

# Amaravani Newsletter

An Official Newsletter from the Flower Mound Hindu Temple | Author: Communication Team

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## New Temple Progress

We are making significant progress toward the construction of our new temple! Six of the eight required city department approvals are complete: Trees, Traffic, Environment, Parks, Fire, and Engineering. Clarifications have been submitted to Public Works and Planning, including design changes such as elevation updates, a slope roof exception, and utility coordination. Final approvals are expected by June 4. If successful, our project will be reviewed by Planning & Zoning on June 9 or 23, and then by the City Council on July 7. Groundbreaking is targeted for August–September 2025.

On the fundraising front, we've received pledges totaling \$1.790 million, with 21% already paid. However, May saw a slowdown in new pledges. We encourage devotees to host community events, continue fulfilling pledges, and help build momentum as we near this historic milestone. Your support is essential to maintaining a healthy working capital and realizing our shared vision .

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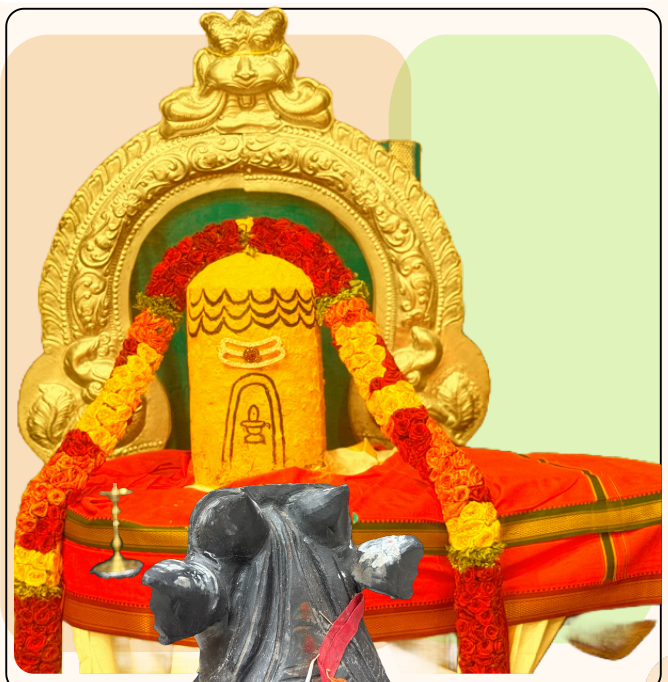
## Fundraising Goal

\$3,000,000



◀ Raised  
\$1.790 Million  
as of May 2025

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## Message From Temple Management

### Namasthe, Devotees!

May was a month of divine celebration and heartfelt devotion at our Temple. We are grateful to our priest, volunteers, cultural coordinators, and especially the young artists who made this month spiritually enriching and culturally vibrant.

The Gajendra Moksha Hari Katha by Smt. Jayanthi Savitri Garu was inspiring and deeply appreciated by our devotees. We thank her sincerely for accommodating us amidst her busy schedule.

Our 17th Annual Varshika Mahotsavam was a grand success. Over 200 devotees participated in the Sri Srinivasa Kalyanam and Sudharshana Homam, receiving divine blessings. We are proud of our young performers:

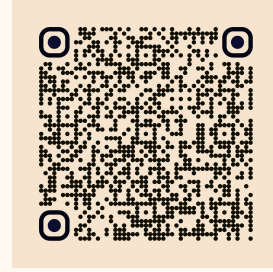
- Students of Gana Amruth Center for Performing Arts - Vikram Jayakumar and Shruti Jayakumar (Guru Vid Seetha Chandrashekhar)
- Students of Ellora Center for Performing Arts - Sahana Venkatesan and Niharika Rajeev (Guru Smt. Vid. Vani Iswara)
- Students of Amritavarshini Academy - Shreyas Korlapati, Uma Gauri Vemulapalli, Lasya Praturi, Pranika Kasturi, Sravya Kasturi, and Maand hati Chaganti (Guru Vid Uma and Srinivas Prabhala)
- Students of Swara School of Veena & Kikkeri School of Violin - Lakshya Meiyappan, Sanjeev Subramanian, Vimudha Chintala, Manasuini Soma, Yashasvini Soma, Nahathi Karthik, Tanishkaa Mulli, Samira Duddukuru, and Aadhya Gopaluni (Gurus Vid. Vasundara & Vid. Narasimha Kikkeri)
- Students of Vasanthhalaya School Of Music - Saisruthi Ramakrishnan, Anvitha Desaraju, Diya Dasari, Moukthika Palli, Anukta Palli, Keya Ramalingam, Adrija Kaushik, Advik Kaushik, Krishna Prasanth Sampath Kumar, and Gopika Sriram (Guru Smt. Vid. Saiharini Ramakrishnan)

Our deepest appreciation to Smt. Jayashree Murthy, all teachers, and supportive parents for nurturing this talent.

We are blessed to have 69 Founding Members, 45 Lifetime Members, and 4 Trustee Members supporting the temple's mission. Founding and Lifetime Members hold voting rights and help guide the temple's direction. Trustee Members, contributing at a higher level, play a leadership role in governance and stewardship. We also welcome Venkat Arvind Gudipati to the General Board of Trustees (GBOT).

With divine blessings,  
Flower Mound Hindu Temple Management

## Annual Puja Sponsorship



To access the registration form, please scan the QR code or [click here](#).  
Annual Puja sponsorship for your **ISHTA DAINAM** (favorite deity).  
Priest will do SANKALPAM on your family behalf

## Priest services for Personalized Puja



To access the registration form, please scan the QR code or [click here](#).  
Looking for Priest services for Personalized Puja at Home or in Temple?  
(Vahana (Car) Puja, Satyanarayana Puja, Gruhapravesham etc?)  
Please book online to get into the temple Calendar  
Priest & Volunteer(s) will get back to you.

## Subscribe for temple email updates and newsletter.



To access the registration form, please scan the QR code or [click here](#).  
Sign up for our newsletter to receive email updates with the latest news.

## Join us on our Facebook Page



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where we post the live videos for various puja services that are performed.

## Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of June

The month of Jyeshtha in 2025 will primarily take place in June, covering a few days of the Ashadha month as well. There are no specific Hindu festivals during this time; however, Jyeshtha holds significant religious importance, especially for devotion, rituals, and spiritual reflection. This auspicious month is dedicated to deities such as Sri Vishnu, the Ganga River, and Sri Hanuman.

During Jyeshtha, the daytime will be longer than the nighttime, making it the third auspicious month in the Hindu calendar. It is a time dedicated to donations and following Dharma.

Here are some important guidelines to observe during this month:

- Avoid sleeping during the day.
- Avoid wasting water.
- Provide water and buttermilk to the public.
- Offer service to plants, birds, and animals by giving them water.
- Reduce the consumption of foods that can lead to excessive thirst, such as garlic and spicy dishes.

Following these practices is essential for spiritual growth during this significant month.

Author  
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## Words of Wisdom from Bhishma

यत्र धर्मसुतो राजा गदापाणिवृकोदरः।  
कृष्णोऽस्त्री गाण्डीवं चापं सुहृत्कृष्णस्ततो विपत्॥

yatra dharma-suto rājā gadā-pāṇir vṛkodarah  
kṛṣṇo 'strī gāṇḍīvaṁ cāpaṁ suhṛt kṛṣṇas tato vipat

Pandavas had everything in their favor:

- The King Yudhistira is the most powerful king who practices the Dharma in every aspect, also son of the Yama dharmaraja (God who controls the death)
- Bimasena is the greatest fighter with Club and the best physical strength (equivalent to 10K Elephants),

- The greatest bowman Arjuna with high mighty Gandeeva and 100s of Divya Astras including Pashupatam (Lord Shiva), and
- Most importantly, the Lord Krishna himself was the direct well-wisher and drove Arjuna's Rath (the vehicle)

In spite of having the best resources and skills, Pandavas suffered so many practical reverses throughout their journey. What would be the best explanation, other than the influence of KAALA (Time).

Author  
Ravi Kommera



## Call to Service

Our temple thrives because of the selfless service of our volunteers. From Pooja and Behind the Bell to Fundraising, Communication, and accounting teams, your time and dedication are the foundation of our growth. As we are preparing to move into our New Temple, your involvement is more important than ever. Join us to make a lasting impact and help our community flourish. To volunteer, please email: [contactus@fmhtcc.org](mailto:contactus@fmhtcc.org) committee lead will follow up with you. Let's grow together!

## Youth Voice – Teen Reporter

Attending the harikatha was truly a memorable experience. Personally, having never attended a harikatha before, I found it both entertaining and inspiring, as did many others who were present. Accompanied by her talented team, including a mridangam artist and a violist, Smt. Savitri Ji brought the performance to life. Not only was it pleasant to hear, but also spiritually engaging; the way she presented and connected the story with music and God made it even more interactive. In other words, she didn't just perform; she invited everyone into the story, making us feel like active performers. Furthermore, even for those unfamiliar with the lyrics, she gave wonderful explanations, detailing everything she sang in everyday words for everyone to understand. Overall, it was a beautiful blend of art. As someone who had never witnessed a harikatha before, or even knew what one was, this experience left me with a lasting impression and a deeper appreciation for the rich tradition of harikatha.

Srividya Siripurapu  
Flower Mound High School

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## Temple Operational Update

A quick inside into our Temple day-to-day operations consisting of two parts:

1. Addressing the temple upkeep aspects like cleaning, making garlands, preparing Prasadam, coordinating events etc. Thanks to our devoted volunteers from Pooja committee to 'Behind the Bell' putting in thousands of hours every month, our expenses are at minimal.

2. Paying the bills (Rent, utilities etc.) is majorly dependent on the annual 'Ista Daivam' (your favorite God) program sponsorship subscriptions. Our priest does sankalpam for these subscribers before the puja events. Our sincere thanks all the current subscribers (28 devotees sponsored for all our Deities, 17 for Rudrabhishekam and 14 for all others).

We observed a decline in our annual sponsorships, which hits our current operational budget. As our new temple plans are very close to approvals, we anticipate steep increase in expenses and we need more budget to support. Maintaining a healthy operating account is essential for our temple.

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## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

### June 2025

Sat 07	<b>VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM</b> 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 08	<b>SHIVA ABHISHEKAM</b> 06:30 PM Pradhosham small shiva linga abhishekam
Tue 10	<b>SATYANARAYANA PUJA</b> 06:30 PM Satyanarayana Puja
Sat 14	<b>SHANKATA HARA CHATURDHI</b> 06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam Uthsava Murthy
Thu 19	<b>SAI BABA ABHISHEKAM</b> 06:30 PM Small Moorthy Abhishekam
Sun 22	<b>KRITHIKA/SUBRAMANYA SWAMI</b> 06:30 PM Subramanya Swami Abhishekam
Sun 29	<b>NAGAR ABHISHEKAM</b> 06:30 PM Nagar Abhishekam

### July 2025

Sat 05	<b>VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM</b> 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Mon 07	<b>RUDRABHISHEKAM</b> 06:45 PM Pradhosham
Thu 10	<b>SAI BABA ABHISHEKAM</b> 10:30 AM Moola Moorthy Abhishekam 06:45 PM Satyanarayana Samoohika Puja
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#### TEMPLE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday: 09:30 AM - 02:00 PM & 05:30 PM - 09:00 PM

#### WEEKLY ABHISHEKAM

Monday: 06:45 PM Rudrabhishekam

Tuesday: 07:30 PM Sri Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan

2nd Thursday: 06:45 PM Sri Shiridi Saibaba Abhishekam

Saturday: 10:30 AM Sri Balaji Abhishekam

#### MONTHLY PUJA

Purnima 06:30 PM Samuhika Satyanarayana Vratam

Sankatahara Chaturthi 07:00PM Sri Ganesh Abhishekam

Krittika: 07:00 PM Murgugan Abhishekam

Nagara Abhishekam: 05:30 PM Last Sunday of every Month

#### Annual Puja Sponsorship

एकं सद्भिर्वा बहुधा वदन्ति (Ekam Sat Vipraha Bahuda Vadanti) -Rig  
Veda (1.164.46)

The truth is one; but the wise, talk of many.

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Certain pujas are not conducive to be performed at home on a regular basis (ex. Siva Abhisheka, Lord Balaji Abhisheka) but are easily possible in a temple setting. Our scriptures place an emphasis on doing Pujas for the various deities on important days at the appropriate time (thithis); but due to schedules and other responsibilities, devotees may not be able to personally participate in these activities.

Supporting the worship of your Ishta Devatas on important days during the year has been made easy through the *Annual Puja Sponsorship Program* at FMHtCC. Sponsorship of your favorite deities will ensure that Pujas are done on your behalf on special days regardless of if you are present on that day. These tax-deductible sponsorship donations are at a discount compared to sponsorship of individual programs during the course of the year. Annual sponsorships are valid for one year from the date of sponsorship. Lifetime sponsorships are valid in perpetuity and are deposited into the Flower Mound Hindu Temple Community Center.

You have helped build one of the largest temples in the United States; now consider extending the same generosity to ensure its future. Sponsor an Ishta Deity for a year, or in perpetuity and preserve Dharma today and for the future.

धर्मो रक्षति रक्षितः meaning *Dharma protects those who protect Dharma*.

For more information and sponsorship details – please contact [contactus@fmhtcc.org](mailto:contactus@fmhtcc.org) or by phone at (214)513-2562. Thank you for your support!



# Employer Matching Contributions

Employer contribution matches for religious or charitable organizations typically depend on the specific policies of the employer's matching gift program. Here's an overview of how it usually works:

1. Check Eligibility
  - Employers usually provide a list of eligible organizations or categories, such as religious, educational, or nonprofit organizations. Some employers exclude religious organizations unless the donation is for non-religious activities like community outreach or education.
2. Donation by the Employee
  - The employee makes a personal donation to a qualifying religious or charitable organization, like a Hindu temple.
  - The donation amount should meet the employer's minimum requirements (e.g., \$25).
3. Submit Matching Gift Request
  - The employee submits a matching gift request through the company's platform or by filling out a matching gift form.
  - This could include: The donation receipt.
  - Information about the organization (e.g., tax-exempt status like 501(c)(3) in the U.S.).
  - Some companies use platforms like Benevity or Double the Donation to manage these requests.
4. Employer Verification
  - The employer verifies whether the organization and donation meet their eligibility criteria.
  - If approved, the employer matches the donation, usually up to a specified limit (e.g., \$1,000 annually).
5. Funds Disbursed
  - Once approved, the matching amount is sent directly to the organization by the employer.

## Important Considerations

- Tax-Exempt Status: Most employers require the organization to have a recognized charitable status, like 501(c)(3) in the U.S.
- Restrictions on Religious Use: Some employers restrict matching to non-religious purposes, like community services or educational programs offered by the religious organization.
- Annual Caps: Employers often have an annual maximum they will match per employee.

To ensure the temple qualifies and the match is successful, check with your HR or your employer's matching gift policy.

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# Gajendra Moksham

## Hari Katha Program at Flower Mound Temple

### Smt. Jayanthi Savitri garu



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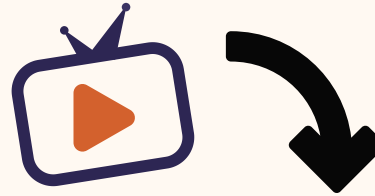
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## Srinivasa Kalyanam

Flower Mound Hindu Temple YouTube channel.



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We are grateful for your hospitality. Meeting all of you was delightful. Your hard work in organizing this gathering is truly valued and inspiring. Thank you!

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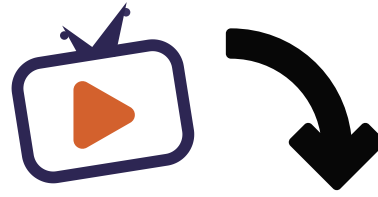
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## Srinivasa Kalyanam Photo Gallery

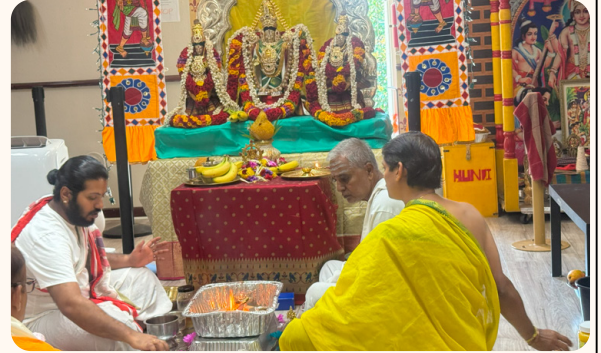


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## SUDHARSHANA HOMAM



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## Classical Tunes at Flower Mound Temple



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## Classical Dance Performances at Flower Mound Temple



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# Sacred Sounds Pradarśinī AY 2024-2025



We are extremely glad to share that with the blessings of Sri Saraswati Devi, the Sacred Sounds Pradarśinī – AY 2024-25 Event was held on May 18th at the Flower Mound Library. All 51 enrolled students—across Bala Upasaka, Bala Sadhaka, and Gita Yagna classes—presented Sloka, Stotra, and Gita verses with Bhakti and confidence, marking the successful completion of this academic year's classes.

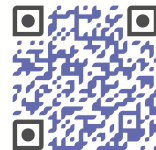
The Flower Mound Hindu Temple honored the Śikṣakāḥ for their dedicated service in nurturing Dharmic learning among our children.



Click below to view glimpses of the Dharmic performances and vibrant learning Utsava:



Click on the link to get more information.  
**FMHTCC Sacred Sounds FAQ**



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Annual Puja Sponsorship



**H A P P Y**

*Guru Purnima*





**The groundbreaking ceremony for the Flower Mound Hindu Temple is set for July; stay tuned for Temple updates.**



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