

BRIGHT NEWS

What is happening in Martindale Brightwood?

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Register today for your little one!

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!



Back-To-School Hair Style Event Success!

On July 2026, we gave out FREE haircuts & Braids for Kids & teens for our kids enrolled in our programs! We want every child to be able to feel fresh and ready for the school year!



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 for any questions or stories!

We thank you in advance!



AUGUST 2026
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Happy Back-To-School Everybody!

Why was the teacher wearing sunglasses to school?
- She had bright students!

It's August! As students and families prepare for a new school year, we at Edna Martin Christian Center celebrate fresh beginnings, new opportunities, and the power of education. This season is a reminder of the important role our families, educators, staff, and community partners play in helping young people learn, grow, and thrive. Thank you for being part of our journey as we continue working together to support students and build brighter futures. Read on to discover this month's events, programs, resources, and opportunities to get involved!

Want more NEWS?

Scan our QR code for EMCC's official LinkTree!



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.

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.

ABCs of Diabetes

5:30PM – 7:30PM

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

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 (Aug 5)
- Email for Beginners (Aug 12)
- Microsoft Word (Aug 19)
- Microsoft Excel (Aug 26)

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.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026 (EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH OCTOBER 24)

U-Pick Garden Hours

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

2255 RALSTON AVE.

Visit the Henry Blair Garden to pick fresh produce, volunteer, and enjoy time in the community garden.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

Neighbors at the Table Community Dinner

TIME NOT LISTED PLEASE CONTACT

2253 N. DR. ANDREW J. BROWN AVE.

Enjoy a free community dinner and fellowship while connecting with neighbors in a welcoming environment.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2026

Home Ownership 101 Series

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE.

Join this free four-part series designed to help individuals and families explore the path to affordable homeownership. Sessions cover the home-buying process, financial readiness, available resources, and practical steps toward purchasing a home.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

Workshare Volunteer Orientation

SEE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Learn how to volunteer with Soul Project and help support local farming and community events.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

Back to School Festival

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE.

Celebrate the start of the school year with games, music, food, school supply giveaways, community vendors, resources, and family-friendly fun.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

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 courtesy of The Mobile Notary Network.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

Martindale-Brightwood Empowerment Fest

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

2435 N. SHERMAN DR.

Enjoy a free community festival featuring food, entertainment, games, financial education, local vendors, and community resources.



MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

Adult Book Discussion

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

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

Discuss The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune with fellow readers. New members are always welcome.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

Free Gardening Workshop

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE.

Learn practical gardening tips, ask questions about your growing season, and receive advice from experienced gardeners. Walk-ins are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

Prenatal Preparation for Breastfeeding

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

2605 E. 25TH ST., ROOM 305

Expecting mothers can learn about breastfeeding, nutrition, planning, education, and helpful supplies while enjoying light refreshments.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

Roots & Revelry Farm-to-Table Fundraiser

DIGS GARDEN CENTER

Support Soul Food Project's youth workforce development programs while enjoying a farm-to-table dinner featuring fresh, locally grown produce.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

Smartphone Drop-In

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Stop by with your smartphone questions and receive one-on-one assistance from library staff.

RECURRING THROUGHOUT AUGUST

Soul Food Project Farm Store

THURSDAYS: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM •

FRIDAYS: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM •

SATURDAYS: ONLINE PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Sheldon Street Farm, 2436 Sheldon St, Indianapolis, IN 46218

Shop fresh, locally grown produce or place online orders for pickup at the farm store.

