

MINNESOTA MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 2022



FUN DAYS IN FEBRUARY

Feb. 03: Feed the Birds Day
Feb. 08: Kite-Flying Day
Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
Feb. 23: Banana Bread Day



Chinese New Year 2022 - Year of the Tiger

Chinese New Year 2022 falls on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022, and celebrations culminate with the Lantern Festival on February 15th, 2022.



It is one of the most important holidays in China and Taiwan, and has strongly influenced Lunar New Year celebrations of its 56 ethnic groups. The Chinese New Year is associated with several myths and customs. The festival was traditionally a time to honor deities as well as ancestors.

Learn more about Chinese new year and culture at <https://chinesenewyear.net/>.



It's Tax time!

It is that TAX time of year, you will receive your W2's two ways this year. First a hard copy was mailed January 26th to the address we have on record. Second, you can access an electronic copy in your My Pay Solana account.

WATCH THE LATEST MAINS'L VIDCAST EPISODE TODAY!



Welcome to a new #MainslVidCast episode, where we talk about the culture at Mains'. This week we welcome David and Samreen, who share their experiences as members of the Mains'l crew. Check it out today:

<https://www.mainsl.com/mainslchat/>

January Compass Award Winner

Brianna Strey
Centralite (Nik's) Cluster Team
Rivertown Team

Want to nominate someone? The form can be found and submitted through the website: <https://www.mainsl.com/compass-nomination/>

Top Workplace – in MN and the USA – Thanks to YOU!

Last June Mains'l was recognized as a Top Workplace in MN. Now, thanks to our employees' feedback on the survey taken last spring, your responses have recognized us as a Top Workplace in the **USA**! This is a true honor, as it's entirely based on employee feedback. We appreciate you!



College Tuition Available!

College tuition available for direct support workers through the Minnesota Future Together Grant!

This new program will provide eligible Minnesotans with a tuition-free pathway for earning a certificate, diploma, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree at any public institution in the state. The grants are available starting spring 2022 through 2024 OR until all funds are dispensed, whichever comes first. Click here for more information: [LINK HERE](#)

Mains'l COVID Update

Attention All Crew Members

If you haven't done so already, please submit your vaccination record OR a Weekly Testing Form this week! While Mains'l is not requiring weekly testing at this time, we need to record vaccination and booster data. Vaccination is still recommended as the strongest defense against severe disease caused by Covid-19. Here's where you can get your Booster: <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>.

Test Kits are also available for emergency use at the Houses as well as the 7000 Office. And At-Home Test kits are widely available at pharmacies again. If you're having trouble with getting Test Kits, call Nurse Nancy: 612-322-4701.

The Covid Team continues to monitor both the CDC and MDH data sites to inform our next actions.



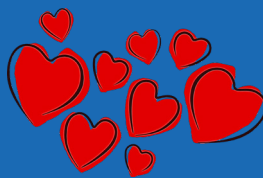
Mains'l on local radio station!

We are excited to be on the radio! Throughout February, Mains'l is advertising on the local radio station KJOM 89.9 FM. KMOJ is a community-oriented non-profit FM radio station in Minneapolis, Minnesota, airing a predominantly urban adult contemporary radio format. Our goal is attract people to join our crew. Please tune in and hear our message.

Valentine's Day!

Friendly Reminder that Valentine's Day is Feb 14th. We invite you to dress in Red or Pink and celebrate with Mains'l!

Please send pictures to Recognition@mainsl.com



Check out the attached flyers!

- Wellness: Reducing your stress during American Heart Month
- Body and Mind Self Care Tips