

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL24-000067

File #: 24-007358

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: Somerville Road Runners

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

Date(s): November 28, 2024

Setup starts at (time): 6:00AM

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

Entertainment: None

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 3300

Maximum attendees accommodated: 3300

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: 28th 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: 3300

Total Somerville residents attending: 1000

What is your budget for this event: 2023 expenses were \$57K with \$122K gross income.

Financial benefits:

The race donates to Somerville charities and organizations including the Somerville Homeless Coalition, Somerville HS Track team, Dilboy VFW Veterans' Fund and Stride for Stride. Over the past 10 years these donations have totaled over \$366,000 with \$42,500 in 2023.

Event Contact Phone: 617-455-5626

Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Open to the public?	Yes	We partner with local charities to promote the event and advertise in local running magazines and online. We post flyers and signage locally to let residents know about the race.
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		Accessible portable restroom / otherwise 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	
Restrooms?	Yes	We typically have one portable toilet per 100 runners so we expect to get 33 for 2024. 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 (minus the pandemic).

Approved By:

CS Mayor, Approved

Albert Bargoot, Approved

Kevin Roche, Approved

Charles Breen, Approved with Conditions

Event will require Fire details as per past events. Contact Charles Breen to arrange for details well prior to event date.

CS Traffic and Parking, Approved

Eric Weisman, Approved

Susan Yerkes, Approved

Timothy Mitsakis, Approved

Kimberly M. Wells, Approved