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CHAIRMAN'S & PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees of the HCCC,

We are marching forward with the goals we set ourselves for HCCC in the APR-MAY-JUNE 2024 Paschimavani.

The Temple Website modernization process is continuing. Number of new features went into production. Now, you can make a pooja request with or without a priest from your home.

Moving forward, with your support, our objectives include:

- Completing HINTS 2.0 (remaining parts of IT system modernization).
- Finalizing the Devotee Sampradaya Document.
- Exploring HCCC's presence in the South Bay and extending the temple's reach to devotees.
- Completing architectural work as per the recommendations of the Temple Advisory Committee (TAC).

We recently concluded the following events held in April-May-June were successful with greater devotee participation:

- **Holi Celebration:** Held at Croce High School, this event was a vibrant success, widely attended by the community.
- **Ugadi, Puthandu & Vishu Festivals:** These festival marks the traditional New Year for multiple regions in our country and was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The priests performed the 'Asthanam' and 'Panchanga Sravanam' with a high devotee turnout.
- **Sri Rama Navami Celebrations:** celebrations culminated on April 16 with 'Sri Rama Navami'. This event was particularly well-attended, with many devotees participating in the 'Kalyanam' to receive divine blessings. Devotees have enjoyed the Kalayana Bhojanam arranged in Akella Assembly Hall, Badrianth Hall, Kedarnath Hall, and Lakireddy Hall. Despite falling on a weekday, we held additional celebrations over the weekend to involve more community members, featuring. 'Sri Rama Pattabhishekam', 'Hanumatha Vahana Seva', and 'Kolatam' performances, alongside cultural events, 'Gosti Ganam', and 'Sundarakanda Bhajan', showcasing the talents of both young and adult devotees.

• **Sri Meenakshi Kalyanam Celebrations:** Grand celebration occurred on April 27 with highest number of devotees participating and enjoyed the Kalayana Bhojanam arranged in Akella Assembly Hall and Lakireddy Hall.

In July, August and September we are celebrating the following events

- HCCC Celebrated 38th Temple Anniversary on July 13 and 14. The temple followed tradition and offered prayers to deities of Shiva Vishnu Temple with Kalyana Mahotsavam and Sahasradeepalankara Seva. Children of devotees wrote articles about the temple. We compiled them as a Souvenir Brochure and added to HCCC Archival System (HCCCCARS.org)
- We are embarking on conducting **Murugan Mahayagam** between **July 26 and July 28.** First time an HCCC exclusive event for Lord Murugan Offering special Ahuthis to fire while chanting Moola, Beeja, Gayathri, Guna and Dhyana Mantras. As a devotee you will be able to perform your own homa to Lord Muruga on Saturday, July 27. Also, please come and **chant Sri Rudram on Saturday July 27** during Srivalli Devasena sametha Subrahmanya Visesha Abhisheka. Also, arranging special cultural events that are apt for Murugan Yagam. Your active participation and support is requested. Please see the temple website for more details on this mahayagam.
- Health Fair: As a regular event HCCC is hosting Health Fair on July 20, 2024. On this day Free health advice provided to any and all who attends. Local devotees volunteer doctors of HCCC will provide the health advice. Members Eric Swalwell (U.S. representative for California's 14th congressional district since 2023), Jerry McNerney (he U.S. representative for California's 9th congressional district from 2007 until 2023); John merchant mayor Livermore; Terry Fox Fremont city council will grace the occasion. Please come and take part in this event.
- Pavitrotsavam being held on Aug 9, 10 and 11. This is a special Pavitrotsavam as for the first time we are doing Shiva and Vishnu Pavitrotsavam together. This is the occasion to sanctify the Sanctum and Sanctorum along with Gopuram followed by Shiva-Kesava Shanti Kalyanam on that Sunday.
- San Ramon Kalyanam is being planned for September 14.

We are excited about the upcoming events and encourage everyone to visit our website at Livermoretemple.org for the latest updates. As a volunteer-run organization, we rely on your support and involvement to build a lasting community asset for future generations. We are committed to continually enhancing the devotee experience at one of the most historic temples on the West Coast of the United States.

Thank you, all the volunteers who were involved in these events, performing different activities. Your services are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and devotion. See you all the temple.

Best Regards,

Ramarao Yendluri, Chairman.

Sainath Kala, President

	2024-25 Management Team		
Board of Directors	Board Liaisons		
Ramarao Yendluri	Chairman, Treasure/ Finance & Young Adults Committee		
Sainath Kala	President		
Srinivasa Malladi	Vice-Chairman & Fund Raising		
Chitra Mani	Corporate Secretary, Hundi, Food Committee & EC-Secretary		
Mahesh Illuri	Construction Committee, Facilities Committee, & HINTS Member		
Krishna Vutukuru	Religious, Publicity (Calendar) & Youth and Education Committee		
Prabhakar Bhanoori	Maintenance, Volunteer Coordination & Administration Committee		
Sudha Surapaneni	Information Systems, Human Services & Public Relations Committee		
Usha Ramaswamy	Human Resources, Religious Inventory and Procurement & Cultural Committee		
Executive Committee Members	Portfolios		
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Bhaskar Swaminathan	Human Services Committee		
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Kala Iyer	Human Resources Committee		
Naveen Mareddy	Information Systems Committee		
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Sudhakar Mallampati	Public Relations Committee & Vice President		
Suresh Kolan	Maintenance Committee		
Umashankar Meda	Religious Committee		
Upendra Tiwary	Hundi Committee (Joint treasurer)		
Vani Pulapa	Religious Inventory and Procurement Committee		
Venkat Rangan	Finance Committee (Treasurer)		
Vivek Deshpande	EC Secretary		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Request for Coordinators for 2024-2025 Religious events

We, at Shiva-Vishnu Temple, are very proud to have an unmatched group of volunteers helping with various religious events throughout the year. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in coordinating a particular event, please send an email to Religious Chair Umashankar Meda (ec_religious@livermoretemple.org)

Please include the following information in the email:

- Your name
- Contact Phone Number & email ID
- Interested in event.

Kindly note that the factors such as commitment and experience among others will be considered when assigning co-coordinators for an event. Please do not get disappointed if your name or your nominee's name is not chosen. It will be added to the potential coordinator list and reviewed for future years.

Religious Schedule - Planned Special Events

Temple Anniversary Celebrations				
DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS		
Saturday, July 13th, 2024	8:00 AM	Lord Shiva and Lord Venkateshwara Suprabhatam		
	8:30 AM	Lord Venkateshwara Ashtothara Satha Kalasha Abhishekam,		
	6:00 PM	Abhishekam for Lord Shiva, Lord Anjaneya, Navagraha Abhishekam		
	11:00 AM	Srinivasa Kalyanam (Lord Venkateshwara, Goddess Sridevi and Goddess Bhudevi wedding ceremony)		
	5:00 PM	Lord Venkateshwara Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alankaara Seva		
	7.30 PM	Lord Venkateshwara Ekantha Seva		
Sunday, July 14th, 2024	8:00 AM	Lord Shiva and Lord Venkateshwara SuprabhatamSesha		
	8:30 AM	Lord Shiva Ashtothara Satha Kalasha Abhishekam, Abhishekam for Lord Ganesha, Lord Murugan, and Goddess Kanaka Durga		
	11:00 AM	Vishwanatha Kalyanam (Lord Shiva, Goddess Parvathi wedding ceremony)		
	5:00 PM	Lord Shiva Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alankaara Seva		
	7:30 PM	Lord Venkateshwara Ekantha Seva		

Guru Poornima Sri Satyanarayana Pooja (Group)			
DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS	
Saturday, July 20th, 2024	10:30 AM	Sankalpam	

11:00 AM	Sri Satyanarayana Swami Vratam
12:30 PM	Theertha Prasadam
Batch - 2	
3.00 PM	Sankalpam
3.30 PM	Sri Satyanarayana Swami Vratam
5.00 PM	Theertha Prasadam

Aadi Krittika				
DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS		
Monday, July 29th, 2024	5:00 PM	Sankalpam and 108 Shankha Puja / Poornabhishekam		
	6:00 PM	108 Shankha Abhisheka, Mayura Vahana Seva for Lord Murugan, Goddess Valli, and Goddess Devasena		
	7:00 PM	Archana		
	7:30 PM	Theertha Prasadam		

EVENT NAME & DATE
Andal Aadi Pooram Wednesday, August 7th, 2024
Pavithrotsavam Celebrations Friday, August 9th - Sunday, August 11th 2024
Sri Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana Tuesday, August 20th, 2024
Sri Krishna Janmastami Sunday, August 25th, 2024
Gokulashtami Monday, August 26th, 2024
Swarna Gowri Vratam Thursday, September 5th, 2024
Ganesha Chathurthi Celebrations Friday, September 6th, 2024

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First time an HCCC exclusive event for Lord Murugan

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Offering special Ahuthis to fire while chanting Moola, Beeja, Gayathri, Guna and Dhyana Mantras

Thursday, July 25 to Sunday, July 28, 2024



Lord Muruga second son of Lord Shiva and Parvathi holds a significant place in Hindu spirituality and is revered as the God of War, Victory, and Wisdom.

Murugan also known as Skanda, Subrahmanya, Karthikeya or Shanmukha (six faces) - Six heads symbolize the five senses and the mind, the six tattvas and the six chakras, the faces on the other hand perform six functions: (1) sheds rays of light and removes the darkness shrouding the world. (2) for gracious looks that lovingly showers boons on devotees. (3) One face watch over the sacrifices of the Yagnakarthas (Brahmans) who perform them without deviating from strict Vedic traditions. (4) One that resembles a full moon that brightens all the quarters of the world, lights the sage's minds to enable them to search for hidden Truth. (5) One face with raging heart watches out for enemies to destroy them. And the (6) last smiles lovingly at His voung consort(s).

Murugan Mahayaagam is believed to be very powerful in Kaliyuga that helps in spiritual growth, dispels negative forces, enhances courage and confidence, and removes malefic effects of planet Mars. SA-RA-VA-NA-BA-VA is the powerful mantra of Lord Muruga. It is a mantra with beejaksharas, which are highly potent and capable of delivering good positive results for a sincere practitioner.

Please join us to participate in this Maha Yaagam with sincerity, devotion, and faith.

We will also be procuring Prabhavali & Peetham for Murugan for this occasion. Sponsors can take advantage of this opportunity to donate and seek the blessings of Lord Muruga.



Event Schedule

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Evening: 4:00PM (Inside the Temple)

Anujna, Bhagwat Prarthana, Ganesh Puja, Punyahavachanam, Sankalpam, Panchagavya Sammelanam, Deeksha, Akhanda Deeparadhana, Bhoomi puja, Ankurarpanam, Yaagashala Vasthu Homa, Harathi, Teertha, & Prasadam.

Saturday, July 27, 2024

7:30AM - 9:30AM: Temple Regular Program & Abhishekas

9:00AM: Ganapathi Puja, Punyahavachanam, Dwarapuja, Parivara Aaradhana, Mantapa archana.

10:00AM - 11:30AM: Subrahmanya Navavarana Puja, Parivara Mantapa Aradhana

3rd Kaala Yaagam: Kuja, Rahu & Kethu Sarpadosha Nivarana homa by Devotees

11:30AM - 12:15PM 1st batch & 12:30PM - 1:15PM 2nd batch

1:30PM - 3:00PM: Alarippu Dance school presents Aaru padai veedu - A dance musical based on the six temples of Muruga. Compositions by Vasanthi Kannan, mother of Radhika Dinesh, choreographer.

Evening 3:30PM - 4:30PM:

Srivalli Devasena sametha Subrahmanya Visesha Abhisheka (All those devotees who would like to chant SRIRUDRAM can join and chant) Prabhavali & Peetham Samprokshana

5:30PM - 6:30PM: 4th Kaala Yaagam by Priests

7:00PM: Mangala Harathi for Sri Shiva & Sri Balaji, Teertha & Prasadam



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Friday, July 26, 2024

7:30AM - 9:30AM: Temple Regular Program & Abhishekas

Morning: 9:00AM - 1:00PM: Ganapathi Puja, Punyahavachanam, Panchagavyam, Dwarapuja, Dhwajaarohanam, Yagasala Pravesam, Sri Subrahmanya Mantapa Aaradhana & Pradhana Kalasa Ayahana Puja, Velayudha (Sakthi-Ayudha-Mantapa) Puja, Parivara Devatha Aaradhana, Agni Manthanam, Agni Prathishta.

1st Kaala Yaagam: Laghu Poornahuti, Naivedyam, Harathi, Veda Swasthi, Teertha Prasadam

Evening: 5:00PM - 7:30PM: Dwara Puja, Parivara Mantapa Aaradhana, Kalasa Aaradhana.

2nd Kaala Yaagam: Laghu Poornahuthi, Naivedyam, Harathi, Veda Swasthi, Teertha Prasadam

Sunday, July 28, 2024

7:30AM - 9:30AM: Regular Abhishekams including Kanakadurga Ganapathi Puja, Punyahavachanam, Dwarapuja, Parivara devata / Pradhana Devata, Mantapa Aaradhana

9:00AM - 10:0AM: 5th Kaala Yaagam

10:00AM - 10:30AM: Maha Poornahuti Dravya Pradakshinam (inside temple) - on the way to Yagashala all Shiva, Parvathi and Balaji utsava Vigrahas will accompany.

10:30AM: Maha Poornahuti

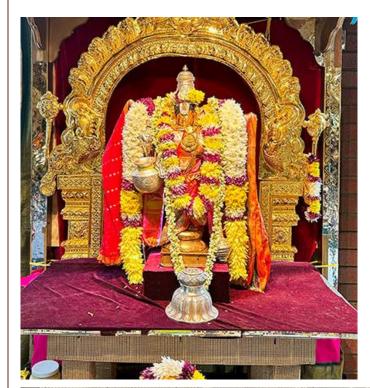
11:00AM: Kumbha Pradakshinam, Moola Murthi Abhishekam, Prabhavali & Peetham Samarpana

1:00PM: Naivedyam, Harathi, Veda Swasthi, Aasheervaadam, Teertha and Prasadam

1:30PM - 3:00PM: "SHIVA SKANDHAM" Sangeetha Upanyasam by Ashok Subramaniam

3:30PM: Subrahmanya, Valli, Devasena Kalyanotsavam, Vedaaseervachanam

Event Gallery



















Human Services Programs

May 11th, 2024

Keeping up with the tradition Human Services organized a senior picnic outside the temple premises. This year it was held at Limerick Park, in San Ramon. Over 100 seniors participated along with Human Services volunteers. It was a fun filled day of celebrations, with a potluck lunch which was a Gourmet delight. All seniors proudly showcased the best delicacies from their native provinces and also international dishes. There was a lot of time for Chit, Chat and opportunity to introduce new friends. Then followed session of Karaoke singing, games, Yoga, and Dances. Everyone had a Great time. Seniors went home very happy, followed by many compliments to all the organizers.

June 08th, 2024

Every year the City of Livermore conducts a Rodeo and a Parade where Downtown is the starting point. HCCC has been participating in the Parade for the last 13 years.

This year Human Services members and many volunteers decorated a beautiful float with Meenakshi Temple, Madurai, Tamil Nadu as the theme. Over 75 participants dressed in lovely orange Indian attire made the whole experience even more beautiful. There was dance entertainment along the way by students and doll drums by volunteers. The audience on the streets of the parade young and old enjoyed the float, the dances and appreciated HCCC, Human Services programs of giving back to the community.

Another highlight was meeting the Mayor of Livermore & US Senator Jerry McNerney on the parade walk where they greeted our members and took pictures with HCCC float.

We were one of over 150 organizations that participated in this annual event.

June 22nd, 2024

Human services hosted two guest speakers who are highly knowledgeable about the subjects pertinent to Yoga, Vedas, Gita, and other social issues.

On June 22, there were two lectures. The morning lecture was by Swami Muktatmananda Saraswati from Arsha Vidya Gurukulam on the topic of Freedom of Action pertaining to Bhagavad Gita

In the afternoon was a talk by Vyoma Sanskrit Brothers Sree. Venkatsubramanian and Sree. Viswanathan, in how to be successful in life "Insights from Sundarakandam".

Both programs went very well and good number of audience participations.

Upcoming Programs

July 13th, 2024, 11:30 AM Tirumala Hall

Safety Awareness and Knowledge presentation by Livermore Police Department https://hints20.livermoretemple.org/hints/content/html/2024/special-program-seniors.pdf

Blood Drive - July 14th, 2024 11:00 AM to 3 PM Tirumala Hall

Human Services is partnering with Vitalant Blood donation to host the blood drive. Sign up in advance while avoid waiting

https://hints20.livermoretemple.org/hints/content/html/2024/blood-drive.pdf

Annual Health Fair - July 20th 10am to 3pm Akella Hall

On Annual Health Fair is on July 20th from 10:00 AM to 3PM, we will be having 15 specialties doctors for FREE consultations, testing center and information center booths. All are WELCOME. For additional details, please visit the Temple website.

https://hints20.livermoretemple.org/hints/content/html/2024/HealthFair.pdf

Human Services has year-round programs and volunteer opportunity for all ages that best suit individuals, interests and specialties. There are many services like Weekly Health Advisory Center, Annual Health fair, Senior meetings, Senior One Day Bus Trip, Blood Drives, Information talks and seminars to name a few.

We encourage everyone to join as contributor or make use of Human Services programs.

We are looking for medical professionals who can donate their time, which is greatly appreciated. Please contact ec_human_services@livermoretemple.org















Celebrated Cultural Events













Architectural Beautification Project









Note from Publicity Chair

Dear Devotees Namaste.,

Please review individual event flyers posted on our Temple web site (https://www.livermoretemple.org) for most current information on events. Event schedules may change after publication of this newsletter and devotees are requested to visit our Temple website for most accurate schedules.

We have made several enhancements to our HCCC publicity efforts in order to reach out to broader devotee community including our presence on social media to stay connected. We now have official presence on facebook, twitter and Instagram.



Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Livermoretemple



Twitter: https://twitter.com/livermoretemple



Instagram: https://instagram.com/livermoretemple



YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/c/LivermoreTempletv

Please do like us on Facebook and follow our HCCC activities on twitter and Instagram. Our presence on social media should encourage technology savvy individuals as well as younger devotees to connect with our Temple activities more closely.

Please mark your calendar and plan on participating in all the events planned.

Finally, you can now view/read your favorite quarterly newsletter PaschimaVani on any device whether it is mobile or otherwise with a custom reader to fit your needs. Please do send us your feedback on our newsletter as well on our web site content.

May the divine blessings be with you and your family always.

Regards,

Shyamala Venkateswaran

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