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Community Newsletter Islamic Society of Western Massachusetts (ISWM)

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The Prophet **MPBUH** stated, "(In order to enter paradise) you should worship Allah (Alone, and none else) and do not ascribe any partners to Him, offer Iqamat-as-Salat, pay Zakat and keep good relations with your kith and kin.'

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RAMADAN

Daily Quran Lecture

Time: 945 PM

Lecturer(s): Imam Wisam Abdul Baki and M. Ali Hazratii

ISHA & TARAWEEH

Isha salat time: 1015PM

Taraweeh: After few minutes of Isha

JUMAH

Time: 1pm

Special request: Please carpool and come early. Follow the city parking rules and commonsense.

RAMADAN AND EID MUBARAK

The Blessings We May Easily Forget...

We live in the USA, the most powerful country in the world. We have security, peace of mind, the constitutional rights and a system to provide and protect those rights. Alhumudulillah. We live in Massachusetts, the best of all the states. In here, we live in the beautiful pioneer valley, and in this valley we are in the lovely town of West Springfield. Alhumdulillah. In this town, we have a fully established masjid and Islamic Center. Alhumdulillah. We have a balanced and well-written constitution and detailed by-laws members providing generous

of governance, Alhumdulillah. We maintain a multi-national and multi-ethnic community. Alhumdulillah. We have a fulltime Imam residing in the center, Alhumqulillah. The center offers regular Sunday school and many classes to learn Quran, Arabic language, Tajweed and Islamic Studies. Alhumudillah. We have a large community hall for any Muslim community events. Alhumdulillah. We have a fulltime regular school from K-12. Aluhumdulillah. We have dedicated volunteers and

physical and material support, Alhumdulillah. We are improving and extending and we even have a small endowment. Alhumdulillah.

My dear brothers and sisters. if we start counting, we are really blessed by Allah SWT. But remember, every blessing is also a test from Him to see how we use, maintain and sustain it. Take part in this effort, if you have not so far. Work for your masjid, your center, your city, your valley, your state and your country, the USA. May Allah SWT provides all of us with strength and dedication to continue this work. Ameen

The House Next Door is Acquired, But...

AlhumuduliLillah, we have acquired the house next door. To make it possible, we had to borrow money from the endowment fund. Due to the exceptionally low attendance in our fundraiser, we have only been able to raise about 1/3rd of the required funds.

This is a long-term strategic investment with multiple benefits to our community. We all remember the difficult time we had with our neighbor, at least that

issue is now resolved. Before we start the next phase of this project, we have to completely pay off the debt first.

We request all ISWM members to donate and help build the future of our masjid, the center and the Igra Academy. We would routinely update you on the amount of funds raised and needed.

During this transition, the house would be rented to a carefully selected family. The process of application, selection and rental management would be fair to all families and according to standard procedures and laws. At the end of this process, only one lucky family would have the chance to live in this house

We ask all members to be considerate, follow the rules and the process and pray to Allah SWT. Nobody can stop your family to live in this house, if it is His will and nobody can make it possible if it is not.

IQRA ACADEMY K-12

Principal:

Nadeem Sikander M. Ed.

Current Enrollment: 60 Staff: 15 Teachers

Our Academy offers:

- ..Kindergarten to 12th grade
- ..Quality secular education
- .. Islamic environment
- ..Islamic studies, Quran and Arabic language
- .. Superior atmosphere of learning
- .. Physical education classes

Registration: Open for 2014-15 school year

Please call to setup appointment for a visit at 413-642-4499 or send an email at principal@igra-academy.org

We look forward to meeting with you and discuss the plans for your child's education.

SPECIAL EVENT

INTERFAITH IFTAR

When: July 15, 7pm

Where: ISWM Hall

For who: Adults, no

children

RAMADAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

KHATAM-UL-QURAN

When: July 26, the

Saturday

Program: 30-45 min after Taraweeh, followed by refreshment

Guest: Imam Hasan Abunar

ZAKAT-UL-FITR

Amount: \$10 per person for every member of household, responsibility of the head of the household

When Due: Before Eid salat or ASAP.

Who to give it to: Local deserving person(s) or family(ies). You may give it to ISWM to be given to such families. Write Fitr on the envelope.

ZAKAT-UL-MAAL

**In material sense. Zakat is what a Muslim gives back to the Muslim community every year **Zakat is determined

upon the wealth, assets or goods retained for the previous year; it is not an income tax **Assets for personal and family use are excluded **A minimum level of wealth, the Nisab, is also excluded **Nisab is the value of 87.43 g of gold **Zakat is 2.5% on rest

Volunteers Needed

Khatam-ul-Quran

Day: July 26

Purpose: Arrange sweet/snacks/drinks for about 250 people

How many volunteers: 5 or more

Eid Arrangements at Stanley Park

Day: Eid day

Purpose: Eid parking and space preparation and management

How many volunteers: 25 or more

Juma'h Preparation

Day: every Thursday and Friday night

Purpose: prepare the hall for Juma'h on Thursday and clear on Friday

How many volunteers: 10 or more

Following areas of service need people who could overlook and

help maintain these systems:

**ISWM collects and

distributes Zakat

A: Heating/Cooling

of the wealth

B: Doors & Windows

C: Flooring

D: Plumbing

E: Electrical and lighting

F: Security cameras

G: Outside maintenance

H: Cleaning

Please come forward and help in taking care of your masjid.

Eid-ul-Fitr Announcements

DAY OF EID

July 28 or 29, based upon global moon sighting. Check ISWMONLINE.COM on July 27 for exact date.

LOCATION

Stanley Park, 400 Western Ave, Westfield. Rainy day alternative: our masjid.

Time: 8:30 AM

Arrive 30 min early.

BRING YOUR OWN PRAYER RUGS OR SHEETS, AREA IS **GRASSY AND NO FLOORING IS PROVIDED**

WE ARE GOING GREEN

Pay the Zakat-ul-Fitr ASAP or before the Eid salat.

Light refreshment

Are provided

DO NOT DAMAGE THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE.

> **KEEP AN EYE ON** CHILDREN.

LEAVE NO TRASH BEHIND.

RESPECT THE MANAGING BROTHERS **AND SISTERS**

> THEY ARE **VOLUNTEERS**