

Main Street Community Center

1003 North Main Street
Edwardsville, IL 62025

618.656.0300

www.mainstcc.org

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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:

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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.

Main Street Community Center CONNECTION

VOLUME 19, ISSUE 1

Celebrating 50 years of seniors services!

JANUARY 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Poem by Pastor Karl Kindt of Eden Church

At 1003 North Main Street, a warm light gleams.
The Main Street Community Center, a beacon of
dreams.

In Edwardsville's heart, a welcoming space.
For seniors to gather, to make a happy place.
The card games are shuffled, the stories unfold.
Bingo calls out, and memories are told.
The Bunco dice rattle, the bridge hands are played.
Friendships rekindled, in comfort and shade.
The kitchen delivers a meal, warm and bright.
Volunteers bring comfort, day and through the
night.

Transportation's offered, a helping, steady hand.
For those who seek senior peace across the
Edwardsville land.

In the cozy corner, a book club may meet.
Conversations flow, lively and sweet.

They stretch and they strengthen, with Tai Chi's soft
grace.

A fitness for bodies, a smile on each face.
It's more than a building, with its brick and its door.
It's a place for seniors to start a new chapter, and
so much more.

A place where the golden years blossom and
grow.

In the heart of Edwardsville, where warm
friendships flow.

CONTACT US

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Operating Hours:
Monday-Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

CENTER STAFF

Jessica Johnson
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Travel Coordinator

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Volunteer Coordinator

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Driver

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Driver

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*You are never too old to
set another goal or to
dream a new dream.*

- C.S. Lewis

Main Street
Community Center
People. Programs. Possibilities.





MAIN STREET
Resale Boutique
1003 NORTH MAIN STREET
EDWARDSVILLE, IL
HOURS: 9AM-3PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

Spring

PURSE & JEWELRY SALE

Many styles and prices to choose from. All like new! Prices range from \$1-\$100

Stop by and see what you can find! Each purchase will enter you in our "Fill your purse" raffle drawing!

March 16th & 17th

All proceeds from this sale will go towards providing services and programs for seniors and adults with disabilities.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

AT
Main Street Community Center
1003 N. Main Street
Edwardsville, IL 62025



JOIN US!
January 21st @ 9 am
Topic: Senior Law

DINING WITH FRIENDS

AT SUGOS SPAGHETTERIA
243 HARVARD DR, EDWARDSVILLE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH
AT 5PM



Call the Center at 618-656-0300 or email info@mainstcc.org to register



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Monday, January 5th - 11am - 12pm
Monday, January 26th - 12pm - 1pm

Main Street Community Center

Tech Drop In Help

At Main Street Community Center

January 7th & 21st
10am

In partnership with:
EDWARDSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Main Street Community Center
People. Programs. Possibilities.

Join us for

BINGO

at
Main Street Community Center
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Every Friday at 1:00 pm


Happy Hour

With
Main Street Community Center

JOIN US AT
BRICK + BRAMBLE
2323 PLUM ST, EDWARDSVILLE
ON TUESDAY
JANUARY 28TH AT 4PM

Please Call the Center at 618-656-0300 to register so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

Mark your calendars! The Center will be closed on the following dates in 2026.



Thursday, January 1, 2026
Friday, January 2, 2026
Monday, January 19, 2026
Monday, February 16, 2026
Tuesday, April 2, 2026
Friday, April 3, 2026
Monday, April 6, 2026
Monday, May 25, 2026
Friday, June 19, 2026
Friday, July 3, 2026
Monday, September 7, 2026
Monday, October 12, 2026
Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Thursday, November 26, 2026
Friday, November 27, 2026
Monday, December 21, 2026
Wednesday, December 22, 2026 -
Thursday December 31 2026

New Year's Day
Holiday Break
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Presidents' Day
Closed for Staff Development – Meals only
Good Friday
Spring Break
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Indigenous Peoples' Day
Veterans Day
Day prior to Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Closed for Staff Christmas Party - Meals only
Holiday Break

global talks

THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH 1:30-2:30PM

Spain

Presented by Dr. Olga Bezhanova



Main Street Community Center

EDWARDSVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Sponsored by:

TRAVEL WITH US! - OVERNIGHT & INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

TEXAS BLUEBONNET TRAIL

April 17 - 23, 2026
\$2,350/ person, double occupancy
\$50 deposit, non-refundable
Final payment due March 3, 2026

Presley Tours Trip: Includes motor coach transportation, lodging, 7 meals, and gratuity for Tour Director and Driver are included. Tour Includes Oklahoma City, Dallas, Grune/New Braunfels, San Antonio, Fredericksburg, and Waco - Hope AR! A few highlights include: The Alamo, River Cruise, San Fernando Cathedral, Oklahoma City Memorial



GREECE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE PAUL THE APOSTLE

May 5-15, 2026
\$5,699/ person, double occupancy
\$898 deposit due, non-refundable
Final payment due January 5, 2026

Collette Tours Trip: Includes airfare, transfers, lodging, and 19 meals. Tour includes Athens, Mykonos, Patmos, Santorini, Kalambaka, and Thessaloniki. Highlights: Taverna Dinner Show, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora.



THE APOSTLE ISLANDS OF NORTHERN WISCONSIN

July 12-17, 2026
\$1,999/ person, double occupancy
\$250 deposit due, non-refundable
Final payment due April 23, 2026

Sunrise Tours Trip: Includes motor coach transportation, lodging & 10 meals. Tour includes: Lake Superior, Apostle Islands, Madeline Island, and New Glarus. A few highlights include: The Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum," Scenic boat tour, Scenic Ashland on the shore of Lake Superior, Swiss experience at the Chalet Landhaus Inn.



MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE

October 17-20, 2026
\$1,465 / person, double occupancy
\$50 deposit due, non-refundable
Final payment due September 2, 2026

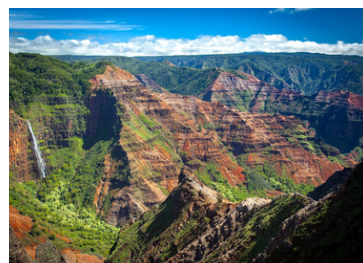
Presley Tours Trip: Includes motor coach transportation, lodging, 8 meals, and gratuity for Tour Director and Driver are included. Highlights include: Twilight Riverboat Cruise, Grand Harbor Resort, Dubuque, John Deere Pavilion, Wyndham Moline on John Deere Commons.



ALOHA HAWAII

January 27 – February 4, 2027
\$6,899 / person, double occupancy
\$698 deposit due, non-refundable
Final payment due July 27, 2026

Colette Tours Trip: Includes airfare, transfers, lodging & 9 meals. Highlights include: Waimea Canyon, Wailua River Cruise & Fern Grotto, Haleakala National Park, Polynesian Luau, Sustainable Farm Tour & Lunch, Iao Valley



DAY TRIPS WILL RESUME IN SPRING!



WE APPRECIATE YOU!

THANK YOU, DONORS!

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 on our way to meet our goal! We only have about 20k more to raise! 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 and will be featured in our February newsletter.

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: kelly@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:

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| • Artisan 222 Bakery | • Clean Eat | • Ed's Delicatessen | • Panera Bread |
| • Big Daddy's | • Culver's | • GC Cuisine | • Rae's Cafe |
| • Cafe Birdie | • Dierberg's | • Joe's Market Basket | • Teaspoons Cafe |
| • Chicken Salad Chick | • Doc's Smokehouse | • McAlister's Deli | • Weeping Willow Tea Room |
| | | | • St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (produce) |

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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Pastor John Roberts
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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.



JANUARY 2025 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Check us out! www.mainstcc.org www.facebook.com/mainstcc info@mainstcc.org		31 7 am - 11 am Red Cross Blood Drive 	1  Center Closed	2 Center Closed to Celebrate the New Year
Center Hours: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday - Friday	5 10:30am Walking + 11:00am Blood Pressure Screenings 11:30am Congregate Meal* 12:00pm Pinochle*	6 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 10:30am Mexican Train Dominoes 12:15pm Functional Fitness 12:30pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Evening Book Club: O <i>Pioneers</i> by Willa Cather	7 10:00am Crochet & Connect 10:00am Technology Drop-In Help 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 12:30pm Watercolor - Open Paint 1:00pm Benefit Access* 7:00pm Tai Chi**	8 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 1:00pm Afternoon Book Club 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group	9 10:00am OSF Health Screenings 10:00am Film Friday: Eight Below 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo
*activities require appointments/prior registration **activities have a fee and require prior registration	12 9:00am Paralegal * 9:30am Euchre 10:30am Walking + 11:30am Congregate Meal* 12:00pm Pinochle*	13 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 10:30am Mexican Train Dominoes 12:15pm Line Dancing 12:30pm Mah Jongg	14 10:00am Crochet & Connect 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 5:00pm Dining With Friends: Sugos** 7:00pm Tai Chi** 	15 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 1:30pm Global Talks: Spain 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group <i>Global Talks</i>	16 10:00am Film Friday: Into the White 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.	19  Center Closed	20 9:30am Walking Club: Walk & Talk 10:30am Mexican Train Dominoes 12:15pm Functional Fitness 12:30pm Mah Jongg	21 9:00am Coffee & Conversations: Senior Law 10:00am Crochet & Connect 10:00am Technology Drop-In Help 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 12:30pm Watercolor Class* 1:00pm Bunco 7:00pm Tai Chi**	22 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:30am Write Your Own Story 12:00pm Pinochle (Drop-In) 5:45pm Edwardsville Bridge Group	23 10:00am Film Friday: Everest 12:00pm Edwardsville Bridge Group 1:00pm Bingo
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