

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL25-000151

File #: 25-023982

Event Name: Poetry in the Park

Business Name: Zinnia Smith

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: Nathan Tufts Powder House Park

APPLICANT

Company Name:

Contact Name: Zinnia Owen Smith

Business Address:

Home Address:

7 Lowden Ave #3
Somerville, MA 02144

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Email: zinniasmith11@gmail.com

of days: 1

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: Nathan Tufts Powder House Park at the top of the hill next to the stone tower.

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: 10/10/2025

Event Setup Begins: 04:30 PM

Start Time: 05:00 PM

End Time: 07:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 07:30 PM

Do You Have a Proposed Rain Date for Your Public Event?: Yes

Date: 10/17/2025

Start Time: 05:00 PM

End Time: 07:00 PM

Organization name; if none, your name: Zinnia Owen Smith & Ida Rahimi

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : Zinnia and Ida both received a 2025 Somerville Arts Council Grant for the literary arts. They would like to host a public poetry reading in the park as their public arts event required of the grant. The event will feature a total of five poets. This will be a free event with suggested donations to 3 mutual aid networks. The cultural benefit of this event would be a free and accessible arts event for the city of Somerville and the Greater Boston Area.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: The event will be free, but also encourage attendees to give a donation to three mutual aid organizations supporting the Somerville community: MAMAS, LUCE Immigrant Justice Network, and The Sameer Project. The poets selected would be coming from the Greater Boston Area, so this will ideally pull a good crowd visiting Somerville for the evening, stopping by Ball Square or Davis Square after the event.

What is the budget for this event?: \$600

Complete Mailing Address : 7 Lowden Ave #3 Somerville, MA 02144

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): Zinnia Owen Smith

Email: info@tableconvo.com

Phone (Will be available to the public): 508-281-9794

Event Name : Poetry in the Park

Describe the Event: Friday, October 10th 5:00pm-7:00pm Join us for a public poetry reading in Powder House Park at sunset. Ida Rahimi will emcee the event featuring five local poets. Poets will read aloud their recent work. The evening will end with a live jazz band performing a song at sundown. Bring a picnic blanket to stretch out on the grass, under the trees to watch the sunset and listen to poetry. Suggested ticket donation is \$10-\$20 and all revenue from this event will go to mutual aid networks: MAMAS, LUCE Immigrant Justice Network, and The Sameer Project.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): Poetry and short jazz performance.

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): Portable audio microphone / speakers.

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: Accessible pathways to the top of Prospect Park and priority seating.

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 30

Estimated total number of people attending: 30

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 20-30

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 45

Attendee fees or suggested donations : Suggested ticket donation is \$10-\$20 and all revenue from this event will go to mutual aid networks: MAMAS, LUCE Immigrant Justice Network, and The Sameer Project.

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: Social media marketing and print promotional materials, including posters and cards.

Will food be served?: 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? : Yes

If yes, name of park(s) : Nathan Tufts Powder House Park

Has this event occurred in the last two years? : No

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : No

Restrooms : No

Liability Insurance : No

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved with Conditions

1. Please get a parks permit at somervillema.myrec.com for this event.

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

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

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete

Reviewer: Yianny Tsirigotis, Recreation, Approved

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved