

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL23-000011

File #: 23-001809

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: Somerville Road Runners

Description: A four-mile Thanksgiving-Day foot race through the streets of Somerville

Date(s): Thursday November 23, 2023

Setup starts at (time): 6:00AM

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): 1:00PM

Entertainment: None

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 3200

Maximum attendees accommodated: 3200

Attendee fees or suggested donations: \$40 registration fee

Social or cultural benefits:

This is a fun, family-oriented Thanksgiving-day event. It is always well attended by Somerville residents. It raises money for several local charities and organizations.

Event Contact: Jess Petersen

Event name: 27th Annual Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race

Location: The Gobble Gobble Gobble is an annual road race that starts and finishes in Davis Square on Thanksgiving Morning. Runners start on Holland St near Cameron Avenue, travel through Teele, Powderhouse and Ball Square and return to Davis Square via Summer Street, finishing in front of the Burren at 247 Elm St.

Rain date(s): None

Event starts at (time): 9:30AM

Event ends at (time): 12:00PM

Temporary Structures: Approx. 15 "EZUp" style 10x10 tents for pre-race activities in Seven Hills Park

Total people attending: 3200

Total Somerville residents attending: 800

What is your budget for this event: 2022 expenses were \$53K with \$48K gross income.

Financial benefits:

The race donates to Somerville charities and organizations including Somerville Homeless Coalition, Somerville High School Track PAC, Dilboy VFW Veteran's Fund and Stride for Stride. Over the past 10 years these donations have totaled over \$350,000 with \$32,000 in 2022.

Event Contact Phone: 617-455-5626

| Event Information | Yes/No | If yes, Describe |
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| Open to the public? | Yes | We partner with local charities to promote the event and advertise in local running magazines and online. |
| Food served? | No | |
| Caterer used? | | |
| Alcohol served? | No | |
| Grill/open-flame device used? | No | |
| Streets blocked? | Yes | Elm Street (in Davis Square only): Finish Line Holland Street: Starting Line near Cameron Street |
| Sidewalks blocked? | No | |
| Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants | | None |
| Arrangements: | | |
| Police Detail: | Yes | We work with SPD to determine the proper number of detail officers for traffic and crowd control. In recent years this has been 10-12 officers. |
| Parking (for Attendees)? | No | |

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| Restrooms? | Yes | We typically have one portable toilet per 100 runners so we expect to get 32 for 2022. At least one portable toilet will be wheelchair accessible They typically arrive Wednesday morning and are picked up Friday morning. |
| Liability Insurance? | Yes | Somerville Road Runners maintains a policy with Road Runners Club of America |
| Will any public parks be used? | Yes | Seven Hills Park |
| Has the event occurred in the last two years? | Yes | Every Thanksgiving day since 1997. |

Approval Conditions:

Approved By:

CS Mayor, Approved

Albert Bargoot, Approved

Susan Yerkes, Approved

Kevin Roche, Approved

Charles Breen, Approved with Conditions

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CS Traffic and Parking, Approved

Timothy Mitsakis, Approved

Eric Weisman, Approved

Kimberly M. Wells, Approved