

# आराधना

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Happy Navratri, Dussehra, Saraswati Puia. Halloween



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## VIJAYA DASHMI CELEBRATION OCT. 28 SUNDAY, 11AM TO 1PM

11am Puja 12pm Bhajans 12:45 Importance of Vijaya Dhashmi (pravachan) 1pm Aarti Followed by Prasad

For more details, please call Temple 513 528 3714 Anju Saha 474-3922

Sponsored by - Agrani

## NAVRATRI POOJA Oct. 16th to Oct.24th

Oct 16th Tue. 6:30pm Kalash Sthapana Devi Puja \*\*

Oct. 20th 4pm Mata Ki Chauki \*(Chunri Offering by Sponsorship)

During Navratri everyday\*\* Chandi path (Durga saptshati) 9:30 am to 12pm

Oct 19th Fri. 6:30pm \*\*Lalita Shahasranama Parayanam weekdays 5:30pm

Oct.22<sup>nd</sup> Mon \*\*Shri Chandi Havan /Ashtami Puja 6:30pm

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Tue. 5:30pm \*\* **Saraswati Puja** (Akharabhayas/Vidyarambha) Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Thurs. \*\***Vijaya Dashami Puja** /Havan 6:00pm

Sponsorship. \*\*51.00 for each puja .For more details please call Kiran Dayal 474-4051. Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382.



या देवि सर्व भूतेषु शक्ति रूपेण संस्थिता, नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमो नमः

### MATA KI CHAUKI Oct. 20 Sat.

4pm Devi Durga Puja; 5pm First Aarti; 5:15 Mata Bhajans /Bheten; 7:30 KANYA PUJA; 8PM BHOG, AARTI, Prasad & dinner Chunni sponsorship available ,\$5001,\$2501,\$1001,\$251,\$101,\$51,\$31.

To reserve your chunni please call Rani Dhamija 513 984-5777

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**RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE** 

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM First Sunday: Upanishads

Second Saturday: 1008 Gayatri Jaap Second Sunday: Children Program Third Sunday: Sunder Kand Path Fourth Sunday: Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Fifth Sunday: Jagannath Puja

Members of the community are invited to speak on topics related to Hindu religion, philosophy, culture, reformation, Gurus, self-preservation, etc. If you would like to talk or like to suggest someone who may be interested, please contact Kiran Dayal.

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pooja as well as bring Prasad and Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devata pooja, graduation and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, group of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name and phone-no in the calendar at the temple & calling pooja committee members Kiran Dayal or Meena Sondhi.

## **TEMPLE SCHEDULE**

Monday - Friday: 9:00AM-12:00 Noon

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, Sunday

& US Holidays: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### **SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS**

9:15 - 9:30 A.M.

Suprabhatam

9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Daily Pooja of Temple Deities

11:00 - 11:30 A.M. Sponsored Pooia

11:30 - 12:15 A.M.

Bhajan

12:15 -12:45 P.M.

Religious discourse

12:45-1:00 P.M.

Birthday and Anniversary pooja and

announcements 1:00 P.M.— Aarti

Attorney: Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt (513) 241-0400

Accountant: Open

## 2012 POOJA COMMITTEE & **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS**

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2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja

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## **Pooja Information**

#### **RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES**

SERVICES	IN	OUTSIDE
	TEMPLE	TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	_
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashta Prakari Pooja*	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$21.00	_
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebra.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	_	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh	_	\$151.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/Sita	) \$121.00	
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Baby Shower Pooja	_	\$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)-	\$101.00	
(Only During Off Winter Season)		
Regular Archana	\$11.00	_
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00	
Sathyanarayana Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Seemantham	\$101.00	\$151.00
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	_	\$151.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb	.) \$101.00	\$151.00
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00	
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00	
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$51.00	
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/	\$151.00	\$251.00
Thread Ceremony		
Vahan Pooja	\$51.00	
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Wedding	\$301.00	\$501.00

## Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only Full day Half day

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Monday -Thursday	\$301	\$151			
(except holidays)					
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351			
Sunday after 3PM only —	\$351				
Note: For half day select one of the two:					

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM **OR** 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM **USE OF KITCHEN \$51** 

Use of Kitchen and PS \$101
Use of Kitchen and PS \$125

Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/poojas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.

Security/ Cleaning deposit: \$151 required.

This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the place.

NOTE: To schedule a Pooja please contact Pooja Committee : Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or to rent a temple hall (lower level ) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

## **Pooja Committee Announcement:**

To schedule a Pooja <u>or to rent a temple hall (lower level)</u> please contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051 or to rent a temple hall (lower level) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051, any EC Members or Temple at 528-3714.

- 1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 2. **Outside Poojas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
- 3. To **schedule any poojas** please contact Pooja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
- 4. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, Please contact Pooja Committee chairperson .
- 5. **Cancellations** of pooja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the pooja will be charged.

#### SPECIAL POOJA RATE

Rates for Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 15% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 501.00.

- 1. Poojas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of poojas performed.
- 2. 50 Cents/Miles for Travel expense to the Priest to perform pooja at your home.

Rates are subject to change without notice. <u>Rates of Poojas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside pooja within greater Cincinnati area.</u>

#### **CHECK-OUT**

http://newbhagavadgita.blogspot.com/2010/04/shock-treatment-in-bhagavad-gita.html

## **POOJA SAMAGRI**

For convenience of Devotees, Temple can now provide Pooja Samagri for all inside and outside Poojas.

Donation for Puja Samagri is as follows \$ 21 for any Pooja

\$ 31 for any Pooja including Havan/Homam For more details please contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDERKAND CD (sung by Acharya Kailash Sharma)

AVAILABLE in Temple Gift Shop for **\$ 10**. The money raised will go to temple.



## Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

## **Monthly Navgrah Pooja**

Every first Saturday of the Month Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00 For Details call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051;Temple priests:528-3714



## Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja

Every second Sat of the Month Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group. Kiran Dayal 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714



## **Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja**

On Every Purnima of the Month 6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja call Kiran Dayal 474-4051 Temple priests: 528-3714



4th Saturday of each month, from 10:30 AM-12:30PM.

To sponsor and details please call any of the following:

Anand Konda:481-4119; Vasundhara Dasari:777-3353 Suseela Paturi:481-8591; Surendra Hanumanthanna:661-8733 Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattar:488-2986

## 1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM
For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or
Kiran Dayal 474-4051



## **Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram**

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



## Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or Temple Priests 528-3714

## Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10:30AM

This pooja is dedicated to each month's

Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.For more information &

Sponsor the pooja please call

Jyoti Divekar: 204-8037 Mangal Nemade: 234-8373

Kiran Dayal: 474-4051 Temple Priests: 528-3714

## **Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana**

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting. Please contact Ganesh Sundaresan 513-752-4025

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor pooja please call Kiran Dayal 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714

## **GENERAL DENTIST**

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## **OCTOBER 2012 EVENT**

Oct	6	Sat	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Oct	9	Tue	Matru Navami
Oct	13	Sat.	1008 Gayatri japa & Homa 9:30am
Oct	13	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101
Oct	14	Sun	Group Sharaddha Puja 9:30AM Sponsorship \$51.00 Puja supply will be provided by temple.
Oct	15	Mon	Shraddha Ends
Oct.	16	Tue	Navratri Begins Klash Sthapana 6pm
Oct	20	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored By- Jindal Family
Oct.	21	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Oct.	22	Mon	Ashtami Havan 6pm Sponsorship \$51
Oct	23	Tue	Saraswati Puja / Akshararambha/Vidyarambha puja 6pm - Sponsorship \$51
Oct.	24	Wed	Vijaya Dashmi /Dasehara Havan 6pm
Oct.	27	Sat	Venkateshwara Kalyanam 10am - Sponsorship \$51
Oct.	28	Sun	Vijoya Celebration 11am Sponsored by - Agrani
Oct.	28	Sun	Ganesh Puja / Atharvashirsh Path—10am
Oct	29	Mon	Sharad Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.

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## **NOVEMBER 2012 EVENTS**

Nov	2	Fri	Karwa Chauth Puja 4pm
Nov	3	sat	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Nov	4	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Nov	10	Sat	1008 Gayatri Japa & Homa 9:30am
Nov	11	Sun	Dhan Teras, Maha Laxmi Puja 11am Sponsored by -42 Gham Kadwa Patidar Samaj
Nov.	13	Tues	Deepawali Maha Laxmi Puja 6:30pm Event Sponsors needed
Nov	14	Wed	Gujarati New Year
Nov	15	Thurs	Bhai Dooj /Yama Dwitiya (actual day)
Nov.	17	Sat	Murgan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101
Nov	17	Sat	Chitragupt Puja 11am Sponsored by- Chitragupt Pariwaar
Nov.	18	Sun	Annakoot/ Govardhan Puja 10am to 1pm Sponsored by- Shrinathiji group
Nov	24	Sat	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship\$51
Nov	25	Sun	Ganesh Puja/Atharvashirsh Path 11am
Nov	28	Wed	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits, Prasad, and 1 coconut.
Nov	19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	<b>Kartik Somvar Shivabhishek</b> every Monday during kartik month Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> ,26 <sup>th</sup> , Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,& 10 <sup>th</sup> . Sponsorship \$101



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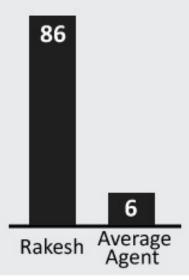
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## When is Karwachauth?

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## Friday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012.

Karva Chauth is evidenced with the infinite love and devotion of a wife for her husband and her willingness to fast for his well being. The day which marks the emerald celebrations in various parts of the north India, falls on the chaturthi tithi after the full moon in the month of Kartik as per the Hindu calendar. Many sacred scriptures like Dharma sindhu, Nirnaya sindhu, says that the Karva Chauth fast should be observed at moonrise (chandrodaya vyapini) and poorvaviddha. It is considered to be a good sign if its tritiya viddha. If it is visible during the both days then one should take the first one but in case it is not visible on both days then it would be right to keep fast on the second day. Based on EST Chaturthi ends on Friday night Saturday early morning 2:15am. Thus Karwa chauth fast should be observed Friday only not Sat. Temple organizes every year Karwa chauth puja 4pm every year. It will be in 3 sessions 4pm, 5pm and 6pm. For any question please call Acharya Kailashii 513-652-5382.

Navagraha Homa (Sponsored by Yagnashala Commitee)
For remediation from negative effects of Navagrahas and for peace and prosperity!
in the New Yagna Shala at the Hindu Temple Saturday October 6, 2012 10 AM

Pramukh Yajaman (Ghrit Ahuti): \$51.00 Yajaman (Havan Samagri Ahuti): \$21.00

Please contact any of the following for further information: Temple Priests (513) 528-3714; Koti Sreekrishna(513) 290-3064; Amar Sharma (513) 777-5771; Kiran Dayal (513) 474-4051; Vinay Kumar(513) 528-6189; Ganesh Yadlapalli(857)719-1500; Ramkumar Lakshminarayanan (859)-322-5538; Shashi Mandapathy(513)-652-4767; Pramod Varma(513) 398-4435; Leena Dixit (513)769-3556; Renu Gupta(513) 860-1151; Sudhakar Vinod (513)-607-5760; Raj Bodalia (513) 583-0184; Janak Dave(859)371-9645; Laxmi S. Srivastava (513) 474-0533.

All are cordially invited.

Please come and join in this Auspicious Havan.

# Kalayanotsavam and Poolangi Seva for Lord Sri Venkateswara followed by Sudarshana Homam (Sponsored by Balaji Devotees) in the New Yagna Shala at the Hindu Temple, Saturday October 27, 2012 9:30 AM

Kindly consider t sponsor one or more of the following:

Kalyanotsavam (starts at 9:30am): \$51.00 Pramukh Yajaman (Ghrit Ahuti): \$51.00 Yajaman (Havan Samagri Ahuti): \$21.00

Please contact any of the following for further information: Temple Priests (513) 528-3714; Vasundhara Dasari (513)777-3353; Ananda Konda (513)-481-4119; Susheela Paturi (513)-481-8591; Surendra Hanumanthanna(513)-661-8733;

## Kantha Shasti Poosai Celebration

Wed.	Nov.14th	First day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Thur.	Nov.15th	Second day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Fri.	Nov.16th	Third day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Sat.	Nov.17th	Fourth day	Murugan Abhishekam	4.30pm-6.30pm
Sun.	Nov.18th	Fifth day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Mon.	Nov.19th	Sixth day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Tue.	Nov.20th	Murugan Kalyana	Utsavam ( In YagnaShala )	6.00pm-8.30pm

# Mela & Naach Sitare - 2012



# Kailashji's Bhajan CD Vimochan



# Naach Sitare - 2012 contd...



# Ankur Gujarati Samaj and Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati invite you to Celebrate DIWALI 2012.

Details to follow by EVITE

## November 17<sup>th</sup> at Mason Middle School

Dinner: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Cultural Program: 8:00 pm sharp. Door opens at 7:30 pm



## Rules for Submitting Entries and Regualtions for Participation in Cultural Program:

- 1. For all entries contact Kamini Jain at kaminijain@yahoo.com
- 2. Entries are taken on a first come basis.
- 3. No late entries will be accepted, no exceptions.
- 4. Only the first 25 entries will be accepted.
- 5. By sending an entry, you accept all the rules and conditions set herewith.
- 6. All entries must be registered by October 5<sup>th</sup> 2012, by e-mail. The entry must be submitted on the form provided.
- 7. If you have submitted your entry, you will receive e-mail for confirmation. If you do not have a confirmation from us, we have not received your entry and please contact us before October 10<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- 8. Entries are only accepted with details of participant names, ages, song details, song description, and length of the song (maximum: 5 minutes). **Entries will not be accepted without complete details.**
- 9. Participants have to be at least 5 years old.
- 10. Participants can only be in one item. If any participant is in more than one item the second entry will be cancelled.
- 11. Minimum of 6 participants per group.
- 12. Maximum of 5 minutes allowed per entry.
- 13. No solo or vocal singing items.
- 14. No special effects like confetti, fireworks, fog or like allowed (due to clean up issues).
- 15. No song will be repeated (even in medley).
- 16. Audition for all items will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 at Ankur from 5:00 pm onwards. Details to follow.
- 17. More information on tickets and rehearsal dates to follow.
- 18. Changes in the song selection and participants are not allowed once the entry is registered.
- 19. Each group should have a separate choreographer and manager.
- 20. Each performance should be assigned one person (manager) who deals with all the communication with the Ankur Cultural Director, Kamini Jain.
- 21. Performers wishing to use Ankur for practice times must sign up for a specific time and every person practicing at Ankur must be a member. We will be curtailing practice times to accommodate most number of participants.
- 22. Each group using Ankur must take the responsibility to leave the premises in the condition they found it in.
- 23. Once the program order had been decided, we will not be able to accommodate requests for changes. We will also not be able to change any of the particulars in an item after it has been submitted.
- 24. The item introduction should be able to be announced in less than a minute.
- 25. All entries and exits must be from the stage. The aisles in the auditorium may not be used.
- 26. All inquiries and communication should be via email.
- 27. The committee reserves the right to select items based on, but not limited to, time, logistics, and maximum community participation.

WITH BEST WISHES

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## **NAVRATRI 2012**

## HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI & ANKUR GUJARATI SAMAJ JOINTLY CELEBRATES NAVRATRI



## HAPPY NAVRATRI

## AT CINCINNATI MALL NAVRATRI MAHOTSAV 2012

#### WITH

## Abheysinh Rathod, Radha Vyas & Asha

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## An Accomplishment and a Wake-up Call

Namaskar,

This update is going to cover the month of August and part of September as well. We saw some very important and well-attended events in August. The most anticipated event in August was the Krishna Janmashtami. It was a very successful celebration with a very large number of devotees participating in the pooja that lasted till midnight. Everyone was very excited and pleased to see the bright lighting in front of the temple as a result of our latest project. The next day, we had Nand Mahotsav at the temple, which was another successful and well-attended event.

On Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we had one of the most anticipated events of the year, the annual Mela. We combined the Mela titled "Taste of India" with another hugely successful program organized by HSGC called Naach-Sitare, the dance competition. It was widely anticipated that this combined event will be very successful. By all accounts, it was a huge success. We had 35 booths providing food, clothing, jewelry, clothing, yoga, healthcare, and information of various sorts. The dance competition had about 50 entries with around 200 participants. There were rides for children, temple tours for the first-time visitors, and a fireworks show at the end as the grand finale. It is estimated that we had 3,500 to 4,000 visitors to the event. This was certainly a record-breaking crowd.

There were many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a huge success. While it is impossible to name all, I do wish to name a few who made a tremendous difference. The first names are Anil Jindal, who started this concept 11 years ago and his daughter, Anisha. They were the prime movers in organizing the mela. We had Asit Saha, Sulbha Midha, and Kamini Jain taking lead in organizing the Naach-Sitare event. This year, we constructed a permanent stage behind the temple for Naach-Sitare. This stage can now be used for many other community events. Instead of having to go to external venues, this stage will help in organizing many events for organizations closely associated with the temple. This stage was made possible by the generous donations by Jitu Bhai Patel, Asit Saha, and Rakesh Patel. Our priests did a great job in conducting temple tours for the visitors seeking to know more about Hinduism. My apologies to those whose names are not mentioned here.

This event proved to all that the Mela/Naach-Sitare event has taken deep roots and the entire community is now engaged in it. This event is proving to be a great unifying force for all Hindus in the tri-state region. We will keep building on this success year after year.

While the event was a grand success, it did expose a few areas where we were lacking. The biggest concern was that we do not have sufficient parking space to accommodate this kind of attendance. Moreover, the access from Klatte Road is a single lane road. This created a tremendous traffic jam with lots of cars trying to get in and get out at once. This traffic jam lasted well over 3 hours. We had a scary situation that resulted in calling for an ambulance. Because of the traffic jam, the ambulance took an inordinately long time to get in as well as get out. My biggest concern is the safety and well-being of our devotees and visitors.

So this is a real wake-up call for all of us. We need to do two things very urgently. One is to expand the existing parking lot by having at least a gravel parking lot. The second initiative, that is already underway, is the Marg project. We have an alternate access from Barg Salt Road that gives us a two lane road access to the temple. However, we will have to construct a 2000 feet long road inside our premises. This is a substantial undertaking and is anticipated to cost nearly \$700K. We can make this happen right now if the entire community comes together. If every family contributes \$200, we will have the alternate access completed within 6-9 month timeframe. My question to all of you is whether we can remain complacent and wait for a real disaster to strike or take a concrete action. Please respond to this urgent need and contribute very generously to the Marg project.

I am really excited about a unique program that we are bringing to Cincinnati. The famous Bollywood playback and devotional singer, Anuradha Paudwal, is coming to Cincinnati (only) for a fundraising concert for the temple Marg project on Saturday, Nov 3. Please be sure to attend and help us with the goal.

Sincerely,

Deepak Dixit / President, HSGC

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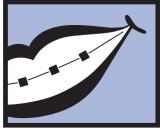


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## **HSGC – Executive Committee**

Meeting Minutes- August 5, 2012

Executive Committee: Deepak Dixit (President), Ambi Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Prasad Megada\* (Treasurer), Pradeep Gupta (Secretary), Asit Saha (Cultural Committee), Jeetu Patel\* (Long Range Planning), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee), Manish Srivastava (Fundraising Committee), Rakesh Patel\* (Maintenance Committee), Sandeep Gupta\* (Editor-Aradhana), Vinit Rastogi (Religious Education Committee), and Mahima Devarajan (Youth Member) (\*Not present)

## **Meeting Minutes:**

- 1. The August meeting of the HSGC Executive Committee was held on August 5, 2012 at 10:30am. This meeting was focused mainly on Mela/Naach Sitare program.
- 2. Mr. Rajaram has agreed to donate remaining \$1500 required to complete the Flag project.
- 3. EC has approved placing large containers for collecting food cans.
- 4. Anuradha Podwal concert for fund raising has been finalized for November 3, 2012 at Atrium.
- 5. Parking issue must be addressed for Diwali program.
- 6. Road resurfacing The project started in 2009, funds were raised and the work finally started. Once completed, it will be good for at least 5 years.
- 7. <u>Wellness Center</u> Dr. Rakesh Goel has agreed to coordinate the program for seniors, details to be worked out.
- 8. <u>Mela</u> It was suggested to contact other local committees, organization heads and the Mela committee should meet regularly.
  - a. Anil to provide signs to Laxmi Ji for display during Mela/Naach Sitare.
  - b. Need help on advertisements, might setup separate website for this purpose.
  - c. Need booth for Marg Project, Mahima will organize booth for Kroger Card processing.
  - d. Raneshwar will provide a list of members who already have registered at Kroger.
  - e. Need volunteers for Mela activities, please contact Mahima Devarajan.
  - f. Please call Anil or Anisha Jindal for any Mela questions.
  - g. Anil is heading vendor set-ups and will make sure seamless implementation.
  - h. Need sponsors for Fire work, so far, 10,000 have been raised for the Mela activity
  - i. Deepak will send formal letters to community officials and address Cincinnati Enquirer and radio announcements
  - j. Ambi will follow up grass cutting before Mela
- 9. Naach Sitare We have received enough registrations which is full.
  - a. The state 30'x30' will be built for the program and beyond with 30'x90' tent housing 350 chairs. Jitu Bhai will get this job done.
  - b. Please provide ads or other information to Asit for the program booklet.
- 10. <u>Elevator</u> Laxmi Ji presented some facts about the elevator selection, choices, and the cost. More research is needed before making a decision.
- 11. <u>Marg Project</u> –Jungle Jim has agreed to sponsor one Marg if we place their advertisement in Aradhana for one year and a poster inside of the Temple wall, EC agreed.
- 12. <u>Expenses</u> All expenses must be authorized by EC in advance before committing. It was also emphasized that no contract should be awarded prior to Executive Committee approval.
- 13. <u>Finances</u> –The committee members' discussed source of some of the funds collected for the temple as well as their allocations such as general fund, specific or special project, etc.
- 14. Security System Need to identify two people to be called upon in case of security breach.
- 15. Next meeting will be on September 2, 2012 at 10:30am.

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