# PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Date / April 8/2011

# To the Honorable, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Somerville:

The undersigned requests permission to conduct the following event. This permission will only be effective for the listed location and time, and will be subject to all of the terms, conditions, and limitations set forth in the Somerville Code of Ordinances, any applicable State and Federal laws, and any conditions prescribed by the Board of Aldermen and/or City Departments. Any charges incurred will be the sole responsibility of the applicant and must be paid in full prior to the event.

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Telephone (017-1660-2914 or 781-953-4826
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#### Note the following Conditions:

- The event must not obstruct or inhibit the flow of vehicles or pedestrians except for road closures or detours
  permitted herein, or as directed by Police Officers or Auxiliary Police Officers.
- 2. Any road closures or detours must be approved in advance by the Traffic and Parking Director, and must be implemented with traffic controls specified by the Traffic and Parking Department. Such controls, and any displays or items placed on any street, shall be movable at all times. Vehicles will not be used as traffic controls. If the applicant requires the use of signage loaned by the Traffic and Parking Department, a security deposit will be required to ensure that the signage is returned.

- 3. If the event is a road race, the applicant will provide race monitors where required by the Police. The applicant will not make permanent marks on the roadway or sidewalk using paint or other indelible materials. Use of chalk will be acceptable. The applicant will pay the cost of removing any indelible marks placed on the roadway or sidewalk.
- If the event is a canning drive, the applicant will provide adult monitors at each location, and will maintain a copy of the approved permit at each location.
- 5. If the event includes a musical performance, the performance will not occur before 9:00 AM or after 10:00 PM, nor at any time on Sunday, nor within 300 feet of any building from which an occupant asks that the performance desist.

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# To Whom it May Concern:

The Somerville Community Growing Center is a city-owned property located at 22 Vinal Avenue that has been designed, built and maintained by a collaboration of many diverse community organizations since 1994. A Steering Committee, including City agencies and volunteer organizations, helped to develop the Center and then the Friends of the Community Growing Center as a sustaining force for this unique public space. The Somerville site has served as inspiration for other public parks both in the region and nationally.

The Friends of the Community Growing Center is a volunteer group that assists with programming at the Center as well as all the fund raising to support programs. Free programs are offered annually by a range of city organizations and the Friends group. The Friends maintain open communication channels with the Mayor's Office and with the Dept. of Public Works to carry out the maintenance and programming at the site throughout the year. Many volunteers donate their time to make this a special Somerville place to visit for both youth and adults. The Friends partner with agencies and volunteers to offer after school and vacation garden programs, youth service opportunities, adult education, and opportunities for community integration for adults with disabilities- in addition to the cultural programming.

In the past, an agreement was made to request permits only for events at the Center where attendance was anticipated at over 150. This year, in collaboration with City Clerk John Long, we are submitting the calendar for the season (as of April 12, 2011) for the permitting process to ensure good communication between various city agencies. We look forward to a smooth process that will facilitate a season of free programming for the entire community. Our online Program Calendar is updated regularly on our website at www.thegrowingcenter.org

Sincerely,

Lisa Brukilaccinio,

President, Friends of the Community Growing Center

617-666-2969 (c 781-953-4826)

info@thegrowingcenter.org

April 12th version

# Growing Center Calendar for 2011

# www.thegrowingcenter.org

click on "calendar" for updates, send questions to info@thegrowingcenter.org
Located at 22 Vinal Avenue, Somerville (near Union Square)
Sponsored by the Friends of the Community Growing Center and
the City of Somerville, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone
(please note that the City of Somerville has permit parking on all streets, including Vinal Ave.)
Check our website calendar for last minute updates!

# Special events:

# Spring Garden Day

Saturday May 7th, 9 am - 12 pm

Exchange seeds, seedlings, plants and more - contributions welcome. Red Herring Morris and Pipe Dream dancers have invited other guest teams to dance in the season & to guide us through the annual Maypole dance to herald in a productive season.

Contact: Lisa 617-666-2969 or info@thegrowingcenter.org

# One City, One Story: I Went Walking In Somerville

Saturday, May 7th, 3-5pm (Hard rain cancels)

Young children and families invited to participate in a city-wide literacy promotion event which will start at Somerville High School 2-3pm, followed by a Storywalk ™ of the children's book, I Went Walking from the Library to the Center. At the Center, kids activities will include arts and crafts, nature walks and visiting farm animals.

Contact: Early Childhood Advisory Council 617-625-6600x6966

#### The Moroccan Sintir & Trance Music of the Gnawa

Saturday May 21st, 1:30pm (rain date Sunday May 22)

Somerville resident Mike Rivard will give a free talk and demonstration of the Moroccan sintir, a 3 string bass lute used by the Gnawa people of Morocco in their trance-healing ceremonies. Recipient of a Somerville Arts Council Fellowship award, he will speak about his trip to Morocco as part of the Sister City partnership between Somerville & Tiznit, and talk about the influence Moroccan music has had on his band Club d'Elf. Joined by members of the group, selections from their new CD Electric Moroccoland/So Below will be played, interspersed with Q & A with the audience. Open to all ages. A Somerville Porchfest event.

Contact: Mike at microvard@gmail.com

# Lovin' the Earth and all her Creatures

Saturday May 21 from 3:30-5 pm

Interactive sing-along, movement and listening concert with Su Eaton of Magical Creations aka Mother Nature and Joel Sindelar. Beautiful, fun songs that inspire love of the earth and all her creatures including you. Geared towards ages 1-8 and those who love to sing and move their earth bodies. All Proceeds benefit Fairies in the Garden, an annual event that takes in September at the Growing Center. Donation suggested.

Contact: Su Eaton at sugaton@earthlink.net

#### Wild Tales Goes to the Farm

Saturday, June 18th,11 am rain date June 19th

Chickens! Eggplants! Bees! Come find out what's happenin' down on the urban farm! This is an original musical created by children ages 6 - 12 years old who have been part of the Wild Tales

program for the past 3 months, exploring urban ecology through theater and music. Wild Tales made possible by generous grants from the Somerville Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Friends of the Somerville Public Library. Contact: Liza 617-628-6685 or lokitchell@aol.com

## Second Chances Clothing and Coin Drive

Wednesday June 22, 4-7 pm and Wednesday September 21st, 4-7 pm

Donate your gently used clothing, shoes and accessories to local nonprofit serving homeless and low-income residents in Greater Boston area. Drop them off here to be distributed to local service agencies.

Contact: Andrea at 617.666.0280 or www.secondchances.org.

## Solar Day

Saturday June 25th, 11-4 pm, rain date June 26

Learn about clean energy options for solar for home, school, or business; share information on your solar projects. Demonstrations of renewable solar technology, including The Growing Center's PVC system, sculpture, solar cookers demonstrate sumptuous dishes. Sponsored by Boston Area Solar Energy Association and Somerville Climate Action.

Contact: Henry 617-354-6952, www.basea.org or Maureen at lucyneptune@hotmail.com

## Great American Backyard Campout

Saturday June 25 at 7 pm (ends Sunday June 27 at 9 am)

Join Somerville families and other families across the country as we participate in the National Wildlife Federation's annual campout. Featuring a scavenger hunt, games and storytelling. Registration: Space is limited, so you must register to reserve a space. Registration deadline:

June 18. To register: Aileen at growingcenter@aol.com.

For more information: Liza at (617) 628-6685 or lpkitchell@aol.com.

#### Teddy Bear Picnic

Tuesday July 12 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Rain date July 14

Bring a picnic and your teddy bears (or other cuddly toys) and join with local families and friends of all ages for the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Contact: Tara at 617-417-4904 or taramcwc@gmail.com

# Tales of Outdoor Adventure and Misadventure with Storyteller Bruce Marcus TBD

Bruce Marcus revels in the great outdoors and loves to tell about it, entertaining you with energetic and engaging takes on personal mishaps, outdoor epiphanies, and humorous "made-up stuff." A firm believer that we all have tales to tell, Bruce will also lead participants in fun, easy exercises where they can share their best wildlife encounters, camping disasters, and other memorable outdoor experiences. This family program is appropriate for children ages 8 and older.

Contact: info@thegrowingcenter.org

# Somerville Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, August 3rd, 7-9pm, moved to 167 Holland Ave if rain

Join the Somerville Garden Club for its August meeting. There will be a group exchange of questions and answers about growing edibles. Growing Center volunteers will give a brief presentation about the Growing Center; its mission, plantings and programs. Bring samples of produce from your own garden to share.

Contact: Judy jeeisenbera@vahoo.com or 617-776-8382.

#### SCATV Members and Friends Picnic

Spring Equinox, Sunday March 20 at 2 pm Summer Solstice, Sunday June 19 at 6 pm Fall Equinox, Friday Sept 23 at 7 pm Winter Solstice, TBD, check calendar

Join us in welcoming the Seasons to our New England home! Well have a circle meditation and share some seasonal foods as we share in the renewal of light and the budding of new growth, in us as well as in Nature. Please bring an object to share on the altar that holds special seasonal meaning to you! (In the event of rain or snow we will meet at Laura's home)

Contact: Laura at lauraestan@comcast.net.

#### **New Moon Meditation Circle**

Sun April 3, Tues May 3 (7pm), Fri July 1 (7 pm), Sat July 30 (7 pm), Sun Aug 28 (8 pm), Sun Sept 25 (7 pm), Sat Oct 29 (6pm)

Each month we join to focus our spiritual energy and recharge. We'll create sacred space and plant our intentions for the month ahead. Please consider bringing a personally meaningful thing of natural beauty. This is an informal gathering that encourages and supports the diversity of Earth based spiritual practices of our community

Contact: Laura at lauraestan@comcast.net

# Growing Center Sing Along 6-7:30pm

Saturdays: June 4th, July 2nd, other dates TBD

Join your voice with others in an old-fashioned sing along. All ages and voices welcome! Share songs, with inspiration from the songbook "Rise Up Singing" if needed. Bring you guitar. percussion and other instruments to add to the celebration. Or spread out a picnic and enjoy, Contact: John at inradway@gmail.com

## Fuli Moon Labyrinth Walk

Sunday April 17, Tuesday May 17, Wednesday June 15, Friday July 15, Sunday August 14, Monday September 12, Tuesday October 11; 8pm Join us each month on the night of the full moon to walk the labyrinth as a meditative way to connect with the earth and the cycles of the moon. Contact Katrina at (617) 833-3035 or kato 32@vahoo.com.

#### Somerville Climate Action Meet-Up

Tuesdays, July 19th, August 16th and Sept 13th; 6-8pm

Bring a picnic supper and a blanket to sit under the setting summer sun and learn about the latest green initiatives happening in Somerville, "Like" us on Facebook and get updates about the evenings program and weather cancellations or at somervilleclimateaction, or q

Contact: Maureen lucvneptune@hotmail.com

# Food and Agriculture Programming:

## **Urban Chickens**

Sunday, May 8th, 2pm

Interested in fresh eggs? Curious about how to join this growing movement? As part of our urban agriculture series, join an informal discussion and skill-share about the benefits and challenges of raising chickens in the city. We are grateful for our panel for sharing their experience and wisdom! Contact: Lisa at info@thegrowingcenter.org or 617-666-2969

#### **Urban Composting Workshops**

Saturdays, May 14th and June 25th, 12-1 pm

Have you wanted to learn about urban composting or had trouble managing a healthy compost bin? Come learn the basics of turning yard and food waste into a valuable soil amendment in one of the most rewarding ecological activities that fits well in the city. Learn a few simple guidelines and see a range of options. Please note: Attendance at both one composting workshop AND a Volunteer Orientation are required to participate in composting program at the Growing Center. www.groundworksomerville.org

Contact: Tai at (617) 628-9988 or tai@groundworksomerville.org.

#### **Urban Birds**

Sunday May 29th

Want to learn about birds in the city? How to attract our feathered friends? What qualifies a garden as a Backyard Habitat? As part of our urban agriculture series, join an informal discussion and skill-share about the benefits and challenges of attracting birds in the city. We are grateful for our panel for sharing their experience and wisdom!

Contact: Lisa at info@thegrowingcenter.org or 617-666-2969

#### **Urban Bees**

TBD

These pollinators are key to production of our food. Learn about the joys and challenges of beekeeping. As part of our urban agriculture series, join an informal discussion and skill-share about the benefits and challenges of raising bees in the city. We are grateful for our panel for sharing their experience and wisdom!

Contact: www.thegrowingcenter.org

#### **Urban Worms**

TBD

Why raise worms? These little powerhouse composters churn out beneficial soil amendments with little work, eating up food waste. As part of our urban agriculture series, join an informal discussion and skill-share about the benefits and challenges of vermicomposting in the city. We are grateful for our panel for sharing their experience and wisdom!

Contact: www.thegrowingcenter.org

# Union Square Farmers Market

Varied Saturdays from June 4th until October, 9 am - 1 pm

Check our calendar for exact dates. Seedlings will be available in June. Fresh herbs, flowers, vegetables raised with organic practices through the summer, in partnership with Groundwork Somerville. Availability of special products such as Somerville Maple Syrup and Balsam sachets varies.

Contact: Ernma at emma.oster@gmail.com

#### Red Fire Farm CSA Distribution

every Wednesday from June 8th through October 19th, 4-7 pm

Pre-ordered shares of vegetables (and some fruits) are delivered weekly. Contact Red Fire Farm to get on wait list for 2010 season or check out other delivery sites.

Contact: Red Fire Farm 413-467-SOIL or www.redfirefarm.com

# Children's and Youth Weekly Programming:

#### Yardkins Garden Club

Every Thursday from April 7th-June 23, 2:45-4:45 (except April 21). Check for summer and fall schedule!

For children 1st or 2nd grade and their caregivers. Grow our garden and play! No registration required.

Contact: Aileen 617-623-0097 or growingcenter@aol.com

#### Garden Youth Crew Junior After School Club with Groundwork Somerville

Fridays from April 1st to June 10th from 3-5 pm

With Groundwork Somerville, East Somerville Community School @ Cummings and Argenziano middle

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schoolers will join together to plant and maintain the Growing Center space. They will also help raise seedlings to sell at the Union Square Farmer's market in June. Contact: Tai at (617) 628-9988 or tai at groundworksomerville.org.

#### Growing Center Playgroup

every Friday from April 29th through Oct 28th, 9-1am

Drop in play group for children age 0-5 years of age and their caretakers. Play! Play! No registration required.

Contact Roisin 781-686-2094 or roisin o kizmet 1998@yahoo.com

# Pajama Story Time

every Monday from June 20 to August 6 (except July 4), 6:30-7:30 pm

Pack a picnic, grab your favorite bedtime friend, get your pajamas on and come down to the garden for a nature & garden-themed story time. Stories will be told from 6:30 – 7; stick around afterward to relish a summer night in the garden. Stories will be geared for 3-6 year olds but all ages welcome. No registration required.

Contact: Debbie at 781-771-0692 or schmidtopold@yahoo.com

# Groundwork Somerville Garden Youth Crew

Mon/Tue and/or Wed 1-3 pm in July and August

Middle School youth work in gardens at city schools and at the Growing Center to grow crops for the Union Square Farmers Market

Contact: Tai@groundworksomerville.com or 617-628-9988

# Groundwork Somerville Summer Green Team Gatherings

Thurs 1:30-3 pm in July and August

Green Team youth from across the city come together for weekly sessions.

Contact Adam at adam@groundworksomerville.org or 617-628-9988

#### Art in the Garden

every Monday-Thursday from July 5-August 13, 9 am-3 pm Summer art & recreation program, sponsored by the Somerville Arts Council. Sliding scale fee, registration required. August 12<sup>th</sup> celebration lunch event. Contact: 617-625-6600 x2985 or www.somervilleartscouncil.org

#### Health and Wellness

#### Herbs and Health Workshops

May 22<sup>rd</sup>-2pm, June 19<sup>th</sup>-6pm, July 24<sup>th</sup>-2pm, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>-2pm, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>-2pm, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>-2pm Share with others about ways that herbs help support health and wellbeing. Contact: Laura at <a href="mailto:lauraestan@comcast.net">lauraestan@comcast.net</a>.

# Volunteer/Community Participation Opportunities

# Work Days

Sundays, April 10<sup>th</sup>, \*June 26<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>; 2-5pm Saturdays, May 14th, June 11<sup>th</sup>, \*October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>; 9am-12pm Spend time outdoors across the garden season, learn and/or teach, and

Spend time outdoors across the garden season, learn and/or teach, and help the garden thrive for all to enjoy! Wear clothes that can get dirty! Bring gloves, snacks, and/or water container if desired. On dates with an \*, Single Volunteers of Boston will be helping out.

Contact: varies, please check web calendar or info@thegrowingcenter.org

Tuesday, August 23rd, 5-8pm

Join members of Somerville Cable Access TV and friends for dinner and conversation in the garden. Contact: http://access-scat.org/or/617-628-8826

#### **Outrageous Fortune**

TBD

Enjoy a concert with this acoustic vintage jazz and blues trio, featuring innovative arrangements of early jazz, blues and jug band music. Instrumental virtuosity, smooth three-part harmonies, a strong groove and abundant joy infuse their performances. Come share the delight!

Contact: www.outrageousfortune.org

# Local Roots Food and Music Festival

Saturday September 10th, 5-9:30 pm

Fundraiser (donations requested) to support local youth gardening and other environmental activity in Somerville by participating in this 3rd annual event hosted by Groundwork Somerville. Check calendar for more details.

Contact: 617-628-9988 or www.groundworksomerville.org

#### Fairles in the Garden

Saturday September 17th, 2-5 pm, rain date Sun 18th

Annual event for the young of heart. Don your fairy wings and come play, create art, sing and dance in fairy land. Build a fairy house. Please bring a teacup for fairy tea. Come dressed up as your most Magical Being; fairies, friends of fairies, unicoms, dragons, elves, wizards and made-up creatures are most welcome. Suggested donation (\$5-10) to cover costs is welcome.

Contact: Su Eaton 617-623-3521 or www.sueaton.com

#### Harvest Festival

Saturday October 1st, 1-4 pm, rain date October 2nd

The Growing Center's harvest finale includes games, cider making, harvest treats, the butter dance, pumpkin decorating, contests, and music. And we take this time to give a special thanks to our volunteers, who keep us going all year!

Contact: Lisa 617-666-2969 or info@thegrowingcenter.org

#### AntiMorris and Pumpkin Carols

Monday, October 31, 5-6:30pm, rain or shine

Pumpkin Carols followed by the AntiMorris at Sunset, danced by Recently Traditional Fictional Morris.

The dancers shall fade silently into the night upon conclusion of the dance.

Contact: Jeremy 617-718-9623 or rtfm.arberth.com

# Recurring Monthly and Seasonal Events:

#### Somerville Trading Post

Sundays, March 13, April 17th, May 15th, June 12th from 2:30-4 pm

The Trading Post is an opportunity to exchange goods with other members from the community and find new homes for items that might otherwise be wasted. You can finally find a use for all those extra tomatoes or exchange your hand-knit scarves for a neighbor's baked goods. Don't have space or time to grow your own food? Chances are someone will bring their bumper crop to trade! So bring your extra seeds, produce, crafts, books, seedlings, or anything else you would like to trade, and walk away with untold treasures!

Contact: Blake at Blake.e. Roberts@gmail.com or www.somervilletradingpost.org.

## Seasonal Celebrations:

# Open Garden Saturday

Every Saturday, May 7th to Oct 1st, from 9am-noon, volunteers make sure the Center is open for visitors to enjoy. Helping hands always welcome!

Contact: Aileen 617-623-0097 or growingcenter@aol.com

# Volunteer Orientations

Join our core group of volunteers who keep this place alive. Orientations are offered throughout the season and last about one hour. All individuals or organizations offering programs on site must arrange to attend a training before your program start date. Childcare or language support available by prior arrangement, when possible. Contact: Aileen 617-623-0097 or growingcenter@aol.com

## Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

TBD, November work dates and the first week of Dec

Volunteer with our annual fundraiser activity of decorating natural evergreen wreaths with handmade bows and dried flowers, berries and cones. Work parties are a social time preparing for our booth at the Union Square winter fair, likely Dec 3rd. Pre-sale orders start in November, until end of the month.

Contact: Lisa 617-666-2969 or info@thegrowingcenter.org

To volunteer, contact Aileen at 617-623-0097 or growingcenter@aol.com. To host a program or event, contact Aileen or Lisa at 617-666-2969 or info@thegrowingcenter.org.

To receive electronic notices of events, send us your email at growingcenter@aol.com. All events are free unless requested donations otherwise noted. The performance site is accessible by wheelchair. Volunteers and donations always welcomed to help support events and programs offered at this city-owned site.