

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000015

File #: 26-006014

Event Name: Nepali National Flag Raising Ceremony 2026

Business Name: SOIA - Office of Immigrant Affairs

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: 93 Highland AVE

APPLICANT

Company Name: SOIA - Office of Immigrant Affairs

Contact Name: Karim L. Razzaz

Business Address:

Home Address:

42 Cross St
Somerville, MA 02145

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Email: krzzaz@somervillema.gov

of days: 1

Does this event occupy a public space or significantly affect nearby residents?: Yes

Are you the party applying for the Public Event License?: Yes

Describe the location in detail: Somerville City Hall Concourse

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: 04/12/2026

Event Setup Begins: 01:00 PM

Start Time: 02:00 PM

End Time: 04:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 04:30 PM

Do You Have a Proposed Rain Date for Your Public Event?: Yes

Date: 04/19/2026

Start Time: 01:00 PM

End Time: 04:30 PM

Organization name; if none, your name: Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) NCC USA, Massachusetts Chapter

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : Members of the Somerville Nepali Community participate in the celebration with great enthusiasm, expressing their sincere gratitude to the City of Somerville and the Honorable Mayor for acknowledging and honoring their rich heritage, identity, and contributions.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: N/A

What is the budget for this event?: N/A

Complete Mailing Address : 42 Cross St. Somerville, MA 02145

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): Karim L. Razzaz

Email: krzzaz@somervillema.gov

Phone (Will be available to the public): 857-270-4740

Event Name : Nepali National Flag Raising Ceremony 2026

Describe the Event: Nepal follows a distinct calendar system known as Bikram Sambat (BS), which is approximately 57 years ahead of the Gregorian calendar and serves as Nepal's official calendar. Nepali New Year is celebrated in mid-April, on the first day of Baisakh in the (BS) calendar. The Nepali New Year holds profound cultural significance and is a source of great pride for people of Nepali origin around the world. They raise their flag with pride on that day. The Nepali flag is unique, it is the only non-rectangular national flag in the world. It has two triangles, symbolizing the Himalayas, and its sun and moon represent strength, calmness, and the belief that Nepal will last as long as the sun and the moon exist. To commemorate this auspicious occasion, the City of Somerville proudly raises the Nepali National Flag each year in recognition of its vibrant Nepali Community. Members of the Somerville Nepali Community participate in the celebration with great enthusiasm, expressing their sincere gratitude to the City of Somerville and the Honorable Mayor for acknowledging and honoring their rich heritage, identity, and contributions.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): N/A

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): Need podium and sound system to play national anthems of the US and, mikes and speakers, around 20 chairs for seniors and/or disabled, two tables for tea and snacks (organization will provide tea and snacks), tent (if there is rain or snow), open space for gathering

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: N/A

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 200

Estimated total number of people attending: 30-50

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 50-100

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 200

Attendee fees or suggested donations : N/A

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: The SOIA Nepali service team has been actively sharing information about the event. Within the city, Nepali residents and business owners have been reached through newsletters and social media channels.

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? : Yes

If yes, describe:: The City Hall Parking Lot

Will any public parks be used? : No

Has this event occurred in the last two years? : Yes

If yes, prior dates : Sunday, April 13, 2025

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : No

Restrooms : No

Liability Insurance : No

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Albert Bargoot, ISD Building, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Suzanne Rinfret, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Approved