



# DEVI VANI

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY HINDU TEMPLE



### August Events Recap



#### 1 Sunderkand Paath

August 2 & 8: Monthly paath and rakshabandhan special paath



#### 2 Krishna Janmashthami Bhajan Sandhya

August 15: An evening of chanting and bhajans with Swamini Ji



#### 3 Kumbhābhiśeka of Willamette Valley Hindu Temple

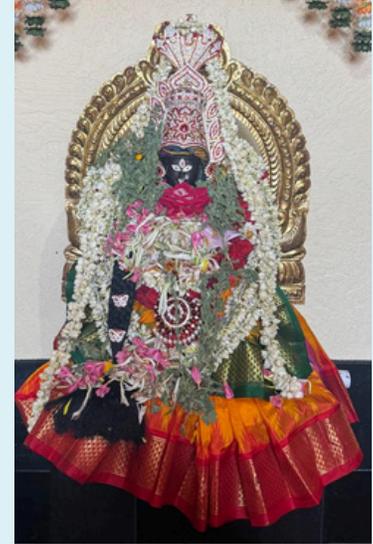
August 22-24: Glorious three-day ceremony with Yagna attended by over 300 devotees.



#### 4 Kids Katha

August 31: The kids celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi.

### Weekend Pujaris



With deep appreciation, we recognize the August pujaris:

Janani Chaitanya  
Bidyut Das

Eldurkar & Sucheta Bhaskar  
Sarita Sharma  
Meenakshi Kathuria  
Vanaja Manda

To volunteer as weekend pujari, please reach out to Bidyut Das.

### Update from the Board

The board met 3 times in August; the first 2 meetings were for planning the inaugural homa. On August 28, the board discussed operating hours, renting policy, guidelines to use the space, and operational and housekeeping needs. The board wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to the community for coming together and making the inaugural ceremony a success. We are counting on each one of you to take the temple ahead!!

### Next Month

Ganesh Chaturthi, Sunday Satsang, Mahadeva Abhishekam and Devi Chants, Kids Katha, Katha Readers, Sundarkand paath, Navratri



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### Spotlight of the Month : Inaugural Homa

*Oṃ Srī Gurubhyo Namaḥ*

With guidance from Swamini Svatmavidyananda and in presence of Pandit Ravichandran and his wife Rajeshwari, the kumbhābhiśeka of Willamette Valley Hindu Temple took place across four ceremonies between August 22-24.



Vāstuśānti-Homa  
Vāstu (site), Śānti (peace)



Transporting deities to new temple



Jalādi (water), Vāsa (dwelling)



Offering to deities



Puja



Placing mantra and yantra in deities' pedestal



Aṣṭabhandha (Eight bindings)



Kalaśa-Sthāpana (installing the auspicious vessel)



Homa



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We are grateful to SMMHS Board and community volunteers for making the homa a grand success! Shout-out to Sudha, Vanaja, Bidyuth, Meenakshi, Mohit, Manish, Manoj, Vikram, Maulick, Dhruv, Nishant, Chinmayi, Piyush, Shallu, Sarita, Saritha, Mrudula, Suchetha, Arunima, Anika, Tanvi, Viral, Sejal, Aarti, Bhavana, Risha, Charu, Anantha, Trivarna, Pooja, Mayank, Shruti, Shin Shin, Sai, Nehru, Trideshwari, Nanda, Dr. Deshpande, Bhaskar, Sucheta, Anirudha, Krishna, Janani, Laura, Sravya, Pradeep, Gordon, Kiran, Vibhav, Alok, Geetha, Havisha, Arun\*



Pūrṇāhuti (final offering) and Homa



Kalaśa-pūja (worship of auspicious vessel), kumbhābhiśeka (pouring water over the temple)



Deities alankar and Ārati,



\*We sincerely hope that we've recognized all inaugural ceremony volunteers. If we missed anyone, please let us know so we can give them a shoutout in the next newsletter.

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