

Guidelines for Sponsoring Candidates for Neighborhood Club Membership

- Prospective candidates must live within the **02465** zip code.
- Each candidate for membership in the Club must have two sponsors. **The primary sponsor is responsible for communicating with the Membership Chair and submitting the completed application (both sponsors and candidate forms) to the Membership Chair.**
- A member may be a primary sponsor & also be a co-sponsor (second) for a separate candidate at the same time. Once your candidate becomes a member you are free to start the sponsoring process with another candidate.
- An Associate member may be one of the candidate's sponsors.
- The steps in the process of sponsoring a new member are as follows:
 1. **The primary sponsor notifies the Membership Chair** that they wish to begin the process of sponsoring a candidate for Club Membership. Please call the Membership Chair or send email to membership@theneighborhoodclub.com .
 2. **Next, the sponsors bring the candidate to two Club-sponsored social events.** Examples are the Bowling Nights, Porch Social, Fall Social, March Social and Holiday Party, Halloween Party. Please call the Membership Chair if you have any questions about which events qualify.
 3. **In addition, the sponsors may EITHER host a home gathering to introduce the candidates to the Board of Directors** (*Please contact the Membership Chair before scheduling to avoid conflicts - at least 5 board members must be in attendance at the party and the Board encourages the host to invite other members of the neighborhood*) **OR the sponsors may bring the candidates to a 3rd club sponsored pre-cocktail gathering (one hour before) with the board to one of the following social events: The Fall Social, March Social or Porch Social. The primary sponsor is responsible for letting the membership chair know in advance when they are planning to bring their candidate to one of the cocktail parties so that their name can be given to the board members who plan to attend. There will be at least 5 board members at these events.**
 4. **The primary sponsor submits the completed sponsor & candidate application forms to the Membership Chair. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted. Do not mail applications to the Club.**
 5. **Regular Club membership is limited to 180 families. If there are no openings the candidate is placed on the waiting list.** As openings occur in the Club, candidates are considered for membership at the Board of Directors' meetings. The Membership Chair notifies the candidate and sponsors when the Board has approved the application. *The Board encourages the sponsors to bring their candidates to Club events while they are on the waiting list.*
- The current financial obligation of Regular membership is a one-time \$1,000 initiation fee plus \$540 in yearly dues billed on a semiannual basis. The optional tennis program is available for an additional fee. Dues and fees are subject to change.
- Please contact the Membership Chairperson if you have any questions. The current Membership Chairperson is Shelby Chamberlain (617/795-1667).

