



Triad Hindu Temple

10/11/2019

Dear Devotees and Triad Community Members,

It gives us a great pleasure to send this message to you as a Chairman and President of our temple. Thanks to umpteen hours of dedicated effort by many devotees, volunteers and board members, our temple operation and events are doing well. Our board has set out many major and lofty goals for 2019 and with the blessings of the Lord and help from all our devotees, we hope to bring all the goals to reality.

Post groundbreaking ceremony, THT has hosted many one of kind religious events in the last few months. THT conducted Panchamukha Shiva Lingam Samprokshana and Prana Parthista 18 Homa Kundam Lalitha Maha Homam by 108 devotees for universal peace and everyone's well-being. Entire community attended these one of a kind events and got the blessings of Mahadeva and Lalithambika. This Panchamukha Shiva Lingam idol is the replica of our main deity in our future Triad Hindu Temple. It was a divine sight to witness the Panchamukha Shiva Lingam idol prathista. For the devotee's convenience, we now post monthly pooja schedule on all forums (FB, WhatsApp and Email), so that everyone can plan their religious activities well in advance.

We also have good news to share with the community regarding the New Temple Construction. We have made good progress despite many hiccups on the way.

- Good news first, we are happy to announce that Temple Bank Loan committee headed by Maran Namasivayam has secured the Bank Loan for our New Temple Construction with First National Bank. In July 2019, we signed the pre-approval offer for a loan of up to \$830K. We will be able to use the entire loan amount if we can raise an equal amount from existing funds and fundraising efforts. We have also opened new accounts at First National Bank, made initial deposits and secured a bank locker. The next step in the loan process is to provide to the bank an approved construction and site documents, general contractor details, appraisal and finally, closing of the loan.

- Coming to the not so good news, on May 23, 2019, the Town of Oak Ridge Planning & Zoning Board conditionally approved the site plan for the new temple. The conditions included revised plans for grading, erosion, storm drainage and septic system. Few weeks after that our civil contracting firm, Fleming Engineering backed out of the project due to their other commitments and lack of workforce. Many thanks to our Construction committee headed by Neeraj Bhadouria and team members who worked tirelessly and recruited Timmons Group to complete civil work. This caused more than a month delay for the hand off and some drawings redo with organizational change. With all said, we have submitted the site plans on September 24, 2019 to Guilford County and Town of Oak Ridge for final permitting and approval. The team is hopeful that we should get the final site approval by early November and we can start the site clearance by end of November. This also includes permits from NCDOT and Duke Energy.

- We were also delayed in submitting the building permits and any change order to the design was taking more than few weeks with our architects, ESPA. Unfortunately, we could not submit the building plans by end of June, as mentioned in the last special message. We had to make lot of design changes during the last few months in the collapsible walls for classrooms and vent features specific to temple and weather. We assure the community that we are back on track in pace and direction and are hopeful on submitting the building plans to Guilford County as soon as site plans are approved. The new target date for submission of building permit is mid-November.

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- On other fronts, the team is working to identify a commercial general contractor for both site preparation and building construction, formalizing the bidding process, working with Stahpathis for main deities, façade stonework and interior marblework.

- Even with all the delays, team is confident to complete the permit process by end of January 2020 and start construction by April 2020 barring any unforeseen events. We apologize that we could not start the construction in September 2019, as stated before.

- Talking about funds, we have major plans for fundraising. We are happy to announce that prominent Dr's and well-known personalities of Triad community have joined the fundraising team to realize our dream of a traditional temple in the Triad. Dr. Ganji has joined as a Co-Chair in the fundraising team. He along with the fundraising chair, CM Anand and other new team members, Dr. Vyas, Dr. Avva, Dr. Alva and Venkatesh are planning to organize a Fundraising Gala Dinner Night in mid-November. Please stay tuned for more information.

Also, please plan to attend our Annual General Body Meeting on November 24, 2019 10.30AM for more information on New Temple Construction.

THT is organizing 5K run/walk in the Oak Ridge town park on Oct 19th, 2019 to create awareness about new temple construction in the Oak Ridge area and as a community building activity. So please join the run/walk and support your temple.

As we have said on many occasions, our temple is a very special place, we all are blessed to be a part of this great organization and it belongs to all of us. With all your help and hard work of the board members and volunteers, our goal is to complete the New Triad Temple Phase 1 by the next year 2020. This new temple will serve the community's religious and cultural needs for decades to come. Our special request to all devotees and members is to visit the temple with your family, friends and most importantly with your children and make our temple an excellent place for worshipping.

We appreciate all the community support towards realizing a traditional new temple in the Triad. A project of this size will not be possible without the generous support from everyone. If you have not yet had a chance to donate towards your new temple construction, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience. We need your moral, physical and financial backing to get to the finish line!

Sincerely,

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(Chairman, Board of Trustees)

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