

FEBRUARY 2026

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Will you be our
VALENTINES?

What's Cupid's favorite band?
Kiss!

We at Edna Martin Christian Center are wishing everybody a Happy Valentine's day and Lunar New Year, and we look forward to serving the community this February!

OneVoice
MARTINDALE BRIGHTWOOD

YOUR SOURCE FOR MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD EVENTS



EVENTS

Below are Repeating Events that happened weekly

MON

EMCC Job Club

10:00AM - 12:30PM

EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER, 2605 E 25TH ST.

Explore job opportunities, get résumé help, mock interviews, and more.

Low Impact Exercise

1:00PM - 2:00PM

IPL - MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

Low Impact exercise engages the participants from head to toe.

TUES

Senior Exercise

10:00AM - 11:00AM

FREDRICK DOUGLAS PARK, 1616 E 25TH ST

Cubs 959

5:00PM - 6:00PM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.

WED

Senior Bible Study

11:00AM - 12:00PM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.

Friends of Douglass Park

2:00PM - 3:00PM

37TH PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER, 2605 E 25TH ST.

Community leaders advocating for the park. Meets every second Wednesday.

Digital Skills Workshop Series

11:00AM - 12:00PM

IPL - MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

- Computers for Beginners (Feb 4)
- Email for Beginners (Feb 11)
- Microsoft Word:Part 1 (Feb 18)
- Microsoft Word:Part 2 (Feb 25)

THURS

Open Gym and Pickup Games

6:30PM - 8:30PM

TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 3101 E 30TH ST

AGES 18-35 Everyone Welcome Indy Peace Fellowship

Boy Scout Troops

8:30PM

ZOOM CALL

Senior Bingo

10:30AM - 12:30PM

EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER, 2605 E 25TH ST.

Bingo for members of the Seniors Angels program. Prizes include grocery and personal care items. Buffet lunch follows. \$1 per session.

Career Center

2:00PM - 4:00PM

IPL - MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

Help with résumés, job searches, and applications.
Register at <https://indianapolis.libnet.info/event/9814127#branch>

SAT

Scouts 123/9590

10:00AM - 11:30AM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Adult Book Discussion

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

IPL – MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

A small group discussion of *Cursed Daughters* by Oyinkan Braithwaite, welcoming new members and fresh perspectives.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Seed Library Support

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

IPL – MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

Volunteers work together to pack seeds for the 2026 Seed Library for community use.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

Soul Food Sessions

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

IRVINGTON FARM

A free, family-friendly evening with Valentine's Day card-making, hot cocoa, snacks, and creative activities.



EVERY TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY 2026

Homeownership 101

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

VIRTUAL

A recurring program that helps community members learn the essentials of buying and owning a home.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

100 Years of Black Music

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE

A celebration of Black music across genres including jazz, gospel, soul, hip-hop, Afrobeats, and more.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Ready, Set, School! Kindergarten Readiness

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

IPL – MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

A workshop led by a former kindergarten teacher to help children ages 4–6 build pre-kindergarten skills.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Bilingual Storytime English and Spanish

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

IPL – MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

A bilingual storytime with books, songs, and games for young children in English and Spanish.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Love Thy Neighbor

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

2605 E 25TH ST, ROOM 305

A welcoming time to make crafts, connect with others, and enjoy light refreshments.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Crafter Hours Late Night Crafting

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

IPL – MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

An evening drop-in craft session for adults and seniors to create, learn new skills, or work on projects.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

Vermicomposting Composting with Worms

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

IPL – MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

Learn how to turn food scraps into nutrient-rich compost using worms.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Smartphone Drop-In

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

IPL – MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

A drop-in session for community members to get help and ask questions about their smartphones.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Preparing for Tax Season

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

IPL – MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD BRANCH, 2434 N SHERMAN DR.

Learn what you need to know before filing taxes, including options, required documents, and common pitfalls.

BRIGHT NEWS

What is happening in Martindale Brightwood?

EMCC celebrates 85th anniversary!

Edna Martin Christian Center (EMCC) proudly celebrates its 85th anniversary, marking nearly nine decades of service and impact in the Martindale-Brightwood community. Founded by Edna Mae Barnes Martin, EMCC began as a vision to provide education, spiritual guidance, and community support for families on Indianapolis's east side. Over the years, the center has grown into a hub for youth programs, workforce development,

senior services, and community initiatives, staying true to Martin's mission of empowering residents and fostering opportunity. This milestone honors EMCC's rich history, the dedication of its staff and volunteers, and the generations of lives it has touched.

Did you know?

Edna Martin Christian Center has its very own day. It's true, Edna Martin Christian Center Day is officially on February 18; the mayor of Indianapolis in 1990 William H. Hudnut III, proclaimed it!

