

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL24-000041

File #: 24-004982

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: Somerville Arts Council is the organizer of Porchfest

Description: Live music, crowds listening

Date(s): 05/11/2024

Setup starts at (time): 3pm

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): 7pm

Entertainment: Live music

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 40

Maximum attendees accommodated: 80

Attendee fees or suggested donations: None

Social or cultural benefits:

Porchfest 2024

Event Contact: Nels Nelson

Event name: Porchfest on Munroe

Location: Munroe Street between Walnut Street and Prospect Hill Avenue

Rain date(s): 05/12/2024

Event starts at (time): 3:30pm

Event ends at (time): 6:30pm

Temporary Structures: None

Total people attending: 60

Total Somerville residents attending: 40

What is your budget for this event: \$0

Financial benefits:

Not applicable

Event Contact Phone: 978-494-0414

Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Open to the public?	Yes	https://somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest/2024
Food served?	No	
Caterer used?		
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	Yes	Munroe Street from Walnut Street to Prospect Hill Ave, inclusive of Bigelow Street and Greenville Street south of Boston Ave, and Prospect Hill Ave north of Columbus Ave
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants		None
Arrangements:		
Police Detail:	No	
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	No	
Liability Insurance?	No	
Will any public parks be used?	No	
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	May 2022, May 2023

Approval Conditions:

Approved By:

CS Mayor, Approved with Conditions

In previous years the road closures did not include Prospect Hill Pkwy, which forms a traffic connection between Central Hill and Union Square. This is approved under the condition that SPD, Fire, Engineering, etc. review the additional closure request of Prospect Hill Pkwy and confirm that closing the through connection will not create a safety burden or undue traffic burden. Organizers note that the number of pedestrians warrants this added closure for safety. If the closure is not approved perhaps SAC and others could advise organizers on alternate safety measures?

Kevin Roche, Approved

Charles Breen, Approved with Conditions

Use only easily moveable barriers to block the street. Emergency vehicles must be able to pass in an emergency. No obstructions in travel lane. I will only approve this with the condition that Prospect Hill Parkway is NOT to be closed and must remain open for traffic. This is a primary response route for the Fire Department. In the interest of public safety I will not support its closure for this event.

CS Traffic and Parking, Approved

Eric Weisman, Approved with Conditions

Block parties in this area are restricted to 3:30PM to 6:30PM during porchfest.

Timothy Mitsakis, Approved with Conditions

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Kimberly M. Wells, Approved