

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL24-000113

File #: 24-010190

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: Somerville Museum in collaboration with the City of Somerville

Description: See "social and cultural benefits" for context. See below for hourly details. Attached photos of Event Plan etc. are basic at this point, and we are happy to provide more detailed maps in subsequent communications about this event.

Note: in advance of the event (ideally during the last week of August), we would be grateful for access to the field house at Nathan Tufts Park to store materials for the event.

Sunday, September 1: Need no parking signs along Powder House Terrace starting at 7am (ending at 1pm); need access to the Powder House itself starting at 9am
8am: British reenactors (GROUP A) meet at Arthur Healey School Parking lot to prepare for march (need to be able to park here)
9am: British reenactors (GROUP A) march up Edgar Avenue, cross Main St. to Broadway, march down Broadway to Nathan Tufts Park (arrival around 9:45am)
9am: DPW unlocks Powder House at Nathan Tufts Park; militia reenactors (GROUP B) meet at Powder House Park to set up in park
10am - 10:30 (approx): Reenactment (GROUPS A+B)
10:30 - 11am (approx): Speeches and acknowledgements on stage with podium, chairs (just like on Patriots' Day)
11am-1pm: Family historic fair and docent tours of Powder House (GROUPS A+B)
1pm-2pm: cleanup

Date(s): 09/01/2024

Setup starts at (time): 8am (Healey School); 9am (Nathan Tufts Park)

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): 2pm

Entertainment: Historic reenactment may be considered entertainment. For on-stage speeches, will need stage, podium, sound system, and chairs, just like for Patriots' Day at Foss Park.

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 150

Maximum attendees accommodated: However many the park can hold

Event name: Spark of the Revolution: 250th Anniversary Commemoration of the Powder Alarm

Location: Primary location: Nathan Tufts Park, Somerville (entire park).

Will also be a procession from Arthur Healey School, up Edgar Ave, across Main Street, and down Broadway.

Rain date(s): 09/08/2024

Event starts at (time): 9am (procession); 10am (reenactment); 11am (activity tables and food)

Event ends at (time): 1pm

Temporary Structures: Two kinds of tents: an event-style tent to go above a table (as in for a booth) and campsite-style tents for reenactors of Revolutionary era campsite. We will require tables and chairs from the city, similar to Patriots' Day at Foss Park.

Total people attending: 200-300

Total Somerville residents attending: Majority of the attendees

Attendee fees or suggested donations: Free with option to donate suggested \$5 to the Somerville Museum

Social or cultural benefits:

This is not only an educational event, but a celebration of community history. The raid on the Powder House was the first significant event of the Revolutionary era in what is now known as Somerville. This event will appeal to everyone: a historic reenactment, informational lecture, free guided tours of the Powder House, and an activity fair that is family friendly, showing what life was like in 18th century Somerville. This is an extremely important event as it is the 250th anniversary of the raid. See here for a reenactment at the park over two decades ago (will be similar this year): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g76CxWecXPU>

Event Contact: Grace Bryan

What is your budget for this event: \$4000

Financial benefits:

We will actively and openly encourage attendees to give patronage to establishments around Powder House, Davis, and Ball Squares, as this event will happen during the lunchtime hours. We will also be paying local vendors (licensed in Somerville) to sell food at the event.

Event Contact Phone: 6176669810

Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Open to the public?	Yes	Social media promotion starting in the summer, printed promotion starting in May, outreach to local business and media outlets, as well as state outlets.
Food served?	Yes	Details in the works, but it will be from licensed Somerville establishments.
Caterer used?	No	
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	Yes	Procession from Healey School, up Edgar Ave, briefly crossing Main Street, then down Broadway. This may not require road closure if we can use sidewalks and bike paths, but would prefer road closure if possible.
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants		Park has paved pathways.
Arrangements:		
Police Detail:	Yes	Will the city be able to provide this? Will be a heavy media presence at this event, along with blank musket fire. May also need a police escort depending on city's availability to accompany the procession.
Parking (for Attendees)?	Yes	Free parking on Sunday.
Restrooms?	Yes	We will require port-a-johns. Can these be provided by the city?
Liability Insurance?	Yes	Can provide our COI as requested.
Will any public parks be used?	Yes	Nathan Tufts Park
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	No	

Approved By:

CS Mayor, Approved with Conditions

A similar event in Arlington recently drew enormous crowds. This is approved under the condition that the organizers sit down with public safety et al. and carefully plan this out accordingly to protect safety and manage mobility impacts. Arlington closed down portions of Mass Ave, kept attendees to one side of the road, etc. It was a major undertaking and I'm concerned this notes SPD only "maybe" will be necessary. More attention/discussion/planning is required. I strongly urge that we only apply a requirement similar to that of the Nat'l park service for reenactments that muskets may only be fired into the air and not pointed at anyone. There are also numerous big DPW requests that require discussion. thanks, all

Albert Bargoot, Approved

Maureen Lee, Approved

Kevin Roche, Approved

CS Traffic and Parking, Approved

Eric Weisman, Approved

Susan Yerkes, Approved

Charles Breen, Approved

Timothy Mitsakis, Approved

Kimberly M. Wells, Approved