

PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION
City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Application #: PEL15-000040
File #: 15-003228

Organization name: The Wake Up To Dying Project

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Description: Our exhibit consists of 2 10'x10' pop-up tents, a large chalkboard ?wall? made from five plywood panels 20'x8' on 2.5' stanchions, and the main tent which is 10'x20'. All tents and the wall are weighted securely to prevent unwanted movement. We can be very flexible about how these pieces are set up in relation to each other. The main 10'x20' tent includes our sound set-up which broadcasts audio stories in surround sound on a continuous loop. I have attached a sample, 10 minute, loop for you to listen to in a following email. This sound is largely contained within the tent and is not disturbing to passersby, there is no live music and the audio is turned off at the end of each day. One 10'x10' tent is used to distribute resources and as a gathering place for people visiting the exhibit. These will be set up in Seven Hills Park. The chalkboard is an interactive art-exhibit. The chalkboard is also an important gathering place. At previous events it has drawn small groups of people and spawned meaningful discussion in its own right. In addition there are 4 A-frames used to provide information and display art that are placed around the exhibit. The second 10'x10' tent will be set up in Statue Park, it will be staffed by a volunteer and provide information about the main exhibit. (All tents are nationally rated for fire safety.)

Location: Seven Hills Park, Davis Square, Somerville MA 02144

The exhibit will be arranged in such a way so as to attract attention without detracting from the normal recreational use of Seven Hills. We will not block sidewalks, the bike path, or impede throughways. In fact, we seek to take advantage of the normal flow of people through Davis Square in hopes of drawing them to our exhibit. We expect a flow of people throughout the day, but do not anticipate large crowds of more than 30 people at any one time- the listening tent is specifically designed to create an intimate listening experience. People who enter the listening tent are given the chance to quietly listen in a number of ways- from just sitting, to doodling, to looking at the visual art displayed inside.

From 12:30pm-1:30pm each day we host a community discussion at the exhibit and it is possible there will be a slightly larger group at those gatherings. These gatherings are held away from the listening tent and provide a safe way for community members to discuss their thoughts and feelings with experienced WUTD team members.

There will always be a minimum of two-to-four trained staff and volunteers onsite. Our event staff and volunteers are trained to be supportive without being intrusive.

We typically run the exhibit for four days. The exhibit is completely dismantled at the end of each day. The only item left on site will be the 10x20 tent, the wall collapsed and stacked in the tent, and cinder blocks. We have our own set up and break down crews. We are willing and eager to work with The City of Somerville to allay any concerns and will follow all procedures in order to design the best event possible for Davis Square.

Date(s): September 24-27th, 2015

Rain date(s): N/A

Setup starts at (time): 8am

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): 8pm

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 30

Maximum attendees accommodated:

Attendee fees or suggested donations: Free Public Event

Social or cultural benefits:

The Wake Up to Dying Project (WUTD) is an a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging people to think and talk about the fact that we die. We accomplish this through a traveling sound exhibit that engages visitors with first person audio stories about death and dying. These stories, along with art, discussions, and resources from similar-minded community organizations give each visitor the chance to reflect on what death, dying, and life mean to them.

WUTD hopes to shift our cultural perspective on death from fear and avoidance toward familiarity and preparedness by inviting people to acknowledge death, be prepared for it, and live more fully for having done so.

City Contact: Luisa Oliveira

Organization mailing address:

The Wake Up To Dying Project P.O. Box 1041 Montpelier, VT 05601

Event starts at (time): 11am

Event ends at (time): 6pm

Total people attending: 1,400 over four days

Total Somerville residents attending: We assume the majority

What is your budget for this event:

Financial benefits:

We seek to partner will similar minded community organizations in order to help connect citizens with the resources available to them in their community.

Contact person:

Nina Thompson

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Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Food served?	No	
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	No	
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
Arrangements:		
Auxiliary Police?	No	
Police Detail:	No	
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	No	
Liability Insurance?	Yes	We will obtain maximum liability and property damage insurance naming all parties as required
Will any public parks be used?	Yes	Seven Hills Park, Statue Park
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	July 24-26, 2014 Montpelier, VT
Alcohol License?	No	

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: John J. Long, City Clerk, Complete

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: CS Police, Police, Approved

Reviewer: CS Traffic and Parking, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Christine Morin, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: John J. Long, City Clerk, Complete

Wake Up To Dying exhibit set-up



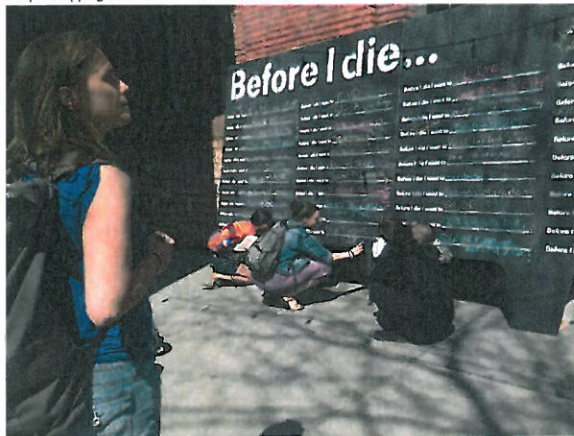
A close up of the interior of the listening tent



Activities while listening



People stopping to fill in the "Before I Die..." wall



Crowd interactions taking place around the "Before I Die..." wall



People discussing the event

