

OCTOBER 2026
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*Happy Halloween,
Everybody!*

Why don't mummies take time off?
- They are afraid to unwind.

It's October! As families and neighbors embrace the Halloween season, we at Edna Martin Christian Center celebrate the joy of community, creativity, and togetherness. This season is a reminder that there is always room for fun, connection, and kindness. Thank you for being part of our EMCC family as we continue bringing people together and building a stronger community. 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.

Monday Night Occasion

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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

Family play with art, games, and activities.

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.

News and Nibbles

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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

Discuss current news while enjoying snacks.

WED

Senior Bible Study

11:00AM – 12:00PM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.

Sunny Play

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

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

Open-ended sensory play for young children.

Sunshine Storytime

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Stories, songs, and movement for young children.

Digital Skills Workshop Series

11:00AM – 12:00PM

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

- Computers for Beginners (Oct 7)
- Email for Beginners (Oct 10)
- Microsoft Word (Oct 21)
- Microsoft Excel (Oct 28)

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.

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.

So What

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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

A safe after-school space for teens to relax and socialize.

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>

FRI

Hello, Friday!

OCTOBER 9, 23 ONLY

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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

Storytime followed by a simple family activity.

SAT

Scouts 123/9590

10:00AM – 11:30AM

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY CENTER, 2259 RALSTON AVE.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

Infant Safety Event

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

HAWTHORNE COMMUNITY CENTER,
2440 W OHIO ST

Learn about safe sleep practices, receive helpful resources, and connect with community partners.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

Senior Resources

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE

What Resources are near you as a Senior?

OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 16

Fall Break Camp 2026

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE

"Powered by Purpose" gives children ages 5–14 opportunities for learning, growth, service, leadership, and fun.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

Protecting Your Wishes

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE

Learn about funeral and burial options, advance planning, funding, and protecting your family.

OCTOBER 13 – OCTOBER 15, 2026

Rise Up and Go

RESOURCE FAIR: 6:00 PM

REVIVAL SERVICE: 7:00 PM

EMMAUS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 5530 E
38TH STREET

Connect with churches and community organizations offering resources for health, education, food, mental health, and more.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

Support Breastfeed Mothers

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

2605 E 25TH STREET

Learn how to support breastfeeding mothers through physical recovery, emotional support, and practical help.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

My Smart Money Open House

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

2605 E 25TH STREET, SUITE 118 (SOC
ROOM)

Explore financial resources and services designed to help neighbors manage money and build financial confidence.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

Orchard Escape

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

2605 E 25TH STREET (ROOM 305)

Enjoy STEM, art, gross motor activities, a photo booth, apple nachos, and refreshments.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

Save the Date Ribbon Cutting!

STARTS AT 10:00 AM

2605 E 25TH STREET

Celebrate the completion of Phase 1 renovations with refreshments, an open house, and a look at the updated community spaces.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

Trunk or Treat

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

2259 RALSTON AVE

Enjoy games, live music, decorated trunks, candy, a costume contest, and community fun. Register Today!



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

Play & Learn with Gymboree

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY

Babies and toddlers ages 6–36 months can explore sensory play, songs, and early social play.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

Indiana Animals for Toddlers

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY

Young children can learn about animals native to Indiana through an interactive program.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

Free Notarization Services

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

Waterway Exploration

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY

Explore waterways through hands-on challenges.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

Marvelous Magnetic Bookmarks

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY

Children ages 6–12 can create custom magnetic bookmarks while exploring art and magnets.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

Teen Build It

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY

Teens can learn basic woodworking skills and create a functional planter box.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

Storytime with Professor Watermelon

6:30 PM – 7:15 PM

MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY

Children ages 2–6 can learn about the importance of trees through an engaging storytime.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

Crafter Hours Late Night Crafting

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY

Adults and seniors can drop in to learn a new craft or work on a creative project.

BRIGHT NEWS

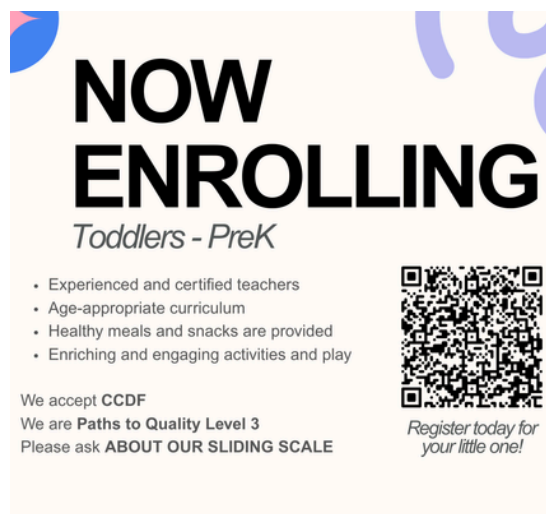
What is happening in Martindale Brightwood?

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 (hhalls@ednamartincc.org) for more information.



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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!



Trunk or Treat

Each year, EMCC brings families together for Trunk or Treat! Enjoy games, music, decorated trunks, candy, and Halloween fun on Friday, October 30, 2026, at the Leadership & Legacy Center.

RSVP today!



Wonder Shop

The Wonder Shop at Edna Martin Christian Center is coming soon; more information will be revealed as soon as possible! Keep a lookout! For now, we have ways to donate, sponsor, and volunteer with the QR code!

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!

