

Karva Chauth



Shanthy Mandir

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 29, 2007

About Karva Chauth

Karva Chauth, as practiced these days, is observed by married women for ensuring wedded bliss and long and happy lives for their husbands and families. The origin, its social and practical significance and associated tales will be fascinating to many amongst us who are not entirely familiar with the festival. A few informative Internet sites on the subject include: (<http://www.geocities.com/lamberdar/karva-chauth.html>), and (<http://festivalsofindia.in/Karvachauth>). On the occasion of *Karva Chauth* which is on the fourth day (*Chauth*) of the *Kartik* month (eighth month of the lunar calendar and one of the holiest in the Hindu calendar), fasting (*vrat*) is observed. *Karva* refers to the decorated clay pot which is used to exchange beauty trinkets among women. The intent of the festival is also to build bonds with like-minded girlfriends who offer social support to a bride when she moves to the home of her newly-wedded husband and her in-laws. Puja is performed in the evening by offering prayers to *Shiva*, *Parvati*, *Ganesh* and *Kartikeya*. The fast is brought to an end with *Prasad* (food offerings to the Almighty) after sighting the moon. The hearty meal is shared with family members and friends.

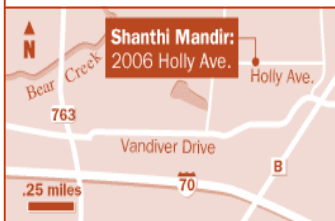
The Program



Social Hour and Thali Puja
Session 1 - 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Session 2 - 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Punam Sethi at 447-0593, or Kusum Malhotra at 445-1867 to help with planning for the puja. Remember all of our Mandir events are successful at serving the community only through wholehearted volunteer efforts from individuals like you. Please note that here will be **no pot-luck dinner** unlike the last year.

You can plan to attend any one or both of the sessions of that best suits your schedule.



Please visit our web site and send us your e-mail address if you would like to be included on the **Friends of the Mandir** distribution list to receive timely program notices.

Directions:

Take Exit 127 on Interstate 70, Head north on Rangeline Street, Right at first traffic light on Vandiver Drive, Left on Parker Street, Right on Holly Avenue, Shanthy Mandir sign will be visible on the right after 5-6 homes.

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