

A monthly note about  
campus resources and  
Edgerton people

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# Edgerton Bulletin

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# Fall Book Drive!

**WHAT:** a book drive at Edgerton House

**WHEN:** all semester long

**HOW:** just donate any books on any subject to the House Library

**WHY:** to build up the House Library

**WHERE (is the Library anyway?):** the Library is on the ground floor in the Small Lounge. You can either leave your books there.

**LIBRARY BORROWING POLICY:** borrow a book, and then 1) return it when you're done, or 2) donate another book in its place.

## Upcoming Orientation & Edgerton Events

GSC Orientation at [http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/firstyear/orientation/Orientation\\_schedule.pdf](http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/firstyear/orientation/Orientation_schedule.pdf)

**Sat 8/5** Brunch and Yard Sale

**Sat 8/12 – Sun 8/13, Sat 8/19 – Sun 8/20** Come join GC in lobby to greet new residents!

**Sat 8/19** Harpoon Brewery Tour

**Tues 8/22** Game Night

**Wed 8/23** Biweekly Social & Boylston St. Pub Crawl

**Thurs 8/24** Edgerton Movie Night

**Sat 8/26 – Sun 8/27** Come join GC in lobby to greet new residents!

**Weekend of 8/26** Potential salsa event

**Sun 8/27** MIT Orientation begins (BBQ at Thirsty Ear, Ashdown)

**Fri 9/1** Edgerton Luau

**Tues 9/5** Edgerton Orientation Dinner

**Sat 9/9** Orientation Carnival

**Wed 9/13** North End Dinner

**Sat 9/16** Grad Student Volunteer Day

**Thurs 9/28** Edgerton Bake-Off

It's about that time of year again – people moving in. You can make your life a lot easier by talking to your suitemates to settle potential arguments before they occur. However, some problems arise that can't be easily solved....

# What should I do if.....

1. **There is noise outside of my window late at night?**
  - a. There is a Night Watchman in charge of Edgerton at night. Call x3-1500 and ask the dispatcher for the Night Watchman to address the noise complaint.
  - b. Or, call Campus Police directly at x3-1212. You can make an anonymous report.
  
2. **My neighbor is smoking?**
  - a. Edgerton House has a strict non-smoking policy: residents may not smoke inside the building at any time. If residents are reported, they will be notified to stop smoking, as follows:  
First notification: warning to stop smoking in the building  
Second notification: fine of \$100  
Third notification: removal from Edgerton House
  - b. If you are disturbed by smoking in the building, first identify the smoker's apartment. Then contact House Manager Trudy Morris ([rainbow@mit.edu](mailto:rainbow@mit.edu)) and the Housing Office ([graduatehousing@mit.edu](mailto:graduatehousing@mit.edu)), who will give the notifications to the smoker.
  
3. **I have an issue with my roommate or neighbor: loud music, noise at odd times, unfamiliar customs that bother me?**
  - a. You should discuss and negotiate a resolution that works for both you and your roommate. Not sure when to address the issue? Any time that you recognize a concern is an appropriate time. Keep in mind that the MIT housing license agreement states, "residents will conduct themselves in a manner which does not interfere with the comfort, safety, health, welfare, or convenience of neighbors or other residents."
  - b. To help: Edgerton's Graduate Coordinator Kelly Klima ([klima@mit.edu](mailto:klima@mit.edu)) can set up a meeting with both of you and act as a neutral third-party mediator.
  
4. **My roommates have guests over all the time, or long-term guests?**
  - a. "Overnight guests are not permitted on a long-term or permanent basis (no longer than three nights per week)," according to the MIT Housing License Agreement.
  - b. If you realize that your roommate's guests have turned into unofficial roommates, contact Kelly Klima, Graduate Coordinator at [klima@mit.edu](mailto:klima@mit.edu). She can mediate a discussion for you and your roommates, or ask the Housing Office to resolve the issue without involving you.
  
5. **I need to talk to someone about official MIT business?**
  - a. For any issues, ask for the Dean on Call when you phone Campus Police at x3-1212. The Dean on Call is a 24-hour resource for students when any issues arise; from academics (ie, problems with advisors or major conflicts with upcoming exams) to personal issues, like illness, mental health concerns, domestic abuse, harassment, injury and death, or loss of family and friends. The Dean on Call will guide you to the office or group that can directly address the concern.

- b. Edgerton House also has a Residential Life Associate, appointed by Residential Life Programs. The RLA serves as an advocate for graduate student concerns and works to improve communication between the house teams, SLP, and a variety of resource offices on campus. The RLA also provides direct support, cultural integration of international students and their families, and is a liaison to other offices and committees on campus. Currently the RLA for Edgerton is Dan Kirsch (dkirsch@mit.edu, 617-719-9150).

**6. There is a fire or emergency in Edgerton House?**

Evacuate the building as safely and as quickly as possible. Here are more details about Edgerton House fire (or emergency) safety:

i. Preparation for emergency:

1. Learn to recognize the fire alarm signal
2. Become familiar with the exit door closest to your room
3. Locate and become familiar with an alternate/secondary exit
4. Always plan on leaving the building when you hear the alarm
5. Plan for those with hearing, mobility or visual impairments

ii. Procedure for emergency evacuations:

1. Evacuate immediately if the fire alarm sounds
2. Upon hearing the alarm, leave your room and close the door
3. Alert others
4. Walk quickly to your closest exit door or stairwell
5. DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS
6. Go to NW-30, 224 Albany Street and wait for the Campus Police to give authorization for reentry into Edgerton House
7. Report any issues (eg. medical, lack of alarms etc.) to your House Manager or Graduate Coordinator.

## Spotlight

### House Maintenance Mechanic Don McCusker

I am the House Maintenance Mechanic. I repair anything that is broken or damaged, and maintain Edgerton House to keep it looking good. I think I have been here for about a year and a half. Karen Nilsson, the Assoc. Dean & Director of Housing, moved 4 mechanics after another mechanic retired. She wanted to put a mechanic in here that had a good mechanical background working here, so she moved me from Senior House.



If you needed something repaired you would need to fill out a repair request on line letting me know what the problem is, I should be able to take care of your request within a day depending on my work load and the nature of the repair.

In my spare time (which I don't have) I enjoy doing furniture making, and I also do construction renovation & remodeling after work.

As some of you know I am a veteran of OIF/ OEF Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom I spent 7 months in Kuwait. After returning home I retired from the US Army after twenty six + years in the service and am now trying to return into the military to finish getting my thirty years in. I enjoyed being in the military it is something that is in my heart.

I also enjoy working at Edgerton House and taking care of the students and their needs. I have met some really good people here. Working here in housing is the best move in have made in my working career and I don't think I would change it for anything.