

JULY 2026

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# Bright

*Happy July 4th,  
Everybody!*

What did one flag say to the other?  
- **Nothing. It just waved.**

It's July! This month, we at Edna Martin Christian Center celebrate Independence Day and the values of freedom, hope, and community. As we reflect on our shared history, we also honor the strength, resilience, and dedication of the individuals and families who make our community thrive. Thank you for being part of our journey as we continue working together to build brighter futures. **Read on to discover this month's events, programs, and opportunities to get involved!**

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NEWS?*

Scan our QR code for  
EMCC's official **LinkTree!**



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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.

## 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 (July 1)
- Email for Beginners (July 8)
- Microsoft Word (July 15)
- Microsoft Excel (July 22)

## 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.

### U-Pick



### Garden Hours

**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

2255 RALSTON AVE. (EMCC LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CAMPUS, BY THE GREENHOUSE)

Harvest fresh produce from the Henry Blair Garden and volunteer by helping weed in exchange for free vegetables.



THURSDAY, JULY 2

## Smartphone Drop-In

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Have your smartphone questions answered during this free drop-in session with library staff.



MONDAY, JULY 6 – FRIDAY, JULY 10

## Overcoming Church Vacation Bible School (Kingdom Quest)

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

2203 COLUMBIA AVE.

Children and families are invited to enjoy free nightly dinners, Bible lessons, games, and activities during Kingdom Quest VBS.



SATURDAY, JULY 25

## Free Haircut + Braids Event

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

2605 E. 25TH ST., ROOM 305

Children and teens can receive free haircuts or braids to help them start the new school year with confidence.



MONDAY, JULY 6

## Adult Book Discussion

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

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

Join a discussion of *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore—new members are always welcome.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

## Art Becomes Music

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

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

Create graphic artwork that musicians will interpret and perform during this interactive art experience.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

## Ice Cream Social

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

2605 E. 25TH ST.

Enjoy an evening of ice cream, games, raffles, family activities, and opportunities to connect with other families.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

## Free Notarization Services

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Receive free notarization services on a first-come, first-served basis.

MONDAY, JULY 13

## Birds of Prey

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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

Meet live birds of prey and learn about hawks, owls, falcons, and their role in nature.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

## HealthNet Health Fair

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

DOUGLASS PARK FAMILY CENTER

Access free health screenings, wellness resources, and information about Medicaid and health insurance changes.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

## Zoo Explorers (Registration Required)

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

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

Young children will discover rainforest animals and habitats through an interactive program presented by the Indianapolis Zoo.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

## Animal Meet & Greet

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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

Meet live animals from Silly Safaris, ask questions, and take photos with the animal ambassadors.

MONDAY, JULY 27

## Trivia at the Library for Adults

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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

Compete in a fun team-style trivia night or join a team for friendly competition.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

## Northstar Digital Literacy

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Build or strengthen your computer skills through self-paced digital literacy training.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

## Build It!

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Kids ages 6–12 will learn basic woodworking skills and build their own take-home project.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

## Teen Makers: Crochet 101

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Teens can learn the basics of crochet and complete a beginner-friendly project with provided supplies.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6,

## Back-To-School Festival

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46218

Join us for an evening of games, food, music, giveaways, and family fun at our annual Back to School Bash! Let's level up the new school year together with excitement and unforgettable memories. **Vendor Registration below!**



# BRIGHT NEWS

What is happening in Martindale Brightwood?



## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Walk at EMCC

On May 29, 2026, our Pre-K class of 2026 graduated! We want to highlight and showcase our amazing, talented kiddos who walked down the carpet to their brand new adventure next year! We want to wish our class luck and many wishes for their bright futures ahead! Congratulations once more!

## Before/After School Program! (2026 - 2027)

Our program is designed to provide high-quality STEM-focused learning and academic support, ensuring scholars build strong skills both during and beyond the school day. We prioritize targeted tutoring, homework assistance, and hands-on STEM enrichment to strengthen critical thinking, problem-solving, and real-world application.



## Volunteering at Edna Martin Christian Center

Want to find volunteering opportunities? Consider volunteering with Edna Martin! From helping at events to supporting our food pantry and programs. Stay updated by checking our BRIGHT events guide, Linktree, and email newsletters for new opportunities.

Ready to get started? Register by scanning the QR code below!



## Continuing the 85th Anniversary

The Edna Martin Christian Center is proud to celebrate its 85th anniversary, marking decades of service, impact, and commitment to strengthening the Martindale-Brightwood community. Our founder, Edna Mae Barnes Martin, started the Edna Martin Christian Center (previously known as the East Side Christian Center) in a single bedroom in an apartment after the passing of her daughter, and 85 years later, we expanded from a single-family apartment to two locations!



We are asking for stories from the community!

For one of the projects we are working on, we are reaching out to the community to ask if you have any personal stories, pictures, or videos about Edna Martin herself or the Edna Martin Christian Center. This could be what EMCC means to you, or if you even have a personal story with our founder herself. Please email [info@ednamartincc.org](mailto:info@ednamartincc.org) for any questions or stories!

We thank you in advance!

