

**PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION**  
**City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Date 2/11/2011

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.

Event name RAS NA EIREANN USA ( RACE OF IRELAND)

Description 5K (3.1 mile) run/walk race 7th annual

See attached information

Location " " "

Date and time Sunday march 13th, 2011 11AM start

Rain date and time (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated maximum attendance at any one time 5,000

Attendee fees or suggested donations \$31.00 entry fee; See attached list of local donations.

Organization name Somerville Striders Athletic Club Paul Collyer, Director

Mailing address 224 1/2 Chandler St. Worcester MA 01609

Telephone 617-283-3292

Have you made any arrangements for:

Auxiliary Police?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe	<u>As per pre-race public safety meeting</u>
Security?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe	<u>" " " "</u>
Parking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe	<u>" " " "</u>
Food?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe	<u>" " " "</u>
Restrooms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe	<u>" " " "</u>
Liability Insurance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe	<u>" " " "</u>

Note the following Conditions:

1. 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.
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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.

The applicant hereby states that this is a true description of the event and acknowledges and agrees to adhere to the conditions described above and in the Departmental approvals below.

Applicant signature: Paul Kelly Date: 2/11/2011  
Applicant name (print): Paul Kelly Applicant phone: 617 253 3292  
Event name (taken from page 1): IRA S. NA H. GIBSON (MALL OF ILLINOIS)

Obtain the signatures below before submitting this form to the City Clerk for consideration by the Board of Aldermen.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date <u>2/25/2011</u> Police Chief or Designee Conditions: <u>[Signature]</u> <u>- NEED AUXILIARY</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date _____ Chief Fire Engineer or Designee Conditions: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date _____ Traffic and Parking Director or Designee Conditions: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date _____ DPW Commissioner or Designee Conditions: _____

Obtain the signatures below if the applicant will be providing food to attendees. Not needed for block parties.

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date _____ Health Inspector or Designee Conditions: _____
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- Once signed, the Department should:
- Contact the applicant at the phone number above to arrange for pick-up.
  - Fax the application (no cover page) to the following fax number: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fax the application to the City Clerk at 617 625-4239.

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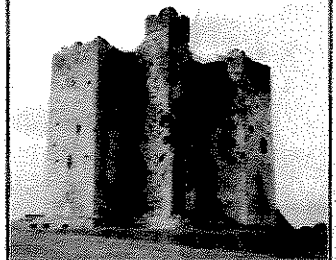
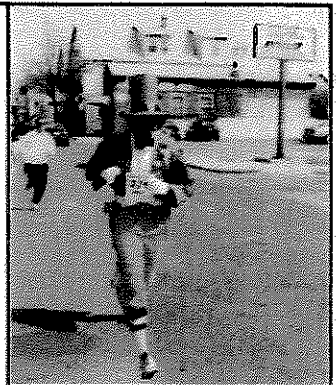
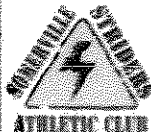


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5000 registered runner & walker limit  
Sold out weeks in advance every year  
since 2004

2011 Registration is Open



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# Ras na hEireann U.S.A.

## "The Race of Ireland & United States of America"

5K - 11:00 A.M. Sunday March 13, 2011  
Davis Square Somerville, Massachusetts



Ras na hEireann is the most genuine Irish race this side of the Atlantic. It is a celebration of traditions dating back centuries - and simply a celebration of spring in Somerville, Massachusetts.

Everyone is invited to Somerville, Massachusetts, all runners and walkers, to celebrate life, the coming of spring, and to enjoy a memorable race and St. Patrick's Day celebration. This race was born in Ireland and named in honor of its famous sister race, the Ras na hEireann International Cross Country held in Termonfechin, County Louth, Republic of Ireland. The Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5Km is open to all, from beginners to international stars.

The U.S.A. race will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2011 starting at 11:00 a.m., beginning and ending in Davis Square. There will be loads of Craic - a celebration and appreciation of heritage and history, the magic and mystery that move everyone to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Yes, a St. Patrick's Day Celebration on the Run - the Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5Km.

This race is a gem, an Emerald to be sure, and has become a local spring tradition over the last seven years. What a way to kick off the new 2011 racing season and celebrate the coming of spring. This Ras (race) and Craic (party) will indeed be celebrations—for everyone.

It is competitive too. The Women's Course Record was set in 2010 by Molly Huddle of Providence, Rhode Island in time of 15:59 and the Men's Course Record was set in 2006 by Irishman Mark Kenneally of Dublin, Ireland who ran speedy 14:19.

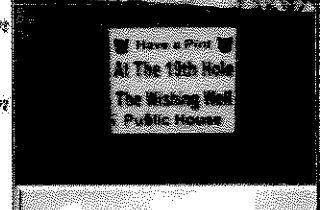
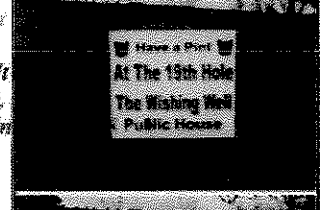
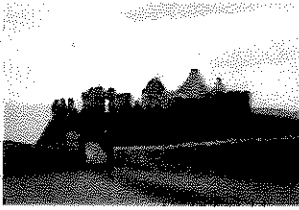
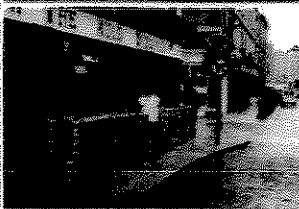
For many 2011 participants, however, it will be an outing to jog or walk just to join in the fun.

No, you do not have to be Irish to run this race! Somerville, Massachusetts is a city of great diversity, and it was diverse long before we all began to hear the term. And it is a city that celebrates life. March 12th through March 13th there will be a strong touch of Ireland in Somerville—invention, passion, heritage, culture, customs, and beliefs. It will be a green weekend through and through, as Irish as lace, potatoes, shamrocks, and Guinness. Brilliant! Enjoy a touch of the Emerald Isle in Somerville, Massachusetts.

Tee-shirt, Timing Championchip, and Bib Number pick-up will be available at the various Marathon Sports retail stores in Greater Boston and within the city of Boston starting on Monday, March 7th, Tuesday, March 8th, Wednesday, March 9th, Thursday, March 10th, and Friday, March 11th. Pick-Ups will also be available at the Olde Magoun Saloon in Somerville from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12th and on race day from 9:00-10:30 A.M. at the Somerville Senior Center.

**Strict Limit - Don't Get Shut Out**

The field limit has expanded to 6,000 to meet the demand. The Ras has sold out the last six years. The size of the field must necessarily be limited because of the accommodations and the course. The Somerville Striders Athletic Club insists on maintaining a really high quality experience for all participants. The Ras na hEireann USA 5Km is the most genuine Irish race this side of the Atlantic, and many want to be part of the celebration, before, during, and after the race. Runners and walkers will enjoy a memorable race and St. Patrick's Day celebration. Get the registrations in early, and don't be left out. At the Ras na



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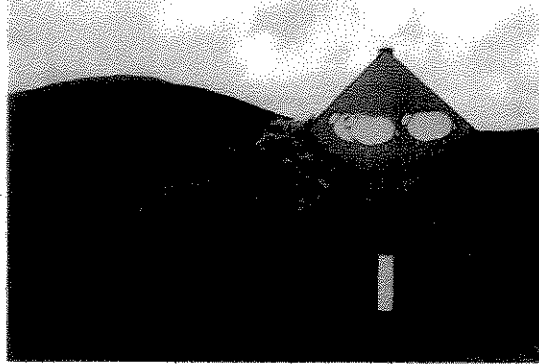
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### Directions & Parking

Directions to Davis Square:



Co. Cork road sign

**MBTA Red Line to Davis Square**

From the West and Rt. 128 - Rt. 2 East to Rt. 16 East (Alewife Brook Pkwy) right on Broadway (Johnnie's Foodmaster on corner)...up Broadway right at 2nd set of lights (Budy's Cafe on right)...straight down to Davis Square--I would park at the Tufts Administration Bldg on 169 Holland Street on the left and walk to Davis Square (5 minute walk)

From the East and Rt. 93 - get off any Somerville exit, find Broadway and follow to Powderhouse Circle... 3/4 around and follow College Ave to Davis Square..

OR

Take Rt. 16 from Medford Square-Main Street and follow for 3+ miles to Broadway (Johnnie's Foodmaster on corner) take left and up Broadway right at 2nd set of lights (Rudy's Cafe on right)...straight down to Davis Square--I would park at the Tufts Administration Bldg on 169 Holland Street on the left and walk to Davis Square (5 minute walk)

**Public & Allowable Private Parking**

Tufts Administration Bldg.  
 167 Holland Street  
 Somerville, MA 02144

Powderhouse Community School  
 1050 Broadway  
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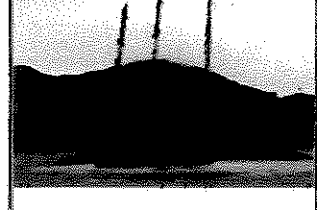
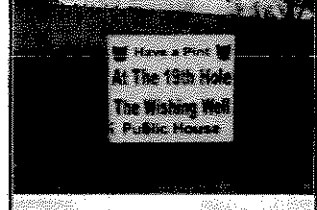
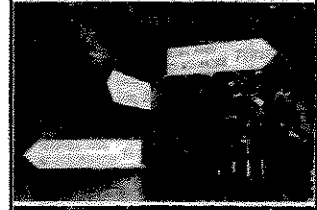
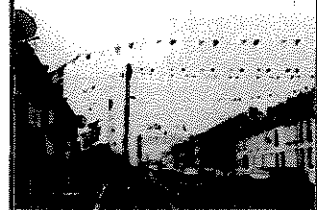
-You can walk thru the parking lot in Holland and then down to Davis Square- is right behind the Tufts Administration Bldg.

Grove Street Public Parking Lot  
 -Davis Square-

Public Parking Lot on Holland Street  
 -directly across from Johnny D's in Davis Square-

Public Parking Lot on corner of Day Street & Herbert Street  
 -behind the Joshua Tree in Davis Square-  
 This lot can be had from Day Street running off  
 Massachusetts Avenue in North Cambridge.

Public Parking Lot in Magoun Square around CVS





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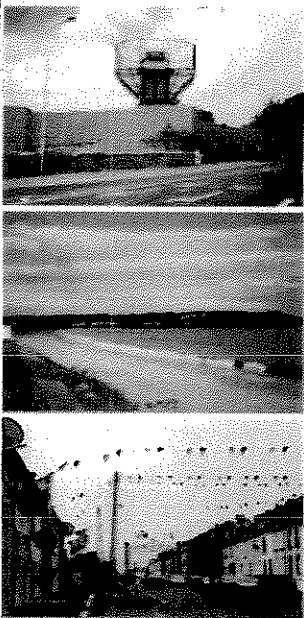
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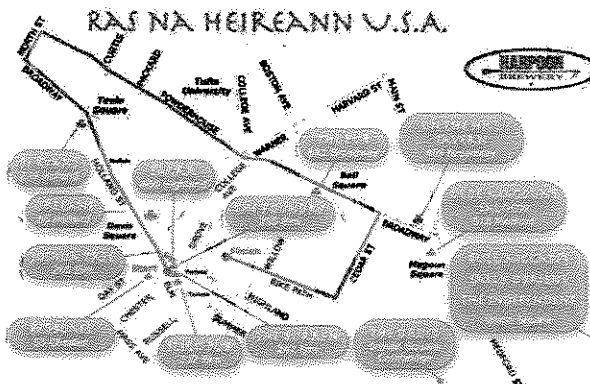
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**Gem of a Course**

The race course is an accurately wheel-measured 5Km, beginning and ending in famous Davis Square, Somerville, Massachusetts—a stop on the convenient MBTA Red Line. It starts on Elm Street, in front of the Burren, the Sligo, Redbones, and the Joshua Tree, and runs through an eclectic mix of great Somerville neighborhoods and tree-lined streets. It is mostly lightening flat, and includes Teele Square, Powderhouse Boulevard, and Ball Square. It runs past Tufts University, and it zips along on the beautiful Mimiteman Bike Path for nearly a mile. It ends in Davis Square, on the bike path, behind the Brooks Pharmacy parking lot. Post race rewards are visible along the route, as runners will pass some of the pubs involved in the post race parties— the Burren, the Sligo, Redbones, the Joshua Tree, Orleans, P.J. Ryan's, and the Powderhouse Pub.



[Click for map an enlargement.](#)

**Directions to Davis Square**

**Timing**

The 2011 Ras na hEireann will be timed by [Granite State Race Services](#).

Your Timing Device for this event is the **ChronoTrack B-Tag**: A single-use bib tag.

Before the race, please make sure your bib is:

- Clearly visible on the front of the torso
- Unaltered and unmodified (do not fold or wrinkle)
- Pinned in all four corners
- Not covered (jackets, runner belts, water bottles, etc.)

Results will be posted in Net Time order. Awards, other than top overall finish awards, will be in Net Time order as well. The top 6 positions, men and women, will still be determined by official Gun Time and physical order of finish.

Results will be made available post-race on [Coolrunning.com](#) and [Running in the USA](#).

