

# PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL23-000027

File #: 23-003462

**Application for:** Public Event

**Organization name:** Jonathan Bernhardt

**Description:** On Saturday, May 13, musicians and bands throughout Somerville will celebrate and utilize an underused public venue: The Porch. Acts ranging from bollywood funk, cosmic americana, killer blues, Moroccan, Balkan, gospel, American space rock and clawhammer banjo will serenade passersby from porches throughout Somerville.

**Date(s):** 5/13/2023

**Setup starts at (time):** 1:30pm

**Cleanup after the event ends at (time):** 4:30pm

**Entertainment:** In past years, as many as three porches and driveways on Charnwood Road have hosted musical performances.

**Attendees:**

Max attendance at one time: 500

Maximum attendees accommodated: 1000

**Attendee fees or suggested donations:** None.

**Social or cultural benefits:**

PorchFest brings together neighbors who rarely interact during the year. It also shows off Somerville's musicians to residents and non-residents.

**Event Contact:** Jonathan Bernhardt

**Event name:** PorchFest on Charnwood

**Location:** Charnwood Rd from Hancock St to Willow Ave.

**Rain date(s):** 5/14/2023

**Event starts at (time):** 2:00pm

**Event ends at (time):** 4:00pm

**Temporary Structures:** None.

Total people attending: 1000

Total Somerville residents attending: 500

**What is your budget for this event:** \$0

**Financial benefits:**

People walk from street to street to see live music. Along the way, they stop into shops to grab a snack or to enter a store they haven't visited before.

**Event Contact Phone:** 617-767-9397

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## Event Information

Open to the public?

Yes/No

Yes

If yes, Describe

The Somerville Arts Council takes the lead in promoting the event throughout the city. In addition, individual musicians will be promoting their own performances on social media.

Food served?

No

Caterer used?

Alcohol served?

No

Grill/open-flame device used?

No

Streets blocked?

Yes

Charnwood Rd from Hancock St to Willow Ave

Sidewalks blocked?

No

**Arrangements:**

Police Detail:

No

Parking (for Attendees)?

No

Restrooms?

No

Liability Insurance?

No

Will any public parks be used?

No

Has the event occurred in the last two years?

Yes

Annually since 2011, except for 2020. This is the third time we are seeking a license to have the street closed to traffic. We asked for and received a license to have the street closed to traffic in 2020, prior to the event's cancellation due to COVID. We received a second

license in 2022 and the event on Charnwood Rd  
proceeded without incident.

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**Approval Conditions:**

**Approved By:**

**CS Mayor, Approved with Conditions**

Event may take place from 2 to 4 p.m. with 30 min. set-up and cleanup.

**Kevin Roche, Approved**

**Timothy Bakey, Approved with Conditions**

Movable barriers to maintain access for emergency vehicles.

**CS Traffic and Parking, Approved**

**Timothy Mitsakis, Approved**

**Eric Weisman, Approved**

**Kimberly M. Wells, Approved**