

*Jamaica Plain
Neighborhood Council*

ELECTION 2023

CANDIDATE

NOMINATION

PACKET

Select which type of seat
you intend to run for:

Area "A" _____

Area "B" _____

Area "C" _____

OR

At-Large _____

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

June 24, 2023 – Election

Complete the following information:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2023 TO:

JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

c/o Jamaica Plain Branch Library

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Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130

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JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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NEIGHBORHOOD _____

If you will be
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on June 24, 2023

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION TO BE HELD Saturday, June 24, 2023

Eligible Residents are those 16 years old or older as of June 24, 2023

AND

Listed on the most-current City of Boston List of Residents in Jamaica Plain

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 envelop
- driver's permit
- birth certificate
- piece of mail from a utility or governmental agency, or
- 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 on our website JPNC.org and at the public libraries (Jamaica Plain, Connolly, and Egleston) beginning April 24, 2023.

Candidates should check-off neighborhood area ("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 area or At-Large. No candidate may run simultaneously in more than one neighborhood area, or for a neighborhood area and at-large seat.

Area "A"

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

Area "B"

Ward 11, Precincts 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
Ward 19, Precincts 4, 6, and 9 (east of Centre
Street).

Area "C"

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 areas (A, B, C) of Jamaica
Plain.

Completing Nomination Forms online: Due to the unique circumstances of the coronavirus pandemic, the collection of signatures on Nomination Forms may take place on-line. In order to set-up an on-line nomination form, please follow these steps:

1. Visit <http://www.ipetitions.com> and select “Start Petition”
2. Type in your Petition Title, such as “Elect (Your Name) to the JPNC”
3. If needed or desired, edit the Web Address text to be short and catchy.
4. Add your bio¹ to the Petition Text space
5. Add a relevant photo to your petition by dragging and dropping the image or “Click to Select Image for Upload”
6. Press “Publish Petition”
7. Create an iPetitions account or login and visit your “Dashboard”
8. Select “Manage Petition”
9. Under the “More” dropdown select “Questions”
10. Make sure you have the following questions as part of your petition:
 - a. #1: Name (required)
 - b. #2: Email (required)
 - c. #3: If you will be between the ages of 16-18 on June 24, 2023, Check Here (checkbox)
 - d. #4: Address (required)
11. Begin sharing your petition on social media or through email
12. Once you have the required number of signatures, go back to your petition Dashboard and select “Download Signatures”
13. Then select “Export for print (PDF)”
14. Attach the PDF of the signatures to your nomination packet
15. Submit the nomination packet as per the requirements below

To be on the ballot, candidates must:

1. Be 16 years or older (as of June 24, 2023)
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 an Area candidacy or at least 50 qualified signatures of Eligible Residents for an At-Large candidacy.
4. Draft a candidate biography for publication (limit 100 words)
5. No later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, candidates must have filed nomination papers at the **Jamaica Plain Library, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts**

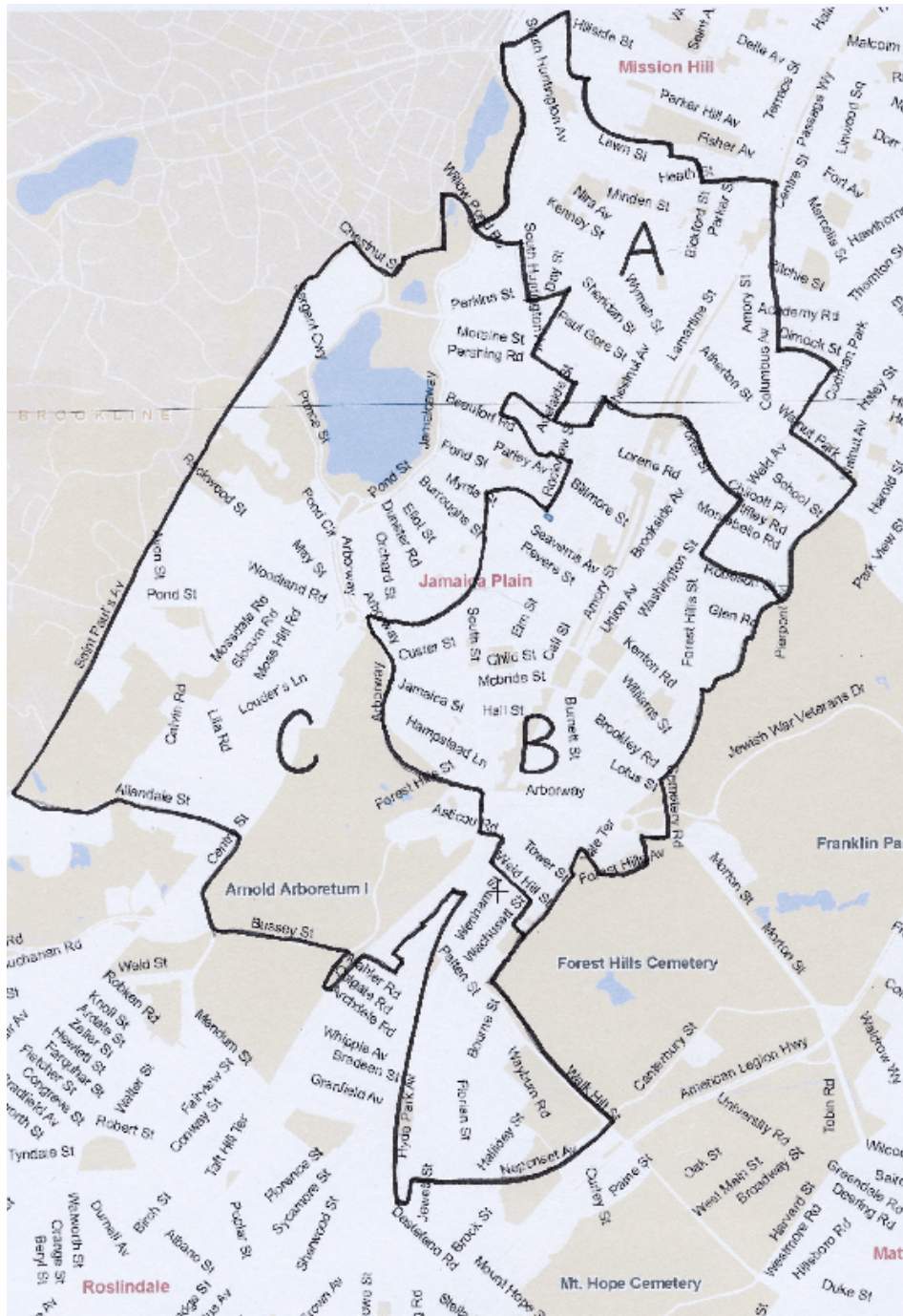
Ballot Position: Qualified candidates will be notified via email about the ballot-order drawing, which will determine the order of the names on the ballot. The drawing will be held in-person or virtually at a time TBD.

¹ 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 prior to June 5, 2023. These biographies will be submitted to the Jamaica Plain Gazette and Jamaica Plain News for publication (limit 100 words).

Election Dates: The election will be held on **Saturday, June 24, 2023** from 10 am to 4 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, June 26, 2023.*



If you cannot clearly identify* your residence on the map below, look up your Ward and Precinct at <http://wheredoivotema.com>, and see which JPNC district your precinct falls under here:

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

Area B is Ward 11, Precincts 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; and Ward 19, Precincts 4, 6, and 9 (East of Centre Street).

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

At-Large is all three areas of JP.

*this map is due to be updated this election cycle-check jpn.org in May for an updated map

**JAMAICA PLAIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
ELECTION PROCEDURES**

Elected membership to the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) 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 Area “A”, five seats are assigned to eligible persons residing in or representing Area “B”, five seats are assigned to eligible persons residing in or representing Area “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 JPNC by-laws.
- In the event of problems or discrepancies regarding the JPNC election process, the resolution reached by the majority vote of the JPNC appointed Ombuds Board will be final.
- Ombudspersons cannot be currently seeking to be elected to the JPNC.
- Responsibility for conducting the election rests with the Executive Committee of the JPNC as established in the by laws
- The JPNC 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 Area 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 JPNC.
- 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 JPNC 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 JPNC Area 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 Area 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.
- Documentation of proof includes, 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 JPNC 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 driver's 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

April 24	Election packets will be available on-line at JPNC.org and in person at the public libraries (Jamaica Plain, Connolly, and Egleston), and Curtis Hall
May 24	Completed signatures must be returned by 5:00 P.M. to: Jamaica Plain Branch Library 30 South Street Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
May 25-28	Signature validation period
May 29-June 5	Signature Appeals period
June 5	Anticipated Deadline for media submissions of candidate bios
June 5- June 23	Training Session/ Reception for Volunteers- exact time/date TBD
June 24	Voting at three polling locations 10:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. - Unofficial results available
June 26	Official Results Certified and announced by Ombuds Board