
A MINI-GUIDE FOR THE VOTE

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VOTE IT UP, EDGE HILL

To Register to Vote: GoVoteTN.com

A Call to Action!

Let them know we won't be ignored. When we don't vote, the people in power don't care about what our community needs. This mini-guide will help you take the first step to vote by helping you register online. It's easy!

(and you can always pick up a paper form at the Edgehill Public Library, if that's easier for you.)

Register to Vote Online

Step 1: Go to **GoVoteTN.com** on your computer or smartphone. Click the “Register to Vote” button on or before **October 9, 2018**. This page explains the requirements. You must be:

- 18 years old by election day
- Not previously convicted of a felony (or, you must have had your voting rights restored. Learn more about that process at **LetsVoteItUp.com**). Then, click “Next.”

Step 2: You’re ready to register! Just some Yes or No questions to determine your **Voter Eligibility**. These are easy, but be careful – lying on this page is a felony. These are things like:

- US citizenship
- TN residence
- Past felony convictions
- Age

It’ll ask you if you understand that your voter registration is a public record, which can be seen by anyone (except your private info like your social security or driver’s license number). Once you answer the questions, click “Next.”

Step 3: Updated Voter Registration vs. New Voter Registration **Voter Info**. Select the one that applies to you.

Pick New Voter Registration if you either:

- Never registered to vote in TN before.
- Move from one county to another county within TN.
- Are unsure if you have registered in another county within TN.

Pick Updated Voter Registration if you either:

- Moved within the county you are currently registered to vote in.
- Are currently registered to vote in your county but your name has legally changed.

This page is also asking for your name, address, Date of Birth, Social Security Number, and Driver’s License or ID Number. Once you answer the questions click “Next”.

Step 4: Just a little **Additional Info**:

- Your place of birth
- Your gender
- Your email and phone number (optional)
- Are you interested in working on Election Day?

Click “Next.”

Step 5: What’s your **Address**? Click “Next.”

Step 6: Almost done! Just two more yes or no questions about **Previous Info** you may have:

- Have you previously registered to vote under another name?
- Have you previously registered to vote at another address?

Click “Next.”

Step 7: Final Declarations. You’ve already done this, but they ask you to re-confirm that you’re eligible to vote.

Check the box and click “Next.”

Step 8: Review & Submit. Double-check everything you entered and make sure that it’s accurate. When you have finished reviewing the information, click “Submit.”

Congratulations! You are now registered to vote! **Make sure you Vote It Up on Election Day!**

What's On Your Ballot?

It's important to know what's on the ballot and how the responsibilities and powers of the Seats up in the election can impact our community here in Edgehill. This is a brief overview of the Seats, the Community Oversight Board and other Metro amendments that are on our November Midterms ballot to help you be more informed. Please note this guide will not go over any specific candidates, but be curious and look up further details on the candidates running and further details on the open seats.

US Senate & US House of Representatives (District 5)

We will have one Tennessee US Senate seat and one of the US House of Representatives seat on the ballot. The US Senate and the US House of Representatives together make up the US Congress. Congress is responsible for enacting, amending, and repealing laws. There are 2 US Senators elected from each state and each is elected to a 6-year term with no limits on being re-elected. The US House Representatives are elected for a 2-year term with no limits and there are 435 Voting Representatives. As Congress, both the Senate and the House have a lot of power to affect us here in Edgehill through large-scale implementation of policies on many subjects of public concern such on Education via federal funding, Healthcare via Health Insurance coverages, Medicare, Medicaid, and requirements. Economy via the federal Minimum Wage and Taxes, Assistance Programs like WIC, SNAP(Food Stamps), Lifeline, & Social Security via controlling funding and by changing the requirements to qualify for assistance. As well as Public Housing through setting the thresholds for Income-Based Rent. We need to carefully choose someone to both seats in the Midterms that will actually serve us because they will be in a position to pull for the policies, laws, and resources at the big picture level that will better address our needs to help us thrive.

Governor of Tennessee

The Governor of Tennessee is a very important seat up in our Midterms because the seat serves as the head of state government. The Governor is responsible for appointing people to certain positions as the head of departments to many state agencies. They are also responsible for the well-being of the state and its citizens. Those elected to the seat are to fill a 4-year term and can only be re-elected once. They can set the course of policy on Education, Economy, Healthcare, Environment, Infrastructure & Transportation, Criminal Justice and more on the state level via pushing for legislation through the Tennessee General Assembly and/or via appointments of certain positions as well as just setting the general direction and tone of a state agency. Since the Governor is similar to a president but on a state level they have a lot of power to set a direction for a state so its very important for us to carefully vote for someone who is knowledgeable, will listen, will share the concerns of the issues that affect us, and work to actually improve our well-being as citizens.

Metro Amendments

Longer Terms Limit for Metro Council Persons

If passed this amendment will change the current Term Limit for Metro Council persons from (Two) four year terms to (Three) four year terms.

Succession during a Mayoral Departure

If passed this will give Metro Council the power to elect a temporary Mayor if the Mayor leaves office and if the Vice Mayor is unavailable to serve.

Special Elections

If passed this will change the requirement to have a Special Election for vacated seats if its been vacated for 8 months instead of 12 months.

Oath of Office

If passed this will require in addition to upholding the TN Constitution and the US Constitution that Metro Council members, the Mayor, and the Vice Mayor to take an oath office to uphold the Metro Charter.

Gender in Metro Charter

If passed this will change Pronouns in the Metro Charter to include the female pronoun form (such as Councilmen to Councilman/Councilwoman) or change Pronouns to a gender neutral form, such as (Councilmen to Councilmember).

Tennessee State Senate & Tennessee House of Representatives

The Tennessee State Senate & The Tennessee House of Representatives make up the Tennessee General Assembly which is the governing body responsible for passing laws and setting the annual budget of the state. The State Senate has 33 seats and each seat is directly elected by their Senatorial districts for a 4-year term. Our State Senate seat of District 19 is up for election in the Midterms. Tennessee State House has 99 seats and is also directly elected but from their Representative Districts for a 2-year term. We currently belong to TN Representative District 58 and our Representative seat is up for election as well. The State Senate and the State House together as the General Assembly can enact, amend, and repeal laws on the state and county levels they have a great ability to affect our lives via laws on Education, Economy & Taxes, Criminal Justice, Healthcare, Infrastructure & Transportation, Safety, Housing, and more. It important to learn who running for the seats in the General Assembly and their position on the issues because when elected that person has great power to directly affect us for better or for worse.

Community Oversight Board Referendum

The Community Oversight Board Referendum is about creating a Community Oversight Board that will be independently run and have the power to investigate the possible crimes, misconduct, and violations committed by Metro Police. The board will consist of 11 civilian members who will have a staff that will facilitate the investigations and will serve as liaisons to the community. We as citizens would be able to report crimes, misconduct, violations committed by the Police to directly to the COB Staff. The COB would be very important for our community here in Edgehill as a way to make the Police accountable for their misconduct including Racial Profiling and Excessive Use of Force that has not only negatively impacted us but has also helped to impaired our trust of them. That impaired trust has helped allow serious crimes like shootings, robberies, and domestic violence in our neighborhood to keep happening because of underreporting by the community due to that low trust. The COB will be at least one way to help us interact with the Police on more equal terms and to help improve actual Policing in our community.

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**REGISTER TO VOTE
DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 9**

**ELECTION DAY
MIDTERMS
NOVEMBER 6**

**EARLY VOTING:
OCTOBER 17 -
NOVEMBER 1**

Edgehill Public Library

If you need to you can pick up a paper Voter Registration form at the and mail it to:
Davidson County Election Commission
P.O. Box 650
Nashville, TN 37202
(Or you can use the Library's computer and register online.)

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The Mini-Guide online and for an overview of Voting Rights Restoration Process.

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