

***JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL***

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**ELECTION 2020**

**CANDIDATE  
NOMINATION PACKET**

**TAKE ONE**

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Neighborhood "A" \_\_\_\_\_

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**RETURN IN PERSON TO:**  
**JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
c/o Jamaica Plain Branch Library  
30 South Street  
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130

**JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**NOMINATION PAPERS**  
**April 25, 2020 - Election**

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**NOMINATION PAPERS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020 TO:**

**JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
c/o Jamaica Plain Branch Library  
30 South Street  
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130

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## CANDIDATE INFORMATION JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

- **Eligible Residents** are those 16 years old or older as of April 25, 2020

**AND**

Listed on the most-current City of Boston List of Residents

**OR**

Show proof of age, identity, and residency.

Such proof includes, but not limited to:

a government-issued photo ID, current school report card with envelope, driver's permit, birth certificate, a piece of mail from a utility or governmental agency, or a letter or other document attesting to residency in an area shelter such as Shattuck Shelter at 170 Morton Street or similar facility.

- **Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Election packets** will be available at the public libraries (Jamaica Plain, Connolly, and Egleston) and Curtis Hall beginning February 28, 2020.
- **Candidates should check-off neighborhood ("A", "B" or "C") in which they intend to run, or check off that they intend to run "At Large." If the candidate is the owner of a business or the director of a non-profit organization in Jamaica Plain, and not a resident, the Candidate must provide the name and official address of their Jamaica Plain business or organization and run in that neighborhood or At-Large. No candidate may run simultaneously in more than one neighborhood district, or for a neighborhood district and at-large seat.**

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**Neighborhood "A"** is Ward 10,  
Precincts, 6, 7, 8 and 9 (east of  
South Huntington Avenue)  
Ward 11, Precincts 4 and 5  
Ward 19, Precinct 1

**Neighborhood "B"** is Ward 11,  
Precincts 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10  
Ward 19, Precincts 4, 6, and 9  
(east of Centre Street).

**Neighborhood "C"** is Ward 10,  
Precinct 9 (west of South  
Huntington Avenue)  
Ward 19, Precincts 2, 3, 5, 7, 8,  
9 (west of Centre Street) and 12.

**At-Large** is all three neighborhoods (A,B,C) of Jamaica Plain.

• **To be on the ballot, candidates must:**

1. Be 16 years or older (as of April 25, 2020)
2. Be an Eligible Resident of Jamaica Plain or own a business or direct a non-profit agency in Jamaica Plain (see Eligible Resident printed above)
3. Have at least 25 qualified signatures of Eligible Residents for a District candidacy or at least 50 qualified signatures of Eligible Residents for an At-Large candidacy.
4. No later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 20, 2020, candidates must have filed nomination papers (including candidate biography for publication of no more than 100 words)<sup>1</sup> at the

Jamaica Plain Library  
30 South Street  
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

• **Ballot Position**

Qualified candidates will be notified about the ballot-order drawing.

• **Election Dates**

The election will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2020** from 10 am to 5 pm

There will be three polling locations on that day:

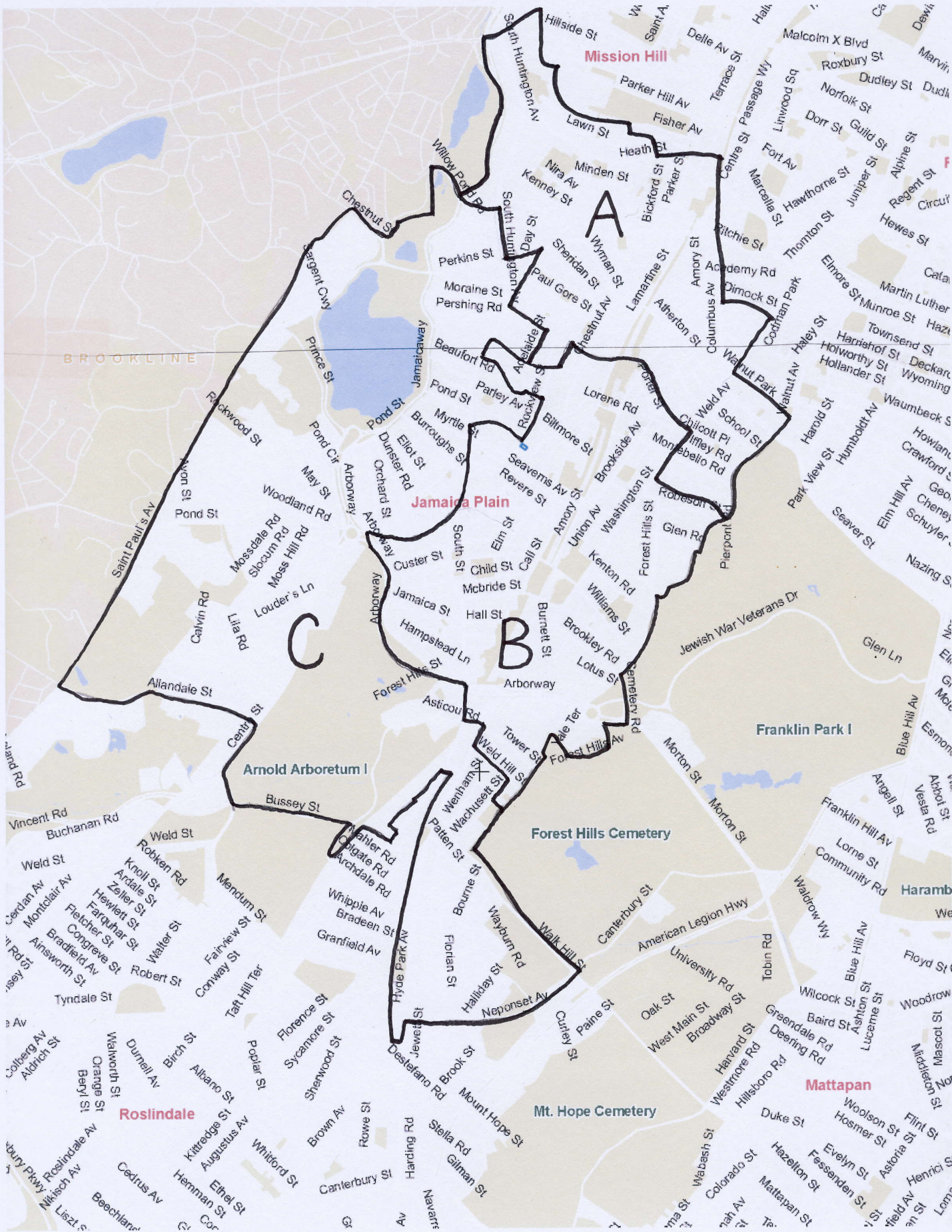
- Forest Hills MBTA Station
- JP Licks, 659 Centre Street
- Jackson Square Stop and Shop

- ***All eligible residents of Jamaica Plain (see Eligible Resident printed above) will be allowed to vote at any of the polling locations.***
- ***Ballots will be counted under the supervision of the Ombuds Board at an open and public count starting at a time determined by the Ombuds Board.***
- ***Unofficial Results will be announced that night. Official results will be released and certified by the ombudspersons on Monday, April 27, 2020.***

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the candidate biography to be submitted at the time of nomination, all official candidates are asked to submit this bio by email to the Ombuds Board at [ombuds.jpnc@gmail.com](mailto:ombuds.jpnc@gmail.com) prior to March 31, 2020. These biographies will be submitted to the Jamaica Plain Gazette and Jamaica Plain News for publication.





**Mission Hill**

**Jamaica Plain**

**Arnold Arboretum I**

**Forest Hills Cemetery**

**Mt. Hope Cemetery**

**Franklin Park I**

**Mattapan**

**Roslindale**

**BROOKLINE**

**A**

**B**

**C**

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## **JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURES**

Elected membership to the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (J.P.N.C.) is open to all area residents of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council area, sixteen years or older. In addition, persons owning businesses and directors of not-for-profit agencies or organizations within the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council area are also eligible for membership. The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council shall have twenty (20) members, of whom a minimum of sixteen (16) shall reside in the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council area. Council members will represent the Jamaica Plain neighborhood as follows: Five seats are assigned to eligible persons residing in or representing Neighborhood "A", five seats are assigned to eligible persons residing in or representing Neighborhood "B", five seats are assigned to eligible persons residing in or representing Neighborhood "C", and five At-Large seats are assigned to eligible persons residing in or representing any location within the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council area.

### **Conditions**

- Membership election takes place every two years.
- The procedures as promulgated must be consistent with the current J.P.N.C. by-laws.
- In the event of problems or discrepancies regarding the J.P.N.C. election process, the resolution reached by the majority vote of the J.P.N.C. appointed Ombuds Board will be final.
- Ombudspersons cannot be currently seeking to be elected to the J.P.N.C.
- Responsibility for conducting the election rests with the Executive Committee of the J.P.N.C. as established in the by laws
- The J.P.N.C. will determine the day, date, time, and location of the election.

### **Candidate Criteria**

- To be on the ballot, candidates must be 16 years old or older as of the election day

**AND**

Be an Eligible Resident of Jamaica Plain, or own a business, or direct a not-for-profit agency in Jamaica Plain

**AND**

Have at least 25 qualified signatures for District candidacy, or 50 qualified signatures for At-Large candidacy.

Qualified signatures must be from eligible residents of Jamaica Plain.

- Eligible Residents are those 16 years old or older as of the election day

**AND**

Be listed on the most current City of Boston List of Residents

**OR**

Show proof of age, identity, and residency. Proof is documentation including , but not limited to, a photo ID, a current year report card with envelope, a driver's permit, a birth certificate, or a piece of mail from a utility or governmental agency.

### **Filing Nomination Papers**

- Completed nomination papers will be forwarded to a responsible community person who is not a current candidate or council member.
- The date of filing deadline will be determined by the J.P.N.C.
- Nomination papers will be forwarded to the ombudspersons for verification of residency based on the most current list of residents.
- Nomination papers will be returned to the Chair of the J.P.N.C. who will notify each candidate of their status within one day. Candidates who do not qualify based on disqualified signatures will have the opportunity to appeal and show evidence to verify challenged signatures.
- The appeal period will last no more than four days.
- Candidates will be notified regarding their status to run or not at the end of the appeal period.

### **Write-in candidacy**

- Eligible persons seeking to be elected to a J.P.N.C District or At-Large seat that have not previously qualified or participated in the nomination process can seek election through *write-in candidacy* on Election Day.
- Write-in candidates will instruct their supporters to write-in the candidate's name and address in the appropriate section of the ballot, or to affix a sticker with a single candidate's name and address in the appropriate section of the ballot. Stickers must not cover the names of other candidates on the ballot.
- Stickers may not have more than one candidate's name and address.
- Write-in or sticker candidates must have 25 District votes or 50 At-Large votes before votes are counted against nominated candidates.

### **Who can vote?**

- All Eligible Residents of Jamaica Plain can vote.
- Eligible Residents are those 16 years old or older as of the election day  
AND  
are listed on the most current City of Boston List of Residents  
OR  
show proof of age, identity, and residency.
- Proof is documentation including, but not limited to, a photo ID, a current year report card with envelope, a driver's permit, a birth certificate, or a piece of mail from a utility or governmental agency.

### **Election Process**

- No candidate will serve as ombudsperson.
- No worker at a polling site will actively campaign or distribute associated literature or materials for any candidate.
- No candidate will actively campaign or distribute associated literature or materials within 50 feet of the poll.
- Each polling site will have written balloting instructions in both English and Spanish.
- Each polling site will have a listing of all nominated candidates noting the seat they are seeking.
- Each polling site will have a copy of the J.P.N.C. Election Procedure as a reference.

### **Balloting**

- Ballots will be accepted as verified by the most current City of Boston List of Residents or by presenting proof of age, identity, and residency.
- Proof is documentation including, but not limited to, a photo ID, a current year report card with envelope, a drivers permit, a birth certificate, or a piece of mail from a utility or governmental agency.
- Voters whose proof of residency cannot be verified will vote and the outer balloting envelope will be marked clearly with the letter "S" for special circumstances. The voter's explanation of why the vote should be considered will be written on the outer envelope and reviewed by the ombudspersons for a majority vote of the qualification prior to ballot counting.
- Voters will receive a single ballot for the District in which they reside.
- Voters will mark their ballot to elect up to 5 District seats and up to 5 At-Large seats.
- Votes for District candidates can be cast only by voters living in that District.
- Ballots will be placed in voter signed envelopes.

- Ballots will be returned to a central location for safe keeping on day one and for counting on day two.

**Ballot Counting**

- "S" ballots are reviewed, and a determination of acceptability will be determined by a majority vote of the ombudspersons.
- Ballots are separated by Neighborhood A, B, C, or At-Large.
- Ballots are removed from outer envelopes.
- Ballots are counted.
- No candidate will participate in the actual counting of ballots except in the case of an emergency declared by the ombudspersons.

**Election Results**

- Upon the majority approval of the Ombuds Board, election results will be announced.

***ELECTION TIMELINE***

<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>	<b>Election packets will be available at the public libraries (Jamaica Plain, Connolly, and Egleston), and Curtis Hall</b>
<b>MARCH 20</b>	<b>Completed signatures must be returned by 5:00 P.M. to Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130</b>
<b>MARCH 20-24</b>	<b>Signature validation period</b>
<b>MARCH 24-31</b>	<b>Signature Appeals period</b>
<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>Anticipated Deadline for media submissions</b>
<b>APRIL 16</b>	<b>Training Session/ Reception for Volunteers</b>
<b>APRIL 25</b>	<b>Voting at three polling locations 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. - Unofficial results available</b>
<b>APRIL 27</b>	<b>Official Results Certified and announced by Ombuds Board</b>