

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL24-000031

File #: 20-000861

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: Jonathan Bernhardt

Description: On Saturday, May 11, musicians and bands throughout Somerville will celebrate and utilize an underused public venue: The Porch. Acts ranging from bollywood funk, cosmic americana, killer blues, Moroccan, Balkan, gospel, American space rock and clawhammer banjo will serenade passersby from porches throughout Somerville.

Date(s): 5/11/2024

Setup starts at (time): 1:00pm

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): 4:00pm

Entertainment: In past years, as many as three porches and driveways on Charnwood Road have hosted musical performances.

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 500

Maximum attendees accommodated: 1000

Attendee fees or suggested donations: None.

Social or cultural benefits:

PorchFest brings together neighbors who rarely interact during the year. It also shows off Somerville's musicians to residents and non-residents.

Event Contact: Jonathan Bernhardt

Event name: PorchFest on Charnwood

Location: Charnwood Rd from Hancock St to Willow Ave.

Rain date(s): 5/12/2024

Event starts at (time): 1:30pm

Event ends at (time): 3:30pm

Temporary Structures: None.

Total people attending: 1000

Total Somerville residents attending: 500

What is your budget for this event: \$0

Financial benefits:

People walk from street to street to see live music. Along the way, they stop into shops to grab a snack or to enter a store they haven't visited before.

Event Contact Phone: 617-767-9397

Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Open to the public?	Yes	The Somerville Arts Council takes the lead in promoting the event throughout the city. In addition, individual musicians will be promoting their own performances on social media.
Food served?	No	
Caterer used?		
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	Yes	Charnwood Rd from Hancock St to Willow Ave.
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants		Performances are viewable from street/sidewalk.
Arrangements:		
Police Detail:	No	
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	

Restrooms?	No	
Liability Insurance?	No	
Will any public parks be used?	No	
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	Annually since 2011, except for 2020. This is the fourth time we are seeking a license to have the street closed to traffic. We asked for and received a license to have the street closed to traffic in 2020, prior to the event's cancellation due to COVID. We received licenses in 2022 & 2023 and the event on Charnwood Rd proceeded without incident.

Approval Conditions:

Approved By:

CS Mayor, Approved

Kevin Roche, Approved

Charles Breen, Approved with Conditions

Use only easily moveable barriers to block the street. No obstructions allowed in the travel lane of the street. Emergency vehicles must have room to pass in event of an emergency.

CS Traffic and Parking, Approved

Eric Weisman, Approved with Conditions

Block parties in this area restricted to 1:30PM to 4:30PM during porchfest.

Timothy Mitsakis, Approved

Kimberly M. Wells, Approved