



Oak Park Muslim Community Newsletter

About Us

Mission Statement

OPMC fundraises to create a mosque and a community center that empowers Muslims from all backgrounds to engage in meaningful worship. This includes gathering for prayer, Islamic education, and supporting charitable and social activities.



OPMC
DONATION



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LAUNCHGOOD

Text "OPMC" to (708) 729-5582

End of Summer Potluck Picnic

- Saturday, August 24
- 3 PM to 6 PM
- Schuth's Grove, 8040 Cermak Rd, Riverside, IL

Meet your Muslim neighbors at this fun event. We'll have a bounce house, games for the kids and adults

Upcoming Events

Monthly Quran Halaqa - FIRST TIME EVENT!

- Friday, July 19
- 7 to 8 pm
- Kinfolk Colab, 405 S Euclid, Oak Park, IL

Dr. Mbengue will lead this monthly halaqa starting with surah Al-Ahzab (33), ayats 1 - 5. This will be an interactive program, not a lecture. Your active participation will make the program successful.

Dr. Mbengue is an adjunct professor of history and Islamic studies at DePaul University.



Halal Fest - OPMC Booth

- Saturday, August 3
- 11 AM to 9 PM
- Frontier Park, Naperville, IL

Features global cuisine, family fun, cultural performances, and many Muslim organizations.



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Updates

Eid al-Adha was well attended with ~110 people at Columbus Park Refectory. Prayer was held outdoors in a pleasant breeze. Afterwards we had food for everyone and small gifts for the children after prayer.

The board of directors met on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 for the 2nd annual **board of directors retreat**. We were able to solidify our **mission statement** and **strategic plan** for the coming year.

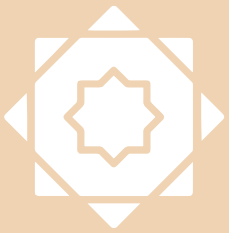


Strategic Plan 2024 - 2025

There are many aspects of this growing organization that are important. Here are the current areas the board will be focused on this year:

- Board and community education
- Communication with the Muslim community
- Community and charitable engagement
- Financial transparency
- Process clarity
- Fundraising development





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Fundraising

OPMC is fundraising for a mosque/community center in the greater Oak Park area.

Alhamdulillah, our fundraising has allowed us to collect a total of \$47,000 so far.

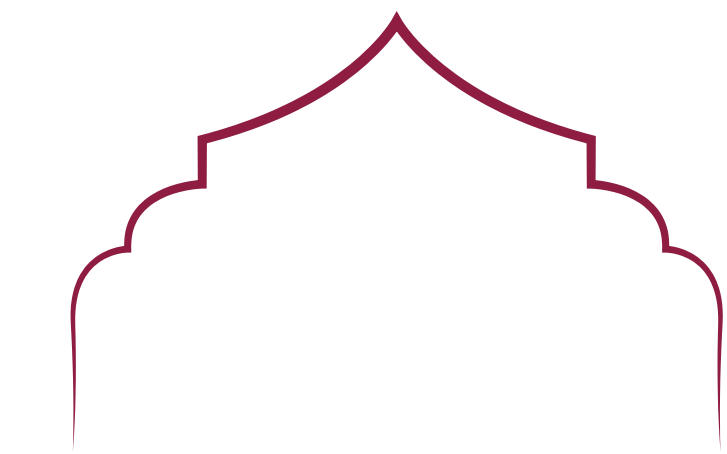
The board is actively striving to bring in \$30,000 as a ‘personal’ board fundraising goal by the end of this August.

The most recent LaunchGood campaign that started this past Ramadan 2024 extends until August 31st--looking to fundraise \$200,000.

The next goal is \$500,000 to \$600,000 by 2025 that will allow us to better target a location for possible purchase.

The ultimate goal is to secure \$2 million by January 2026, inshaAllah.

Building costs	\$1,200,000
Closing Costs	\$85,000
Zoning Attorney	\$50,000
Real Estate Attorney	\$6,000
Operational Costs (\$/yr)	\$80,000
Bldg Renovation Costs	\$500,000
Investment Fund	\$50,000
Emergency Fund	\$40,000
(Operational costs x 6 mos)	
Total estimated costs	\$2,000,000





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Imam's Corner

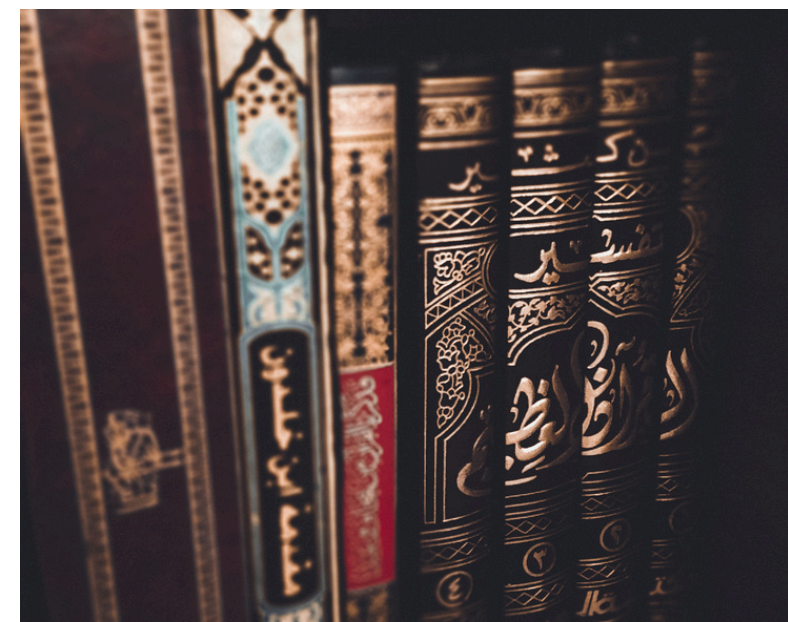
The Month of Muharram & Ashura

Monday, July 8th was the beginning of the Islamic new year. It is in this month that the Prophet Muhammad (S) deemed important for fasting.

Ashura - The 10th day of Muharram will be this Tuesday, July 16.

“There are four things which the Prophet never gave up: fasting Ashura, fasting during the ten days [of Dhul Hijjah], fasting three days of each month, and praying two rak’at before al-ghadah [i.e., Fajr].” [Sunan Al-Nasa'i #2416]

Additional information found at Yaqeen Institute



Get Involved

Alhamdulillah, we have a wonderfully active Muslim community. It's only been through your initiatives that we've supported that we have had success!

Join a committee, lend your expertise:

- Fundraising
- Communications
- Education
- Finance

Send an email to info@oakparkmuslims.org