



## MEADOWVALE ISLAMIC CENTRE

# NEWSLETTER

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### Cost of Mother's Love

A little boy came up to his mother in the kitchen one evening while she was fixing supper, and he handed her a piece of paper that he had been writing on. After his mom dried her hands on an apron, she read it, and this is what it said:

For cutting the grass: \$5.00  
 For cleaning up my room this week: \$1.00  
 For going to the store for you: \$0.50  
 Babysitting my kid brother while you went shopping: \$0.25  
 Taking out the garbage: \$1.00  
 For getting a good report card: \$5.00  
 For clean up and raking the yard: \$2.00  
 Total owed: \$14.75

Well, his mother looked at him standing there; the boy could see the memories flashing through her mind. She picked up the pen, turned over the paper he'd written on, and this is what she wrote:

For 9 months I carried you while you were growing inside me: No Charge.  
 For all the nights that I've sat up with you, doctored and prayed for you: No Charge.  
 For all the crying times, and all the tears that you've caused through the years: No Charge.  
 For all the nights that were filled with dread, and for the worries I knew were ahead: No Charge.  
 For the toys, food, clothes, and even wiping your nose: No Charge, Son,  
 When you add it up, the cost of my love is: No Charge.

When the boy finished reading what his mother had written, there were big tears in his eyes, and he looked straight at his mother and said,

"Mom, I sure do love you". And then he took the pen and in great big letters he wrote: "PAID IN FULL"

It is reported that a man came to the Prophet ﷺ and asked: "Messenger of Allah, who is the most deserving of good care from me?" The Prophet ﷺ replied: "Your mother (which he repeated three times) then your father, then your nearest relatives in order".

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## Five Things to Reflect upon

O! You Muslims who are:

1. Desirous to drive shiny cars, REMEMBER YOU will be driven one day as a horizontal passenger
2. Wild and crazy over expensive clothes, REMEMBER you will end up in just a 'Kafn' (shroud)
3. Recklessly sacrificing everything to construct beautiful homes and splendid mansions, REMEMBER the graveyard 'Pit', is one's real home
4. Greedily devouring tasty dishes and all types of Extravagant delicacies, REMEMBER one day you will be the meal for ants, worms and other insects
5. Aspiring for fame, fortune and bright lights REMEMBER darkness & loneliness awaits you in the grave

## Virtues of Performing Salah

When Abdullah ibn Abbas ra used to hear the Azaan, he used to cry so much that his clothes used to get wet, his veins used to swell and his eyes used to become red. Someone told him that he also listens to the Azaan but he is not affected by it. He told him that if only people knew the reality of the Muazzin's words, they would be deprived of rest and comfort and their sleep would disappear. Thereafter he explained the warnings of every sentence in detail.

Huzafah ra narrates that whenever Nabi sa was confronted with any difficulty, he resorted to salah.

It is mentioned in the Hadith that Allah will bless the one who is punctual with his five daily Salaahs with five favors.

1. His daily sustenance will be made easy
2. His punishments in the grave will be removed
3. On the day of resurrection he will receive his book of deeds in his right hand due to which he will be very happy and will go on and show everyone his good deeds.
4. He will cross the bridge of hell with lightning speed
5. He will be saved, from reckoning for his deeds, in the grave and on the last day.

## Warning for not praying Salaah

Nabi sa said that the Salaah of the person, who after hearing the Azaan does not precede for Salaah without any valid excuse and performs it at home, will never be accepted. The Sahaba (Radiyalahu anhum) asked what a valid excuse could be, Nabi sa replied 'Sickness or Fear'

Nabi sa said that the person who makes a Salaah qadha (i.e. he purposely omits it) will remain in Jahannam for a period of one hujub. A hujub is equal to eighty years of 360 days where one day is equal to 1000 years.

Nabi sa said that it is a flagrant disbelief, oppression and hypocrisy to hear Allah Ta'ala's call (i.e. Azaan) and not to proceed for Salaah.

Nabi sa said that there is no part of Islam for a person who does not perform Salaah.

In another hadith, Nabi sa has said that there is no part of faith without Salaah. Salaah in Islam is like the head in a person's body.

## Announcements

• All-hamduillah, the Building Masjid - Phase 3 is successfully completed. The goal of phase 3 was to pay back the \$474,450 in Qarza hasna, and raise \$90,000 for the site application expenses. Congratulations to the MIC community! MIC is now the proud owner of 4496 Winston Churchill Blvd. and 6508 Winston Churchill Blvd. The total value of these 2 properties is estimated to be 2 million dollars. The management team is working on the defining the goals of next phase of the masjid construction project.

• MIC elections were held on February 2nd, 2013. The results were as follows:  
Trustee - Shoab Imran                      President - Amon Khan                      Vice-President - Amir Syed  
Secretary - Mo'id Mohammed              Joint Secretary - Zaheer Mosam

## Message from the Chairperson, Project Committee

Assalamualaikum Brother and Sisters,

Congratulations on the completion of the Building Masjid - Phase III! The next milestone for the Meadowvale Islamic Centre project is the submission of zoning application and site plan.

As per the application requirements, MIC project committee has assigned tasks to its volunteer members to complete various studies. Our approach to rezoning and site plan has improved due to the hiring of Glen Schenar and Associates Inc as Planner Consultant. MIC building size and parking spaces have increased significantly because Planner believes that the setback demanded by city for waste disposal of back to Europa Street is unjustified. At the recommendation of Traffic Consultation and Planner observation, the Site Plan has been finalized and MIC Architect is revising the drawings. Traffic flow in and out of premises is key factor and concern of city that has been addressed. We expect to have traffic study completed by April 19th. Phase I environmental study has been completed. It is with MIC Planner for his review and comments. Due to presence of abandoned water well and exterior oil tank, Consultant has recommended Phase II environmental study. Team Head has requested the consultant to give us a proposal just in case that needs to be done. MIC Architect has been tasked to complete the new conceptual drawings and prepare colour rendering of the new design.

The proposed building has an Islamic architectural symbol which includes a dome and minaret. New facility is expected to have a multipurpose hall for various activities for adult and children. It is our sincere efforts to complete the studies in the next 4-6 weeks. Finalization of site plan has delayed other studies as they depended on the site plan.

We will continue to update you on the project periodically. However if you have any questions or require further clarification, please write to [tahir@mici.org](mailto:tahir@mici.org). Otherwise, visit [mici.org](http://mici.org) and donate generously.

Chairperson - Project Committee

## Current Programs

1. 5 times Prayers
2. Jumma Prayers
3. Taraweeh / Eid Prayers
4. Daily Hadith
5. Full time Hizf / Academics
6. Evening Quran class daily
7. Adult Quran class daily
8. Tafseer weekly
9. Basketball League
10. Youth & Family counseling
11. Providing answers regarding Islamic matters
12. Monthly newsletter
13. Monthly youth programs
14. Monthly family programs
15. **Youth Basketball Program**  
Every Week Wednesdays between 6 - 8 pm at St. Alberts School on Rosehurst
16. **Exercise Program (for sisters)**  
at Kindree Public School Every Week Wednesdays between 6 - 8 pm, contact [sabamoid@hotmail.com](mailto:sabamoid@hotmail.com) (905) 997-8007 or [samina.karim@yahoo.com](mailto:samina.karim@yahoo.com) or [atshanfir@yahoo.com](mailto:atshanfir@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming Program

Preparing Our Islamic Will  
(May 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> Tentative)

## Student of the Month

Umer Zia

## Building Masjid - Phase 3 Qarza Hasna payback, Site Plan preparation & Submission to city

Full Qarza Hasna	PAID OFF	\$ 473,450.00
Funds for Site Application		\$ 94,000.00

Funds reported as of 7<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2013. Please visit [mici.org](http://mici.org) for updated figures



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