

# Masjid Al-Madinah

## Upper Darby Islamic Center

201 S. 69<sup>th</sup> Street, Upper Darby PA

### First Newsletter



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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MASJID AL-MADINAH 2015

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#### MAM 2015 MILESTONES

July 2015  
MAM received U&O Certificate.  
August 2015  
Makhtab Program (After School Program) resumed the activities after EID Break. 118 students are enrolled including about 50 female students.  
September 2015  
Sunday School started the registration for 2015/2016 school year. 97 students enrolled in the program including 37 girls.

#### QUESTIONS OR INPUT?

Please feel free to send any questions or comments about the bulletin to: [mam.udic@gmail.com](mailto:mam.udic@gmail.com)  
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#### PAST ISSUES:

This is the first Newsletter for MAM. Going forward, past issues will be available on MAM website

## Our Masjid Al-Madinah (MAM) Brief history of Upper Darby Islamic Center (UDIC)

Masjid Al Madinah was founded in the summer of 1998 by several Muslim Americans living in Delaware County PA. Most of the founders took residence in this county because they felt it provided a good environment to raise a family. In Upper Darby Township, the Muslim Community is very diverse and composed of both local and immigrant Muslims. Immigrant Muslims come from Asia, Africa, Middle East, Islands, and Europe.

It is worth mentioning that before buying, what would become later, Masjid Al Madinah, several founders prayed at the house of Brother Sheikh Siddique and then moved to the basement of Brother Mohammad Fazle Samad Arif's house at 155 Over Hill Road for several months. Masjid Al Madinah, 6800 Ludlow Street, was purchased in May 1999 through a county auction. The purchase price was \$22,650.00. With The Almighty's Guidance, and foresight and wisdom of Brothers Mohammad Fazle Samad, Sheikh Siddique, Mehboob Sharif, Dr. Selim Aziz, Kamal Rahman, Nazmul Hossain, Alauddin Patwary, Iftekhar Hossain, Yasin Babu, Salauddin Chowdhury and Piar Mohammad, Masjid Al Madinah was incorporated.

In 2013, the Masjid Committee identified a bank building for sale at 201 South 69th Street in Upper Darby which had 15000 Square feet of total area across 3 floors. We purchased the property for the amount of \$825,000 on February 7, 2014. We spent an additional \$425,000 to renovate and bring the facility in compliance with existing rules and regulations. On July 18, 2015, we received the temporary occupancy permit from the Township. All praise be to Allah for granting us this accomplishment.

May Allah reward each and every one who took part in this noble cause? We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Mayor Thomas Micozzie of Upper Darby and his administration for their cooperation throughout this project. May Allah continue to guide us to do well and keep us united. We pray and hope the new center will bring a great benefit to our community and serve well the generations to come. May Almighty Allah find our efforts pleasing and worthy of His Bounties. Ameen,

Kamal Rahman  
President MAM-UDIC

## MAM Leadership and Police Stand together

Tuesday, December 15, 2015: Muslim leaders from the UDIC, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Upper Darby Police department at a morning Press Conference in front of the center.

**Michael Chitwood**, the Upper Darby Police Superintendent, said his department has worked with members of the Islamic community over the past year to address concerns and ensure their safety.

"Today was the day we wanted to go public with our relationship," Chitwood said.

Kamal Rahman, President of the Masjid Al-Madinah, offered an open invitation to the community to come and visit the center and the mosque.

"We are here. We are proud of it. We are proud to be American", Br Kamal said. "By getting to know one another we can persevere through this challenging time."

For more coverage about the news conference, you can visit Stephanie Farr article on Philly.com

#### MASJID AL MADINAH MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY IN A GLANCE (DEC 2015)

##### Income:

Friday Collections	\$8,397
Donations	N/A
Education Programs	\$4,000

##### Expense:

Staff Salaries	\$6,400
Utility Bills	\$1,400
Security and Cleaning	\$700
Insurance	\$525
Maintenance and Supplies	\$700
Improvement Project	\$2,500
Masjid Programs	\$500
Education Programs	\$1,000
Teacher's Salaries	\$3,000

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