



Karva Chauth

Shanthi Mandir

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 17, 2008

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, it's 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 - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Session 2 - 6:00 - 7:00 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, like last year, there will be **no pot-luck dinner**.

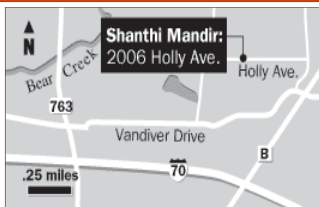
You can plan to attend any one (or both of the sessions) that best suits your schedule.

Overflow Parking at the Sunrise Optimist Parking Lot

Let us make our special events safe. Please do not park on the street or on the grass at the Mandir lot. We would request you to park at the Sunrise Optimist Parking Lot on Parker and Holly. Volunteers will provide rides between the two parking lots.

Anna Daan Service Project at Shanthi Mandir

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the Central Missouri Food Bank in support of our ongoing Anna Daan Service Project. Your contribution of cans of food or packets of pasta is greatly appreciated!



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, Shanthi Mandir sign will be visible on the right after 5-6 homes.

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