

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000005

File #: 26-001244

Event Name: CultureHouse Polar Putt

Business Name: CultureHouse

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: 16 UNION SQ

APPLICANT

Company Name: CultureHouse

Contact Name: Janos Stone Stone

Business Address:

16 Union Square
Somerville, MA 02143

Home Address:

16 Union Square
Somerville, MA 02143

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Email: janos@culturehouse.cc

of days: 1

Does this event occupy a public space or significantly affect nearby residents?: No

Describe the location in detail: An 8'x8' section of Union Square Plaza (where the US farmers market is held) 9' from the public bicycles and 15 from the patio in the former police building.

In the last 5 years, have you been found guilty, liable, or responsible, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, for any violation of the City Wage Theft Ordinance or any State or Federal laws or regulations regulating the payment of wages? [City Wage Theft Ordinance](#): No

Date: Installation of structure on 02/02/2026

Event Setup Begins: 10:00 AM

Start Time: 10:00 AM

End Time: 06:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 07:00 PM

Do You Have a Proposed Rain Date for Your Public Event?: No

Date: 02/02/2026

Start Time: 10:00 AM

End Time: 06:00 PM

Organization name; if none, your name: CultureHouse

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : What if our public spaces were full of light, play, and joy in the winter? Our goal is to bring people together and brighten the winter months, CultureHouse would like to build and donate a custom topical, local-themed, and light-filled mini-golf course, based on our iconic and loved triple-deckers designed to foster connection and play. We hope to create winter vibrancy by introducing experiences that spark joy and build lasting memories. We are applying for this license to be active and allow for the Mini Golf Green to be installed from February 2nd 2026 until May 1st 2026.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: During the isolating winter our goal is to attract a wide range of people to Union square to, activate connectivity by encouraging social interaction with spaces that motivate people to go outside and play and explore local businesses.

What is the budget for this event?: 0.00 (CultureHouse covers fab/install/maint/dispo)

Complete Mailing Address : CultureHouse 16 Union Square Somerville, MA 02143

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): Janos Stone

Email: Janos@culturehouse.cc

Phone (Will be available to the public): 617.302.7423

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Describe the Event: A single, local-themed, light-filled mini-golf green. Free to play. The community will be provided with putters and balls, and can play for as long as they wish from February 2nd, 2026, until May 1st, 2026. Security A large base side will make tipping very unlikely. If needed, can add anchors to the asphalt/concrete. Materials ¾" inch thick nautical grade plywood, PVC pipe and trim boards, plastic turf, and enamel paint. Maintenance CultureHouse will clean, remove snow, and replace putters and balls.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): Miniture Golf

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): A miniature golf green with a miniature triple-decker as the green. Gameplay Hit the ball up the first ramp and into the 2nd or 3rd floor porches, or around the ramp and through the first floor door. Watch out! There is a hole behind the ramp that will send your ball down a tunnel to the lower green if your ball goes in, and you will have to hit it up the second ramp and start over:(If your ball makes it onto a porch or through the door, it will roll down a tube to the final green.

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: The green is accessible from all sides for play for a wide range of ages and abilities

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 1-10

Estimated total number of people attending: 2000+/-

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 1000+/-

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: no maximum

Attendee fees or suggested donations : None

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: CultureHouse will create awareness of this event through its digital channels as well as have the green invite folks to play though signage

Will food be served?: No

Will a grill/open-flame device be used? : No

Will any streets be blocked? : No

Will any sidewalks be blocked? : No

Will any public parks be used? : Yes

If yes, name of park(s) : Union Square Plaza

Has this event occurred in the last two years? : No

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : No

Restrooms : No

Liability Insurance : No

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved with Conditions

1. Applicant is responsible for the maintenance of the structure.

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved with Conditions

1. Would recommend Licensee secure the clubs and golf balls overnight

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Albert Bargoot, ISD Building, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved