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## **Celebrating Unity and Culture**

### **WNY Health Fair & Pakistan Independence Day 2023**

BUFFALO, NY- Sunday, August 13: Amidst the summer breeze, the grounds of Island Park, Williamsville came alive with colors, festivities, and a shared sense of community as the WNY Health Fair and Pakistan Independence Day 2023 event unfolded. The day was a captivating fusion of health awareness, cultural celebration, and communal togetherness that left an indelible mark on attendees.

The event's vibrant journey commenced at noon with a spirited parade, from Williamsville South High School, led by none other than the esteemed Mayor of the Village of Williamsville, Honorable Christine L. Hunt. Mayor Hunt was joined by a procession of community members, each embodying the true spirit of unity and collaboration. The parade symbolized the village's commitment to embracing its multicultural populace and fostering a strong sense of community pride.

Following the parade, the main event was initiated by Farina Mirza, the Executive Director of WNYMuslims. The event's atmosphere was filled with anticipation as the Quranic recitation began, creating a serene and introspective moment for all present. Dr. Hunaina Mirza then took the stage to introduce two prominent figures, Prof. Faizan Haq, Founding President of WNYMuslims, and Dr. Riffat Sadiq, CEO of WNYMedical and WNYCHC, co-sponsors of the event. Their presence underscored the collaborative spirit that drove this event forward.

A pivotal highlight of the event was the recognition of esteemed community leaders and elected officials for their outstanding dedication and leadership within

While the event's focus was on health awareness and cultural celebration, the array of vendors added an element of diversity and flair. Attendees were treated to indigenous cuisine, ethnic attire, traditional jewelry, henna tattoo artistry, and much more. The vibrant market atmosphere provided a delightful shopping experience, enhancing the event's cultural essence.

The event's purposeful blend of cultural heritage and well-being showcased the community's commitment to unity and inclusivity. As the day progressed, attendees were immersed in an atmosphere that resonated with joy, awareness, and the celebration of shared heritage.

The program reached its crescendo with a captivating musical performance by Pakistani Singer, Saima Kashif. Her enchanting melodies transcended borders, reminding all present of the power of music in fostering connections between diverse cultures.

Reflecting on the event's success, organizers expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming response from the community. The third consecutive event in Williamsville would not have been possible without the steadfast support of the Village of Williamsville, Erie County, and the State of New York. Their contributions played a pivotal role in ensuring the event's triumph and its impact on the community.

The WNY Health Fair & Pakistan Independence Day 2023 event was more than just a gathering; it was a testimony to the community's collective strength, resilience, and commitment to embracing diversity. It served as a reminder that when communities come together with a shared purpose, remarkable things can happen. The echoes of celebration, unity, and inclusivity will continue to resonate long after the event's conclusion, leaving a lasting legacy within the hearts of all who attended.



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The Islamic calendar is replete with months that hold special meanings and spiritual significance. Among these months, Safar, the second month of the Islamic lunar calendar, stands as a time of reflection, devotion, and renewal for Muslims around the world. While not designated as a sacred month like Muharram or Ramadan, Safar carries historical, cultural, and religious importance that is worth exploring.

Safar's significance traces back to pre-Islamic Arabian culture, where certain tribes held beliefs that specific actions during this month could lead to bad luck or misfortune. These beliefs often discouraged activities such as traveling or getting married during Safar. However, with the advent of Islam, Prophet Muhammad nullified these superstitious beliefs and practices, emphasizing that success and outcomes are determined by Allah's will, not the timing of certain months.

The month of Safar serves as a reminder to Muslims that life's events, challenges, and successes are subject to Allah's divine decree. The concept of predestination, or "*qadar*," holds a central place in Islamic belief. Muslims are encouraged to face life's trials with patience and acceptance, seeking strength in their faith rather than attributing events to mere superstition or fear.

Safar serves as a way to deepen trust in Allah's wisdom and plan. Muslims are reminded that life's challenges and difficulties are a natural part of the human experience, and the hardships encountered in Safar or any other month are opportunities for growth, patience, and reliance on Allah's guidance.

In conclusion, the importance of the month of Safar lies not in superstitions or unfounded beliefs, but in its capacity to inspire Muslims toward spiritual growth, self-reflection, and devotion. Safar is a time to break free from cultural misconceptions and refocus on the teachings of Islam. By emphasizing worship, reflection, and the acceptance of divine decree, Muslims can approach Safar and every other month with a sense of purpose and connection to their faith.

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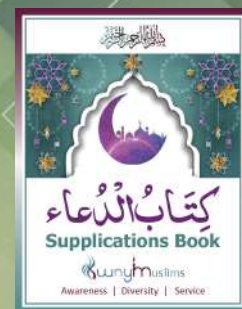
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**Pakistan Independence Day**

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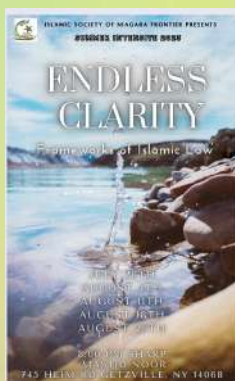
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Jumu'ah Salat

**First Salah Khutbah @ 1:35 PM & Iqama' @ 2:00 PM**

**Second Salah Khutbah @ 2:40 PM & Iqama' @ 3:00 PM**

### Events & Programs Details



#### **ISNF Summer**

**Intensive Course**

**August 25th 8:00 pm**



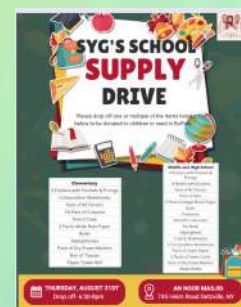
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**Summer Refresher**

**Course**



**SYG School  
Supply Drive At  
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EVENTS' DETAILS

# Masjid Taqwa ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jumu'ah Salat**  
**Khutbah @ 1:25 PM & Iqama' @ 1:50 PM**

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## Muslim Society of Buffalo Jami Masjid

716-300-5040

**Jumu'ah Salat**  
**1st- 1:25 pm & 2nd- 1:50 pm**

### Events & Programs Details



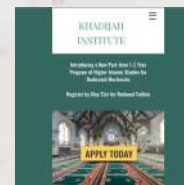
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**Program**  
**Calendar**



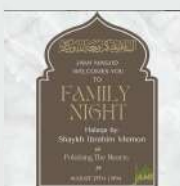
**Ta'leem Daily**  
**Evening**  
**Schedule**



**Quran Khatam**  
**Everyday @ 5pm!**



**Khadijah**  
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**Family Night**  
**August 27th**



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716-689-3120

**Jumu'ah Prayer**

**Khutbah: 1:15 pm & Prayer: 1: 45 pm**

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