



# Amaravani Newsletter



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

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**Building the Temple Begins.**

## Temple Management Message:

### Celebrating Devotion, Service, and Togetherness

As we welcome the festive month of October, the Flower Mound Hindu Temple continues to shine as a center of devotion, community service, and cultural unity. With the spirit of Navratri and Diwali filling the air, our temple has been vibrant with prayers, bhajans, and volunteer efforts that truly reflect our shared commitment and faith.

### Heartfelt Appreciation to Our FMHT Volunteer Team

Our temple thrives because of the selfless dedication of our volunteers. Every event, every puja, and every community gathering is made possible by your tireless support. From early morning temple preparations to managing crowds during busy weekends, your seva is deeply valued. Your teamwork embodies the true spirit of “Sewa hi Dharma hai” service is worship.

### Communication Group – Spreading the Word with Devotion

A special note of thanks to the FMHT Communication Team, who have kept the community well-informed and connected. Through timely announcements, event updates, and newsletters, they ensure every devotee feels included and aware of temple happenings. Your consistency and clarity strengthen our temple’s connection with the community.

### Puja Team – Keeping the Flame of Tradition Alive

Our Puja Group continues to uphold our rich rituals and traditions with dedication and devotion. From conducting daily pujas to organizing special events such as Navaratri and Diwali celebrations, their attention to detail and spiritual guidance bring divinity and peace to everyone who visits. Your efforts help maintain the sanctity and continuity of our heritage.

### New Temple Construction – A Dream Taking Shape

We are delighted to share that the groundwork for our new temple has begun with full swing! This marks a major milestone in our temple’s growth and vision for the future. With the blessings of the Almighty and the continued support of our devotees, the construction is progressing steadily and is expected to be completed in 2026. This sacred space will stand as a testament to our community’s faith, unity, and devotion for generations to come.

As we move toward let us carry forward this energy of togetherness and gratitude. Every prayer, every act of service, and every smile shared at the temple adds light to our collective journey.

May Lord blessings continue to guide and protect our community.

**Flower Mound Hindu Temple Management Committee**





## New Temple Progress

With your continued blessings and unwavering support, our shared dream of building the New Flower Mound Hindu Temple is steadily becoming a divine reality. Each month brings us closer to establishing a sacred home for our deities and a spiritual center that will serve our community for generations to come.

As of October 23, 2025, we have reached a remarkable milestone \$2.6 million in pledges, with \$1 million already fulfilled through the generous contributions of our devotees. To complete Phase 1, which includes Land Development and Building A, we still need to raise \$1.4 million. Every pledge and every dollar counts — each offering is a sacred brick in the foundation of this divine vision.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the Fundraising Team and volunteers who continue to spread awareness and inspire giving through events across the metroplex including Canyon Falls, Heritage Community, and several Dussera celebrations. Their tireless efforts, balancing work, family, and seva (selfless service), truly embody the spirit of devotion and community. If you would like to join the fundraising team or host a community event, please reach us at [contactus@fmhtcc.org](mailto:contactus@fmhtcc.org).

Following the completion of Phase 1, our current deities and guru will move into the new temple, marking a sacred milestone in our journey. In the subsequent phases, additional deities will be installed, further enriching the spiritual experience for all devotees. The floor plan, included in this newsletter, reflects thoughtful design to balance sacredness, functionality, and architectural beauty.

We express our sincere gratitude to Sthapati R. Selvanathan and Mrs. Ponni Selvanathan, who have been working closely with our Land Developer, Civil Engineers, Architect, and Temple Design Committee to finalize plans required for Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) design and development.

Land development activities are progressing well, with ongoing site preparation, erosion control, earthwork, utility installations, irrigation, and landscaping. The entrance gravel layout and land leveling are currently underway — visible signs of our dream taking shape.

As we enter this critical construction phase, timely payments for contractor milestones are essential to keep progress uninterrupted. We humbly request devotees to fulfill their pledges and encourage friends and family to participate, ensuring the work continues smoothly and without delay.

Together, let us build not just a temple of stone and structure, but a sanctuary of devotion, learning, and service a beacon of faith that will inspire generations and stand as a living testament to our unity and devotion.

## Temple Management

## Temple Operations Update

### Namasthe, Devotees!

October was a month overflowing with divine energy, music, and devotion at the Flower Mound Hindu Temple. Each celebration brought our community closer together united in faith, seva, and joyful participation.

Throughout the month, devotees came together to observe sacred events with great enthusiasm, including Vijaya Dasami, Durga Devi Uthsava Murthy Abhishekam, Shree Shirdi Sai Baba's 107th Mahasamadhi, Samuhika Satyanarayana Pooja, Krittika Subramanya Swamy Abhishekam, Diwali Mahalakshmi Abhishekam, Mata Ki Chowki, Shani Trayodashi, Gujarati New Year and Govardhan Puja, Nagula Chavithi, and Karthika Mondays Rudrabhishekam. The temple resonated with chants, bhajans, and the collective spirit of devotion as families joined hands in worship and celebration.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the Puja Committee, Behind the Bell Volunteers, Event Organizers, Sachin Hegde family for the Baba Bhajans, and all Mata Ki Chowki performers including Art of living satsang team members Rohit Gajjela, Kala Krishnan, Jyotsna Sharma, Mahesh Salem, Praveen Singh, and Nirmala Gajjela for their tireless efforts in organizing and supporting each event from decorations and crowd management to prasadam preparation and cleanup. Your seva transforms every celebration into a memorable and divine experience for all devotees.

The month also shone with special cultural performances that filled the temple with melody and rhythm. We extend our sincere appreciation to the music schools and talented students who offered their art as devotion to the Divine:

- Carnatic Melodies School of Music
- Sruti Dhwani Academy
- Raaga Music School
- Nadopasana Fine Arts Academy
- Sur Sangam School of Music
- Nartana Center for Performing Arts

Their soulful renditions during Navaratri and Diwali celebrations created an atmosphere of divine bliss and cultural harmony, reflecting the rich traditions that our temple proudly upholds.

As we step into November, let us carry forward this spirit of seva (selfless service) and satsang (spiritual togetherness). Your continued support whether through volunteering, performing, or simply participating in prayers strengthens our collective mission to preserve our traditions and nurture the next generation.

Together, let us continue to make our temple a sanctuary of devotion, culture, and community — a place where faith flourishes, music uplifts, and every act of service becomes an offering to the Divine.

With gratitude,  
Temple Management

Dear Denton County Neighbors,

We are excited to invite you and your family to our upcoming Diwali Dhamaka at Gerault Park! If you're interested in hosting a fundraising event in your neighborhood, please stop by our temple booth for more information. This initiative supports the construction and growth of our temple, a place that brings our community together in devotion, culture, and service.

Our Flower Mound Hindu Temple and DCICA are proudly hosting this special gathering, and we warmly welcome all Hindu residents and well-wishers to join us in celebrating and contributing. Your presence and support will make a meaningful difference in helping us realize our shared vision for the temple.

Please scan the QR code below to make Zelle payments for the Flower Mound Hindu Temple's new temple construction.



To use the Zelle QR code, you need to log into your bank account first and scan it from there or send payments to [donations@fmhtcc.org](mailto:donations@fmhtcc.org).

## Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of November

The auspicious month of Karthikam ends on 19th November and the Margasiram month starts on 20th November 3rd, 10th & 17th November:

Balance three Mondays of Kateekamasa for fasting, abhishekas, and Archana to lord Siva.

### 5th November: Karthika Pournami.

This day marks Lord Shiva's victory over the demon Tripurasura. The day is also linked to the marriage of Tulasi and Vishnu and marks Lord Vishnu's return to his heavenly realm after four months of rest (Chaturmasa Deeksha). It is a highly sacred day for both Shiva and Vishnu devotees, who observe fasts, perform rituals, and engage in acts of charity. Women light Karthika Deepam and leave it in rivers and ponds. It is an excellent event in Arunachalam, where devotees in lakhs attend to witness the Karthika Deepam lit on the top of the hill. This is a prayer that this light reaches all living beings in the universe in order to get Manusha Janma in the next birth. This is recited in a sloka prayer after lighting Karthika Deepam.

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jale sthale ye nivasanti jIvAh  
drushTvA pradeepam na cha janma bhAjAh  
sukhinah bhavantu svapachAh hi viprAh

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### 20th November:

The Month of Margasiram starts. It is considered a divine month for spiritual growth, rituals, and prayers. The month is dedicated to the worship of various gods, including Lord Krishna, Vishnu, and Lakshmi. Fasting on Thursdays is believed to appease Goddess Lakshmi for the blessings of prosperity. Practices like holy bathing in rivers or at home, fasting, and charity are believed to cleanse sins and purify the soul.

### 26th November:

Subramaya Shasthi. Subramanya Shashti is a Hindu festival dedicated to Lord Subramanya (also known as Kartikeya or Murugan). The festival commemorates Lord Subramanya's victory over the demon Tarakasura, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. Devotees observe fasts, visit temples, and perform special pujas to honor him and seek his blessings. Subramanya Kalyanam also performed on this auspicious day.

### Author

Veerabhadra Rao Ivaturi

### The Annual Puja/Ishta Devata Puja Please scan this QR code

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## Youth Voice – Teen Reporter

### Flower Mound Hindu Temple: A Journey Begins

An important turning point for our expanding community is the official start of the Flower Mound Hindu Temple's construction. This temple, which is situated next to the Flower Mound High School ninth-grade campus, offers area students a fantastic chance to complete volunteer hours requirements and participate in worthwhile community service. Young people can contribute to a respectable institution in their own area while gaining invaluable experience in civic duty, cultural understanding, and community participation by getting involved in several facets of the temple's growth and ongoing operations.

The community's tremendous support and dedication to this project was demonstrated by the great success of the groundbreaking event. Tens of thousands of dollars were donated in the weeks that followed the event, which created a lot of momentum. The significance of the temple to our multicultural community and its potential to remain a spiritual and cultural hub for many years to come are demonstrated by this outstanding reaction. To fund the completion of this temple, we kindly ask everyone who is interested to think about contributing money, no matter how small. Your donation will support the establishment of a vital institution in our growing city and offer a hallowed area for interfaith discussion, worship, and cultural preservation.

We cordially invite everyone in the community to visit the temple site and take part in the activities as the Deepavali holiday draws near. Gathering your family, experiencing the rich customs of Hindu culture, and receiving blessings during this festival of lights are all made possible by this auspicious occasion. The Flower Mound Hindu Temple extends a warm welcome to anybody looking to enhance their spiritual practice or simply learn more about the rich cultural legacy of our community.

**HAPPY DIWALI !!**

**Varun Sai Vasireddy**  
Texas A&M University

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## Diwali Festival:

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most celebrated and joyful festivals in India. If one were to recognize any Hindu festival, chances are it is Diwali. It symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. People also worship the goddess Lakshmi, seeking blessings for prosperity and happiness. During this festival, people light their homes with oil lamps and share sweets. For children, it is often associated with the enjoyment that comes with lighting fire crackers and spending time with others while celebrating this holiday.

Srividya Siripurapu  
Flower Mound High School

## Devotees Generously Support New Temple Construction

On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, the community of Flower Mound Hindu Temple came together in devotion and unity, pledging their support for the construction of the new temple. The festival, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil, served as a meaningful backdrop as devotees offered prayers and contributed towards building a divine space for future generations.

The pledge drive reflected the deep commitment of the devotees to preserve culture, spirituality, and tradition in the heart of Flower Mound. Families and individuals made generous contributions, reaffirming that the temple is not just a place of worship but also a center of learning, service, and community bonding.

The temple committee expressed heartfelt gratitude to all devotees for their unwavering support. Each pledge is a step closer to fulfilling the vision of a larger, more vibrant temple that will serve as a beacon of faith and heritage for years to come.

## Temple Management

## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

### November 2025

Sat 01	<b>VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM</b> 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 02	<b>RUDRABHISHEKAM</b> 11:00 AM Pradhosham
Tue 04	<b>SATYANARAYANA POOJA</b> 06:30 PM Satyanravana Samoohika Puja
Wed 05	<b>SUBRAMANYA ABHISHEKAM</b> 06:30 PM Subramanya Abhishekam
Sat 08	<b>SHANKATA HARA CHATURDHI</b> 06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam Uthsava Murthy
Thu 20	<b>SAIBABA ABHISHEKAM</b> 06:30 PM Saibaba Utsava Murthi Abhishekam
Sat 29	<b>NAVAGRAHA ARCHANA</b> 06:30 PM Navagraha Pooja
Sun 30	<b>NAGAR ABHISHEKAM</b> 06:30 PM Naqar Abhishekam

### December 2025

Tue 02	<b>RUDRABHISHEKAM</b> 06:45 PM Pradhosham
Wed 03	<b>SUBRAMANYA ABHISHEKAM</b> 06:30 Subramanya Abhishekam
Thu 04	<b>SATYANARAYANA POOJA</b> 06:30 PM Satyanrayana Samoohika Puja
Sat 06	<b>VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM</b> 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 07	<b>SATYANARAYANA POOJA</b> 11:00 AM Satyanrayana Samoohika Puja
Thu 18	<b>SAIBABA ABHISHEKAM</b> 06:30 PM Saibaba Utsava Murthi Abhishekam
Sat 20	<b>VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM</b> 11:00 AM Uthsava Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 28	<b>NAVAGRAHA ARCHANA</b> 06:00 PM Navagraha Pooja
Tue 30	<b>VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM</b> 06:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Wed 31	<b>RUDRABHISHEKAM</b> 06:45 PM Pradhosham



#### 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**



### BHOOMI POOJA PHOTO GALLERY

#### 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.

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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# October -2025

## Fundraising Event - Arbor Manors





# October -2025

# Fundraising Event - HARVEST

Diwali Celebrations





# New Temple Construction Progress





# Operations Highlights



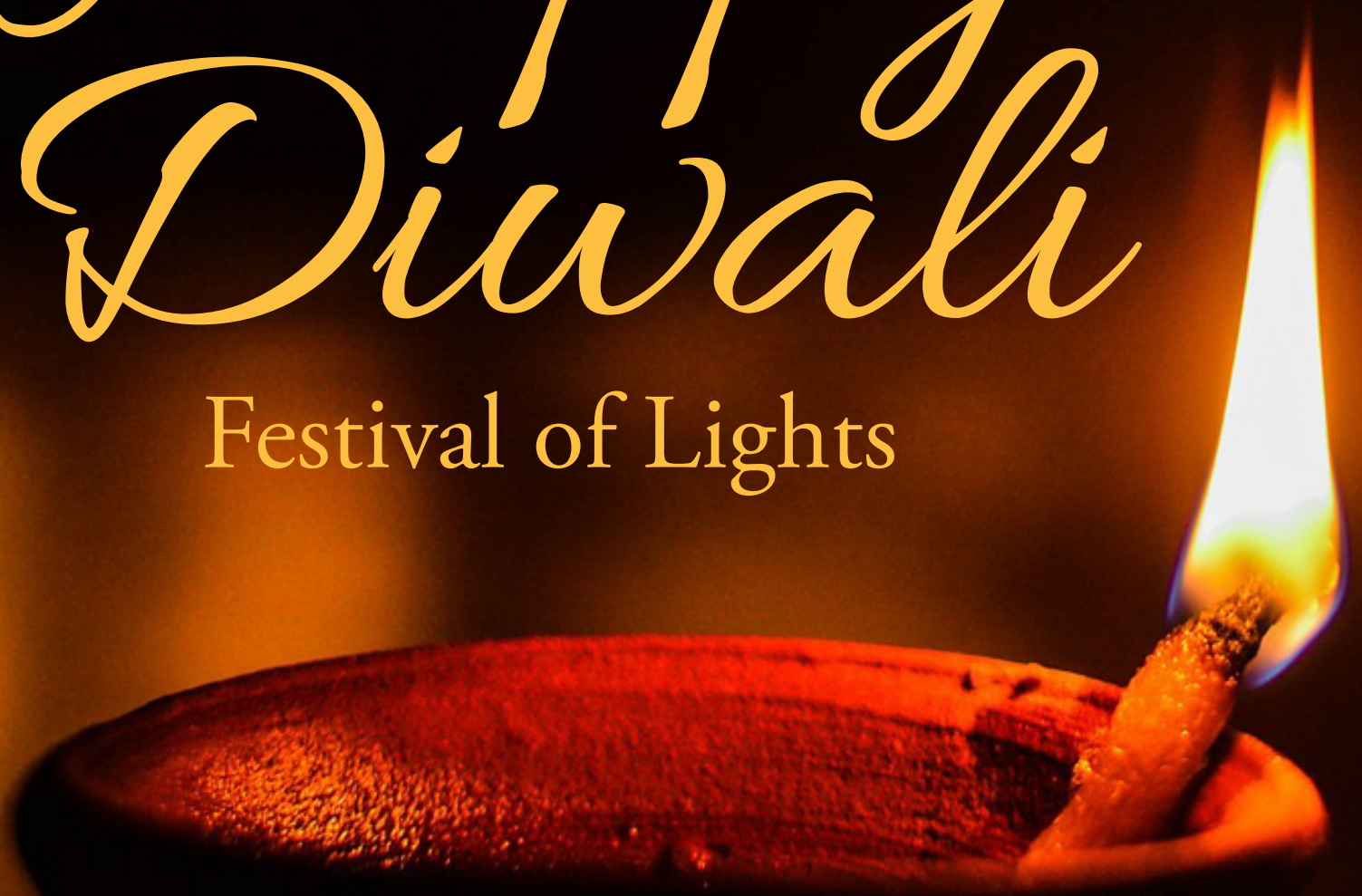




DIWALI DHAMAKA

*Happy  
Diwali*

Festival of Lights



November 1st 2025, Gerault Park, Flower Mound

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# *Flower Mound Hindu Temple Model*



*Front Elevation of the temple with  
Indianization*

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