

A bimonthly note about
campus resources and
Edgerton people

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Want to get rid of stuff without the fuss of a yard sale?

Moving out? Tired of a cluttered living room? The first year rep (Grace Chen) and IT Chair (Aditya Undurti) have teamed together to solve your problem. That's right – the one, the only, the Edgerton Craigslist for Furniture!

In addition to having online reservation systems, the EHA has been working hard to bring you the ability to sell and trade stuff on the Edgerton website. Why don't we just use an existing service, you ask? Well, though it can be quite an adventure to cart

something over from Harvard (Craigslist's Cambridge) or from Tang (reuse@mit.edu), we're assuming that not all busy grad students have time/resources to travel far for furniture.

However, the Edgerton Craigslist for Furniture will be restricted to Edgerton stuff only... providing an instant filter for things nearby. Additionally, this website will be emailed out to all the new Edgerton residents (who are in desperate need of furniture). So post today!

Want to be an officer?

Congratulations to the new Edgerton Vice President, Andrew Lukmann. If you're interested in giving back to the House and promoting community in Edgerton, we're still looking for a Gym Activities Coordinator. Job descriptions can be found in the constitution at <http://eh.mit.edu/about/eha/>.

Upcoming Events

Sun 7/22 Biweekly Social with guest Asst. Dean Kimmel Yeager

Sat 7/28 Summer Party in the Courtyard, with DJ!

August The new online reservation system will be up and running!

8/8 Courtyard Movie

Fri 8/10 Restaurant Outings Begin, Sign up in lobby!

Tues 8/14 Boston Restaurant Week, partially subsidized by EHA.

Sat 8/18 Ice Cream Welcome Social

Sun 8/19 Dim Sum and Chinatown Shopping Trip

Thurs 8/23 Biweekly Social: Introduction to Edgerton Facilities/Large Lounge games night

Fri 8/24 Pub Crawl

Sat 8/25 Brunch at Johnny D's

Sun 8/26 MIT Orientation begins (BBQ at Thirsty Ear, Ashdown)

GSC Orientation at http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/firstyear/orientation/Orientation_schedule.pdf

Fri 8/31 Edgerton Luau

Thurs 9/6 Biweekly Social

Wed 9/12 North End Dinner

Note there may be more events which haven't been scheduled

This year we will have a new set of events, Restaurant Outings. See last page for details!

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) and the Housing Office (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) 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. 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.

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.

Restaurant Outings

During Orientation, Introduce residents to a nearby restaurant and receive \$10!

How it Works:

1. Sign up on the August Orientation Calendar (posted in the lobby by 8/1), or email the Graduate Coordinator (Kelly Klima, klima@mit.edu). Note, August 8/5-8/18 is Boston Restaurant Week (google it!).

Available dates: 8/10, 8/11, 8/12, 8/13, 8/15, 8/16, 9/17, 8/18, 8/19, 8/20, 8/21, 8/22, 8/25, 8/27, 8/29, 9/1

2. On your chosen day, go to the Front Lobby at 7pm. Hopefully there will be several new & old residents waiting for you!
3. Lead the group to a restaurant of your choice. You may want to ask the group for suggestions.
4. Enjoy dinner!
5. Email the restaurant name & number of attendees to the Graduate Coordinator, Kelly Klima, (klima@mit.edu). She will put \$10 in your mailbox.