

**PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION**  
**City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Application #: PEL16-000080**  
**File #: 16-006135**

**Organization name:** Somerville Open Studios

**Description:** A weekend-long community art event where over 350 artists, in just under 100 locations open up their studios to the public.

**Date(s):** 4/30/16-5/1/16

**Setup starts at (time):** 11 AM each day

**Cleanup after the event ends at (time):** 6:30 PM

**Attendees:**

Max attendance at one time: public info booth - normally 2-3 ppl at the booth

Maximum attendees accommodated: N/A

**Attendee fees or suggested donations:** FREE TO THE PUBLIC

**Social or cultural benefits:**

Somerville Open Studios, in its 18th year, has been a public arts event that brings the community together to enjoy the work of its local artists community.

Everything is entirely free, and open to the public.

**City Contact:** We work with Suzanne Rinfret on the trolley route, and have had the support of the City through Heather Balchunas (SAC) for years.

**Organization mailing address:**

Somerville Open Studios  
PO Box 442115  
Somerville, MA 02144

**Event name:** Somerville Open Studios

**Location:** Davis Square (near statues outside of JP Licks) and Union Square (outside near SCATV)

**Rain date(s):** No rain dates - we will do these dates no matter what.

**Event starts at (time):** Noon

**Event ends at (time):** 6 PM

Total people attending: N/A

Total Somerville residents attending: N/A

**What is your budget for this event:** Non-profit, annual working budget ~15K

**Financial benefits:**

This event attracts people from all over Somerville and surrounding towns. People walk around, enjoy the art, and also take advantage of the many businesses and restaurants while they are out for the day.

**Contact person:**

Gena Folts  
Telephone: 617 803 2911  
Email: [coordinator@somervilleopenstudios.org](mailto:coordinator@somervilleopenstudios.org)

| 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     |   |
| <b>Arrangements:</b>                          |        |   |
| Auxiliary Police?                             | No     |   |
| Police Detail:                                | No     |   |
| Parking (for Attendees)?                      | Yes    | The city allows us free use of the public parking lots, and we provide free trolleys to visitors. |
| Restrooms?                                    | No     |   |
| Liability Insurance?                          | No     |   |
| Will any public parks be used?                | No     |   |
| Has the event occurred in the last two years? | Yes    | 2015: 5/2-5/3<br>2014: 5/3-5/4  |
| Alcohol License?                              | No     |   |

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**Approval Conditions:**

**Reviewer:** John J. Long, City Clerk, Approved

**Reviewer:** CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

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

**Reviewer:** Christine Morin, Public Works, Approved

**Reviewer:** Jill Lathan, Recreation, Approved

**Reviewer:** John J. Long, City Clerk, Complete

**Reviewer:** CS Police, Police, Approved

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*Greetings from*

**SOMERVILLE**

**open studios  
2016**

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**April 30–May 1 | 12–6PM**  
**Sneak Preview: April 29 | 6–9PM**

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**Inside-Out Gallery Show 4/1-5/2**

CVS Window, 1 Davis Square

**SOS Volunteer Show 4/8-5/20**

Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm Street

**Artists' Choice Exhibit Group Show 4/17-5/21**

Somerville Museum, 1 Winwood Road

**Kids Art Show 4/25-5/7**

Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue

**End of the Weekend Celebration 5/1**

Bantam Cider, 40 Merriam Street - starts at 6PM





## Parking

- Free Off-Street Parking:** Resident-only parking restrictions are lifted during SOS hours. Cars must be moved by 11 pm Sunday night.
- P1:** Tufts Administration Building (trolley stop i) 169 Holland Street
- P2:** West Somerville Neighborhood School (near trolley stop h) 177 Powderhouse Blvd Lot on Raymond Avenue, 100 yards from Curtis Street
- P3:** Arthur D. Healey School (near trolley stop f) 5 Meacham Street, at end of street behind the school
- P4:** City Hall / Somerville High / Library (near trolley stop c) 93 Highland Avenue
- P5:** John F. Kennedy School (near trolley stop l) 5 Cherry Street, at the intersection of Elm and Cherry

## Trolley Stops

- Free Trolleys:** Trolleys begin and end the day at Joy Street (Site 92.) First trolley leaves at noon, last trolley arrives at Joy Street at approximately 6 pm.
- "New in 2016"** Trolleys travel "counter-clockwise" around the city.
- a:** 86 Joy St
  - b:** Mudflat Pottery
  - c:** Mad Oyster Studio
  - d:** 429 Medford St
  - e:** Vernon Street
  - f:** 499 Broadway
  - g:** Ball Square
  - h:** Nave Gallery
  - i:** Cameron and Holland
  - j:** Davis Square
  - k:** Highland Ave and Willow Ave
  - l:** Highland Ave and Conwell St
  - m:** Center for Arts at the Armory
  - n:** Somerville Museum
  - o:** Dane St and Tyler St
  - p:** Washington St and Perry St
  - q:** Union Square
  - r:** Brickbottom Studios

## Legend

- Artists' Sites: Friday Night, Saturday & Sunday
- Somerville Museum: Artist's Choice Exhibit Group Show
- Artists' Sites: Saturday & Sunday
- Diesel Cafe: SOS Volunteers Show
- Sponsor Sites
- Info Booths
- Trolley Stops