



Leave a Review!

Let the community know why you love Main Street Community Center!



Yes! I want to support Main Street Community Center!

I want to help Main Street Community Center as they support local seniors and disabled adults with essential and valuable programs and services by donating to the Center.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check enclosed, payable to **MSCC**.

Paying by credit card:

CC# _____

Exp Date _____ CVV _____

Billing Zip Code _____

Signature _____

Use this QR Code to make a donation online!



My employer _____ will match this amount: \$ _____.

Yes! Please contact me to process my donation on debit card/credit card or to learn more about a monthly contribution through automatic payment.

Please make checks payable to Main Street Community Center (or MSCC)

MSCC is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

We love having you here.



"I love all of the friendships I have developed with my coworkers and the participants!"
- Jennifer



"The sole purpose for the existence of the Center is to bring people together. What could be better?"
- Valerie



"I love the camaraderie of the staff and the interaction with participants!"
- Kelly



"Being a part of this community is such a blessing. The staff, volunteers and participants have become a second family!"
- Carissa



"I love being a part of a place where the staff, volunteers, and participants bring such joy and energy to our community."
- Jessica



"It's been a great experience to see bonds form between participants and staff. These bonds then extend out into the greater community."
- Sherri



"I love the atmosphere."
- Lewis



"The participants brighten my day"
-Lori

CONTACT US

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Where there is love,
there is life."
-Mahatma Gandhi

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS

VOLUNTEER Mr. Kinney



Mr. Kinney has been our Spanish teacher here at MSCC for several years now. His passion for the Spanish language has given many of our participants a chance to learn a new language skill when they may not have otherwise had the opportunity. Through his work, he is making a lasting difference!

PARTICIPANT Tena



Tena is a regular visitor at the Center. You might find her socializing at any number of activities, but especially those involving art! An avid dog lover and a friendly face, we love having Tena at the Center!

FEBRUARY 2025 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	3 12:00pm Pinochle*	4 12:15pm Functional Fitness 12:30pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Evening Book Club: <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> by Zora Neale Hurston	5 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 12:30pm Watercolor Class* 1:00pm Benefit Access* 7:00pm Tai Chi** <i>Valentine's Card Making</i>	6 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group	7 11:00am Film Friday: <i>His Girl Friday</i> 12:00pm Souper Bowl Lunch 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo <i>Souper Soup Bowl Party</i>
Center Hours: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday - Friday	10 9:30am Euchre 12:00pm Pinochle*	11 12:15pm Line Dancing 12:30pm Mah Jongg <i>Golden Mah Jong</i>	12 9:30am Pet Vaccine Clinic* 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 10:00am Technology Drop-In Help 11:00am Blood Pressure Screenings 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 5:00pm Dining with friends: Mio Osteria**  7:00pm Tai Chi**	13 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 1:00pm Afternoon Book Club: Call for book info 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group	14 11:00am Film Friday: <i>Love Story</i> 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo  <i>Valentine's Day</i>
*activities require appointments/prior registration **activities have a fee and require prior registration	17  Center Closed	18 9:00am Paralegal* 9:00am Advanced Spanish** 10:00am Beginning Spanish** 10:00am IAC Playwriting Workshop* 11:00am Intermediate Spanish** 12:15pm Functional Fitness 12:30pm Mah Jongg	19 8:00am Golden Breakfast** 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 12:30pm Watercolor Class* 1:00pm Bunco 7:00pm Tai Chi** <i>Golden Breakfast at Golden Oak</i>	20 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group	21 11:00am Film Friday: <i>About Fate</i> 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo
Film Friday titles are not guaranteed. If the film listed becomes unavailable, we will substitute for a similar film.	24 9:30am Euchre 12:00pm Pinochle*	25 9:00am Advanced Spanish** 10:00am Beginning Spanish** 10:00am IAC Playwriting Workshop* 11:00am Intermediate Spanish** 12:15pm Line Dancing 12:30pm Mah Jongg	26 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 10:00am Technology Drop-In Help 11:00am Blood Pressure Screenings 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 4:00pm Happy Hour: Peel**  7:00pm Tai Chi**	27 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group	28 11:00am Film Friday: <i>Charade (1963)</i> 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo
 <i>Golden Road to the Gala events will appear in gold</i>	Check us out! www.mainstcc.org www.facebook.com/mainstcc info@mainstcc.org				



Golden Road to the Gala February Event Details

5th – Valentine’s Day Card Making

7th – Super Bowl Soup Party: Try a variety of soups and let us know which one is your favorite!

11th – Golden Mah Jongg: Wear gold or yellow and enjoy some golden treats while you play!

14th– Valentine’s Day: wear pink and red, flower to first 50 people

19th – Golden Breakfast at Golden Oak:

Join us for a community breakfast at Golden Oak! Participants will pay for own meal. A great time to meet some new friends and enjoy breakfast together!
Address: 6663 Edwardsville Crossing, Suite A
RSVP at: 618-656-0300 so we can give the restaurant a heads up.

PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP SERIES

BEGINS TUESDAY FEB 18, 2025
10AM

In collaboration with local playwright ek doolin we are offering a FREE 12-week workshop that culminates in A PLAY WRITTEN BY THE CLASS & PERFORMED FOR THE COMMUNITY*

For more information & sign up: 618-656-0300

Illinois ARTS Council
Main Street Community Center acknowledges generous support from

LEARN SPANISH

8 Week Course
February 18th - April 8th
Meets on Tuesdays

Beginning Spanish For those wanting to learn basics of Spanish	10:00am to 11:00am
Intermediate Spanish For those who have a base knowledge of Spanish.	11:00am to 12:00pm
Advanced Spanish For those who have attended a previous Intermediate level session.	9:00am to 10:00am

We will be using Spanish Now! Level 1; 8th edition by Barron's.
Purchase the book on your own or ask us to order for you. Book will cost \$30.

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



PART 7 Calling in the Reserves

Members of the 219th Transportation Company, U.S. Army Reserves, of Wood River, are helping get the old Rohrkaste Dairy building remodeled as a senior citizens center for Edwardsville. Above, some of the men spent this morning doing preliminary cleanup work at the building at 1003 N Main St., working under group leader William E Reker of Edwardsville. The reservists, trained to do aircraft repair, often carry out community service projects on weekends in the area, Reker said. The 186-man unit is headed by Capt. Jack Hornbuckle and 1st Sgt James Brendel of Edwardsville. Efforts are continuing to determine whether the city can operate the senior center, or whether the job should be done by a private, non-profit corporation, according to Edwardsville Mayor Clyde Hartung. Another meeting of the building’s owners, Eden United Church of Christ, and city officials is set for Wednesday. “When details are worked out, the reservists will do much of the interior remodeling at Rohrkaste.”, the Mayor said.

We hope you enjoyed a part of our history at Main Street. Stay tuned for Part 8 of our 8-part history series next month!

Main Street Community Center

50th Year Celebration Gala

THURSDAY | MARCH 27TH 2025 | 5:30 PM

LeClaire Room, Edwardsville

TICKETS: \$50

COCKTAIL HOUR 5:30 - 6:30 PM
DINNER 6:30 - 7:30 PM
PROGRAM 7:30 - 8:30 PM
DINNER BY BELLA MILANO
CASH BAR (1 DRINK INCLUDED)
LIVE MUSIC BY EHS ALUMNI PLAYERS!

Event generously underwritten by:
Harry & Carol Windland

Serving local area seniors since 1975!

To reserve a table or individual ticket, call the Center at 618-656-0300 or use the QR code to purchase tickets online.
Business/Cocktail Dress

Save the Dates

AARP SMART DRIVING

- REFRESH YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON THE BASICS OF DRIVING SAFELY
- CONTACT YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY ABOUT POSSIBLE DISCOUNTS
- MUST ATTEND BOTH CLASS DAYS
- AARP MEMBERS \$20; NON-MEMBERS \$25

APRIL 7TH & 8TH
8AM - 12 PM
MAIN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER

GOLDEN BREAKFAST AT GOLDEN OAK

19 FEB 2025

8:00 am

WITH Main Street Community Center Celebrating 50 Years 1975-2025

RSVP - 618-656-0300

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TRAVEL WITH US! - OVERNIGHT & INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

ELVIS PRESLEY'S GRACELAND

May 19 - 22, 2025
 \$1,835 / person, double occupancy
 \$50 deposit, non-refundable
 Final payment due March 20, 2025

Presley Tours Trip: Includes motor coach transportation, lodging & 8 meals. A few tour highlights include: City tour of Memphis, Graceland, National Civil Rights Museum and King's Palace Cafe.



GREAT MOTHER'S DAY/GIRLS TRIP!

DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

August 27 - September 5, 2025
 \$4,899 / person, double occupancy
 \$698 deposit due, non-refundable
 Insurance \$549
 Final payment due February 28, 2025

Collette Tours Trip: Includes airfare, transfers, lodging, 13 meals, and travel insurance. Tour includes Bern, Habkern, Lucerne, Lichtenstein, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Bavaria! Highlights: Alphorn Maker, Yodeling Demo, Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter's Restaurant.



ONLY TWO HOTEL STAYS!

COASTAL VIRGINIA & THE OUTER BANKS

September 20 - 27, 2025
 \$2,410 / person, double occupancy
 \$50 deposit due, non-refundable
 Final payment due August 6, 2025

Presley Tours Trip: Includes motor coach transportation, lodging, tips, gratuity for tour director & 10 meals. A few tour highlights include: Wright Brothers Museum, Kill Devil Hills, Colonial Williamsburg, Casemate Museum, Naval Base Cruise, Shirley Plantation.



5 NIGHTS SAME HOTEL! OCEAN VIEWS!

BRANSON CHRISTMAS

November 11-13, 2025
 \$935 / person, double occupancy
 \$50 deposit due, non-refundable
 Veteran's Discount - \$100 off!
 Final payment due September 26, 2025

Presley Tours Trip: Includes motor coach transportation, lodging, tips, gratuity for tour director & 5 meals. A few tour highlights include: Grand Jubilee, Guided Tour of Branson, Daniel O'Donnell Show, Presley's Country Jubilee Show, Veteran's Honored.



GREAT TRIP FOR VETERANS!

Top 8 on why Travel is so great!

- Enhanced Physical Health:** Engaging in travel activities like walking, sightseeing, and participating in leisure activities can improve physical fitness and mobility.
- Mental Stimulation:** Traveling to new destinations, learning about different cultures, and navigating new environments help keep the mind sharp and active.
- Emotional Well-being:** Travel provides opportunities for relaxation, stress reduction, and a break from routine, which can boost mood and overall happiness.
- Social Connections:** Meeting new people, making friends, and reconnecting with family and friends during travel can enhance social interaction and reduce feelings of isolation.
- Life Satisfaction:** Exploring new places and creating memorable experiences contribute to a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment.
- Personal Growth:** Travel encourages stepping out of one's comfort zone, embracing new experiences, and fostering adaptability and resilience.
- Learning Opportunities:** Traveling often involves discovering new interests, acquiring knowledge about history, art, and culture, and expanding one's horizons.
- Sense of Adventure:** Embracing the spirit of adventure and spontaneity can lead to exciting discoveries and enrich the travel experience.

DAY TRIPS TO BE ANNOUNCED THIS SPRING!

Thank you, Edwardsville Parks and Recreation for your continued support of our ESCAPE Day Trip program for local area seniors.



WE APPRECIATE YOU!

THANK YOU, DONORS FOR THE LOVE YOU SHOW THE CENTER!

We would not be able to operate without the financial support of individuals and local businesses and corporations. Thank you to those who have donated funds to our Annual Fund Drive this year. With your support, we are able to continue to provide free programs and services for our senior community. Contributions are vital for the overall operations of our organization. as an independent non-profit. A comprehensive list of donors may be found on our website.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We LOVE our volunteers! We cannot thank them enough for all they have done for our Center & the community. We rely on hundreds of volunteers to help with delivering meals, greeting visitors and answering phones, leading activities, organizing the resale boutique, building and grounds maintenance, serving on Center committees and much more.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER, CONTACT: info@mainstcc.org or 618-656-0300

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT OUR MEALS PROGRAM

We want to help our home-delivered meal clients feel special, so we have local restaurants and caterers who rotate to provide a special Restaurant Thursday meal every quarter. In addition, we deliver a special birthday treat to them on their special day and they receive fresh produce twice a month. We are grateful to all of them:

- Artisan 222 Bakery
- Clean EatZ
- Doc's Smokehouse
- Teaspoons Cafe
- Big Daddy's
- Creations by KiKi
- GC Cuisine
- Weeping Willow Tea Room
- Cafe Birdie
- Culver's
- Joe's Market Basket
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (produce)
- Chicken Salad Chick
- Dierberg's
- McAlister's Deli

IF YOU OWN A RESTAURANT THAT IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A RESTAURANT THURSDAY PARTNER, CONTACT: Jennifer Jackstadt, Nutrition Coordinator - jennifer@mainstcc.org or 618-656-0300

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WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT & LANDLORD

Contributions to the Center from the City, the Village and the Township support essential services of nutrition and transportation. We also receive funding from the City to support our day trip program. Eden Church, our landlord, leases the property to the Center for \$1/year. We maintain the building and grounds and provide insurance reimbursement, but the low rent is a great support to our operations and mission to serve the community.

