

## ICEV Update

September 7, 2007

- **Construction Update:** After the hiatus of several weeks, there are some construction activities at the Masjid site. The contractor has recently installed the modified steel beams for the balcony structure and is in the process of hoisting the steel sheet metals that will hold the concrete in place. The installation of the sheet metals is expected to be completed this week. City inspection will be called to approve the installation. Pouring of the concrete for the balcony will proceed immediately after the City inspection. In a recent ICEV Board meeting, a decision was made to host a community meeting at the Masjid site after the completion of the balcony work. Due to the uncertainties with the completion date, the date for this meeting is not set at this point. Please stay tuned for an announcement of the date within a short period.
- **Financial Update:** The contractor doing the balcony work is fully paid for the work. The Masjid fund currently has only about \$30,000 which is not sufficient to do any additional construction work at the site; however, the ICEV Board has been considering several alternatives for obtaining the funds needed for the remainder of the construction with financing options. Several members of the board are anticipating a trip to Northern California to solicit financing possibility from a person/organization that has done this kind of financing for another Masjid in his area. A group of financiers in the valley has expressed some interest in funding the remainder of the project under certain constraints. The Board is currently assessing this option to understand the details of the offer and their constraints. As further details of these alternatives evolve, we will communicate that to you.
- **Coordination with Muslim American Society:** Muslim American Society (MAS) has recently acquired a constructed building near the intersection of Alma School Road and Ray Road. The facility's primary function is to conduct activities for Muslim youth in the Chandler/Gilbert area. Because the ICEV Masjid construction is not complete at the present time, MAS is dedicating a part of their facility as a Masjid for daily prayers. They are planning to hold Taraweeh prayers during Ramadan. In order to support the project, ICEV Board decided not to organize a separate Taraweeh prayer during this Ramadan. ICEV, however, will continue to hold the Juma prayer and the activities of the Sunday School. Mr. Ahmed Al Akoum of MAS attended a meeting of the ICEV board on August 26th and agreed to cooperation between ICEV and MAS. He also stated that *"As ICEV is completed there will not be two masjids next to each other."*
- **Lot for sale:** An empty 1.6 acre lot on Alma School Road, south-east of the Masjid property is currently on sale. Several members of the community are looking in to buying the property to make it available for purchase by ICEV at a later date. If you need additional information about this, please contact Brothers Arif Kazmi or Syed Mozammel Huq of ICEV.
- **Ramadan Update:** Inshallah Ramadan will begin on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. According to the North American Fiqh Council and the European Fiqh Council, the dates of the Islamic Calendar are now predetermined based on calculation of crescent sighting. According to their calendar, the Eid ul Fitr will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, 2007. A prayer schedule for the month of Ramadan for the East Valley is included in the opposite side of this update.
- **Masjid Site Cleanup and Landscaping:** Volunteers are need to assist in the cleanup and maintenance of landscaping at the Masjid site. The activities will take place on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. Please come to the site and help clean the site. Inshallah your remuneration will be a great reward from Allah Himself. For additional information about this, please contact brother Masud Kisana.