

**PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULES**

**Monday Through Thursday:** 9 am to 12 noon  
and 6 pm to 8 pm  
**Friday, Weekends & Holidays:** 9 am to 8 pm

# PASCHIMAVANI

**DIRECTIONS**

**From Freeway 580 in Livermore:**  
Exit North Vasco Road, left on Scenic Ave,  
Left on Arrowhead Avenue

## NEWS FROM THE HINDU COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER, LIVERMORE

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Namaskar Devotees,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome all of you to Hindu Community and Cultural Center, HCCC (Shiva Vishnu temple) at Livermore. The temple is known for authentic religious rituals that are performed as per Agamas, if you were here on Saturday morning for Lord Vishnu Suprabhata Seva or the Abhishekams of Lord Shiva or Navagrahaa or On Sunday for Ganesha Abhishekam or Kartikeya Abhishekam, you would experience them first hand and feel the divinity. Should you get a chance, please do come and take part in these Sevas and receive divine blessings.

We are excited about our upcoming construction at the temple that will provide better amenities for the devotees. This had been long pending for over a decade. We look forward for your valuable contributions for our construction by actively participating in our fundraising efforts.

At HCCC, we also strive to excel in humanitarian activities with the true spirit of "Service to Mankind is Service to God" with our Human Services, Youth & Education, and cultural activities. I urge all of you to come and witness the activities of these teams that are rendering great services in their respective fields.

Kindly allow me to bring your attention to our Human Services activities. We conduct Medical Advisory center twice a month with the help of volunteering doctors. We engage the seniors of the community by bonding them together with fun filled activities. Our Y & E team teach the children the slokas, moral stories, and fun filled craft activities. They also have youth programs for the teenage children orienting towards college education and beyond. The cultural team encourages the local bay area talent by giving them the opportunity to perform on stage with various forms of arts, music, dance, and drama.

With great pleasure, I would like you to know that this year we have a dedicated team of passionate Executive Chairpersons for the various functional committees. They are doing a wonderful job of executing the tasks. Should you have any suggestions or feel the need for improvements or like to thank them for the job well done, do contact these chairs: ANIL G KUMAR Joint Treasurer, BALASUBRAMANI KRISHNARAJ Assembly Hall & Audio System, JAYA VISWESWARAN Cultural, MADAN ARORA Maintenance, M.S. SATYANARAYANA Publicity, PRABHAKAR BHANOORI Information Systems, PRAKASH R POKALA Fund Raising, RAGHU SETHURAMAN Youth & Education, RAJAGOPAL R KOWLIGI Inventory & Procurement, RAJENDRA KUMAR VALLABHANENI Religious, SAINATH VENKATA KALA Food, SENTHIL N ANNAMALAI EC Secretary, SUMAN JAIN Human Services, VEERIAAH BODEPUDI Treasurer, KALA IYER and JAY DORAISWAMI.

I express my gratitude to all the devotees who have been coming to the temple and helping us to keep the traditions and rituals at the temple. I request your continuous support in the coming months and years. I also thank our priests, employees, volunteers, chairman, and the Board of Directors for all their valuable support.

I would take this opportunity to wish all the readers a Happy Independence day, Happy Indian Independence day, and Ganesh Chaturdhi.

Please remember the temple timings are Monday-Thursday 9 AM to 12 Noon and 6 PM to 8 PM, Friday, Saturday, Sunday & holidays it will be 9 AM to 8 PM. We request you to make note of the timings and help us maintain them without any violations. I encourage you to visit [www.livermoretemple.org](http://www.livermoretemple.org) for more info about the upcoming temple activities.

May Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu bless us all , all the time.

Anand Gundu, *President, HCCC*

## FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Devotees,

It is a great pleasure for me to offer my seva in the role of the editor for the current year for your favorite newsletter Paschimavani, released each quarter from our esteemed temple. It is a challenge to meet the expectations and great trend set by our previous publicity chair Shri Janakiram Kaki. However I am trying to learn from him and would like to make it an enjoyable and informative newsletter. We have started working on the calendar for 2012. Please let me know if you want to help in distributing the newsletter to the community in your area or help with the newsletter.

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## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
July 1st Friday	Ashada		Partial solar eclipse (not visible in USA)
July 2nd Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkara for Lord Shiva
	1st Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
	Punarvasu	5:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka and Sahasranama Archana
July 4th Monday	Independence Day (weekend timings)		
July 6th Wednesday	Shasti	6:00 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
	Uttara Phalguni	6:00 PM	Ayyappa Abhishekam and Archana
July 9th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkara for Lord Shiva
	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:30 AM	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
	Swathi	8:00 AM	Narasimha Swamy Abhishekam and Archana
	25th Temple Anniversary Day 1		Detailed Program at the end
July 10th Sunday	Ekadasi	8:00 AM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam and Archana
	25th Temple Anniversary Day 2		Detailed Program at the end
July 12th Tuesday	Pradosham	6:00 PM	Shiva Abhishekam and Archana
July 14th Thursday	Guru Poornima (Group Satyanarayana pooja)	6:00 PM	Sri Satyanarayana Swami Vratam
	Poornima	6:00 PM	Lalitha Sahasranama chanting by devotees
July 16th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva
	3rd Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Thiruppavada Seva for Lord Balaji
	Sravana	5:00 PM	Venkateswara Sahasranama Archana
	Sun enters Karkataka, Dhakshinayana Punyakalam 14-42		
July 17th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	10:30 AM	Shiva Sahasranama Archana
July 18th Monday	Sankata Hara Chathurthi	6:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka and Archana
July 23rd Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	10:30 AM	Shiva Swarna Mukhavada
	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpaseva for Lord Balaji
July 25th Monday	Aadi Krittika		Detailed Program at the end
July 26th Tuesday	Ekadasi	6:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam and Archana
	Rohini	6:00 PM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka and Archana
July 27th Wednesday	Pradosham	6:00 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
July 28th Thursday	Masa Shivaratri	6:00 PM	108 Kalasa Abhishekam for Lord Shiva
July 29th Friday	Punarvasu	10:30 AM	Sri Rama Sahasranama Archana
	Punarvasu	6:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhishekam and Archana
July 30th Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:00 AM	108 Kalasa Abhishekam for Lord Balaji
	5th Saturday of the Month	10:30 AM	Shiva Vastra Alamkara
July 31st Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana
	Sravana		
Aug 2nd Tuesday	Aadi Pooram		Detailed Program at the end
Aug 3rd Wednesday	Uttara Phalguni	6:00 PM	Ayyappa Abhishekam and Archana
Aug 4th Thursday	Shasti	6:00 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Aug 5th Friday	Swathi	6:00 PM	Narasimha Swamy Abhishekam and Archana
	Pavitrotsavam Day 1		Detailed Program at the end
Aug 6th Saturday	Pavitrotsavam Day 2		Detailed Program at the end
	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkara for Lord Shiva
	1st Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Aug 7th Sunday	Pavitrotsavam Day 3		Detailed Program at the end
Aug 9th Tuesday	Ekadasi	6:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam and Archana
Aug 10th Wednesday	Pradosham	6:00 PM	Shiva Abhishekam and Archana
	21 Day Ganesha Abhishekam begins		Detailed Program at the end
Aug 12th Friday	Sravana	6:00 PM	Lord Balaji Sahasranama Archana
	Rig Upakarma		Detailed Program at the end
	Varalakshmi Vratam		Detailed Program at the end
	Poornima	6:00 PM	Lalitha Sahasranama chanting by devotees
Aug 13th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkara for Lord Shiva
	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:30 AM	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji

## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS (contd.)

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Aug 14th Sunday	Yajur Upakarma, Raksha Bandhanam, Vaikanasa Jayanthi		
Aug 16th Tuesday	Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana		
Aug 17th Wednesday	Gayatri Japam		
Aug 20th Saturday	Sun enters Simha 23-10	6:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka and Archana
Aug 21st Sunday	Sankata Hara Chathurthi	11:00 AM	Rajitha Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
Aug 22nd Monday	3rd Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Thiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
Aug 24th Wednesday	3rd Saturday of the Month	5:00 PM	Kartikeya Abhishekam and Archana
Aug 25th Thursday	Krittika	10:30 AM	Shiva Sahasranama Archana
Aug 26th Friday	3rd Sunday of the Month		Detailed Program at the end
Aug 27th Saturday	Sri Krishna Janmashtami	5:00 PM	Sri Krishna abhisheka and Archana
Aug 28th Sunday	Rohini		Detailed Program at the end
Aug 29th Monday	Gokulashtami	6:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam and Archana
Aug 30th Tuesday	Ekadasi	10:30 AM	Sri Rama Sahasranama Archana
Aug 31st Wednesday	Punarvasu	6:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka and Archana
Sept 1st Thursday	Punarvasu	6:00 PM	108 Kalasha Abhishekam for Lord Shiva
Sept 2nd Friday	Pradosham and Masa Shivaratri	10:30 AM	Shiva Vastra Samarpana, Swarna Mukhavada
Sept 3rd Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpaseva for Lord Balaji
Sept 4th Sunday	4th Saturday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana
Sept 5th Monday	Last Sunday of the Month		
Sept 6th Tuesday	Bhadrapada		
Sept 7th Wednesday	21 Day Ganesha Abhishekam ends	6:00 PM	Swarna Gowri Vratam
Sept 8th Thursday	Swarna Gowri Vratam	6:00 PM	Ayyappa Abhishekam and Archana
Sept 9th Friday	Uttara Phalguni		Detailed Program at the end
Sept 10th Saturday	Ganesha Chaturthi		
Sept 11th Sunday	Sama Upakarma		
Sept 12th Monday	Rishi Panchami	6:00 PM	Narasimha Swamy Abhishekam and Archana
Sept 13th Tuesday	Swathi	6:00 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Sept 14th Wednesday	Shasti	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkara for Lord Shiva
Sept 15th Thursday	1st Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Sept 16th Friday	1st Saturday of the Month		
Sept 17th Saturday	Labor Day (weekend times)		
Sept 18th Sunday	Ganesha Visarjanam	6:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam and Archana
Sept 19th Monday	Ekadasi	6:00 PM	Venkateswara Sahasranama Archana
Sept 20th Tuesday	Sravana	6:00 PM	Shiva Abhishekam and Archana
Sept 21st Wednesday	Pradosham	11:00 AM	Dwara Nagaraja Abhishekam
Sept 22nd Thursday	Anantha Chaturdasi	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkara for Lord Shiva
Sept 23rd Friday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:30 AM	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
Sept 24th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	5:00 PM	Lalitha Sahasranama chanting by devotees
Sept 25th Sunday	Poornima		
Sept 26th Monday	Mahalaya Paksha Begins	6:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka and Archana
Sept 27th Tuesday	Sankata Hara Chathurthi		
Sept 28th Wednesday	Sun enters Kanya 23-09	11:00 AM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva
Sept 29th Thursday	3rd Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Thiruppavadai Seva for Lord Balaji
Sept 30th Friday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:30 AM	Kartikeya Abhishekam and Sahasranama Archana
Oct 1st Saturday	Krittika and Shashti	10:30 AM	Shiva Sahasranama Archana
Oct 2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	6:00 PM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 3rd Monday	Rohini	10:30 AM	Sri Rama Sahasranama Archana
Oct 4th Tuesday	Punarvasu	6:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 5th Wednesday	Punarvasu	6:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam and Archana
Oct 6th Thursday	Ekadasi	5:00 PM	Shiva Abhishekam and Archana
Oct 7th Friday	Pradosham	10:30 AM	Shiva Vastra Samarpana, Swarna Mukhavada
Oct 8th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpaseva for Lord Balaji
Oct 9th Sunday	4th Saturday of the Month	5:00 PM	108 Kalasha Abhishekam for Lord Shiva
Oct 10th Monday	Masa Sivaratri	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 11th Tuesday	Last Sunday of the Month		
Oct 12th Wednesday	Mahalaya Paksha ends		
Oct 13th Thursday	Keeping of Kolu		
Oct 14th Friday	Uttara Phalguni	6:00 PM	Ayyappa Abhishekam and Archana
Oct 15th Saturday	Ashwayuja		
Oct 16th Sunday	Sharannavaratri Begins		Detailed Program at the end
Oct 17th Monday	Swathi	6:00 PM	Narasimha Swamy Abhishekam and Archana
Oct 18th Tuesday	Vishnu Brahmosavam Day 1		Detailed Program at the end
Oct 19th Wednesday	Vishnu Brahmosavam Day 2		Detailed Program at the end
Oct 20th Thursday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkara for Lord Shiva
Oct 21st Friday	1st Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji
Oct 22nd Saturday	Vishnu Brahmosavam Day 3		Detailed Program at the end
Oct 23rd Sunday	Shasti	5:00 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Oct 24th Monday	Moola Nakshatra	6:00 PM	Saraswati Puja

**PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS (contd.)**

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Oct 4th Tuesday	Madhwa Jayanthi		
Oct 5th Wednesday	Durgashtami		ChandiHomam
Oct 6th Thursday	MahaNavami	6:00 PM	Utsava Murthi Asthanam
	Vijaya Dasami Asthanam	6:00 PM	Venkateswara Sahasranama Archana
	Srava	6:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam and Archana
Oct 07th Friday	Ekadasi	11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva
Oct 08th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:30 AM	Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji
	2nd Saturday of the Month	5:00 PM	Shiva Abhishekam and Archana
	Pradosham	6:00 PM	Lalitha Sahasranama chanting by devotees
Oct 10th Monday	Poornima	11:00 AM	Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva
Oct 15th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Thiruppavada Seva for Lord Balaji
	3rd Saturday of the Month	5:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka and Archana
	Sankata Hara Chathurthi		
	Karva Chauth		
Oct 16th Sunday	Rohini	5:00 PM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 17th Monday	Sun enters Tula 11-08		
Oct 19th Wednesday	Punarvasu	10:30 AM	Sri Rama Sahasranama Archana
	Punarvasu	6:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 22nd Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	10:30 AM	Shiva Swarna Mukhavada
	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpaseva for Lord Balaji
	Ekadasi	5:00 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhishekam and Archana
Oct 24th Monday	Pradosham and Masa Siva Rathri	6:00 PM	108 Kalasha Abhishekam for Lord Shiva
	Naraka Chaturdasi		
	Uttara Phalguni	6:00 PM	Ayyappa Abhishekam and Archana
Oct 25th Tuesday	Deepavali		
	Kali Pooja		
Oct 26th Wednesday	Sri Lakshmi Kubera Pooja	6:00 PM	Detailed Program at the End Lakshmi Kubera Pooja in Main Temple Hall
Oct 27th Thursday	Swati	6:00 PM	Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka & Archana
	Karthika		
	Gujarati New Year		
	Skanda Shashti Begins		
Oct 29th Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:00 AM	Detailed Program at the End 108 Kalasa Abhishekam for Lord Balaji
	5th Saturday of the Month	10:30 AM	Shiva Vastra Alamkara
Oct 30th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana
Oct 31st Monday	Skanda Shasti		Detailed Program at the End
	Kartika Somavara	6:00 PM	Shiva Abhisheka

**25th Temple Anniversary Celebrations - 2011**

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>July 9th</b>	7:30 AM	Lord Balaji, Lord Shiva Suprabhatam
	8:00 AM	Lord Balaji Ashtottara shata Kalasha Abhishekam
	8:00 AM	Lord Shiva, Lord Anjaneya, Lord Narasimha, Navagraha Abhishekam
	11:30 AM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
	4:30 PM	Lord Balaji Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alamkara Seva
<b>July 10th</b>	7:30 AM	Lord Balaji, Lord Shiva Suprabhatam
	8:00 AM	Lord Shiva Ashtottara shata Kalasha Abhisheka
	8:00 AM	Lord Ganesha, Lord Murugan, Goddess Kanaka Durga, Balaji Bhoga Murthi Abhishekam
	11:30 AM	Vishwanatha Kalyanam
	4:30 PM	Lord Shiva Unjal and Sahasra Deepa Alamkara Seva
<b>Aadi Krittika</b>		
<b>July 25th</b>	5:00 PM	108 Kalasha Puja
	6:00 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka, Archana, Mayura Vahana Seva for Lord Muruga, Valli, and Devasena
	7:30 PM	Theertha Prasadam

**Aadi Pooram**

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS	
August 2nd	10:00 AM	Goddess Andal Abhishekam	
	6:00 PM	Utsavam	
	6:30 PM	Parayanam	
August 2nd	7:30 PM	Theertha Prasadam	
	10:00 AM	Goddess Parvati Abhishekam	
	6:00 PM	Lalitha Sahasra Nama Parayanam	
	6:30 PM	Theertha Prasadam	
<b>Pavitrotsavam - Aug 05th, 06th &amp; 07th 2011</b>			
Aug 05th	6:00 PM	Sankalpam, Deeksha and Ankurarpanam	
Aug 06th	8:00 AM	Suprabatham for Lord Shiva and Vishnu	
	8:30 AM	Lord Balaji Abhisheka	
	10:30 AM	Alamkaram, Archana and Arathi	
	11:00 AM	Lord Balaji Utsava Murthy Abhisheka	
	12:00 Noon	Pavitra Adhivasa and Homam	
	3:30 PM	Lord Balaji Sahasranama Archana	
	5:00 PM	Pavitra Mantapa Alamkaram and Meru Pooja	
	6:00 PM	Maha Shanti Homa	
Aug 07th	7:30 PM	Ekanta Seva	
	8:00 AM	Suprabatham for Shiva and Vishnu	
	8:30 AM	Nitya Homa	
		Pavitra Abhisheka	
		Special Alamkaram, Pavitra Samarpanam and Satmura	
		12:00 Noon	Maha Poornahuti
		3:00 PM	Shanti Kalyanam, Deeksha Visarjanam and Asheervachanam
	7:30 PM	Ekanta Seva	

**Ganesha Chaturthi Celebrations**

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
Aug 31st		Ganesha Chaturthi
	8:00 AM	Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu Suprabatham
	8:30 AM	Ganesha Abhishekam
	11:00 AM	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vratam
	1:00 PM	Arathi ,Theertha Prasadam
	2:30 PM	Sahasra Modaka Homa and Poornahuti
	5:00 PM	Mooshika Vahana Seva
	6:30 PM	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vratam
	8:30 PM	Arati ,Mantrapushpam, Astavadana Seva, Theertha Prasadam
Sep 05th	9:00 PM	Ekanta Seva Ganesha Nimajjanam

**Sri Varalakshmi Vratam**

Aug 12th		Sri Varalakshmi Vratam
	10:00 AM	Sri Maha Lakshmi Abhishekam
	12:00 Noon	Theertha Prasadam
	6:00 PM	Sankalpam
	6:15 PM	Sri Varalakshmi Pooja by devotees
	7:30 PM	Ekanta Seva

**Sri Krishna Janmashtami**

Aug 21st	11:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhishekam
	12:00 Noon	Archana, Theertha Prasadam
	12:30 PM	Geetha Parayanam
	5:00 PM	Utsavam
	6:30 PM	Geetha Recital
	7:00 PM	Children's Program on Sri Krishna Leela (Assembly Hall)
	9:00 PM	Bhajans
	11:30 PM	Sri Krishna Janma Kala Pooja, Arati & Prasadam

**Gokulashtami**

Aug 22nd	6:00 PM	Sri Krishna Abhishekam
	7:00 PM	Utsavam
	7:30 PM	Theertha Prasadam

**Sri Vishnu Brahmotsavam**

Sep 30th	6:00 PM	Samkalpam ,Deeksha and Amkurarpanam
	7:00 PM	Dhwaja Arohana
	7:30 PM	Ekanta Seva

**Sri Vishnu Brahmotsavam (Contd.)**

DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS	
Oct 01st	8:00 AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham	
	8:30 AM	Agni Prathishta	
	8:30 AM	Nava Kumbha Sthapana	
	9:00 AM	Nitya Homa ,Bali and Sathumurai	
	10:00 AM	Balaji Abhisheka	
	11:00 AM	Seshavahana Seva	
	12:30 PM	Sathumurai, Theertha Prasadam	
	1:00 PM	Dwiguna Aradhana and Alaya Bali	
	4:00 PM	Garuda Vahana seva for Balaji	
	6:00 PM	Sayamkala Archana and Naivedyam	
	6:30 PM	Nitya Homam	
	7:30 PM	Ekanta Seva	
	Sep 02nd	8:00 AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham
		8:30 AM	Nitya Homa ,Bali and Sathumurai
10:00 AM		Hanumad Vahana Seva	
11:00 AM		Choorna Abhisheka	
1:00 PM		Avabrida Snamam	
2:00 PM		Poornahuti	
4:00 PM		Pallaki Utsavam for Lord Balaji with Sridevi and Bhudevi	
6:00 PM		Mouna Bali	
6:30 PM		Dhwaja Avarohana and Rashtira Asheervachanam	
7:30 PM		Ekanta Seva	

**Kali Puja**

Oct 25th	8:00 PM	Deepa Danam
	9:00 PM	Sankalpam
	9:30 PM	Sri Kali Puja
	11:30 PM	Arathi & Pushpanjali
	12:00	Bhog Prasad
	Mid Night	
	12:30 AM	Kali Homam
	1:30 AM	Shantijal & Asheervadam

**Skanda Shasti Celebrations (October 27 - 31st)**

Oct 27th	5:30 PM	Murugan Abhishekam
	7:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 28th	5:30 PM	Murugan Abhishekam
	7:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 29th	4:30 PM	Murugan Abhishekam
	6:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 30th	11:30 AM	Murugan Abhishekam
	6:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana
Oct 31st		Skanda Shasti
	10:00 AM	Kavadi Pooja and Procession
	11:00 AM	Murugan Abhishekam, Archana and Theertha Prasadam
	7:00 PM	Murugan Sahasranama Archana

**Goddess Kanaka Durga Prayer Hall Kumbhabhishekam is planned for Oct 12 through October 16th. A detailed event flyer will be published on Temple web site. Please check Temple web site for current information on event timings.**

**Shri Raghavendra Swamy aradhana is celebrated on Sunday August 14, 2011 at Livermore temple. It is a day long activity starting with morning Saligrama pooja, stothra pathana - Shri Raghavendra ashottara, Rathotsava around the temple premises, abhisheka and archana by priests, lunch and singing bhajans. Please attend and get the blessings of Shri Raghavendra Swamy. For details please refer to the temple website and event poster in the temple. Om Shri RaghavendrAya Namah.**

## 2011 NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS

Dates	Kanaka Durga	Parvati	Maha Lakshmi	Bhoo Devi	Dasha Bhuja Durga Shrine	Durga Puja in the Assembly Hall
Sept 27th Tuesday	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30 PM Abhishekam and Archana	10:30 AM Abhishekam 6:30 PM Sahasranama Archana			10:30 AM Durga Abhishekam 11:30 AM Durga Navratra Kalasha Shrapana 12:00 Noon Pushpanjali 6:30 PM ChandPath 10:30 AM Durga Abhisheka & Archana 6:30 PM ChandPath 10:30 AM Durga Abhisheka & Archana 6:30 PM ChandPath 10:30 AM Durga Abhisheka & Archana 6:30 PM ChandPath 10:30 AM Durga Archana 6:30 PM ChandPath 10:30 AM Durga Sashti Bodhan Puja and Archana 6:30 PM ChandPath	5:00 PM Durga Adhibas 7:30 PM Pushpanjali & Arati  10:30 AM Maha Saptami Pooja 11:45 AM Pushpanjali 12:30 PM Arathi and Bhog Prasad 7:30 PM Pushpanjali & Arati 6:45 AM Maha Ashtami Pooja 7:44 AM Durga Sandhi Puja Starts (108 Lamps) 8:32 AM AM Durga Sandhi Puja Samarpan 11:30 PM Pushpanjali 12:00 Noon Bhog Prasad 7:00 PM Pushpanjali & Arathi 10:00 AM Maha Navami Pooja 11:30 AM Pushpanjali 12:30 PM Bhog Prasad & Arathi 1:15 PM Kumari Pooja 2:30 PM Maha Navami Durga Hawan 4:00 PM Shanti Path & Tilakdan 7:00 PM Pushpanjali & Arathi 7:30 PM Dhurchi Nritya 10:30 AM Maha Dasami Pooja 11:30 AM Pushpanjali 12:00 Darpan Bisarjan & Aparajita Puja 12:30 PM Bhog Prasad & Arathi 6:30 PM Sindhur Daan 7:00 PM Shanti Path and Tolak Dan 7:30 PM Astivevad and Maha Prasad 7:45 PM Shantijal
Sept 28th Wednesday	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30 PM Abhishekam and Archana	10:30 AM Abhishekam 6:30 PM Sahasranama Archana	10:30 AM Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka and Archana	10:30 AM Bhoo Devi Abhishekam and Archana		
Sept 29th Thursday	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30 PM Abhishekam and Archana	10:30 AM Abhishekam 6:30 PM Sahasranama Archana	10:30 AM Maha Lakshmi Abhisheka and Archana	10:30 AM Bhoo Devi Abhishekam and Archana		
Sept 30th Friday	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 3:00 PM Abhishekam and Archana					
Oct 01st Saturday	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30 PM Abhishekam and Archana					
Oct 2nd Sunday	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30 PM Abhishekam and Archana					
Oct 3rd Monday	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30 PM Abhishekam and Archana					
Oct 4th Tuesday	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30 PM Abhishekam and Archana					
Oct 5th Wednesday	11:00 AM Lalita Sahasranama Archana 4:30 PM Abhishekam and Archana			10:30 AM Bhoo Devi Abhishekam and Archana	9:00 AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali	
Oct 6th Thursday					9:30 AM Durga Puja and Pushpanjali	

## Announcements

### Appeal to Donors

- HCCC needs your support to complete the Master Plan Phase-1 Construction.



- Donation Recognition Opportunities for Construction.

Sponsorship	Project	Donor Recognition
\$5000+	Kitchen	Donors are listed on the donor wall –Granite Plaque as per donor policy + Pooja sponsorship according to donor policy
\$5000+	Dakshina Bhumi Parking Space	Recognized on parking isle + Weekly abhisheka sponsorship to one deity of choice for 1 year
\$10,000+	Temple Hall Pillars decoration	Donor plaque as per donor recognition policy + sponsorship for all temple functions for 1 year
\$100,000 or 4x \$25,000	Class room(s)	Name recognition in the room + pooja sponsorship as per donor policy
\$250,000 or 10x \$25,000	Library	Name recognition in the library + pooja sponsorship as per donor policy
\$1,000,000	Admin Building	Name recognition on the Admin Building+ pooja sponsorship as per donor policy

- HCCC is humbly requesting for your generous donation.

Prabhakar Bhanoori, *Treasurer, HCCC*

### HCCC is Recruiting Priests

Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC), Livermore, CA, USA, invites applications from qualified individuals for employment to Priest positions. The candidates must have the following to qualify:

- Proficiency in one or more Agamam (Shaivagamam, Smartham, Vaikhanasam, and Pancharatram).
- Proficiency in one or more Vedas (Rig, Yajur, Sama, and Atharva)
- Proficiency in conducting various temple rituals.
- Proficiency in Pourohityam/Karmakanda to conduct rituals.
- Proficiency in Panchangam and Sanskrit.
- Proficiency in religious scriptures such as Puranas, Ramayanam, Bharatam, Bhagavatam, Divya Prabandham, and ability to give discourses.

- Ability to function in a team with excellent work ethics and adherence to rules of the organization
- High regard to devotee treatment and satisfaction. Ability to speak multiple Indian languages including working knowledge of English.

We are also looking for North Indian Sampradayas priest who can assist the Hindi and Gujarati speaking communities.

Interested applicants may send a complete resume including copies of certificates by US Mail or FAX or email to:

Chairman of the Priest Selection Committee, HCCC

1232 Arrowhead Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551-6963 • Fax: 925-455 0404. Email: pschccc@gmail.com

### **Help Us to Serve You - Devotee Guidelines**

This is YOUR temple. In this place of divinity, the temple management requests devotees to follow guidelines and cooperate in maintaining a spiritual atmosphere. Should you find any devotee in violation of the guidelines, kindly refer the devotee to these guidelines and bring the violation to the attention of management.

This is a place of worship. Concentrate on the deities of your choice. Maintain silence or keep your voice down, recite any Nama of any Hindu God or Goddess of your choice, at all times. Promote an atmosphere for worship.

When coming to the Temple from I-580, please take North Vasco Road exit and drive within speed limits on Livermore streets. As you leave the temple, turn left on Arrowhead Avenue to get back to I-580.

#### **Prashaad and Annadaana**

- Food offerings to God (Prashaad) should be “freshly cooked” and made without onions or garlic.
- Please participate in the Annadaana program. Contact temple office for details.
- Do not waste food. Do not pack too much to take out of the temple.

#### **Safety**

- Do not allow Children to play with the Hundi, as there is a risk of hand injury.
- Lighting of Lamps is a safety hazard. Do not light additional oil lamps in front of the deities. Check with the office before lighting lamps.
- Strollers and footwear are strictly not permitted in the temple main hall. Leave your footwear only in the designated shoe racks and not in the walkway.

#### **Donations**

- Register at the temple web site to make donations; print receipts for pujas, and get your year-end tax deduction statement.
- Save time on special festival days (New Year’s Day, Ugadi, Ganesha Chaturthi, Sri Rama Navami, Durga Puja, etc.) by making donations using our web site.
- Do not place or throw money in front of deities in various Sanctums. Temple Hundi is only for devotee offerings such as Abharanas, US currencies, and US coins. Please do not put anything else in them.

#### **General Code of Conduct**

- Be polite to your fellow devotees and temple volunteers.
- Respect the privacy and religious sentiments of your fellow devotees.
- Switch off or silence your mobile phone. If you must take a call, please step out.
- Eating is not permitted in the temple main hall.
- Children should be monitored by their parents or guardians at ALL times. Please avoid giving loud instructions to your small children.
- Wash your hands and feet after using the restrooms.
- Please help us keep the temple and adjoining areas clean. Do not litter the temple parking lots, food area, or the neighborhood. Cleanliness is Godliness.
- Do not leave crushed lemons or broken coconut pieces in the parking lot after finishing vehicle Puja. Promptly dispose them in the nearby trash can.
- Do not pluck flowers from temple plants.
- Wear “appropriate” dress for your visit to the temple.

#### **Restrictions**

- Temple closes at 8 PM except on special occasions for which temple has obtained permit from City of Livermore. Check the posted signs for our operating hours.
- Photography and videography of principal deities (Mula Murti– Granite and Marble idols) is STRICTLY prohibited.
- Smoking, use of tobacco or illicit drug, alcohol, or firearms (real or toys) is STRICTLY prohibited anywhere in the premises.
- Do not enter the temple, if according to custom or tradition, you have been requested not to enter. Example, devotees do not enter temple for 10 days right after a birth or a death in their family.



- Do not enter the inner sanctums even if they are accessible to you.
- Do not touch Utsava Murthies, Vahanas, etc., anywhere in the temple.

### Volunteers

- We are a volunteer driven organization. Please register to volunteer at our office.
- Please follow the directions and instructions of the volunteers. Seek their help for any questions you may have.

If you do good things, good things happen to you. Management reserves the right to take appropriate actions, including asking a devotee to leave the premises, in the interest of safety of other devotees and maintaining the temple sanctity. Refer to Management Guidelines document on Do's and Don'ts available in manager's office.

## Key Events Celebrated

### Temple 25th Anniversary Celebration



With divine blessings, the devotees of Shiva-Vishnu Temple had the privilege of celebrating 25th Anniversary of the Temple on Saturday July 9th and Sunday July 10th.

Devotees were spiritually elated witnessing Srinivasa Kalyanam performed on Saturday. Listening to Sankeerthana's praising the Lord Venkateshwara and Goddesses Sridevi & Bhoodevi all through kalyanotsavam was a truly celestial experience. Sahasra Deepalankaara Unjal seva in the evening was well attended and the devotees had a rare chance to listen to priest's chanting of vedas, Upanishads, Agamas, Shastras and Prabandams. Earlier in the morning, 108 Kalasha Abhishekam was offered to Lord Balaji. On Sunday devotees were sanctified witnessing Vishwanatha Kalyanam. The deities were beautifully decorated and elaborate Kalyanam procedures made the occasion truly divine. Unjal Seva to Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvathi with Sahasra Deepam was a rare treat to watch. Vishesh Archana during Unjal Seva was offered and

chanting of sacred scriptures as part of Rajopachara Seva. On Sunday, 108 Kalasha Abhishekam to Lord Shiva was performed. Vishwanatha Kalyanam was conducted thereafter.

Special appreciation due for all artists who performed during the event. Thanks to Smt. Padmaja Kishore and her team for wonderful rendition of Sankeerthanas during Kalyanam and also during Unjal Seva. Dhanya's Nritya Seva in the evening was beautiful. Thanks to Priya Muthaiah for beautiful Kalyana Geethams and Sangeetha Seva. Special appreciation for Brinda for Nritya Seva on Sunday.

The event was well co-ordinated by Shri Anil Kumar and Smt Meena Kumar with help from other volunteers, all the priests, and Pachaka Srinivasan for preparing sumptuous Naivedyam and devotee food. HCCC thanks all donors, volunteers, management, priests, and the staff for their excellent effort.



### Cultural Event by Shri Krupa Dance Company

The cultural program by Ananya Ashok and Shri Krupa dance company went off very well. Over 200 people attended the program. There were a total of 16 dancers who presented an excellent program. The event went well with the help of many HCCC devotees. Smt Usha and Shri Vasanth introduced the artists. Raj had the priest ready on time for the Asirvachanam. Sainath had personally (as Pachaka was not there) prepared snacks for the audience and were able to provide hot Venpongol to the dancers in the board room. Mohan was of great help in setting up the sound system and arranging the assembly hall. Shri Venky managed the sound system very well.

## Guru Poornima



Hindus celebrate it in the honor of the great sage Vyasa, who is seen as one of the greatest gurus in ancient Hindu traditions, and a symbol of Guru-shishya parampara, the Guru disciple tradition. Vyasa was not only believed to have been born on this day, but also to have started writing the Brahma Sutras on Ashada Sudda Padyami which ends on this day, hence their recitations as a dedication to him, are organised on this day, which is also known as Vyasa Purnima

Guru Poornima – Sri Satyanarayana puja performed on Thursday July 14th went really well, thanks to efforts put in by our priests, Smt. Sumitra Lavu and team of dedicated volunteers. Pdt. Sridhara Bhattar and Pdt. Chandramouli performed the puja guiding devotees through each step. I would like to recognize their hard work and appreciate their cooperation in completing the event on time. Pdt. Padmanabhacharyulu helped the devotees during the puja with any specific requirements. Special

appreciation due for Pdt. Pavan Kumar for preparing Naivedyam for the event in the absence of Pachaka Srinivasan. Also would like to thank Pdt. Kannan and Pdt. Raghunathan for helping with preparatory work.

HCCC thanks Smt. Sumitra Lavu for coordinating this event very well and taking care of all aspects of the function, Sri. Sai Kala stepped in and prepared devotee food for the event and his efforts are always appreciated. Special appreciation for Sri. Mohan Reddy and Smt. Srigrouri Tirumalasetty for helping with procuring and setting up items for the event. As always, Sincere thanks to all volunteers, the temple staff for helping before, during and after the event.

## Aadi Krithika Festival

The Krithigai star or Nakshatram is considered highly auspicious to worship Muruga. And Aadi Krithigai is more important because Aadi is the first month in the Dakshinayana punyakalam – when the sun god changes his direction from north to south. Devotees carry flower Kavadi on the Aadi Krithigai day. It is celebrated in a grand way with various rituals in Murugan temples across the world.

Aadi Krittika event on Monday July 25th went very well, thanks to efforts put in by our



priests, Smt. Subadra Subramaniam and dedicated volunteers. Pdt. Raghunathan performed the Kalasha puja and then abhishekam to Lord Kartikeya with help from Pdt. Subrahmanya Sarma, Pdt. Monomohan Mukherjee, Pdt. Chandramouli, Pdt. Ramaseshu and Pdt. Sridharan. I would like to recognize their hard work and appreciate their cooperation in completing the event on time. Special appreciation due for Pachaka Srinivasan for preparing neivedyam for the event.



Thanks to Smt. Subadra Subramaniam for coordinating this event well and taking care of all aspects of the function. Devotees participated in this event with great devotion and made it successful. Thanks to Sai Kala, Prasad Ramakrishnan, Jai and Balu for helping out with food preparation and serving. As always, Sincere thanks to all volunteers, Office staff, Amigo's and Amiga's who helped before, during and after the event.

## Alternative Medicine Health Fair

The Alternative Medicine Health Fair conducted by the Hindu Community and Cultural Center (Shiva-Vishnu Temple) in Livermore on the 25th of June was a big success. About 75 to 100 people keenly listened to the lectures and asked questions. There were many interesting speakers and the various booths provided a lot of interesting information to the visitors.





The program started off with the Ayurvedic doctors. Dr. Jay Apte spoke about 'Take Charge of your Health with Ayurveda'. Dr. Abhijit Jinde's talk was on 'Principals of Ayurveda for Presentday Lifestyles' and concluded with 'Why Ayurveda Treatment by Dr. Yash Mannur. Mike Brabant CEO of the Integral Wellness defined integral wellness from a new perspective and explained how the body-mind connection played an important role in the health of an individual. Kristine Buckley from the Community Acupuncture in Pleasanton spoke about 'Body in Balance' and gave an overview of Chinese Medicine- Meridian System. Dr. Meenakshi Bhargava, a homeopathy doctor spoke on Allergies and skin disorders. About 150 to 200 people benefited from the informational tables.

### Youth Fair – College, Career, and Community

On April 23rd 2011, Y&E team at HCCC conducted a Youth Fair for the first time with grand success. Over 150 middle schoolers, high schoolers, college kids, and parents participated in the program with the theme of "College, Career, and Community". We had excellent speakers with question/answer sessions, a lively panel discussion across all facets of the themes, and a diverse set of informational booths to help the audience in all their topics of interest. The keynote session was led by Kelly Bowers (Superintendent of Livermore School District) with very good audience feedback and our thanks to the entire team of speakers, panel members, and event participants who made the program a very successful event.



Our thanks go to the youth volunteers - Devi, Prerana, Punal, Jega, Navneed, Akshay, Kush, Vinootna , Vishesha who helped with planning, publicity, getting speakers, being in the panel, answering questions doing the brochure. Thanks to adult volunteers like Jai, Suman, Dharini, Nidhi, Satyavani, Kamala, Archana, Padma, Padmaja, Rajgopal, TK, and Raghu who offered the leadership and help throughout the event from start to finish.

Thanks also go to Anand, HK and HCCC Mgmt team for listening to us as always and supporting us with respect to program organization. Based on the overwhelming feedback from all the participants, we will be looking at conducting this event again next year with continued participation and support from all HCCC patrons.





## Shri Raghavendra Swamiji of Mantralayam

Shri Raghavendra Theertha Swamiji, the patron Hindu saint at Mantralayam, AP, is verily the wishing tree, divine jewel all in one, fulfilling the righteous desire of all those who visit Mantralayam and pray for his benevolence. No one has returned disappointed as the sage who is verily present to this date (from 1671 AD) in the Holy Brindavan answers all the prayers, grants all the desires, and makes the devotees happy.

**Brief life background:** His parents of poorvashrama were Father -Thimmanna Bhatta (whose grandfather tutored Vijayanagar King Krishnadevaraya in Violin) and Mother - Gopikamba. Venkatanatha (poorvashrama name) was born to this couple by the grace of Lord Venkateshwara in 1595. It is popular belief based on testimonials from aparoxa gyanis that the incarnation of Shri Rayaru are: Sankukarna, Prahlada, bAhlika, Vyasa theertha and Guru Rayaru (Shri Raghavendra Swamy). Brief details of the avataras (incarnations): The story of Prhalada (son of Hiranyakashipu) is very well known. Vyasa theertha, is one of the most revered Madhva/Dvaita saints. He was an excellent writer with several great works to his credit. He was the revered rajaguru (royal teacher) who helped Vijayanagara king Krishnadevaraya through several major crisis in his life. Vyasa theertha was reborn as Venkatanatha (who later became Shri Rayaru - Shri Raghavendra Swamy), with special grace of Shri Hari and Vayudevaru. This belief is based on the testimonials of aparoxa gyanis and has never been questioned.

Shri Raghavendra Swamy's notable works are : nyayamuktavali (brief exposition of the Brahma- Sutra), tantradiipika (a vriti on the Sutras), bhavadiipa, prakaasha (commentry on tatparya chandrika), tatvamanajri (exposition of the Anaubhaashya) and nyaayasudha-parimala (commentry on nyaasudha) and also written commentry on Rig Veda - first 3 chapters and kandaarthas - expositions on nine out of ten Upanishads among other various works. Shri Raghavendra Swami, while performing miracles clearly stated that what he did was not magic or sorcery or witchcraft. It was not Patanjali's yoga, but the yoga of the Bhagavad Gita. The aim of his miracles was to remove the suffering of those who seek refuge in him and thus draw them towards God and religion.

Shri Raghavendra Swamy entered Brindavana alive in Mantralayam in AP in the year 1671, as this sacred place had religious significance – Prahlada had done yagam in the area and the stone used for building Brindavana was the one that Shri Rama had rested while searching for Seethadevi. Chanting of the hymns of Shri Raghavendra swamy is believed to cure all depression, fear and anxiety. As Shri Rayaru grants his wishes to his devotees he is called “Kalpa vriksha” (the wish-fulfilling tree that thrives for generations) and “Kamadhenu” (the cow with was nurtured by sage vasishta).

The hymn of Sri Raghavendra Swamy : “Poojyaya Raghavendraya Satya Dharma Rathayacha | Bhajatham Kalpavrikshaya Namatham Kamadenave | |”

On the eve of this auspicious week of the aradhana let us all pray for Shri Guru Raghavendra Swamy's blessings (compiled by M.S. Sathya).



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