

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL26-000067

File #: 26-016466

Event Name: OPENAIR Circus

Business Name: OPENAIR Circus

Location: Prospect Hill Park

Application Type: Public Event License

APPLICANT

Company Name: OPENAIR Circus

Business Address:

342 Lowell St

Somerville, MA 02145

Work Phone: (857) 523-0147

Email: lorimanz5@gmail.com

Contact Name: Lori Manz

Home Address:

55 South Normandy Ave

Cambridge, MA 02138

Home Phone: 857-23-0147

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: Prospect Hill Park - We plan to use the field space northwest of the monument along with the walking path the goes along the wooded area on the southern side of this portion of the park. The sidewalk along the street is not planned to be obstructed.

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: 07/31/2026

Event Setup Begins: 04:00 PM

Start Time: 06:30 PM

End Time: 08:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 08:30 PM

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

of Additional Dates for Public Events at This Location (if applicable): 2

Date: 08/01/2026

Start Time: 01:00 PM

End Time: 06:00 PM

Date: 08/02/2026

Start Time: 01:00 PM

End Time: 06:00 PM

Organization name; if none, your name: OPENAIR Circus

Describe any social or cultural benefits

of this event for Somerville residents : Opportunity for families and the public to watch local youth show off the circus skills

they have learned over the previous 5 weeks. Students also get the opportunity to perform those skills and to learn about putting on performances. Additionally, the OPENAIR Circus general goals in holding classes is to promote leadership, self-esteem, and an appreciation for arts and outdoor activity for children and families.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: We bring families from Somerville and neighboring communities into our area and they often frequent the restaurants and local shops before and after our classes and performances.

What is the budget for this event?: Overall summer program: \$10,000

Complete Mailing Address : 67 Dane St. Somerville, MA 02143

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

Email: peter_jehlen@openaircircus.org

Phone (Will be available to the public): 617-947-1191

Event Name : OPENAIR Circus

Describe the Event: Season ending performances for OPENAIR Circus

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): Students and teachers will be performing circus arts they have learned/taught.

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): We expect to put up 3 10x10 free-standing canopy tents as well as some small foldable backdrop frames. We will remove all tents and backdrops in between performances.

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: We will bring limited chairs for those unable to (or uninterested in) sit on the grass.

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 120

Estimated total number of people attending: 100

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 60

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 200

Attendee.fees.or.suggested donations: Suggested Donation: \$5 (entirely voluntary)

Will this event be open to the public?: Yes

Describe your outreach/publicity: We will be posting on social media and putting up temporary signs. We expect to attend ArtBeat with an activity booth and will have signs and flyers with us. Additionally, we will be handing out flyers to the public at other non-structured times.

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) : Prospect Hill Park

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

If yes, prior dates : In this location: Aug 2, 3, and 4, 2024 In Nunziato Field: Aug 1, 2, and 3, 2025

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : Yes

If yes, describe:8: Request of permit leniency on nearby streets during performances through Somerville's Dept of Traffic and Parking. We also promote the use of public transit, walking, and bicycling

Restrooms : Yes

If yes, please describe the restrooms being provided, and if you are providing portable toilets, state how they will be delivered and removed:9: We expect to rent a porta-pottie for the event

Liability Insurance : Yes

If yes, describe:10: Nautilus Insurance, 2 million aggregate, 1 million per occurrence

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Yianny Tsirigotis, Recreation, Approved

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Suzanne Rinfret, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved

Reviewer: Courtney Henderson, City Clerk, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete

Reviewer: Emergency Management, Office of Emergency Management, Approved