



Oak Park Muslim Community Newsletter



Tuesday, October 22, 2024 | Rabi' al-Thani 19, 1446 AH

OPMC Mission

The Oak Park Muslim Community 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.

Donate to the Mosque Fund

Donate to the Organization

Ways to support your Muslim community



via Zelle: DONATE@oakparkmuslims.org

Text to donate: "OPMC" to (708) 729 - 5582



Volunteer your time
1-2 hrs/month



Get the word out, let others know
there is a vibrant muslim community
www.oakparkmuslims.org



Follow, like, and comment - IG, FB

Community Updates

New Board Member

Assalamu alaikum.

We'd like to introduce you to the newest member of the board, Dr. Mohamed El Marouki. Dr. Marzouki and his family have been residents of Oak Park for 6 years. He is an assistant professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

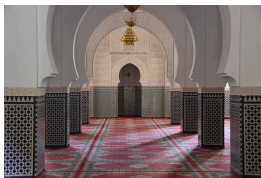


Kinfolk CoLab Connection

OPMC's Board President, Dr. Munirah Curtis, was invited to join the board of Kinfolk CoLab, now strengthening the connection OPMC has with this important organization.

Kinfolk CoLab is a nonprofit whose mission includes providing spaces for underrepresented groups in the area. Kinfolk CoLab has been an instrumental piece in helping OPMC host activities -- starting with iftars (post COVID) AND jumma prayer beginning in the fall of 2021.

GET INVOLVED -- Volunteer!



Mosque Outreach

A few community members will be visiting various mosques in the Illinois area to let them know about OPMC and fundraising for a



Fundraising

Interested in learning more about fundraising?

Would you like to help create email and social media campaigns for OPMC?



Ramadan & Eid Planning

Ramadan is 5 months away, but we're still planning.

We're looking for people to assist with Ramadan iftars, taraweeh prayer



May 2025 Fundraising Dinner

We're planning on having a great fundraising dinner this year, inshaAllah.

If you're interested in being a part of the upcoming fundraising

mosque/community center.

Interested in attending jummah prayers and letting these mosques know about OPMC?

Contact Dr. Omery at murad@oakparkmuslims.org

Are you good at online research?

Contact Yasmin at yasmin.ali@oakparkmuslims.org.

coordination, and Eid Day Prayer planning.

Interested in making this the best Ramadan and Eid ever, contact munirah.curtis@oakparkmuslims.org.

dinner such as being part of the host committee or media (eg. social, print, or marketing), contact Yasmin at yasmin.ali@oakparkmuslims.org.

Marketing & Communications Committee: Is social media or communications something that's your thing? Contact Munirah at munirah.curtis@oakparkmuslims.org.

OAK PARK MUSLIM COMMUNITY

It's Time for Upcoming Events

Halal-o-ween - Friday, Oct. 25

Halal-o-ween!

It's a Fall Gathering.

It's an opportunity for our Muslim youth to **dress up** in costumes, **eat candy**, **do crafts**, and **play games**. ALL children and families are welcomed. It's not just for little kids. We would like to **encourage our pre-teens and teens** to be a part of this event.

6:30PM | Kinfolk Colab

Potluck signup is [HERE](#).

405 S. Euclid Ave
Oak Park, IL

Friday, Oct. 25

6:30 PM to 9 PM

Isha Prayer at 7PM followed by Quranic Stories

Kinfolk Colab - Basement Level

405 S Euclid Ave

Oak Park, IL 60302

Board Meeting - Tuesday, Nov 5

Caramel Apple Station!

Oak Park Main Library, 3rd floor conference room & via [Zoom](#)

Community Quran Halaqa - Friday, Nov 15

Pumpkin Decorating

Kinfolk CoLab & via [Zoom](#)

Costumes are welcome

Join us for our fall
gathering!



Community Quran Halaqa

Led by Dr. Babacar Mbengue
& Dr. Tanveer Azmat

3rd Friday of each month 

Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20

7 - 8 pm 

1. [Muslim Civic Coalition](#) - Information on voter registration, early ballots, and sample ballots
2. [Injustice Watch](#) - Information on Cook County judges
3. Area voter information for

- [Oak Park](#)
- [River Forest](#)
- [Berwyn](#)
- [Chicago](#)
- [Elmwood Park](#)
- [Riverside](#)



In person & via zoom

(See website for Zoom info)

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GRATITUDE -- GIVING BACK ELECTION DAY - Tuesday, Nov 5, 2024

Voting Resources

In 2021, the **Community Fridge** concept came to Oak Park. It started with one refrigerator in the parking lot of Carnival Grocery with the goal of reducing food insecurity and food waste. There are community fridges in various locations across Oak Park.

We are looking for a few community members to help the Oak Park Muslim community keep this fridge stocked. Alhamdulillah, OPMC has been the recipient of benevolence in the Oak Park community and this offers us a great way to give back to our neighbors.

If you'd like to learn more about the Community Fridge or are interested in leading OPMC in this task, contact munirah.curtis@oakparkmuslims.org.

One Community Fridge is located in the gray shed in the parking lot of Euclid Church/Kinfolk CoLab--where we have jummah prayer every Friday.



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OPMC is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving our diverse Muslim community in Oak Park and surrounding neighborhoods

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