

Dear Participants and Donors,

Thank you.

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of everyone at the Main Street Community Center, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and participation.

Your contributions, whether through generous donations or active involvement in our programs, have been instrumental in helping us achieve our mission. Thanks to your support, we have been able to provide a wide range of services and activities that enrich the lives of our senior community members.

To our participants, your enthusiasm and engagement bring life to our center. Whether you are attending classes, volunteering, or simply spending time with us, you create a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere that makes the Main Street Community Center a special place.

To our donors, your generosity ensures that we can continue to offer valuable resources and opportunities to everyone who walks through our doors. Your financial support allows us to maintain our facilities, expand our programs, and reach more people in need.

Together, we are building a stronger, more connected community. We are incredibly grateful for your dedication and commitment to our cause. Thank you for being an essential part of our MSCC family.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Jessica Johnson, Executive Director

Main Street Community Center CONNECTION

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Celebrating 50 years of Senior Services!

NOVEMBER 2024

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more."
-Oprah Winfrey*



ANNUAL FUND DRIVE 2024 CAN YOU HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE?

50K in 50 DAYS

With the help of generous donors like you, Main Street Community Center served **1,072** community members through engaging programs and meaningful services this past year:

- We provided **4,938** door-to-door rides to senior citizens and disabled adults.
- Our volunteers delivered **7,964** meals to homebound seniors.
 - 1,244** community meals were served at the Center
- Activities and programs had **5,016** individual check-ins!

Main Street Community Center is celebrating 50 years of service to our local area seniors. During those years, we have realized that it is not about what we can do within a building, but what we can do when we think about the people we serve with meaningful programs and realize the tremendous possibilities for our community.

As we begin our Annual Fund Campaign, we have set a goal to reach **\$50,000 in the next 50 days**. For those of you who have already donated, we are most grateful. If you have not yet donated, we are asking that you please consider helping Main Street Community Center who provides services free of charge for your parents, your aunt and uncle, your neighbors, your friends and you as our main focus.

Donations given through our annual fund campaign support the Center's operational budget so we can fulfill our mission to continue to provide a broad range of activities and services that respond to the needs and interests of our community free of charge. MSCC is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and donations are tax-exempt to the extent of the law.

Please see the back page of our newsletter for ways to give. **Thank you** for your consideration.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS

VOLUNTEER

Pam



If you have had the pleasure of meeting Pam, you know she's the life of the party! She brings laughter and fun to all she does. Here at the Center, you may find her at the front desk, at a Board Meeting, or helping with the Resale Boutique (including modeling unique finds).

PARTICIPANT

Kay



Kay signed up as a participant a few months ago. She has enjoyed making new friends and playing bingo on Fridays. Kay also enjoyed travelling with the Center on our Kentucky Dinner Train trip and Kimmswick shopping trip.

TRIVIA NIGHT 2024

Emcees
Billy & Judi
From Billy & Judi in the Morning
KLOU 103.3 & iHeart Radio

Additional Sponsors:

Underwritten by:

FRI NOV 8

\$25/PERSON TABLE OF 8

TEASE YOUR BRAIN WITH USA THEMED QUESTIONS, RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL SENIORS AND DISABLED ADULTS. WIN CASH PRIZES! BEER & SODA INCLUDED WITH TICKET

EDWARDSVILLE MOOSE LODGE 7371 MARINE RD. EDWARDSVILLE	DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:00 PM
REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MAINSTCC.ORG	QUESTIONS? CALL: 618-656-0300

VETERANS LUNCH 2024

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

12:00PM DINE-IN LUNCH FOLLOWED BY MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT 1:00PM

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT BY

CURBSIDE PICK UP AND DELIVERY OPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE

FREE FOR ALL U.S. VETERANS & ONE GUEST
ADDITIONAL MEALS AVAILABLE - \$14 /PERSON
lunch includes: salad, pork loin, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 1:
618-656-0300 OR INFO@MAINSTCC.ORG**

THANK YOU TO OUR stars and stripes SPONSORS:

Additional sponsorships provided by:

Travel with Main Street Community Center

Overnight Trips

Elvis Presley's Graceland
May 19-22, 2025
Double: \$1,835/person
Single: \$2,395/person
Deposit: \$50/person
Close to Mother's Day, why not make it a Mother/Daughter trip?

Switzerland, Austria, Bavaria
Aug. 27 - Sept. 5, 2025
Double: \$4,899/person
Single: \$5,499/person
Deposit: \$698/person
Only two different hotels! You won't be dragging luggage all over Europe every other day.

Coastal Virginia & Outer Banks
September 20-27, 2025
Double: \$2,410/person
Single: \$3,090/person
Deposit: \$50/person

Day Trips

Tree-Mendous Holly-day Trip
December 17th, 2024
\$140/person
Almost sold out!

SCAN ME

Visit our website for more trip information.
www.mainstcc.org

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CENTER

Volunteer

We have several volunteer opportunities available including front desk receptionist, meal delivery, event set-up/tear down, kitchen cleaning and light outside work. If you are interested, please call the Center at 618-656-0300 or email us at info@mainstcc.org for more information.

Donate

The Center has proudly been serving our senior community since 1975 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We pride ourselves in offering free programming, activities, and information for our local senior community. These programs are only available due to the support that local organizations and individuals give. Please consider a donation today to maintain our programs for tomorrow.

AT CENTER

Drop off a donation in our drop box.

PLEDGE

Pledge a monthly donation. Contact business@mainstcc.org to set up a reoccurring draft.

MAIL

Main Street Community Center
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Edwardsville, IL 62025

SCAN



CLICK

Donate Online:
www.mainstcc.org
make a payment tab

Shop

Come check out our Resale Boutique located inside the Center! We have many great finds that change daily! Most items priced between \$1-\$5. Bring your friends! Open M-F 9 am - 3 pm.

Sponsorships

Most of our programs are sponsored by individuals, organizations, or businesses. For a list of current sponsorships needed for the Center, please email Jessica at Jessica@mainstcc.org

Attend a Fundraiser

Showing support through attending events is a fun way to get involved and help the Center! Fundraising events include:

- Travel Trips! - Explore the US and the world with your Main Street friends. Book through us for any Collette or Presley trip and the Center will receive a portion of your total back. Email travel@mainstcc.org for more info.
- Trivia Night & Chicken Dinner Fundraiser
- Raffles & Specialty Sales

Plan

Planned giving is a crucial factor in funding for many non-profit organizations. There are several ways you can build a lasting legacy at the Center.

- Talk to your financial advisor about ways to donate that will help the Center and offer a tax break.
- If you are still in the work force, check with your HR office to see if they offer matching donor benefits.
- Bequests are also a lasting way to show your support. Talk with your legal advisor regarding ways you can name Main Street Community Center in your will or as a benefactor of donations in your memory.



2024 Annual Fund Donation Card

Donor Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: H (____) _____ - _____ C (____) _____ - _____
 Email: _____



Yes! I would like to make a contribution of:

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$_____ OTHER

Please contact me to set up a monthly draft.

Make checks payable to: Main Street Community Center
 To make a credit card payment, please call 618-656-0300, use QR Code above, or visit our website, www.mainstcc.org to make a secure donation.

\$_____ monthly contribution

Thank you for your thoughtful donation!
 Because of you, Main Street Community Center can continue to provide free programming and services to our local area seniors and disabled adults.



Golden Road to the Gala November Event Details

6th – Veteran’s Luncheon: Free lunch for Veteran and 1 guest. Registration Required.

8th – Trivia Night: At the Moose Lodge. Register today!

11th – Veteran’s Day Parade: Ride or walk with the Center in the Veteran’s Day Parade. Call to sign up.

13th – Kindness Day: Help us do 50 random acts of kindness in the community.

15th – Christmas Cards for Veteran’s: Come by the Center to make/sign Christmas cards that will be sent to veterans and service members. Sponsored by: Rodney Shrum

21st – Golden Pinochle: Wear gold. We’ll have golden treats!

26th - Thankful Day: Join us for a day of thanks!



Are you interested in gardening?

Email Jessica @ jessica@mainstcc.org or call 618-656-0300 to find out more information on our new garden club starting this fall.

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Wednesday, November 13, 2024



We are encouraging 50 participants to complete an act of kindness to spread joy in our community. Whether it's a smile, helping a neighbor, or volunteering, every act counts! After spreading kindness, stop by the Center for a "kind" treat as a thank you for making the world a better place! Brought to you as a part of our Road to the 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration.



Wednesday, December 11, 2024
9:30am-11:30am

by appointment only

Free Services Available*

Dog	Cat
*Canine Distemper / Parvo Vaccine	*Feline FVRCP vaccine
*Bordetella (kennel cough) Vaccine	*1 yr Rabies Vaccine
*1 yr Rabies Vaccine	*Microchip
*Microchip	

*Clinic clients will be responsible for the Madison County Rabies registration fee: \$15 spayed / neutered pet \$30 for non-neutered / non-spayed pet



MSCC AT SIUE

FREE TICKETS TO MENS BASKETBALL GAME!
Saturday, November 23rd

Join us for a fun night cheering on our local SIUE Men’s Basketball Team. Transportation provided.

Call the Center at 618-656-0300 or email info@mainstcc.org to reserve your ticket!

Only 30 tickets available!



CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SERVING SENIORS: JOIN US FOR AN 8-MONTH JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY OF MAIN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER



PART 4

Senior Citizens Organize Edwardsville Intelligencer - June 23, 1973

About 225 Edwardsville area senior citizens filled the meeting room at Montclair Bowl Thursday afternoon to organize the first club for seniors here.

The group elected A.F. Meyer president, and approved four other officers: Louis Perini, first vice president; Lucille McClean, second vice president; Helen Rinkel, secretary; and William Homann, treasurer.

The seniors generally agreed that persons 55 years old and over would be eligible to take part in club functions, but that a strict minimum age would not be enforced. For the time being, apparently, the club is primarily for seniors in Edwardsville Township.

The group heard Mayor Clyde Hartung say that refurbishing of the old Catholic Newman Center on Crane Street is moving ahead. The center, informally known as the St. Mary’s Cottage, will be leased by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield to the senior group as a meeting place. The building, a one-story frame house, will be called the Senior Citizens Cottage.

Kay Kendall, a member of a support committee established to help get a senior club going, described plans for remodeling the old Rohrkaste Dairy building at 1003 N Main St. Eden United Church of Christ, which owns the building, is considering making it available to the senior club. The church council has so recommended, but the matter must still be approved by the entire congregation.

Remodeling plans, copies of which were passed out at yesterday’s meeting, were drawn up by Mrs. Kendall’s son, Stephen Kendall, a graduate student in planning and urban design at Washington University, St. Louis.

The senior group is still trying to get the estimated \$17,000 needed for remodeling the Rohrkaste building. The Eden council recommended the building be made available to the seniors provided they can get the remodeling money by September.

The group has been attempting to secure Edwardsville Township revenue-sharing funds for the project, but whether this can be done remained in doubt yesterday.

Township Supervisor Hays Mallory spoke briefly to the group yesterday, but was non-committal about the use of revenue-sharing money for remodeling.

Mallory said he sought an opinion on the matter from R. Dale Yung, legal counsel for the Illinois Department of Local Government Affairs in Springfield.

Yung said that the township can spend funds for the “operation and maintenance” of a senior center. Hill was then asked to rule on whether remodeling could be considered operation or maintenance, and he ruled that it could not, according to Mallory. Mallory said privately that he was concerned that a senior citizens center here would not serve all township citizens, or even a majority of senior citizens, and that he feared the township would be faced with taxpayer suits if it spends revenue-sharing money on the center.

He told the seniors publicly that he would be glad to discuss the revenue-sharing question with any of the seniors who cared to see him in his office.

He said one problem with revenue-sharing money is that “there are a million strings attached to it”.

Mrs. Kendall told the Intelligencer this morning that her group does not plan to give up on the township yet, and that she still believes there is a chance to get revenue-sharing funds.

The group also heard from Floyd Galliher of Alton, president of the Illinois State Council of Senior Citizens Organizations, who told the local seniors there were enough present at the meeting to form two senior clubs.

Mrs. Kendall passed out copies of a suggested weekly schedule of events as an example of the kinds of activities for seniors which could take place at the two senior centers here - the cottage and the Rohrkaste building.

Included are chorus rehearsals, exercise sessions, lectures on nutrition, religions and home economics, plus classes in defensive driving, bus tours, meetings, movies, crafts and sewing, and periods for reading, relaxing, and drinking coffee.








Mrs. Kendall said the committee envisions using the Rohrkaste building as the primary senior center and using the cottage as a crafts center.

Apparently, the cottage will serve as the primary center for the time being. The group announced plans for a potluck lunch at the cottage late next month.

The cottage has been secured for the group by Edwardsville mayor Clyde Hartung. One of the seniors, Lucille Maloney, praised Hartung for his efforts and asked the seniors to give him a standing ovation. They did.

We hope you enjoyed a part of our history at Main Street. Stay tuned for Part 5 of our history series next month!

NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
 <p>Center Hours: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday - Friday</p>	<p>Check us out! www.mainstcc.org www.facebook.com/mainstcc info@mainstcc.org</p>			<p>Film Friday titles are not guaranteed. If the film listed becomes unavailable, we will substitute for a similar film.</p>	<p>1 11:00am Film Friday: Coco 12:00pm Contract Bridge 1:00pm Bingo</p>	
	<p>4 12:00pm Pinochle*</p>	<p>5 9:30am Walking Club: SIUE Gardens 12:15pm Functional Fitness 12:30pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Evening Book Club: <i>Differ We Must</i> by Steve Inskeep</p>	<p>6 12:00pm Veteran's Lunch* 1:00pm Benefit Access* 7:00pm Tai Chi**</p> <p><i>Veteran's Lunch</i></p>	<p>7 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In)</p>	<p>8 11:00am Film Friday: Gifted 12:00pm Contract Bridge 1:00pm Bingo 6:00pm MSCC Trivia Night</p> <p><i>Trivia Night at Edwardsville Moose Lodge</i></p>	
	<p>*activities require appointments/prior registration **activities have a fee and require prior registration</p>	<p>11 Center Closed</p>  <p><i>Veteran's Parade at 3 pm Downtown Edwardsville</i></p>	<p>12 9:30am Walking Club: Joe Glik Park 12:15pm Line Dancing 12:30pm Mah Jongg</p>	<p>13 10:00am Technology Drop-In Help 5:00pm Dining With Friends: El Maguey** 7:00pm Tai Chi**</p> <p><i>Kindness Day</i> </p>	<p>14 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 11:00am Blood Pressure Screenings 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 1:00pm Afternoon Book Club: <i>The Last Days of Ellis Island</i> by Gaelle Josse/Natasha Lehrer</p>	<p>15 11:00am Film Friday: Sense and Sensibility 12:00pm Contract Bridge 1:00pm Bingo</p> <p><i>Make a Christmas Card for Veterans</i></p>
		<p>18 12:00pm Pinochle*</p>	<p>19 9:00am Paralegal* 9:30am Walking Club: Schon Park 12:15pm Functional Fitness 12:30pm Mah Jongg</p>	<p>20 9:00am Coffee & Conversations 12:30pm Watercolor Class* 1:00pm Bunco 7:00pm Tai Chi**</p> <p>Solar Energy Presentation & Lunch 11:30am; Reg. Required*</p>	<p>21 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In)</p> <p><i>Golden Pinochle</i></p>	<p>22 11:00am Film Friday: Funny Thing About Love 1:00pm Bingo</p>
	<p>50 YEARS</p> <p><i>Golden Road to the Gala events will appear in gold</i></p>	<p>25 9:30am Euchre 11:00am Blood Pressure Screenings 12:00pm Pinochle*</p>	<p>26 9:30am Walking Club: LeClaire Park 12:15pm Line Dancing 12:30pm Mah Jongg 4:00pm Happy Hour** Brick + Bramble</p> <p><i>Thankful Day</i> </p>	<p>27 Center Closed</p>	<p>28 Center Closed </p>	<p>29 Center Closed</p>
	<p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p>					