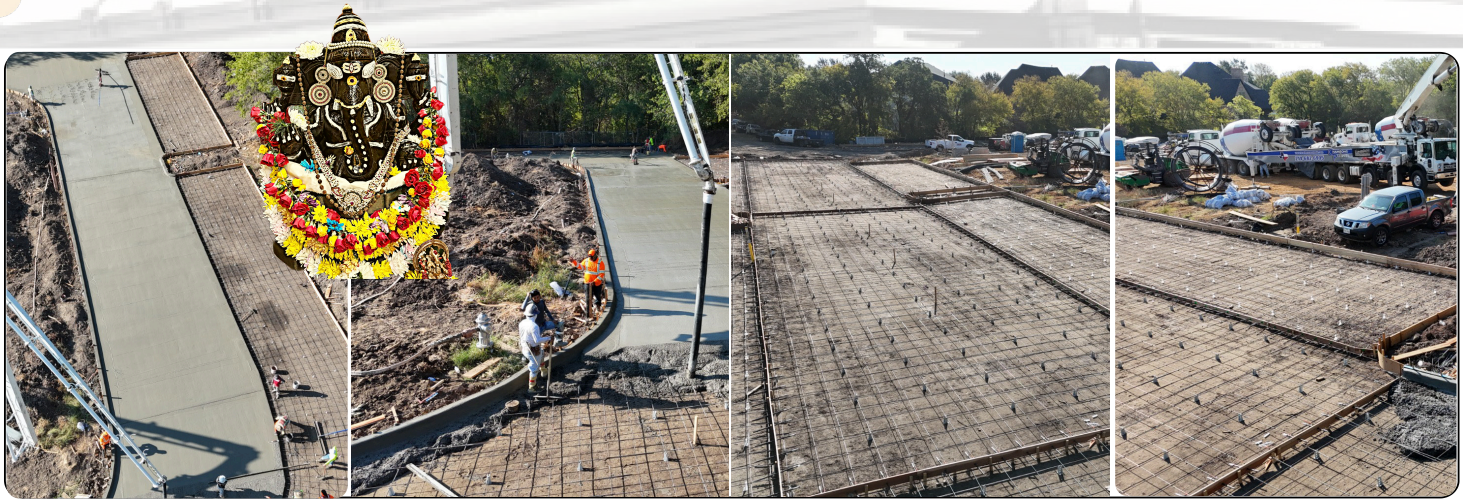
Amaravani Newsletter

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Temple Management Message: Vertical Construction Begins & Save the Date for Foundation Mahotsav!

Dear Devotees: Namaste!

By the Almighty's grace and the unwavering support of our vibrant community, we are thrilled to share major milestones in the construction of our beloved Flower Mound Hindu Temple. Progress is accelerating as our shared vision becomes reality before our eyes!

Key Construction Milestones

- **Land Development 100% Complete:** All foundational site prep and grading are officially finished. Sewer, water, and plumbing work are complete. Installation of underground utilities, including electricity, gas, and data cables, is complete.
- **Roads & Parking Lots Poured:** Concrete pouring for our main access roads and parking areas was completed over the last two weeks, laying a solid, accessible foundation for our future complex.
- **General Contractor Selected & MOU Signed:** We have officially finalized agreements with our General Contractor, marking the completion of pre-construction planning.
- **Vertical Construction Commencing:** With all ground-level preparation complete, vertical construction is set to begin immediately!

Save the Date: Foundation Mahotsav, October 17th & 18th, 2026 Temple Construction Site, Flower Mound

Please join us for a historic two-day Foundation Mahotsav on our temple grounds! This sacred celebration will feature special pujas, Vedic chants, cultural programs, and community gatherings as we bless the temple's physical foundation.

Building a temple is a once-in-a-lifetime privilege (Seva). We invite all families to be an integral part of this sacred journey:

- Foundation Brick Sponsorship: Leave a legacy by sponsoring a consecrated brick for the temple foundation. Your family's devotion will physically support the sanctuary for generations to come.
- Annadanam Seva: Help us feed the holy gathering. Sponsorships are now open to support divine food offerings during the two-day Foundation Mahotsav.

Get Involved Today:

- To sponsor a Foundation Brick, register for Annadanam Seva, or volunteer for the upcoming Mahotsav, please visit our temple office or Website.
- Thank you for your continued prayers, generous contributions, and active dedication. Together, let us build a sacred home for devotion, culture, and community.

Temple Management





New Temple Progress Update 2026

Respected Devotees,

With the blessings of the Lord and the unwavering support of our community, 2025 has been a trans-formative year for the New Flower Mound Hindu Temple & Community Center. What began as vision and planning has now blossomed into visible on-site construction, bringing our collective dream closer to reality than ever before.

Construction Progress:

Work Completed	Work in Progress (Nov 2025 - Oct 2026)	Projected Time Line	Financial Snapshot & Fundraising Needs
All 15 City-approved trees have been safely removed.	Concrete foundation work for the temple, parking, sidewalk, and entrance roads is in progress	Land Development Completion: June-Aug 2026	Total Pledges: $3.7 Million Pledges Fulfilled: $1.7 Million
Earthwork and grading are 100% complete, and the building pad is fully prepared with select fill—a strong, stable foundation for the temple structure.	Selection of a general contractor completed. Approval of building plans by the city.	Building Completion & Move-In: Q2 -Q3 2027	Phase 1 (Land Development + Building A), we still require: $1.0 million in new pledges
Site mobilization, staging, utility preparation, and erosion-control measures are in place. Sewer, Water and Plumbing (SWP) along with data line installation, electrical work is completed.		Three new deities have been ordered as per the AGM approval, and it will take 7 to 8 months.	Timely fulfillment of existing commitments. Your support at this stage ensures continuous payment for contractor milestones and uninterrupted construction.

To fully complete the project, we still need an additional $1 million in new pledges and the timely fulfillment of existing pledges totaling $3.7 million.

Together Toward 2026 and Beyond

We are building not just a physical structure, but a sacred home for devotion, culture, learning, and community. With gratitude and unity, let us step into 2026 with renewed purpose, devotion, and commitment.

Temple Management

Temple Construction Progress Gallery

NEW

Temple Construction Video

Click on the link mentioned above

Stay connected with us as we continue to share more construction videos on our Flower Mound Hindu Temple Channel.

Please scan the temple WhatsApp Channel

Fundraising Goal



FMHTCC is a non-profit exempt Organization Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code 1986.

Operational & Puja Committee Update

We encourage all devotees to stay connected by subscribing to our temple's YouTube channel for live and recorded events, allowing you to participate in divine moments from wherever you are.

Our temple continues to offer regular weekly sevas:

Shiva Abhishekam on Mondays at 06:45 PM
Sri Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan on Tuesday at 07:30 PM
Sri Shiridi Sai Baba Aarthi - on Thursday 4 times
Balaji Abhishekam on Saturdays at 10:30 AM NEW
Please visit our temple You Tube channel

These sacred offerings are made possible by the tireless seva of our volunteers. Every act, whether preparing prasad or organizing temple activities, is an offering to the Divine and a reflection of dharma, unity, and compassion.

Looking Ahead: October Highlights:



October 17th - Saturday	October 18th - Sunday
Purification and Cleansing of the Temple Site and Sacred Land	Invocation of divine wealth, prosperity and Abundance
09:00 AM - Ganapathi Puja, Punyahavachanam and Agni Mukham	09:00 AM - Vishwaksena Puja, Punyahavachanam and Agni Pratishtha
09:30 AM - Chandi Homam	09:30 AM - Sri Lakshmi Narayana Homam and Sukta Homa
12:00 PM - Maha Purnahuti, Sacred Theertha and Maha Prasadam	11:00 AM - Maha Purnahuti and Sri Lakshmi Kumkumarchana

Principal Devotee Invitation

Every family is invited to touch, anoint with Sandalwood & Kumkum, and perform Puja on the foundation bricks before installation.

Sunday October 18th

11:30 AM - Devotee Brick Worship, Sandalwood and Kumkum Anointing
12:00 PM - Ceremonial Foundaion Brick Installation (Ishtika Nyasa)

Donor Wall members are invited to place a brick in the Garbhagriha's foundation.

Foundation Brick Sponsorship & Annadanam Seva Open
Receive Special Prasadam & Divine Blessings

Support the New Temple Through Stock & DAF Giving

As we continue building our sacred temple, devotees can support this divine effort in a simple and tax-efficient way by donating appreciated stocks or through a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) often allowing you to give more than cash. Example: Donating Appreciated Stock
Suppose you purchased AAPL (Apple) stock for $500 several years ago, and today it is worth $2,500. If you sell the stock first, you may owe capital gains tax on the $2,000 gain.
If you donate the stock directly:
The temple receives the full $2,500 toward construction
You may avoid capital gains tax on the $2,000 appreciation
You may receive a charitable tax deduction for the full $2,500

This often results in significant tax savings, while maximizing your impact. How to donate appreciated stock:

Visit DonateStock
Search for Flower Mound Hindu Temple
Select AAPL (or TSLA), enter the number of shares, and complete the secure transfer

Using a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF): If you have a DAF with Fidelity, Vanguard, or Schwab, you may recommend a grant directly to the temple.
These thoughtful giving options help accelerate the completion of our sacred temple. For assistance, please contact the temple fundraising team.

contactus@fmhtcc.org
Phone: 214-513-2562

Host a Neighborhood Fundraiser for the New Flower Mound Hindu Temple

A historic milestone is taking shape in our community. The Flower Mound Hindu Temple and Cultural Community (FMHTCC) is constructing its permanent spiritual home at 3131 Old Settlers Road. With town approvals being secured and phase one of the building project progressing rapidly, the temple needs our collective support to meet its remaining financial goals.

By hosting a simple fundraising event in your neighborhood, you can play a direct role in creating this sanctuary for future generations.

2 Simple Ideas to Host on Your Street

Chai & Samosa Social: Host a casual evening gathering on your driveway and discuss the progress of the temple. If you have already pledged, please ask your neighbor for support.

Organize a Devotional Bhajan Night at your home, featuring spiritual singing or meditation. Involve the temple fundraising team to explain the temple's progress and the current fundraising status.

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Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of October

October 1st to 10th:
Mahalaya Paksham, Pitru Paksham(Shasti 6th day to Amavasya 15th day). Devotees perform sacred rites using water, black sesame seeds, and cooked rice (Pind Daan) to nourish the souls of the departed. Food is traditionally offered to crows, cows, and Brahmins as representatives or carriers of ancestral spirits. The period concludes with Mahalaya Amavasya.
October 11th: starting of Aswayuja Month. Celebrations of Sharada Navaratri starts.

October 16th:
Mula Star Saraswati Puja. When the moon resides in the Mula Nakshatra during the Ashwayuja month, it carries significant spiritual weight, particularly because it aligns with Sharad Navratri, during which Mula Nakshatra marks the sacred commencement of Saraswati Puja.

October 18th:
Durgashtami. Powerful eighth day of the Navratri festival dedicated to honoring Goddess Durga and celebrating the triumph of divine feminine energy over evil, Commemorating the emergence of Goddess Kali from Maa Durga's forehead to defeat ferocious demons like Chanda, Munda, and Raktabeeja.

October 19th:
Maharnavami ninth and penultimate day of the festival of Navaratri, celebrating Goddess Durga's victory over the demon Mahishasura. : In Southern India, people perform Ayudha Puja to worship tools, machinery, books, musical instruments, and vehicles as extensions of divine work. October 20th: Dussehra (Dasara, Vijaya Dasami is a major Hindu festival that celebrates the ultimate victory of good over evil. It marks the day the Hindu deity Rama defeated the demon king Ravana, who had abducted Rama's wife, Sita. This story from the epic Ramayana represents righteousness (dharma) prevailing over evil (adharma). In many regions, the day coincides with Vijayadashami, commemorating Goddess Durga's victory over the buffalo demon Mahishasura after a fierce battle. It honors divine feminine energy and strength. Dasara falls on the tenth day following the nine nights of Sharad Navratri, serving as a time for spiritual renewal and the destruction of inner vices.

October 25th: Aswayuja Pournami

October 28th:
Karva Chauth is a traditional Hindu festival where married women fast from sunrise to moonrise to pray for the longevity, safety, and well-being of their husbands. The fast expresses deep love, commitment, and emotional connection between a husband and wife. "Karwa" means a small earthen water pot, and "Chauth" means the fourth day, referring to the fourth day of the dark fortnight in the Hindu lunar month of Kartik.

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Devi Navaratri: Celebrating the Divine Feminine Power

As the seasons change and we welcome the auspicious autumn month of Ashvin, the Flower Mound Hindu Temple and Cultural Center (FMHTCC) invites you and your family to celebrate Devi Navaratri with us. One of the most sacred and vibrant times of the year, Navaratri spans nine nights dedicated entirely to honoring the universal cosmic energy, or Shakti, in her beautiful forms as Durga, Lakshmi, and Saraswati.

The festival reminds us of the victory of good over evil, traditionally celebrated through the divine battle between Goddess Durga and the demon Mahishasura. It is a time for deep reflection, spiritual purification, and communal joy. Over these nine nights, we worship the Navadurga, the nine distinct manifestations of the Goddess, each representing a unique quality of strength, wisdom, and peace:

Days 1–3 (Seeking Strength): We worship Goddess Durga (in forms like Shailaputri, Brahmacharini) to remove our internal impurities, spiritual obstacles, and deep-rooted negative traits.

Days 4–6 (Seeking Wealth & Abundance): We invoke Goddess Lakshmi (including Kushmanda, Skandamata, and Katyayani) to bless our hearts and homes with inner peace, prosperity, health, and a spirit of selfless giving.

Days 7–9 (Seeking Wisdom): We revere Goddess Saraswati (as Kalaratri, Mahagauri, and Siddhidatri) to dispel the darkness of ignorance, granting us the light of knowledge, creative expression, and supreme spiritual truth.

The festivities culminate on the tenth day with Vijaya Dasami, marking the triumphant dawn of success and new beginnings.

A Prayer for the Community

Whether you wish to sponsor a daily Archana, join the community chanting of Lalitha Sahasranama, or volunteer your time to serve prasadam, your presence makes our temple a home away from home.

To view the complete schedule of daily alankarams, timing for special poojas, or to register your sponsorship, please visit the FMHTCC Official Portal or reach out directly to the management team at contactus@fmhtcc.org.

May the divine mother Maa Durga guide your paths, bless your families with endless happiness, and fill your lives with spiritual abundance. We look forward to celebrating these auspicious nine nights together as one big family!

For full festival schedules, sponsorship options, and volunteer sign-ups, please visit the temple website or check our temple WhatsApp channel



Youth Voice – Teen Reporter

Vijayadashami

Vijayadashami, otherwise known as Dussehra, is a significant festival widely celebrated across India. It falls on the tenth day after the nine nights of Navratri and marks a time when families, friends, and entire communities come together to celebrate new beginnings and positivity.

Vijayadashami carries a beautiful message that most people know well; good always triumphs over evil. The festival originates from famous ancient Hindu epics. However, different regions highlight different stories. In Northern and Western India, the day honors Lord Rama's major victory over the ten-headed demon king Ravana. To celebrate this event, communities organize large outdoor events called Ramlila, where actors perform scenes from Rama's life. The celebration peaks at night when huge effigies of Ravana filled with fireworks are set ablaze, lighting up the sky and portraying the destruction of negativity.

Meanwhile, in Eastern states like West Bengal, the festival is celebrated on the final day of Durga Puja. It honors Goddess Durga's triumph over the buffalo demon Mahishasura. On this day, graceful, sculpted idols of the Goddess are carried in processions to local rivers and lakes, symbolizing her return to her heavenly home.

Beyond the dramatic ceremonies, Vijayadashami is also about starting fresh. People often launch new businesses, buy vehicles, or commence major personal goals on this day because it is considered very lucky. Streets fill with lively markets, people wear bright traditional outfits, and families eat traditional sweets like jalebis and rasgullas. Whether through grand public spectacles or small family gatherings, the day serves as an uplifting reminder to stand up for what is right and embrace a fresh start.

Navya Gupta
Flower Mound High School



The Triumph of Light: Understanding Diwali

As the diyas light the world, a reminder dawns upon us that goodness will always prevail. During the autumn season on the darkest night of the new moon, Hindus celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights and goodness. But what exactly is Diwali, and why is it celebrated?

Diwali, also known as Deepavali, celebrates the return of Lord Rama after his exile and his victory over Ravana. In the 2nd era of time, known as Treta Yuga, Lord Vishnu took his avatar of Lord Rama to defeat adharma(unrighteousness) and set an ideal example for what a man should be, the Maryada Purushottama. As per his step-mother Kaikeyi's wish, Lord Rama was sent to a 14 year exile with his wife, Mata Sita, and brother Lakshmana. During their time in the forest, Mata Sita was kidnapped by the demon king Ravana, who took her back to his kingdom of Lanka. Lord Rama, in the search of Sita, unified an army of forest men known as Vanaras, whose leader was Sugriva and Lord Hanuman. Using their help, Lord Rama crossed the vast Indian ocean from modern day Rameshwaram to Sri Lanka. Upon reaching, Lord Rama and his army fought a devastating war, which ended with the death of Ravana. Having completed their exile, it was time to return to Ayodhya. The night on which Lord Rama returned was Amavasya, the darkest night of the new moon. The citizens of Ayodhya lit up Lord Rama's path with Diyas (Lamps), to celebrate his return and his triumph over evil. This is why people light diyas on the night of Diwali, to celebrate Rama's eternal victory, which carried a deeper meaning. Diwali also depicts how it takes just one lamp of righteousness to cut through the deep darkness of Adharma(Unrighteous).

Devotees across the world also celebrate Diwali as Mata Lakshmi's birthday. According to Hindu texts, during the Samudra Manthan,when the Asuras(Demons) and the Devas(Gods) churned the great eternal ocean for the nectar of immortality known as Amrit, Mata Lakshmi was born. During the churning, many treasures emerged, and while the churning continued, a young lady seated upon a lotus, full of youth and beauty emerged. She represented prosperity and material wealth, carrying a pot of infinite gold in her right hand. She rose and chose Lord Vishnu as her consort, and this lady would be known as Mata Lakshmi. In today's world, Lakshmi represents wealth, and happy living, and celebrating her on Diwali shows the appreciation devotees have for her eternal power.

Whether you light a Diya to welcome Sri Rama, or to celebrate Mata Lakshmi's birth, Diwali is the world's triumph over evil on this day. Celebrate this Diwali with the enlightenment and blessing of elders and loved ones. Always remember that no matter how dark it gets, how hard the obstacles are, you will triumph, and Diwali is just one of the many celebrations to remind us that the truth always wins. Thanks for reading, and Happy Diwali!

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Thu 01	SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA AARTI 11:00 AM Kakad Aarthi (Morning) 12:00 PM Madhyan Aarthi (Noon) 07:00 PM Dhoop Aarthi (Evening) 08:00 PM Shej Aarthi (Night)
Fri 02	LALITA SAHASRANAMAM 07:30 PM Lalita Saharanamam 08:00 PM Durga Aarthi
Sat 03	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam 06:30 PM Goddess Lakshmi Devi Starting Prayer
Mon 05	SHIVA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Shiva Abhishekam
Tue 06	SRI HANUMAN CHALISA 07:00 Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan 08:00 Aarathi
Thu 08	SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA AARTI 11:00 AM Kakad Aarthi (Morning) 12:00 PM Madhyan Aarthi (Noon) 07:00 PM Dhoop Aarthi (Evening) 08:00 PM Shej Aarthi (Night)
Fri 09	LALITA SAHASRANAMAM 07:30 PM Lalita Saharanamam 08:00 PM Durga Aarthi
Sat 10	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:00 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 11	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY1 MAA SHAILAPUTRI 12:00 PM Aarthi 06:30 PM Kalasha Sthapana 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi
Mon 12	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY2 MAA BRAHMACHARINI 12:00 PM Aarthi 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi
Tue 13	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY3 MAA CHANDRAGHANTA 12:00 PM Aarthi 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi
Wed 14	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY4 MAA KUSHMANDA 12:00 PM Aarthi 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi
Thu 15	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY5 MAA SKANDAMATA 12:00 PM Aarthi 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi
Fri 16	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY6 MAA KATYAYANI 12:00 PM Aarthi 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi
Sat 17	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY7 MAA KALARATRI New Temple Site Event 09:00 AM Ganapathi Puja 10:00 AM Rudhra Homam 11:00 Purnahuti 06:00 PM Samuhika Saraswathi Puja 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi
Sun 18	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY8 MAA MAHAGAURI New Temple Site Event 09:00 AM Vishvaksena Puja 10:00 AM Lakshmi Narayana Homam 11:00 AM Purnahuti 06:00 PM Saddula Bathukamma 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi
Mon 19	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY9 MAA SIDDHIDATRI 12:00 PM Aarthi 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi
Tue 20	DURGA NAVARATRI DAY10 VIJAYADASHAMI/DUSSEHRA Burning of Ravana effigies 12:00 PM Aarthi 06:00 PM Durga Abhishekam 07:00 PM Samuhika Puja/Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Aarthi



TEMPLE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 05:30 PM - 09:00 PM

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

Sankatahara Chaturthi 07:00PM Sri Ganesh Abhishekam

Krittika: 07:00 PM **Murgugan Abhishekam**

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

NEW

Flower Mound Temple Construction

Thu 22	SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA AARTI 11:00 AM Kakad Aarthi (Morning) 12:00 PM Madhyan Aarthi (Noon) 07:00 PM Dhoop Aarthi (Evening) 08:00 PM Shej Aarthi (Night)
Fri 23	SHIVA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Pradosha Rudrabhishekam
Sat 24	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:00 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 25	NAGAR ABHISHEKAM 11:00 AM Nagar Abhishekam 06:30 PM Satyanarayana Samoohika Puja
Mon 26	SHIVA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Shiva Abhishekam
Tue 27	MURGAN ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Krithigai Murugan Abhishekam 07:00 PM Hanuman Chalisa
Wed 28	SANKATAHARA CHATURTHI 06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam
Thu 29	SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA AARTI 11:00 AM Kakad Aarthi (Morning) 12:00 PM Madhyan Aarthi (Noon) 07:00 PM Dhoop Aarthi (Evening) 08:00 PM Shej Aarthi (Night)
Fri 30	MAA DURGA AARTHI 07:30 PM Lalitha Saharnama 08:00 PM Durga Aarthi
Sat 31	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam

Spotlight on Donors

the Oberoi's



I firmly believe in Shirdi Sai Baba. While my parents gave me life, it was Baba who taught me how to truly live as a human being.

I was not raised with a deep awareness of Baba. My path began unexpectedly through the Sony TV series on his life, which introduced me to his teachings, his compassion, and his timeless message of Shraddha (faith) and Saburi (patience).

Although I built a small shrine at home where I offer daily prayers, I often felt a subtle void desire to be part of a larger spiritual community and attend the Thursday evening aarti. For a long time, inertia and hesitation held me back.

Only through Baba's grace did the turning point arrive, leading me to volunteer for the weekly cleaning seva at Flower Mound Hindu Temple (FMHT) every Thursday evening.

From the moment you step into the temple, Baba's idol warmly smiles, as if offering an immediate, personal blessing. Seeing the care and patience with which the pujaris and decoration volunteers adorn each deity is humbling. Watching their devotion uplift the entire atmosphere sets a profound tone for the evening. As the seva winds down, experiencing the peaceful puja offered to Lord Venkateshwara before the temple closes brings a deep sense of completion.

Though our small team of three or four volunteers works for just about an hour to clean the premises, that single hour becomes the most blissful and transformative part of my entire week. What felt like an effort to give back has instead become a source of inner cleansing and spiritual growth.

I am profoundly grateful to Sai Baba and the Flower Mound Hindu Temple Community Center for giving me the opportunity to perform this seva, a practice that serves not only the temple but also elevates my own soul.

Archana Oberoi

Spotlight on Donors

the Marla's



Our family moved to Flower Mound in 2002. At the time, the community was small, with only 1 temple in the entire metroplex. Once the Flower Mound Temple was built, we connected with so many families in the area. Our children all grew up together, and built friendships that they still cherish today. Going to the temple on festivals and important holidays was a great way to show our child our culture, religion, and the importance of our traditions and values.

Religion is very important to us, giving us peace in times of turmoil or confusion. We learn about ourselves and the world around us the more we connect with our faith. It teaches us to be grateful of what we have, and to help others around us. We learn to find inner peace, and find ourselves and how we fit in the world in this lifetime, and to do good while we are here.

The temple community and culture is so strong that we are happy to see our child volunteering her time and effort to help wherever she can and learn more about the significance of our religion now that she is older, and has a better understanding of the world. She is discovering who she is and what her purpose is here while she has built a home away from home with everyone at the temple.

We encourage everyone to be very involved in the temple activities and functions wherever and whenever they can. Whether that is monetary support, or volunteering inside the temple, all and any help builds the temple community and brings us together. It shows the future generations that they have a community and home within the temple and with everyone in it.

Rajasekhar, Padmaja Marla
Asha

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

Zelle

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.

Stay connected with us as we continue to share more construction videos on our Flower Mound Hindu Temple Channel.

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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.

No.	Company Name	Religious	Cultural	Max	Match %	Notes (example: bonus match during Jan)
1	Bank of America	Y	Y	$5,000	1:1	Minimum donation eligible is usually $25.
2	Costco Wholesale Corporation	Y	Y	Varies	1:1	Generally matches specific campaigns or executives.
3	CVS Health	Y	Y	$5,000	1:1	Includes most U.S. 501(c)(3) organizations.
4	Goldman Sachs	Y	Y	$20,000	1:1	One of the highest in the industry.
5	JP Morgan Chase	Y	Y	$2,000	1:1	Easy submission through internal portal.
6	State Street	Y	Y	Varies	1:1	17.7 K for the organization for given calendar year
7	Verizon	Y	Y	$6,000	1:1	Typically $5k for higher ed; $1k for other 501(c)(3)s.
8	Toyota	Y	Y	$5,000	1:1	Primarily focused on educational institutions.
9	IBM	Y	Y	$10,000	1:1	Includes matches for retirees in some cases.
10	Salesforce	Y	Y	$10,000	1:1	Also offers $10/hour volunteer grants.
11	Columbia Sportswear	Y	Y	$1,000	1:1	Available for full-time and part-time employees.
12	USAA	Y	Y	$1,000	1:1	Must be submitted via the USAA giving portal.
13	Charles Schwab	Y	Y	$1,000	1:1	Additional $1k match for non-profit board service.
14	T-Mobile	Y	Y	$2,000	1:1	Includes volunteer hour matching.
15	AT&T	Y	Y	$1,000	1:1	Often part of their "AT&T Believes" campaign.
16	Google	Y	Y	$10,000	1:1	Separate limits often apply for disaster relief.
17	Qualcomm	Y	Y	$1,000	1:1	Combined limit for gift and volunteer grants.
18	Gartner	Y	Y	$5,000	1:1	Minimum match usually starts at $10.
19	PepsiCo	Y	Y	$10,000	1:1	Managed via the PepsiCo Foundation.
20	L3 Harris	Y	Y	$5,000	1:1	Managed via L3H internal portal
21	PennyMac	Y	Y	$5,000	1:1	Non-religious entity. Also offers $25/hr upto $2000/Plan year/employee

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

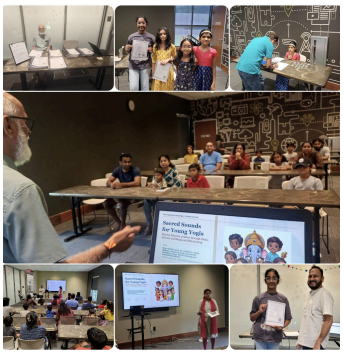
Sacred Sounds

August and September are usually very busy months for our families. As the children return to school, we also begin a new academic year at Sacred Sounds for Young Yogis.As in previous years, we received an overwhelming response from parents and children for AY 2026–27. With the anugraha of **Śrī** Kṛṣṇa and M**ā** Sarasvat**ī**, we began our first classroom for the academic year on August 16, 2026.

Here are some key updates from the academic year so far:

- We are running four classrooms this year: Bala Up**ā**saka, Bala S**ā**dhaka, G**ī**t**ā** Yajña – L1, and G**ī**t**ā** Yajña – L2.
- Classes are conducted on Sundays at the Flower Mound Hindu Temple from 1:05 PM to 5:15 PM.
- Bala Up**ā**saka has 16 enrolled children. Over the first seven classes, the children have learned seven **Ś**loka along with Saṃskṛtam Akṣar**ā**bhy**ā**sam.
- Bala S**ā**dhaka has 8 children promoted from the previous academic year. Over seven weeks, they have learned Saṅkaṭa N**āś**ana Gaṇe**ś**a Stotram and are currently learning **Śr**ī Viṣṇu Ṣaṭpadī Stotram.
- G**ī**t**ā** Yajña – L1 has 10 enrolled children. The children have completed one full Adhy**ā**ya of the Bhagavad G**ī**t**ā** – Bhakti Yoga.
- G**ī**t**ā** Yajña – L2 has 17 enrolled children and has been learning Guṇa Traya Vibh**ā**ga Yoga across the first seven classroom sessions.

We are deeply grateful for the continued guidance of Guruji **Śr**ī Veerabhadra Rao Ivaturi ji and the sev**ā** of our Swayamsevaka-**Ś**ikṣak**āḥ**. Most importantly, we thank all the Sacred Sounds parents whose generous contributions and consistent support make these classes and this learning journey for our children possible.



Vārṣika Vidyārambha Saṅgama @ Flower Mound Public Library was conducted on August 9th. Across four orientation and book-distribution sessions, 35 children and their families participated.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Sacred Sounds parents who helped print and prepare the books, and to The UPS Store, Cross Timbers Road, Flower Mound, for supporting us with the binding of nearly 60 books.



Vidyā Sphūrti – Celebrating Abhyāsa

From the very first few weeks, our Śikṣakāḥ have encouraged the children to recite regularly, record their abhyāsa, and gradually memorize the Śloka they learn. This collage captures some of our youngest learners participating and receiving the Vidyā Sphūrti Award in recognition of their dedication, consistency, and enthusiasm for learning.



Sacred Sounds Classrooms Begin August 16, 2026

Bala Upāsaka – 16 children ;
Bala Sādhaka – 8 children
Gītā Yajña L1 – 10 children ;
Gītā Yajña L2 – 17 children

The Bala Upāsaka collage captures the excitement of our youngest learners beginning their journey with Śloka, Saṃskṛtam, and Saṃskāra

Arka Acres







With the anugraha of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, Sacred Sounds @ Arka Acres turned into a wonderful day of learning, exploration, and community for our children.

A total of 35 children representing all four Sacred Sounds classrooms participated in the program. Along with attending their regular classroom sessions and continuing their learning of Śloka, Stotram, and the Bhagavad Gītā, the children experienced something very special outside the classroom.

They participated in a Sāmūhika Gau Pūjā, offered food to Gau Mātā, and spent time learning about the many animals and birds at Arka Acres — including horses, peacocks, goats, cows, calves, chickens, and more.

Throughout the rotations, the children also worked through their Sacred Sounds Treasure Hunt, answered questions based on what they observed and learned, and came home with plenty of stories and wonderful memories

An experience of this scale comes together only through the participation and sevā of an entire community. Our heartfelt gratitude to the 28+ Sacred Sounds families who participated and supported the program, and especially to our 19 Swayamsevakāḥ — parent-volunteers who helped guide the children, run the stations, manage the rotations, and keep the program moving smoothly throughout the afternoon.

A special praṇām to the devoted Mātṛ Śakti, who so generously prepared and brought food for the potluck, organized it, and served everyone with such care.
A heartfelt thank you to the parent volunteers who quietly stepped in after dinner to clean, pack, and help us leave the space in such wonderful order.







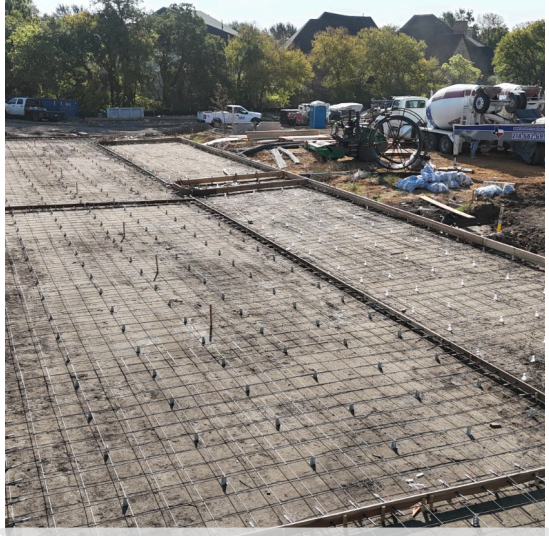
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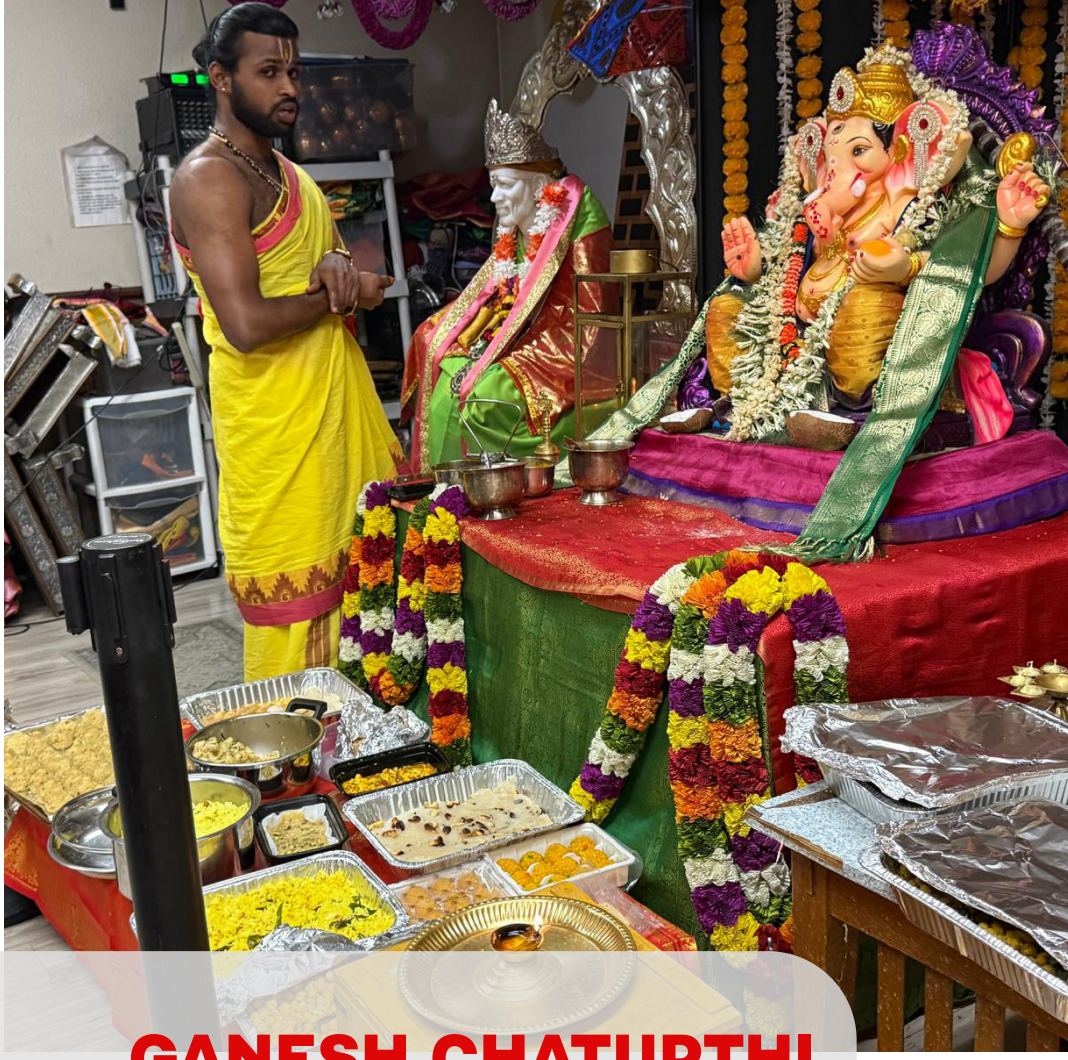
Temple Construction Progress

09/16/2026









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09/14/2026-09/22/2026





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For complete program details and celebrations at our new temple land, please check our Flower Mound Hindu Temple WhatsApp channel.

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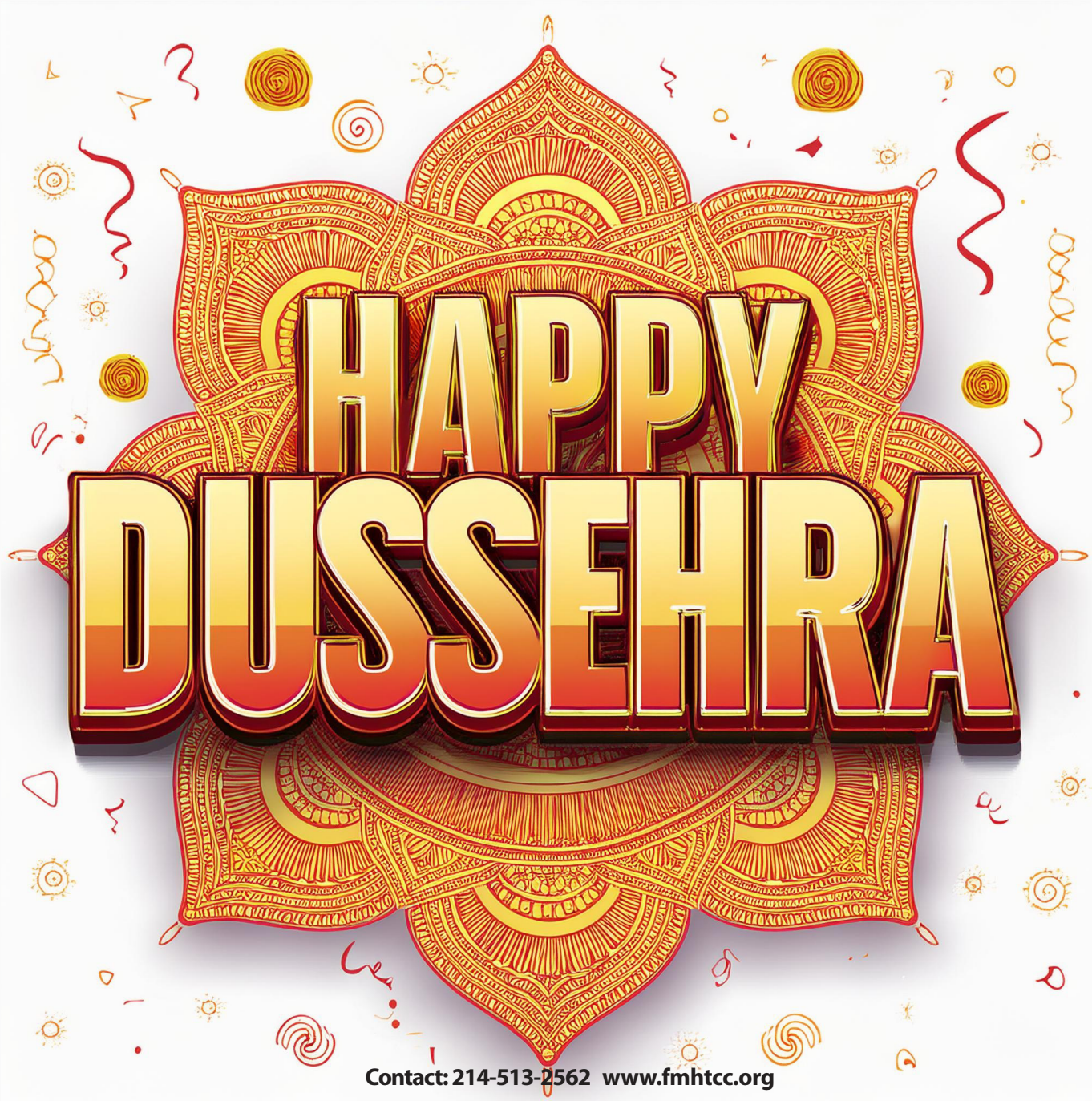


Foundation Mahotsav!!

October 17th - 18th, 2026
Saturday and Sunday

Dussehra Celebrations at our temple

October 11th - 20th, 2026



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DIWALI DHAMAKA

October 24, 2026 4 PM ONWARDS

Festival of lights

HAPPY DIWALI



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