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July 22, 2005

Dear Temple Devotees:

1. Please feel free to send your feedback and comments to Rajiv R Das (dasrajiv@msu.edu) or Shiv Singh (shivksingh@gmail.com) via email. We will be primarily using the email addresses as mode of newsletter distribution for members. Members with no email address will receive the newsletter by US mail. We encourage you to update email and address for the temple directory in the lobby box marked as “**Membership Directory Update and Suggestions**” along with any suggestions for improvement of services and facilities.
2. As you will observe, temple calendar for these two months are full of events. Please take the calendar and put it at place of display in your home so that you don't miss these activities.
3. 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

July - 2005

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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24 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam	25 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam	26	27	28	29	30 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam

August - 2005

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
31 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam	1 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam	2	3	4	5	6 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam
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14 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam	15 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam	16	17	18	19 Satya Narayan Puja (Purnima)	20 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam
21 9:30 AM Ganesh Abhishekam 11:30 AM 3 rd Sunday Havan	22 9:30 AM Shiva Abhishekam	23	24	25 Youth Camp by Subba Rao Ji	26 Discourse by Meenakshi Devi	27 9:30 AM Balaji Abhishekam 7:30 – 12:00 AM Janmastami Discourse by Meenakshi Devi
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July 15, 2005

Dear Devotees/Friends/Brothers and Sisters:

We hope that you all are enjoying the summer holidays and vacations. Just to keep you updated on the few items that the Board is working on.

1. The Vastu Shastra compliance of the Temple completion project. During the recent visit to India, Manohar Naga had taken a set of temple plans to consult with the Temple vastu shastra expert from Bangalore, India. Following are the vastu shastra recommendations:
 - a) The East staircase is too close to the North East corner. (b) Move the East staircase and elevator together to the South- East corner. Use wrap around design with elevator in the middle of stair well. (c) The East door to be on the right of the center of the building d) Building profile in the North East corner- to have not cuts. Make it straight. (d) NAVAGRAHAS can be set near the sanctum. Use the room in front of the library adjacent to the sanctum. (e) Use the North East corner for reception, reading room discussion room, classroom, kids room etc. (f) Wash basin should be next to East door on south side. (g) Install water fountain (out side the building) near North East corner with eight inches wall plus railing (at the base of the fountain). (h) Relocation of the staircase to southeast side will push the kitchen (in the basement) to the side. That means the adjoining classroom can be moved to the opposite wall. Setting up NAVAGRHAS close to the sanctum will give us additional space for classroom both on the first floor and in the basement.

The Board would like to thank Manohar Naga for his help in getting this vastu shastra evaluation of the temple plans. We will display the temple plans –showing the above recommendations, in the Temple’s lobby as soon as the architectural drawings are completed.

2. The Appreciation Dinner- This event was held on July 9th, to thank the members/devotees for their support to the temple. About 130 people attended the dinner. Thanks are due to the planning committee and volunteers of this event. Many suggestions were made during the open session after the dinner. We will continue our efforts to thank all the devotees and volunteers in many ways in the future. More details from the planning committee to follow. Our aim is to work on the suggestions made and give you feed back on the results.
3. Resignation of Mr Chandrakant Khiroya – Mr Khiroya has resigned from the temple board. The Board has appointed Mr Manohar Naga for the remaining period for this position. Board appreciates the numerous contributions of Mr Khiroya and welcomes Mr Naga.

Finally, your cooperation, commitment and compassion for the Temple are very much appreciated. We spend about Ten Thousand (\$ 10,000) dollars per month to maintain Temple, homes for the priests and salaries of the priests. Please donate generously, when you visit the Temple just for “ Darshan” or for Archana, or new car puja or attend regular Temple events such as the first Sunday puja or Havan on the third Sunday. Our scriptures say that the worship is completed only when there is some “Daan” – a gift of food, money and selfless work for the good of the society. May God bless you and may all your dreams come true!!!

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees.

Community News –

One of the members of our community, Mr. Jaglan was recognized and honored by the first gentleman of Michigan as 2005 Governer service award nominee for his outstanding service to the citizens of Michigan. He was also honored by Greater Lansing Food Bank with the Walter Cambell Local Hero award.

<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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