

**[FMmandir] Sanatan Mandir Update # 14**

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The days of Navratri are here again....

The beginning of spring and the beginning of autumn are two important confluence of climatic and solar changes. These two periods are taken as sacred opportunities for the worship of Divine Mother. Our sincere prayers to Goddess Durga, the manifestation of Shakti to give you and your children sufficient courage to face this world with determination.....

1. Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav

Many thanks to all Fort McMurrites for the participation and overwhelming support for the Pooja and Cultural program. We raised a net amount of \$2600/- This was a great achievement. Once again our thanks to all volunteers, whose dedication and devotion to Mandir brought this success !

2. Inspired by the success of the Ganesh Pooja from the West, South Indians are proposing '**Sabarimala Ayyappa Pooja**' in Decemebr/January. We are also exploring an Eastern Festival, probably, '**Saraswati Pooja**' in February, if we get sufficient sponsorship.

3. **Temporary Mandir** -When we started our **Northpole Mandir Mission**, the target was December 2010. We are still hoping that Lord will find a way out...

We consulted many pioneers of temple movement in North America including Swamis and Sants, requesting

their opinion. They all suggested starting a temporary Mandir as early as possible, even if it is a make-shift arrangement. This way SMCS could keep up the energy, enthusiasm and devotion among public.

In this regard, we are exploring the possibility of converting a walk-out basement to a temporary mandir. If anybody wants to offer their basement, please let us know by October 10th. The expectation is that this temp. mandir will continue until a suitable, alternate place is finalised. The Executive Committee will review and select, based on location and other factors.

4. **Land** – We have submitted an application to the Provincial Govt. for the Surface Lease of a parcel of Land (20Acre) on Tower road. We will also process another application for a lot (10Acre) on Airport Road as soon as we have sufficient funds. Please be informed that each application will cost us around \$11,000/- and there is no surety that the lease will be allotted to Mandir. Please let us know, if you know anybody in Ministry of Sustainable Development so that we could expedite the process.

5. **Revenue Canada Registration** – We received communication from CRA that they are in the final stages of assessment. All our documentation are in order and we may get the status of Income tax benefit before the year end !

6. **Gyana Yagna** - Along with Pooja and Cultural activities, it is our mission to impart spiritual knowledge from our Holly books to the public. Accordingly, SMCS is supporting a **Gyana Yagna**, which will be held on Novemebr 8, 9 &10th. Swami Sharananadaji of Chinmaya Mission, Chicago will be undertaking this Gyana Yagna;

Timing : 6.30 to 9PM @ YMCA,

Thickwood

5.30 to 6.30AM @ 109 Fireweed

Crescent

Subject: **Bhajagovindam** of Adi
Sankaracharya

All are welcome in this Vedantic spiritual
pursuit.

With blessings from Maha Maaya,
Sanatan Mandir Executive Committee
In the service of Lord and the Community