

PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION
City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Application #: PEL16-000067
File #: 15-004046

Organization name: Friends of the Community Growing Center

Description: A series of free community events

Date(s): Various events, 5/1/16 - 10/31/16

Setup starts at (time): Varies

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): Varies

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: less than 50

Maximum attendees accommodated: usually less than 50

Attendee fees or suggested donations: Free, donations accepted

Social or cultural benefits:

Environmental education, arts, children's groups, community, health and wellness

City Contact:

Organization mailing address:

89 Gilman Street
 Somerville, MA 02143

Event name: Growing Center 2016 Season Calendar

Location: 22 Vinal Ave 22 Vinal Ave. All events to be held at the Growing center at 22 Vinal Ave. 2016 Calendar attached.

Rain date(s): Various dates

Event starts at (time): Varies

Event ends at (time): Varies

Total people attending: 75

Total Somerville residents attending: 50

What is your budget for this event: Volunteer run events

Financial benefits:

Increased foot traffic

Contact person:

Erica Jones
 Telephone: 8572140835
 Email: volunteer@thegrowingcenter.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	
Arrangements:		
Auxiliary Police?	No	
Police Detail:	No	
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	Yes	Port-a-potty onsite
Liability Insurance?	Yes	FCGC has obtained liability insurance
Will any public parks be used?	No	
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	The Growing Center has been holding community events for 20 years.
Alcohol License?	No	

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: John J. Long, City Clerk, Approved

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: David Monte, Police, Approved

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

Reviewer: Christine Morin, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: John J. Long, City Clerk, Complete



Somerville Community Growing Center 2016 CALENDAR

For updates and full calendar: www.thegrowingcenter.org

22 Vinal Ave (outside Union Sq), Somerville, MA 02143

Sponsored by the Friends of the Community Growing Center and the City of Somerville, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. The Somerville Community Growing Center is a place for people of all ages and backgrounds to gather, learn and celebrate – to grow a healthy community. On our quarter acre site you will find gardens and space for arts, performances, education and community gatherings. This peaceful urban oasis was built by the community and is maintained and run by a volunteer organization called the Friends of the Community Growing Center. Volunteers and donations are always welcomed to help support events and programs offered at this city-owned site. All events are free unless a suggested donation is noted. The performance site is accessible by wheelchair. The City of Somerville has permit parking on all streets, including Vinal Avenue, so we encourage you to walk or bike!

Recurring Growing Center Events/Playgroups/Happenings

MONDAYS

The Dragonflies | Farm-Learn-Play: Mondays from 2:45-4:45 pm from May 4-June 27

For summer and fall schedule, check our web calendar at www.thegrowingcenter.org.

Ages: 9-12 with an adult partner (younger siblings welcome). Young farmers of all skill levels are invited to join us in the garden to plant, water, weed, harvest and play. We are growing for learning and fun, with a focus on producing vegetables.

WEDNESDAYS

Red Fire Farm CSA Distribution: Wednesdays from June 4-mid October, 3:30-6:30 pm

Pre-ordered shares of vegetables (and some fruits) delivered weekly. Contact: Red Fire: 413-467-SOIL or www.redfirefarm.com

FRIDAYS

Growing Center 0-5 Playgroup: Fridays , 9:00-11:00am (May -October, check web calendar for updates)

Play! Play! Play! For children age 0-5 years of age and their caregivers. No registration necessary. Parents take turns to provide this open drop in time, so if interested in volunteering, contact Erica: volunteer@thegrowingcenter.org

Homeschool Open Garden: Fridays 11:30am - 1:30pm, Start date 5/1, end date 6/26

Come hang out at the Growing Center for nature play and parent chat. The Growing Center will be open for unstructured play and exploration, and we welcome anyone to join us. Curious about how normal (or not!) your local homeschooling community is? Come and check it out! Please note, this park day is reliant on Growing Center volunteers that are part of the homeschooling community. It may be closed during inclement weather or if the host volunteers have a conflicting obligation. Please call or text Lauren Bell at 617.875.7450.

SATURDAYS

Open Garden Saturdays: May 9th through Oct 5th, from 9am-noon

Volunteers open the garden for visitors to enjoy. Helping hands welcome! Contact: Erica at volunteer@thegrowingcenter.org

SUNDAYS

Contemplative Full Moon Labyrinth Walks: Sundays nearest the full moon, 4/24 - 6:30, 5/22 - 7:00, 6/19 - 7:00, 7/17 - 7:00, 8/21 - 6:30, 9/18 - 6:00, 10/16 - 5:00

Each month interested folks are invited to come walk the labyrinth as a meditative way to connect with grounding earth energy, the cycles of the moon, and our own cycles of energy, focus and intention. Katrina Piehler: (617) 833-3035 or katp32@yahoo.com.

May 2016

Spring Garden Day!- Sunday, May 8, 11:00-2pm

Kick off the growing season at the Growing Center—and in your own containers or gardens! Bring any extra seed and seedlings (even garden plants) you might have to swap with others! Enjoy the annual Maypole Dance. Morris dancers will perform at 1:30pm. Street parking permit requirement has been “relaxed” for the day in the nearby area.

Volunteer Orientation - Saturday May 14, 10:00-11:00am

Join our core group of volunteers! Orientations are offered throughout the season and last about one hour. Organizations offering programs or events on site must arrange to attend a training before your program start date. To register, visit our website at thegrowingcenter.org. Most orientations will be followed by a Garden Work/Learn day, so plan on staying to help with a garden project if you can!

Garden Work/Learn Day - Saturday May 14, 11:00-12:00pm

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. Groups can be accommodated with prior arrangements. This is how the work gets done—your chance to get dirty while literally building community.

SFLC Family Playgroup- Tuesdays, May 31, 5:30-7:00pm

The Somerville Family Learning Collaborative will be hosting Tuesday evening family playgroups for caregivers with young children, including playtime and storytime, at the Growing Center for the month of June. Contact Michelle at 617- 625-6600 x 6990

June 2016

so+so, the frost heaves, and friends: Saturday, June 11, 2:00-6pm

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of music with so+so: Playing Cambridge and Somerville as a two- to four-piece, since 2001. They write their own songs and back each other up. There's a song called Chicken Is Thinking, and there's one called Clues In the Woods. The band sometimes perform covers...and always cover for one another. Bring a picnic, friends, enjoy live music in a garden setting!

Yoga with Jaime Silverstein: June 9 & 23, 6:00-7:00pm

Yoga in the garden with Kripalu yoga instructor Jaime Silverstein, jaimesilversteinyoga.com. Classes are by donation in support of the Growing Center. Please bring your own mat.

Cookbook Swap & Potluck: Saturday, June 12, 1:00-4:00pm

Do you love browsing cookbooks to pick out new dishes, ingredients and cuisines? Refresh your cookbook collection at the Growing Center's cookbook swap and sampling potluck.

15th Annual Solar Picnic: Saturday, June 18, 10:56am-2:56pm (solar noon is 12:46pm)

Join Boston Area Solar Energy Association (BASEA) for this annual gathering of old and new friends interested in solar, renewable and energy efficient communities. For more details, check out www.BASEA.org and local sponsor Somerville Climate Action at somervilleclimateaction.org

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Growing Center Sing Alongs: Thursday, June 18, 6:00-7:30pm

"Family Sing-Along" hosted by Michael Bloom and Liza Kitchell: Join your voice with others in an old-fashioned sing along. All ages and voices welcome! Bring your guitar, percussion and any other instruments to add to the celebration. Or spread out a picnic and enjoy. Picnic with your family and relax to family-friendly songs. Michael Bloom is a pirate singer and sure to bring excitement to the evening's mix of songs.

July 2016

Pajama Storytime: Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 6:00-7:00pm

Pack a picnic, grab your favorite bedtime friend, get your pajamas and come down to the garden for a nature-themed storytime. Stories told from 6:30 – 7; Stories will be geared for 3-6 year olds but all ages welcome. No registration required. Contact: Debbie at 781-771-0692 or schmidttopold@yahoo.com.

SCATV & Growing Center Film Series: BYOPicnic 7:30pm, 8:30pm film screening

This is collaboration between SCATV & FCGC. Rain location SCATV. **July 7:** The General (1927); **July 14:** The Hitch-Hiker (1953); **July 21:** Alice In Wonderland (1903), Superman Cartoons (1940's); **July 22:** Night of the Living Dead (1968); **July 29:** Charlie Chaplin shorts (1920's-40's).

Volunteer Orientation: Saturday July 9, 10:00-11:00am

Join our core group of volunteers! Orientations are offered throughout the season and last about one hour. Organizations offering programs or events on site must arrange to attend a training before your program start date. Register at thegrowingcenter.org.

Yoga with Melissa: Sundays: July 10 & 24, 12:00-1:30pm

Come join Melissa on Sunday mornings to refresh and warm up with a simple flow. All levels are welcome. She'll cover basics, pairing movement and breath to create space in our bodies.

Art in the Garden: Monday-Thursday from July 11th-August 18th, 9:00am-3pm

Summer art & recreation program, sliding scale, sponsored by the Somerville Arts Council. Pre-registration required in April-- visit www.somervilleartscouncil.org. Contact: 617-625-6600 x2985.

Yoga with Roberto Lim: Mondays from July 11, 18, and 25, 6:30-7:30pm

Join local resident Roberto for a movement meditation Prana Vinyasa practice that is strengthening, centering & liberating. All levels are welcome. (www.robertolim.com). (Suggested donation to benefit the Growing Center: \$10)

Plant / Herb Walk: Thursday, July 14, 5:30-7:00pm

Join us for a stroll around the Growing Center to learn how to identify cultivated plants and "weeds" that have been used in traditional herbalism for centuries. Our outing will explore the medicinal and edible use of these local herbs, how to identify and harvest them, and ways to use them as foods or beverages. Many of these often-overlooked plants may surprise you with their health benefits!

Growing Center Sing-Alongs: Thursday, July 21, 6:00-7:30pm

Songs of Hope and Courage" A Pete Seeger-type sing-along hosted by Joel and Adina Nitzberg. Bring your voices, we'll provide "Rise Up Singing" songbooks and let your spirits soar.

Teddy Bear Picnic: July 28, 5:30pm-7:00pm

BYO picnic dinner, gather your little folk and their beloved stuffed creatures) for the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. Organized by parent volunteers. Free but donations (to the Growing Center) are appreciated.

August 2016

Growing Somerville Voices: Teen Open Mic Night, Thursday, August 4, 4:30-6:30pm

Join local youth for an evening of song, spoken word or music, coordinated by Teen Empowerment. Contact: Teen Empowerment (617) 625-6600 x2255 or sassy@teenempowerment.org.

SCATV & Growing Center Film Series: BYOPicnic 7:30pm, 8:30pm film screening

This is collaboration between SCATV & FCGC. Rain location SCATV. **August 4:** Sherlock Holmes: Dressed to Kill (1946); **August 11:** Jack and the Beanstalk (1952); **August 18:** The Last Time I Saw Paris (1954); **August 25:** The Ghost Train (1941).

Volunteer Orientation: Saturday, August 6, 10:00-11:00am

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Yoga with Jaime Silverstein: Tuesday, August 16 & 30, 6:00-7:30pm

Yoga in the garden with Kripalu yoga instructor Jaime Silverstein, jaimesilversteinyoga.com. Classes are by donation in support of the Growing Center. Please bring your own mat.

Youthquake Theater: August 18 & 19, 3:00-8pm; August 20-21, 1:00-6pm

Youthquake is a great way for youth, in a large range of ages, to stage the works of William Shakespeare and other great plays. Youthquake productions are organized, acted, and directed entirely by children and teens. Info: youthquaketheater.com or youthquaketheater@gmail.com

Growing Center Sing-Alongs: Thursday, August 18, 6:00-7:30pm

"Chantey Sing" hosted by Jeremy Kessler and Jeff Keller.

September 2016

Yoga with Jaime Silverstein: Tuesday, September 13 & 27, 6:00-7:30pm

Yoga in the garden with Kripalu yoga instructor Jaime Silverstein, jaimesilversteinyoga.com. Classes are by donation in support of the Growing Center. Please bring your own mat.

A Gathering of Fairies: Sunday, September 18 from 2:00-4:00pm, (rain date September 29)

A garden celebration for fairies and their friends: build a fairy house, create fairy art, listen to a fairy story, and search the garden for signs of fairies. Everyone is invited to come dressed up as a fairy or their favorite magical being. A fairy fun time is guaranteed for all! Before the Gathering, try to find time to go outside and collect natural materials such as feathers, stones, shells, twigs, bark, pods, pinecones and other plant material and bring them with you so you can build a fairy house as your very own gift to the fairies. Donations are encouraged to support the Growing Center and future Gatherings of Fairies. For more information, contact Aileen at growingcenter@aol.com.

October 2016

Harvest Festival & End of Year Celebration: Sunday, October 2, 2:00-4:00pm

Harvest Fair 2016: Festival de la Cosecha~ Festival da Colheita~ Festival de Moisson. The Growing Center's season finale includes harvest games, cider demonstration, pumpkin decorating, contests, and family friendly music. Come celebrate the growing Center's 22nd season!

Celebrate the harvests of the season with pumpkin decorating, games, cider demonstration, music and more. Free fun for the whole family.

Anti-Morris and Pumpkin Carols: Monday, October 31, 5:00-6:30pm

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. Rain or shine (check website) Contact: Jeremy 617-718-9623 or rftm@peculiarity.net