

Amaravani Newsletter

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New Temple Progress

With divine blessings, our New Temple is one step closer to reality! On June 23, the Town of Flower Mound's Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously approved our site plan (including exceptions for flat roof and landscape buffer). Next step: Town Council review on July 7 at 6 PM. We urge devotees to email the Flower Mound Town Council in support of our project. Please include your home address in the email and spread the word by communicating with neighbors and friends. The email is towncouncil@flowermound.gov.

We are also finalizing a land developer to submit the development permit after council approval. Groundbreaking is targeted for late August or early September 2025.

News Coverage:

- Community Impact [<<<< click here.](#)
- Cross Timbers Gazette [<<<< click here.](#)
- Meeting Video [<<<< click here.](#)

Pledges have reached \$1.85 million, with 35% already received. Now is the time to act consider fulfilling 25–50% of your pledge or start one today. On June 19, pledge reminders were sent via email titled "Time to Fulfill Your Pledge." Didn't receive it? Please email us at contactus@fmhtcc.org.

Fundraising Goal

\$3,000,000



◀ Raised
\$1.85 Million
as of June 2025

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Message From Temple Management

Namasthe, Devotees!

We are delighted to share that the construction project for our beloved temple and community center is moving forward. We humbly request your support by sending an email to the Town Council at towncouncil@flowermound.gov before July 3rd, 2025. Please include your name, Flower Mound address and your supporting reasons as a part of the email.

The FINAL APPROVAL for our project will be considered at the upcoming Town Council meeting on Monday, July 7th. This is a crucial step and your email expressing support sends a powerful message that our community stands together in support of this project, which will serve as a place of worship, cultural enrichment, and social gathering for generations to come.

Thanks to the dedication of our community members and the strength of our collective vision, the planning and zoning commission has already approved our proposal with a 7-0 majority. This success was only possible because of your steadfast support and we look forward to the same with the town council approval step.

Please make every effort to share the message with your friends and family members who support this cause. Together, we can help ensure the Town Council sees the immense value and positive impact our temple and community center will bring to Flower Mound and the surrounding areas.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey.

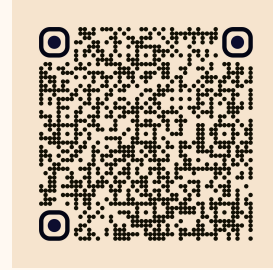
Flower Mound Hindu Temple Management

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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.



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

Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of July

Ashada Masam is a significant month in the Telugu calendar, particularly in Southern India and is associated with spiritual growth, purification, and divine blessings. While often referred to as "Shunya Masam" or "Empty Month" due to the absence of auspicious ceremonies like marriages, it's a time rich in cultural and spiritual practices.

4th of July Varalakshmi Vratam:

Varalakshmi Vratam normally done by women on the first Friday of the month.

10th July Ashadha Purnima:

Ashadha Purnima, also known as Guru Purnima and Vyasa Purnima, is a Hindu festival celebrated on the full moon day of the Ashadha Month. It is a day to honor spiritual and academic teachers (Gurus) and to commemorate the birth anniversary of saint Veda Vyasa. This day is observed with prayers, aarti, and seeking blessings from Gurus, as well as special pujas and recitations of sacred texts.

25th July Savana Masam Starts:

Sravana Month is a highly significant month. It is a period dedicated to religious observances, particularly worship of Lord Shiva and Goddess Lakshmi, and is marked by various festivals and vratams (vows). The month is named after the Shravana Nakshatra (star), which is considered auspicious. Month very auspicious for marriages, house warming, acquiring new properties etc., Women Lakshmi puja all the Fridays of the Month.

Author

Veerabhadra Rao Ivaturi

Lord Shiva (Dakṣiṇāmūrti) as Adi Guru (the first teacher)

I salute Dakṣiṇāmūrti, the youthful Guru, who teaches the supreme truth of Brahman through silence, surrounded by sages absorbed in that very truth, holding the chinmudra, ever blissful and smiling.

After the creation of the universe, the Lord Brahma created 4 sons from his mind (manasa putra): Sanaka, Sanandana, Sanatsujata, and Sanatkumāra also known as the Sanatkumāras. They were eternally young and deeply inclined toward spiritual knowledge.

They were great jñānis (seekers of knowledge) but had questions even their father Brahma could not answer.

So, they went in search of the supreme Guru.

The four sages reached the southern face of Mount Kailash, where they saw a young ascetic sitting under a banyan tree. He was facing south hence called Dakṣiṇāmurti (dakṣiṇa = south, murti = form). He was none other than Lord Shiva.

He sat in deep meditation still, radiant, and surrounded by divine silence. Around him, even the birds were quiet, the wind still.

The sages sat before Him and asked their deepest questions about the Self, the universe, birth and death, liberation.

Lord Shiva did not speak a single word.

He simply raised His right hand in the chinmudra (gesture of knowledge) and looked at them with compassion and supreme silence.

At that moment, the Sanatkumāras attained realization. They understood everything not through logic or speech but through direct transmission of truth.

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 committee lead will follow up with you. Let's grow together!

Youth Voice – Teen Reporter

Just down the road from Flower Mound High School, a beautiful new Hindu temple is beginning to take shape. Although it is still being built, there is already a smaller location nearby where our community comes together to pray, learn, and connect.

I didn't grow up attending this specific temple, but I did grow up going to Hindu temples and participating in religious classes like Balavihar. Even though the place was different, the lessons were the same. I learned about dharma, compassion, inner strength, and the importance of respecting my family and community. Those experiences shaped the way I see the world and gave me a deep appreciation for the values passed down through generations.

What makes this new temple so special is the people behind it. It is being built by a community that has supported one another through everything. These are people who are passionate about creating a space where the beauty of Hinduism can be shared and celebrated, especially with teens like us.

Whether you have always felt connected to your culture or are just starting to explore it, this temple will be a place for you. A place to learn. A place to reflect. A place to grow. Most importantly, a place where you belong.

Varun Sai Vasireddy
Texas A&M University

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Temple Operational Update

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous pledge toward the New Temple Construction. Your commitment reflects the devotion and unity that will bring our sacred vision to life.

As we approach a momentous milestone the Groundbreaking ceremony planned for late August or early September 2025 we invite you to fulfill your pledge and help us move forward with confidence and purpose. This groundbreaking will mark the beginning of land development and construction, making your support more crucial than ever.

For those who made milestone-based pledges (such as contributions at Groundbreaking, 25% completion, or 50% completion), this is the pivotal moment to honor your commitment. Every donation received today directly strengthens our foundation and enables us to proceed with unwavering determination.

How to Fulfill Your Pledge

You may contribute through any of the following convenient methods:

- In-person: Drop off a check at the temple
- Mail check to: Flower Mound Hindu Temple, 3325 Long Prairie Rd, Flower Mound, TX 75022 - Make Payable to: Flower Mound Hindu Temple
- At the temple: Use a credit card for immediate processing
- Zelle to: newtemplendonations@fmhtcc.org

Let us unite in devotion and generosity as we lay the sacred foundation of a spiritual home that will serve generations to come. Together, we are building more than a temple we are creating a lasting legacy of faith, community, and divine grace.

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

July 2025

Sat 05	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Mon 07	RUDRABHISHEKAM 06:45 PM Pradhosham
Thu 10	SAI BABA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Moorthy Abhishekam 06:45 PM Satyanarayana Samoohika Puja
Sun 13	SHANKATA HARA CHATURDHI 06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam
Sat 19	SUBRAMANYA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Subramanya Abhishekam
Tue 29	NAGAR ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Nagar Abhishekam

August 2025

Sat 02	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Fri 08	VARA MAHALAKSHMI VRATHAM 06:30 PM Vara Mahalakshmi Vatham
Tue 12	SHANKATA HARA CHATURDHI 06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam Uthsava Murthy
Fri 15	SRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI 06:30 PM Sri Krishna Janmashtami Pooja
Sat 23	NAVAGRAHA ARCHANA 06:30 PM Navagraha Pooja
Sun 24	NAGAR ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Nagar Abhishekam
Tue 26	GANESH CHATHURTHI 06:30 PM Utsav starts



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 सद्विप्रा 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 Devas 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 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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Celebrities from Telugu cinema at Flower Mound Hindu Temple



BABA PALLAKI SEVA

This seva is a way to honor Sai Baba and is often performed on Thursdays and other special occasions in Shirdi and other Sai Baba temples.



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Devotee Support Community

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BABA PALLAKI SEVA

Ocean breeze Dr, Flower Mound, TX 75026



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BABA PALLAKI SEVA

Olive Court, Argyle, TX 76226



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Huckleberry St, Northlake, TX 76226



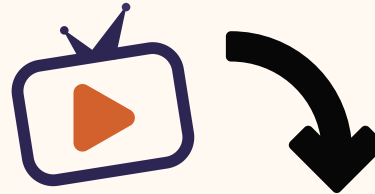
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Flower Mound Hindu Temple site plan heads to council

Council Meeting Seesion - Archived



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Young Yogis || Śiva Śakti – Guru Kṛpā || Summer 2025



Your Sacred Sounds team launched a 9-week Dharmic learning journey this summer for our children, titled **Young Yogis || Śiva Śakti – Guru Kṛpā**, running from June 1st to July 27th. With their strong Dharmic foundation and familiarity with Saṃskṛtam pronunciation, the children from the Sacred Sounds family were ready to engage with depth and enthusiasm.

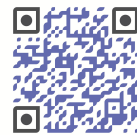
Within minutes of opening enrollment, all seats were filled — and we are delighted to share that **23 children** joined this enriching experience.

So far, the Young Yogis have immersed themselves in the recitation and meaning of the **Śiva Pañcākṣarī Stotram**, and are now learning the profound **Śrī Guru Aṣṭakam**.

The commitment of the children and the consistent encouragement from parents is what makes this journey so special.



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



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HAPPY

Gurii Purnima





The groundbreaking ceremony for the Flower Mound Hindu Temple is set for August stay tuned for Temple updates.



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