

Amaravani Newsletter

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

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Environmental Conservation Commission Meeting

New Temple Progress

We are thrilled to update you on the latest steps toward building our new temple! On April 17th, we submitted revised civil plans to the City of Flower Mound, reflecting the city's feedback.

The key updates include:

- A complete looped water line around the temple
- Addition of an extra fire hydrant
- 5 ft foundation planting along the perimeter
- Reduction of gopuram height from 35 ft to 32 ft

We've also requested exceptions for:

- Burying the power line
- Approval of a slope roof for buildings over 5,000 sq. ft.
- Decorated elevations during Phase 1

What's next?

- City department approvals are expected by May 23rd (with possible extension of +30 days for revisions)
 - The city will notify around 10 nearby homes
 - Planning & Zoning Committee may review our plan on June 23rd
 - City Council may take it up on July 7th
 - If approved, land development could begin by end of July or early August
 - We will keep you updated on any timeline changes.
- Thank you for your patience and continued support.

Fundraising Goal

\$3,000,000



▲ Raised
\$1.78 Million
as of April 2025

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Message From Temple Management

Namasthe, Devotees!

We are delighted to share that April was a spiritually enriching and culturally vibrant month at our temple. With your wholehearted participation, we celebrated Sundarkand Parayana, Sri Rama Navami, Tamil New Year & Vishu, and Hanuman Jayanthi with great devotion and joy.

These events would not have been possible without our Behind the Bell and Pooja Committee volunteers, who meticulously handled everything from organizing and cleaning to decoration and prasad preparation and distribution. A heartfelt thank you to Vignan Gotewal ji and Naren Joshi ji for leading the Sundarkand Parayana with such devotion.

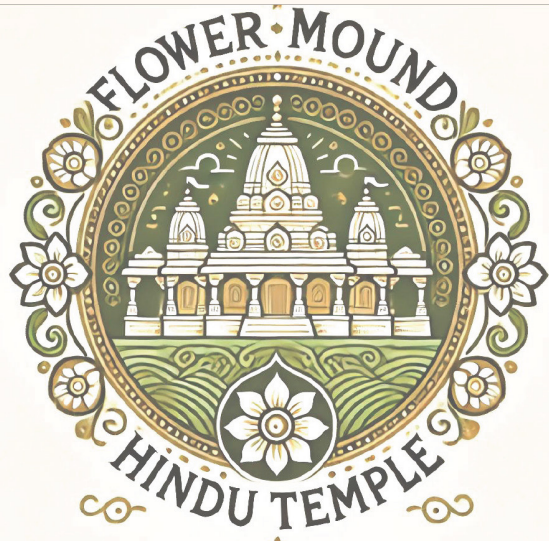
We are grateful to our young cultural performers and the esteemed gurus who guided them – Vid. Vasundara Kikkeri, Vid. Narashima Kikkeri, Vid. Jaya Pandrangi, Vid. Uma & Vid. Srinivas Prabhala, Vid. Seetha Chandrashekhar, and Vid. Vani Iswara – along with Smt. Jayashree Murthy, our cultural events coordinator. Your efforts continue to preserve and promote our rich cultural traditions.

The Children's Chess Tournament was a tremendous success – kudos to all 15 participants! Every child was a winner, and special recognition goes to who were awarded trophies. A big shoutout to Aaditya Murthy, Rajan Arun, and Krishna Vallapureddy for seamlessly coordinating the event.

We greatly appreciate your generous support, which helped us secure \$1.78 Million in pledges so far, along with many subscriptions to pujas and contributions for temple operations.

Your continued patronage keeps our temple vibrant and thriving.

With Gratitude,
Flower Mound Hindu Temple Management



About FMHTCC

Welcome to the Flower Mound Hindu Temple! Established in 2009 to preserve Sanatana Dharma, commonly known as Hinduism, the Flower Mound Hindu Temple has been a cornerstone of the community. Since its inception, the temple has offered a wide range of religious and language classes, while joyfully celebrating various festivals and special events that are significant in Hinduism. With the expansion of the community and the development of new neighborhoods in and around Flower Mound, the current temple space has outgrown its capacity to accommodate the growing needs of our community. Recognizing this need, the community and the temple committee have united to construct a new temple at 3131 Old Settlers Road, Flower Mound, to better serve the spiritual and cultural needs of our community.

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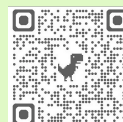
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Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of May

Shankaracharya Jayanti:

Shankaracharya Jayanti is going to be celebrated on May 1st, 2025. This day holds a great religious significance among Hindus as this day marks the birth anniversary of sage Adi Shankaracharya. According to Hindu Panchang, he was born on Panchami Tithi of Shukla Paksha in the month of Vaishakha. He is renowned for his profound teachings on Advaita Vedanta, Paramatma, Atma, Vairagya, Moksha, and the Panchkayatna system. He is known as Indian Guru in Hindu religion. When the Santana Dharma followed by Hindus was at stake due to the propaganda of other religions, he took Sanyas and went by walk from North to south and East to West preaching Sanatana Dharma. He established four Peethams namely:

Jyotir Math in the North (Uttarakhand), Govardhan Math in the East (Puri), Kalika Math in the West (Dwarka), and Sharada Peetham in the South (Sringeri)

Vysakha Pournima:

Vaishakha Purnima is a sacred and highly auspicious day in the Hindu tradition, observed on the full moon day of the Vaishakha month. It holds profound spiritual significance and is marked by rituals, acts of charity, prayers, meditation, and the observance of the Sri Satyanarayana Vratam.

Hanuman Jayanthi:

Hanuman Jayanthi is a Hindu festival celebrating the birth of the Hindu deity, and one of the protagonists of the Ramayana and its many versions, Hanuman. The celebration of Hanuman Jayanti varies by time and tradition in each state of India.

In most northern states of India, the festival is observed on the full-moon day of the Hindu month of Chaitra (Chaitra Purnima). In Telugu states Anjaneya Jayanthi celebrate on every Bahula (Shukla Paksha) Dashami in Vaishakha month according to Telugu calendar. In Karnataka, Hanuman Jayanti is observed on Shukla Paksha Trayodashi, during the Margashirsha month or in Vaishakha,

Author

Veerabhardra Rao Ivaturi

Youth Voice – Teen Reporter

To conclude and celebrate the end of Vasanta Navathri, on the ninth day, our temple celebrated Sri Rama Navami. The temple organized multiple events to make this event even more festive. Although the initial plan was to conduct these events in the open space of the new temple land, the weather did not permit this to occur. Therefore, they planned all the events accordingly without cancelling any of the events. To start the day off, in order to receive the divine blessings, the temple conducted Sita Rama Kalyanam in the temple. As expected, a huge crowd of various ages gathered to receive the blessings on this auspicious day. Additionally, later in the evening, the temple conducted a chess tournament as a part of the cultural activities. In continuation, the next day, the temple conducted music, including both vocal and instrumental, and dance performances. Additionally, I took part in the dance performances, and I am very grateful for the wonderful opportunity to be able to dance with my group. With all these festive celebrations, it was really a blissful experience for everyone who attended.

Srividya Siripurapu

Flower Mound High School

Future Leaders of FMHTCC

We're excited to welcome Asha Marla and Aaditya Murthy to the Temple Communication Team as youth volunteers! Your energy and ideas are a valuable addition. Special thanks to Srividhya Siripurapu, Srinidhi Gunda, Rhea Machepalli, Varun Sai Vasireddy, and Varun Gunda for their ongoing contributions to the Youth Voice – Teen Reporter section.

We encourage more of our young devotees to step up and join the youth and service committees – help shape the future of our temple and strengthen our community!



To publish articles, please send an email to: contactus@fmhtcc.org

Host an Awareness Gathering

As we continue our efforts toward new temple construction, we're seeking volunteers in the following communities to host awareness and fundraising events. Your leadership will help us build momentum as we await final city approvals. Our goal is to conduct at least 4 community events each month:

- Bradford Park
- Grand Park Estates
- Towne View Estate
- Flower Mound Oaks
- Lakeside

If you'd like to host or support one of these events, please reach out - we deeply appreciate your involvement! Together, We Build Our Future. Your continued support, participation, and devotion are the foundation of our growing spiritual home. Let's come together in service and celebration as we move closer to realizing the vision of our new Hindu temple in Flower Mound.

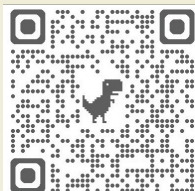
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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

May 2025

Sat 03	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 11	SATYANARAYANA PUJA 06:30 PM Satyanarayana Puja
Thu 15	SHANKATA HARA CHATURDHI 06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam Uthsava Murthy
Thu 22	HANUMAN JAYANTHI 06:30 PM Hanuman Chalisa
Sun 25	NAGAR ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Nagar Abhishekam
Mon 26	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Thu 29	SAI BABA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Small Moorthy Abhishekam

June 2025

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



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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 and Lifetime 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 (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.

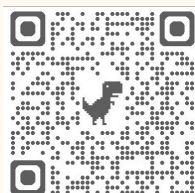
To ensure the temple qualifies and the match is successful, check with your HR or your employer's matching gift policy.

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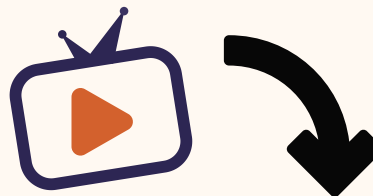
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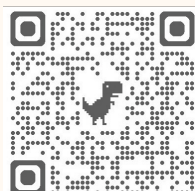
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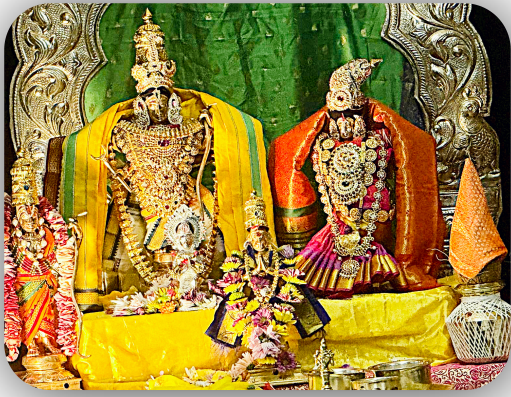
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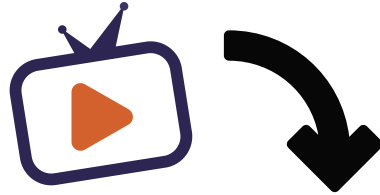
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Rama Navami Cultural Programs

Chess Tournament at Flower Mound Library

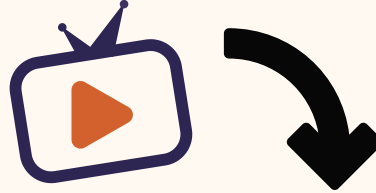
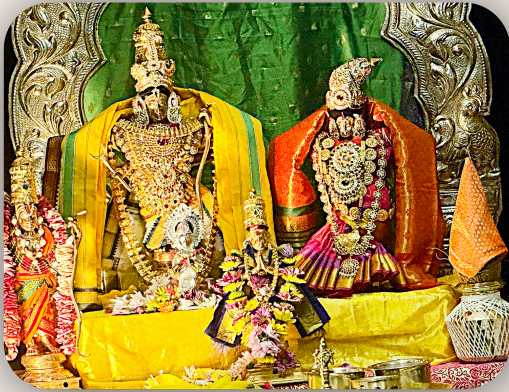


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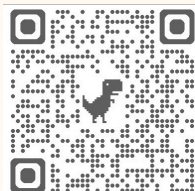
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Rama Navami Cultural Programs

Classical Tunes at Flower Mound Temple



Rama Navami Cultural Programs

Classical Dance Performances at Flower Mound Temple





Sacred Sounds

"Gaganam gaganākāram, sāgaram sāgaropamam"

Sacred Sounds - Vanabhojanam - 2025: an experience that words can only try to describe, but one must have been there at the Flower Mound Library, on April 6th to truly feel its depth and beauty. Around 65 people – 33 adults and 32 children – came together in joy and togetherness at the Flower Mound Library. More than just a picnic, this was a celebration of sāṅgīta, samskṛti, and sāhitya – lived and experienced as one family.



Twenty-three plus diverse dishes, representing various cuisines and regions from Bharath, were lovingly prepared and brought by as many families – heartfelt dhanyavādāḥ to the mātru-śakti for making this shared bhojanam truly special. One of the most heartwarming parts of our Vana Bhojanam was 80+ minutes of ātmiya performances by twenty-eight of our Sacred Sounds children, who offered the Dhārmic arts they've been learning – all with the active encouragement and sponsorship of their parents. From Carnatic music to flute, Dashaavatāra talks to bhajan and kīrtanam – each child added a divine note to our afternoon.

We began with the Dhyāna Śloka of the Bhagavad Gītā, gracefully recited by Sahana Mylapalli. Staying on the Gītā theme, our Bala Sādhaka brothers Kartikeya and Chandrashekhar chanted verses 1 to 10 from Adhyāya 2 – Sārikhya Yoga later in the program. Our Bala Upāsaka students showcased a rich collection of Śloka – invoking Śrī Rāma, Śrī Hanumān, Śrī Annapūrṇeśvari, Suprabhātām Śloka, Śrī Śiva, Śrī Durgā, and Śrī Sarasvatī Śloka – offered by Rishabh Sreeram, Veena Srivats, Dhruva Battula, Aadya and Ashrith Makam, Saharsh, and Samarth Durgam.

A unique highlight was a Hanumān song composed by their grandfather, soulfully sung in Kannada by Upasaka sisters Nishita and Nyra. Continuing with the Hanumān theme, the Hanumān Cālisā was recited by Siddarth, Pragyā, and Yasha from the Gītā Yajña and Bala Sādhaka classrooms. We were all captivated by the elegant Bharatanāṭyam performance of Kashve, a Gītā Yajña Adhyāyi, whose years of practice shone through on stage.

In the Bhajan and Kīrtanam segment, we enjoyed:

A Carnatic vocal recital by Vudayaragini Dronavalli | A joyful rendition of "Rādhe Rādhe Govinda" by sisters Aadhya and Diya Sumanth | Precisely pronounced Guru Aṣṭakam by Diya Guruprasad
A moving "Rāmacandrāya Janaka Suta" by Isha Alur | Rām Stuti (Vinay Patrikā) by Gayatri Tiwari and Two lovely Tyāgarāja Kīrtanam by twin sisters Saanvi and Ishaanvi

In the instruments category: A soulful Venu Vādanam in Rāga jog by Divyaroshni Dronavalli followed later by a lively flute performance of "Jai Ganesha" Bhajan by Pragyā Prasanna.
An impromptu piano rendition of Līrīgāṣṭakam by Sādhaka brothers Dhruvan and Deven Umesh had the whole audience clapping.

The program also had Geeta Yagna Adhyāyi - Anvika Madishetti, who delivered a powerful talk on Śrī Viṣṇu's Dasāvatāra. She also helped us conclude the program with a stirring piano performance of the Bhāratīya Rāṣṭra Gāna – the Indian National Anthem – with the entire audience joining in proudly.

A heartfelt dhanyavādāḥ to all the parents and children for participating in the event with such joy and Bhakti. Our special thanks to Guruji Śrī Veerabhadra Rao Ivaturi and Gurupatni Ji for gracing the occasion and giving us with their āsīrvāda. The "Sacred Sounds - Vana-Bhojanam 2025" was truly a celebration of talent, Bhakti, and community, and we couldn't be prouder of our children for making the afternoon so memorable!

Watch some of the performances and relive the experience by exploring the photos and videos shared here -

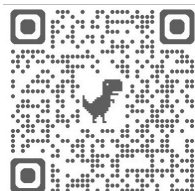


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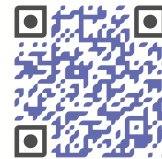


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HANUMAN JAYANTHI

AT FLOWER MOUND HINDU TEMPLE

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025, 06:30PM



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