



BHARATIYA Temple OF LANSING, INC.

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October 5th, 2005

Dear Temple Devotees:

1. The annual general meeting of Bharatiya Temple of Lansing will be held on December 4th after the completion of 1st Sunday Puja. A separate communication has been sent to members of the temple with the detailed agenda...
2. We are accepting advertisement to cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Please send your camera-ready advertisement to Smruti Shah at temple address with check payable to Bhartiya Temple of Lansing. You can email the advertisement matter to Rajiv R Das (dasrajiv@msu.edu). Advertisement rates are –
 - Full Page - \$ 200.00
 - Half Page - \$ 100.00
 - Quarter Page - \$ 50.00

Yours Truly,
Board of Trustees
Bharatiya Temple of Lansing

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September - 2005						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam
4 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam 1st Sunday pooja 11:30 a.m.	5 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam	6 Haritalika teej Gowri Vrath (samopakarma)	7 Vinayaka Chathurthi start of 10-day Ganesh Festival	8 7pm Ganesh festival, day 2: Kala Seva, Ganesh puja, Arati	9 8p Ganesh festival, day 3: Kala Seva, Ganesh puja, Arati	10 7a Ganapati Homam 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam 6p Ganesh festival, day 4: Cultural program, Ganesh puja, Arati
11 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam 7pm Ganesh festival, day 5: Kala Seva, Ganesh puja, Arati	12 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam 7pm Ganesh festival, day 6: Kala Seva, Ganesh puja, Arati	13 7pm Ganesh festival, day 7: Kala Seva, Ganesh puja, Arati	14 parivartini Ekadasi 7pm Ganesh festival, day 8: Kala Seva, Ganesh puja, Arati	15 Onam Pandigai 7pm Ganesh festival, day 9: Kala Seva, Ganesh puja, Arati	16 Anantha Chathurdasi 7pm Ganesh festival, day 10: Kala Seva, Ganesh puja, Arati Prayer session for victims of hurricane Katrina	17 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam Poornima Pooja 6-30 p.m
18 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam Mahalayam (pitr paksh) prarambham (Gurupeyarchi) 11:30 AM 3rd Sunday Havan	19 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam	20	21 <u>Sankatahara chathurthi 7-15 p.m</u>	22	23	24 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam 9am Meditation and self-development retreat with Swami Bodhananda
25 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam 4th Sunday Jain pooja 11-00 a.m	26 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam	27	28	29 Indra Ekadasi	30	1

October - 2005						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
2 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam 11:30 AM 1st Sunday Puja	3 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam Mahalaya mavasai 5:30a Ramayan Reading	4 Navarathri Prarambham 7:30a & 5:30p Ramayan Reading	5 7:30a & 5:30p Ramayan Reading	6 7:30a & 5:30p Ramayan Reading	7 7:30a & 5:30p Ramayan Reading	8 9:00a Ramayan Reading 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam
9 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam 9:00a & 5:30p Ramayan Reading	10 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam Durgashtami	11 Maha Navami 7p Navaratri Celebration, followed by prasad dinner	12 Vijaya Dasami	13 Smartta Ekadasi	14	15 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam
16 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam 11:30 AM 3rd Sunday Havan 6:30p Satyanarayana Puja	17 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam Thulavishu punyakalam	18	19	20 Karva chaud <u>Sankataharachathur thi 7-15 p.m.</u>	21	22 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam
23 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam 4th Sunday Jain pooja 11-00 a.m.	24 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam	25	26	27	28 Rama Ekadasi	29 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam
30 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam Dhantrayodasi	31 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam					

October 1, 2005

Dear Devotees/Brothers and Sisters:

Now the Summer has come and gone, the Fall leaves are beginning to display wonderful colors. The nature has power to generate the rain and wind storms that have caused so much so much human suffering and property damage, here in the USA as well as in India. Help the organizations of your choice that are working to help the needy. That is our Dharma.

Our Temple will be busy in celebrations of the Navaratri, Dasera and Diwali functions. Watch your e-mails and Temple bulletin board for all the details. Please come to the Temple and participate in these celebrations. All these celebrations has a common theme of victory of good over evil, a positive look toward the future and new commitment to start a new business, project, or some thing that you want to achieve.

The major items that we want to bring to attention are as follows: a. Membership Drive, b. Temple Completion Project and c. Fund Raising.

We like to increase our membership. Be a member of the Temple. It shows that we care, share, volunteer, love, admire our Temple. The temple is a place of worship where we learn our heritage and how to excel in the life both spiritually and professionally.

Our plans for the Temple Completion Project are proceeding very well. Briefly, the plan is to complete the detailed architectural drawings, collect about \$350,000 in cash donations in two years (2005 and 2006), reapply for the special construction permit from the Meridian Township, start the construction in the late Summer or Fall of 2006, and complete the Temple in 2007. The completion will be celebrated with the pranapratishta of the Navagrahas, Kumbhabishekham and opening of new Yagyashala in the Spring of 2007. Due to rise in the energy costs and other world events costs of materials have gone up, our current estimate for the Temple Completion project is about \$700,000. It is expected that we need to borrow about \$350,000 from the bank to complete the Temple.

Fund raising will be done for two items, namely, for on going maintenance of the Temple facilities, and Temple completion project. For the Temple maintenance, we like to collect about \$ 70,000 per year. This amount plus Hundi collections will be used for annual Temple maintenance. The estimated annual maintenance budget is about \$120,000 which includes salaries and benefits for our both priests.

This year during the Navaratri, Ramayan Reading, Durga puja, Saraswati Puja, Dasera , Diwali , Skanda Shashti celebrations , let each of us make a new commitment for maintaining our health, increase wealth , loving family, duty to the local community and India. While doing all these, let us enjoy the spiritual bliss that combines Work(Karma Yaga), Knowledge(Dyana Yoga) and Devotion(Bhakti Yoga).

God bless you and your family.

Nomination and Election Committee members will be co-coordinating the election process for the year 2005 for the board of trustees. Email communication will be sent to the community with details.

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Members are –

- Sanjiv Dagli
- Ved Gossain
- Ram Nagappan
- Sundari Rajan

<p>a. From Detroit and Ann Arbor:</p> <p>I-96 West to Okemos Road (exit 110). Turn right (north) at STOP sign, go 5 miles. Turn right (east) at Haslett Road, go 2.5 miles (about 1 mile past the railroad track) till Haslett Road forks & See note.</p>	<p>d. From Jackson:</p> <p>127 North to Saginaw exit (do not take 496 Downtown exit), turn right (east) onto Saginaw. Go past Harrison, Abbott. Stay in right lane; take Haslett Toad fork to the right. Go past Okemos Road and Marsh Road. Cross railroad tracks. Go about 1 mile past the railroad track till Haslett Road forks & See note.</p>
<p>b. From Flint:</p> <p>I-69 West to East Lansing (exit 94). At the second stop light, turn left (south) onto Marsh Road and go 2 miles. Turn left (east) at Haslett Road. Go 1.3 miles till Haslett Road forks & See note.</p>	<p>e. From Kalamazoo and Battle Creek:</p> <p>I-94 East to I-69 North to I-96 East. Take exit 110 to Okemos Road. Turn left (north) at STOP sign and follow directions as in a.</p>
<p>c. From Grand Rapids:</p> <p>I-96 East to I-69 East (going to Flint). Take exit 94. Follow directions as in b.</p>	<p>f. From Mt. Pleasant, Alma, and Midland:</p> <p>27 South to exit 87, I-69 East (to Flint). Take exit 94. Follow directions as in b.</p>



Note: When Haslett Road Forks stay in the right lane. Temple is the 1st building on the right

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