and cultural performances. We are also inviting community groups to table.

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 300

Maximum attendees accommodated: 500

Attendee fees or suggested donations: Free

Social or cultural benefits:

The Haitian Flag Festival in Somerville fosters cultural appreciation, strengthens community bonds, and highlights the city's diversity. By celebrating Haitian heritage through music, food, and art, the event promotes inclusivity, educates the broader community about Haiti's history and contributions, and provides a space for Haitian residents to share their traditions with pride.

Event Contact: Iaritza Menjivar

Event name: Haitian Flag Festival

Location: City hall Concourse

Rain date(s): 05/18/2025

Clean Up at (time): 8:00 PM

Temporary Structures: 10x10 tents for vendors, the city stage, tables and chairs

Total people attending: 500

Total Somerville residents attending: 400

What is your budget for this event: 3,000

Financial benefits:

This event supports local Somerville artists and businesses, enriching the city's cultural landscape while reinforcing Somerville's commitment to multicultural engagement and unity.

Event Contact Phone: 617-625-6600 x2985

| Event Information | Yes/No | If yes, Describe |
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| Open to the public? | Yes | Newsletter, Press Release, posters, social media and online community calendars. |
| Food served? | Yes | We will disclose vendor names in the coordinator checklist. |
| Caterer used? | No | |
| Alcohol served? | No | |
| Grill/open-flame device used? | No | |
| Streets blocked? | No | |
| Sidewalks blocked? | No | |
| Describe any accessibility features available to | | For accessibility and convenience, there will be seating |

attendees/participants

available for attendees who need to sit, as well as designated parking spots for those with accessibility needs. We are also ensuring that crosswalks and sidewalks remain clear throughout the event to maintain smooth and safe pedestrian movement.

Arrangements:

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| Police Detail: | No |
| Parking (for Attendees)? | Yes |
| Restrooms? | Yes |
| Liability Insurance? | No |
| Will any public parks be used? | No |
| Has the event occurred in the last two years? | No |

We will be reserving City hall's parking lot, the event will take place right on this concourse.

We will talk with the DPW about requesting porta-potties for this event.

Approval Conditions:

Approved By:

CS Mayor, Approved

Albert Bargoat, Approved

Maureen Lee, Approved

Kevin Roche, Approved

CS Traffic and Parking, Approved

Eric Weisman, Approved

Charles Breen, Approved

Rico Isidoro, Approved

Kimberly M. Wells, Approved