

SEPTEMBER 2026
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Happy Back-To-School Everybody!

How did a calendar factory worker get fired?
- He took a day off on Labor Day.

It's September! As we welcome a new month, we take a moment to recognize Labor Day and honor the hard work, dedication, and contributions of workers in our community. At Edna Martin Christian Center, we know that strong families and strong communities are built through opportunity, perseverance, and people working together.

This month, we celebrate the individuals who help our neighborhoods thrive, from parents and educators to community leaders, staff, local businesses, and everyday neighbors. Thank you for being part of the EMCC community and for helping us continue building brighter futures together. 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 (Sep 2)
- Microsoft Word (Aug 16)
- Microsoft Excel (Aug 23)

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>
(Cancelled Sep 10)

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.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

New Food Pantry Location!

REGULAR PANTRY HOURS

37TH PLACE AT EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER — DOOR NEXT TO THE SOC ROOM

Starting September 1, the EMCC Food Pantry will remain at 37th Place, but distribution will now be walk-up only through the door next to the SOC Room.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Smartphone Drop-In at Martindale-Brightwood

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Have a smartphone question? Drop in and get help with your cell phone from library staff.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23 & 30

Sunshine Storytime

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and families can enjoy books, songs, movement activities, and more.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

Bilingual Storytime – Spanish

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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

Enjoy books, songs, and games in English and Spanish during this fun bilingual storytime.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23 & 30

Sunny Play

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

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

Stay after storytime for open-ended sensory, nature, and hands-on play.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

Let's start Estate Planning!

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE.

What is estate planning? Learn more about it at EMCC!



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24

So What

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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

Students can decompress after school, build friendships, and enjoy a safe space to connect.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 & 25, 2026

Hello, Friday!

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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

Kick off the weekend with a themed storytime and a simple family activity to take home.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

5K Walk/Run for Peace

8:30 AM – EVENT OPENS; 9:00 AM – WALK BEGINS

MARQUETTE PARK BEACH, 1 NORTH GRAND BLVD, GARY

Join Project Outreach and Prevention for a 5K promoting peace, unity, and safer communities.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Free Notarization Services at Martindale-Brightwood

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Adults can receive free notarization services on a first-come, first-served basis.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Fall Family Fun Fest

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

2349 N. KEYSTONE WAY

Enjoy a day of family fun featuring basketball, cornhole, BBQ, games, activities, prizes, and more.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 & 28, 2026

MNO (Monday Night Occasion)

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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

Families can enjoy an hour of creative play, art, games, and activities together.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Thing 1, Thing 2, and You!

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

2605 E. 25TH STREET, ROOM 305

Enjoy Dr. Seuss-themed activities, light refreshments, and giveaways for children.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Community Baby Shower

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE

Join us as we celebrate and support moms in the community!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Little Sprouts

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM

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

Create a tiny terrarium while learning about plants in this hands-on workshop.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

Meal Planning Made Simple

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Learn simple strategies for planning balanced, practical meals and saving time throughout the week.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Paint Your Peace Rock!

2605 E. 25TH STREET, ROOM 305

Come paint, connect, and create something that brings a little more joy to your day. Contact vjoor@ednamartincc.org for more info and time!

BRIGHT NEWS

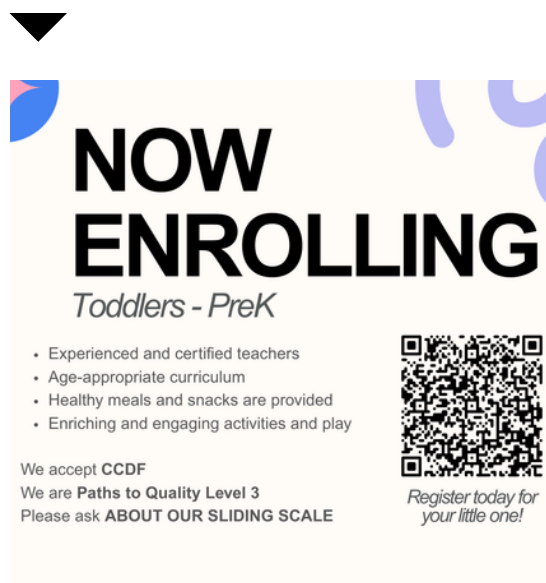
What is happening in Martindale Brightwood?

NOW ENROLLING

Toddlers - PreK

Experienced and certified teachers. Age-appropriate curriculum. Healthy meals and snacks are provided. Enriching and engaging activities and play.

We accept CCDF. We are Paths to Quality Level 3. Please ask ABOUT OUR SLIDING SCALE. Contact Halima Halls (hnalls@ednamartincc.org) for more information.



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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!



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!



Keep an eye out!

We will be having a sneak peak of what is coming in December!

We look forward to sharing more details soon!

Kroger Community Rewards info

Link your Kroger Shopper's Card to Edna Martin Christian Center and Kroger will donate a portion of eligible purchases - at no extra cost to you!

Sign up: Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) → Community Rewards → Search Edna Martin Christian Center or NPO #35-1072577 → Enroll.

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!

