Moving to Orlando

Relocation Packet

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Introduction

If you are relocating then you will be going through a major life change. This can be both exciting and intimidating. To make life a little easier, we’ve put together some useful information to assist in your upcoming move to the HIC community.

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1. Establishment of the HIC Community

Husseini Islamic Center (HIC) is a Shia Muslim organization officially established in May 1990 and serving the Metro Orlando area.

The website for the center is www.orlandocenter.org

You can also sign up to the mailing list from the home page and you will automatically receive weekly newsletters, which will keep you abreast of community events, schedules and activities.

Membership forms are available here - http://www.orlandocenter.org/docs/membership_form.pdf

The purpose of the HIC is:

- To pursue and promote religious, social, cultural, economic and educational activities.
- To provide and maintain a place of religious worship and socio-cultural and educational activities.
- To provide or facilitate provision of religious education to the children and youth of our community.
- To facilitate the propagation of the Shia Ithna Asheri Muslim faith.

From 1989 to 1991, the Muharram, Ramadhan and other azadari programs were hosted in the residences of Br. Gulamali Dewji and Br. John Marshall. Br. John Marshall ran the Madressa from his home in 1990. During the 1980s there were less than 10 families residing in Metro Orlando area.

In 1991, the initial residents of the HIC community moved to occupy a small 1500 square foot office in Altamonte Springs. Until 1997, HIC comprised of approximately 30 families.

In the year 1997, a first wave of migrants moved from Northeastern US, primarily from New York. By the end of 1990s, HIC comprised of approximately 100 families.
From the year 2000 to the year 2014, the community saw an increase of an average of one to two families per month. The year 2015 has seen an increase of an average of two to three families per month.

In 2017 HIC relocated to a brand-new state of the art masjid located at 786 Myrtle St, Sanford, FL which is located approximately 1 mile from the previous masjid.

Currently HIC comprises of over 370 families and offers a variety of programs for the community to attend and benefit from. Congregational evening prayers are held every day and all five prayers are held during weekends. Additional programs such as Dua-e-Tawassul is held on Tuesdays, Dua-e-Kumayl and lecture on Thursdays, Friday Prayers and Quran Tafseer followed by breakfast on Sundays after Fajr prayers. Birth and death anniversaries and days of religious significance are also commemorated.

Apart from regular program, HIC also caters for the social, economical, religious and cultural needs of the children, youths, adults and seniors through its various sub-committees including Sunday school for the children and youths, academy workshops for adults, counseling services for those in need, etc.

The Current Management Committee comprises of the following individuals

Mahmood Dhalla, President – president@orlandocenter.org
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2. Community Centers & Activities

In addition to HIC there are currently 2 other Shia Ithnasheri centers in Greater Orlando.

Islamic Education Center of Florida – located near central Orlando
2221 Harrell Road, Orlando, FL, 32817
www.iecoforlando.org

Jaffaria Islamic Center – located in Kissimmee near Disney
1500 Old Vineland Road, Kissimmee, FL, 34746
www.jaffaria.org

Madressah
Children’s Madressah is held weekly on Sunday’s at Masjid al Hayy, 786 Myrtle St, Sanford, Florida 32773

IEC Academy
www.iecacademy.org Email: contact@iecacademy.org

Sports

Soccer for Girls and Boys and adults Eaglets ages 5-21: orlandoeaglets@gmail.com
Contact Person - Kashif and Jabeen Shaikh

Volleyball for boys - Union Sports Club
Contact Name Hilaal Virjee – hilaal@jvwatches.com

Tennis - Orlando Stars Tennis Club
Contact Person – Sibtain Yusufali – sibtain.yusufali@gmail.com

Cricket – Imran Bhaloo – aximran@hotmail.com
Darts – Shabbir Pirbhai – pirbhai4@yahoo.com

Badminton – Rizwan Manji – rizrealty@aol.com

Seniors Womens Yoga
Contact Batul Janmohammed – bjanmohamed@gmail.com
Mazu Jamaal – 407-590-2992
3a. Housing Solutions - Short Term

Suggested Sites for temporary housing if you just moved, are on a business trip, are relocating, or just taking a long vacation and need a furnished apartment for an extended stay:

www.corporatehousing.com
www.homesuitehome.com
www.intownsuites.com
www.execustay.com

3b. Housing Solutions – Permanent/Long Term/Purchase

Important:

1) Choosing Rentals or Permanent housing based on School District:
Seminole County School Zoning is a bit different than Orange County School Zoning. A Home in Lake Mary is not necessarily zoned for all Lake Mary Schools. Some Lake Mary Addresses are in the Cluster Program. Before you decide on a rental or a permanent housing, please go on the link below and put, the address of the property to find the schools for the particular property:

http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/Schools/SchoolInformation/SchoolZoneSearch.aspx

2) Our community is largely located in Seminole County with a concentration in the City, of Lake Mary, Sanford and some Longwood. Please contact a local realtor from within our community to help search for the ideal long-term home for rent (commissions are paid by the people looking to rent their homes, not the renters)
3c. Housing Solutions – Community Resources

Community Realtors:
Rizwan Manji, PA
Ameriteam Realty Inc.
Website: www.rizwanmanji.com
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4. Important Steps and forms to complete once moved

Obtain Water Service
- Seminole County Water Department
  - Online Application
  - Customer Service - (407) 665-2110
  - The Residential Application for Utility Service is required if you wish to establish new service with Seminole County. **A copy of a signed lease agreement or copy of closing documents and photo ID is required to initiate services**
- City of Sanford Utility Department
  - Online Application
  - (407) 688-5100 Customer Service
  - **A copy of a signed lease agreement or copy of closing documents and photo ID is required to initiate services**

Establish Electricity at Residence
- FPL: http://www.fpl.com/

Establish Internet (options may be restricted to resident location)
- Bright house Networks 1-866-309-EASY (3279)
- AT&T  1-855-884-9226
- CenturyLink 1-877-619-8262
Establish a Landline and/or Cell Phone

- Landline (please evaluate rates at the time of subscription)
  - AT&T bundle (Internet, TV, & landline combo, similar combo available via Brighthouse)
  - Vonage
  - MagicJack
- Cell Phone
  - AT&T
  - T-Mobile
  - MetroPCS
  - Verizon
  - Sprint
  - Aio
  - Walmart (Pay as you go)

5. Public Transportation

LYNX

- Maps and Schedules of Lynx public bus transportation system

- Customer Service phone number: (407) 841LYNX(5969) is available to assist with general LYNX questions, our routes, bus times or bus stops.

SUNRAIL (public railroad train system)

- Maps and Schedules of Sunrail public train transportation system
  [http://www.sunrail.com](http://www.sunrail.com)

- Ideal and affordable transportation to and from downtown Orlando, Florida Hospital, and other locations
- Routes run every 30 minutes during peak morning and evening times
CAR RENTAL
Enterprise Rent-a-car
1177 Rinehart Rd
Lake Mary, FL, 32746
(407) 330-3733

Budget Sanford Rent-a-car
3098 S Orlando Dr
Sanford, FL, 32773

Taxi services
A1A Taxi Transportation
407-255-0789

LOCAL AIRPORTS
Orlando International Airport
• [http://www.orlandoairports.net](http://www.orlandoairports.net)
• Location: Jeff Fuqua Blvd, Orlando, FL 32827
Phone: (407) 825-2001

Sanford International Airport
• [http://www.orlandosanfordairport.com](http://www.orlandosanfordairport.com)
• Location: 1200 Red Cleveland Blvd, Sanford, FL 32773
• Phone: (407) 585-4000

Airport Transportation
Ali Ibrahim (HIC community member)
336 456 4961
6. **Health Insurance**

- Free and reduced rate insurance for those who financially qualify as well as coverage at normal rates. Insurance mandated by US government for all citizens and permanent legal residents.

- Direct registration through website or alternatively through a medical or health professional (no charge if you use a professional, commission is paid by Insurance provider)

Upon registering for an insurance plan please refer to each company's website to find a list of each Doctor within their respective networks. Some of the most common companies include United Healthcare, Humana, Florida Blue, and Aetna. Please refer to the website for additional companies and information. Dental insurance is also offered for an additional cost.

Medicaid phone number 1-8777-254-1055 http:/www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/ or myflorida.com

Florida Kid care phone number 1-888-640-5437 contactus@healthykids.org

For additional questions:

Altaf Karim
Tax Preparation/Insurance
karimcpa@earthlink.net
407.718.3449
7. Schools

The current HIC center is located on 786 Myrtle Street, Sanford, FL32773. The vast majority of the members live in either the City of Sanford or the City of Lake Mary with some members also in City of Longwood. These cities are located in Seminole County and the ratings and information for the Seminole county schools are available on the County website:

Public School Registration

- Which school can my child attend? Elementary school to High School locator based on zoned residence, see below:

  http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/Schools/SchoolInformation/SchoolZoneSearch.aspx

  - Simply type in your home address into the link
  - This website also helps you research school grades, bus routes, dress code, and school policies
  - School reviews can be found at: http://www.greatschools.org/

Private Schools:

A variety of private schooling options are available including Preschools and Montessori.

You can find more information at:

http://www.privateschoolreview.com/florida/seminole-county

Some of the community children attend the following private schools:
Bear Lake Montessori - Taher Bhojani 407-463-5562

Brilliant Minds Montessori – 407-314-1270

Lake Mary Montessori Academy – 407-324-2304

Lake Mary Preparatory School – 407-805-0095

8. Contact the Welcome/Relocation Services Team

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**Beauty**
Tasneem’s Hair & Skin Care
832.692.5008

**Catering/Restaurant**
Cozee Cafe
1145 TownPark Ave
Lake Mary, FL 32771
www.cozeecafe.com
407-804-0066

Azim Manji
130 Lexington Green Ln., Sanford FL 32771
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Sabrina’s Catering
sabrinarashad@gmail.com
407-633-9157
List of all caterers can be found on the whatts app group called Orlando Halaal Caterers please contact Raza Dhanji to be added 407-492-3798.

List of Community Business and Services can be found on whatts app group called Orlando Shia Market Place contact Raza Dhanji to be added 407-492-3798.

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