

PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Date 1/25/11

To the Honorable, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Somerville:

The undersigned respectfully prays that he/she may be granted 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 to the appropriate City Department prior to the event.

Event name Somerville Maple Syrup Project - Boil DownDescription A two day event in which sap that has been collected from Somerville maple trees is boiled down into syrup and attendees take part in educational activities. The first day is for elementary students and the second is open to the public.Location Somerville Community Growing Center
22 Vinal Ave Somerville, MA 02143Date and time March 4th, 2011 8:30am - 2:30pm; March 5th, 2011 10am - 2pmRain date and time (if applicable) NAEstimated maximum attendance at any one time 70Attendee fees or suggested donations noneOrganization name Groundwork SomervilleMailing address 19 Properzi Way Somerville, MA 02143Telephone 617-628-9988

Have you made any arrangements for:

Auxiliary Police? Yes ☒ No If yes, describeSecurity? Yes ☒ No If yes, describeParking? ☒ Yes ☒ No If yes, describeFood? Yes ☒ No If yes, describeRestrooms? ☒ Yes No If yes, describeLiability Insurance? ☒ Yes No If yes, describeThe Growing Center has parking passes and attendees are encouraged to walkThere is an onsite restroomGroundwork has liability insurance up to \$2 million

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. Failure to return the signage will result in forfeiture of the deposit.
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.
4. If the event is a canning drive, the applicant will provide adult monitors at each location, and will maintain a copy of the approved permit at each location.
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.

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| Police Chief or Designee Conditions: _____ | Chief Fire Engineer or Designee Conditions: _____ |
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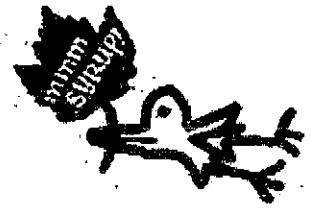
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THE SOMERVILLE MAPLE SYRUP PROJECT



What is the Maple Syrup Project?

The Somerville Maple Syrup Project is a joint project of Groundwork Somerville, the Friends of the Community Growing Center, Somerville Public Schools, Tufts University and dedicated community volunteers. Every February, local maple trees are tapped, and the collected sap is stored for a 2-day public boil-down event.

Throughout the season, Tufts students and Groundwork Somerville staff teach a 4-6 week arts and science curriculum to 2nd and 3rd graders in several of Somerville's public schools, as well as lead educational activities at the boil-down event. High school students working in the metal shop provide annual maintenance on the wood stove and evaporator pan they made in 2005. The syrup produced is shared at pancake breakfasts for the students involved, given as thank you gifts to key partners, and sold in 1.7 oz maple leaf jars at the Grown in Somerville booth at the Union Square Farmer's Market.



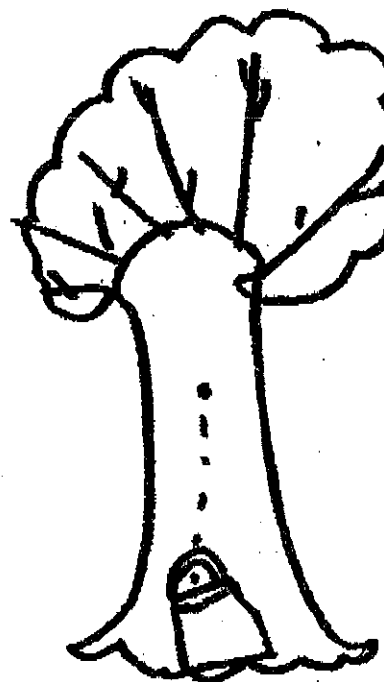
How can I get involved?

- ❖ **SAP COLLECTION:** Sap from tapped trees is collected daily by volunteers and put in refrigerated storage at Somerville Public Schools. The Maple Syrup Project depends on the dedication of these weekday and weekend collectors.
- ❖ **"DONATE" THE SAP OF YOUR MAPLE TREE!:** If you have a maple tree in your yard, let us know! If it's big enough and on our collection route, we'd like to add it to our list of trees to tap.
- ❖ **EDUCATION:** Are you interested in elementary education? This is a great opportunity to get to know your local public school and enrich classrooms with maple syrup related activities. Opportunities include assistance with initial planning as well as a once-a-week commitment to lead the 4-6 week arts and science curriculum to 2nd and 3rd graders.
- ❖ **BOIL DOWN:** This weekend-long event is the celebration of all of the work that has gone into the sap collection and education series. This season's boil down is set for March 12-14th. Activity leaders, fire tenders, and general helpers will be needed. Mark your calendars!

To volunteer or for information about the boil down, the education series, or syrup production contact Tai at tai.dinman@gmail.com or call 617-628-9988

Maple Syrup Facts!

- ❖ Maple Syrup is a 100 % natural and organic product. To make maple syrup, water is removed from the sap, but nothing is added.
- ❖ Only a few places in the world have the right climate for sugar maples: New England, upstate New York, Michigan, the Maritime provinces, and southern Quebec and Ontario.
- ❖ Maple Syrup has the same calcium content as whole milk.
- ❖ Maple Syrup has only 40 calories per tablespoon, unlike corn syrup which has 60 calories per tablespoon.
- ❖ When done properly, tapping does no permanent damage to the tree. Some maple trees have been tapped for over a hundred years!
- ❖ Maple Syrup is rich in minerals such as calcium, potassium, manganese, magnesium, phosphorus, and iron. Vitamins B2, B5, B6, niacin, biotin, and folic acid are also present in Maple Syrup.
- ❖ The flavor of maple syrup, like that of other natural products, can vary from region to region and even from year to year.
- ❖ Usually maple trees are not tapped until they are at least 40 years old and 10-12 inches in diameter. As the tree's diameter increases, more taps can be added (up to a maximum of four taps).
- ❖ Each tap will yield an average of 10 gallons of sap per season, producing about one quart of maple syrup. Or, to put it another way, it takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup.



LOCAL Maple Syrup?

Maple syrup was produced by Native Americans in New England before European settlers arrived. Today, we continue this local tradition with the Somerville Maple Syrup Project. In our urban community, we still have many large trees lining our streets and shading our back yards. Local trees are tapped on the Tufts University Somerville/Medford campus as well as in the yards of Somerville residents. Firewood for the boil down comes from a local landscaping company.



Check out the websites of our key partners!

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Friends of the Community Growing Center www.thegrowingcenter.org



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