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*Stories of our Community...
and a list of Events coming up.*

Community Stories



Halaka

Over the summer, the GLIA mosque hosted weekly *Halaka* meetings in discussing stanzas from the Quran. Members who come to participate can be helped with pronunciation, *tajweed*, as well as learn the meaning and stories behind the stanzas. Starting from the very beginning, the group has made it all the way to Surah Nisah (Chapter 4), Verse 418.

Each Week, the group covers around 10 verses, for about 30 minutes, and recite along with the *tajweed* leader, and hear a translation of those verses, and then do *namaz* together. If you are free on a Friday evening, why not come out for a little bit of relaxed learning? Please call Br. Maqsud at 434-841-6829 to find out if there is Halaqa on Friday night. Men and women are all allowed, and arrangements have also been made to suit this.

Though, with the start of Ramadan, the group will end for the year, only to start again some other time.

Have a current event story about the community? Write us an article, and we can publish it on this page.

This Year's Picnic



JUNE – A sunny day, warm temperature, a cool breeze, children and adults relaxing and playing, and the sound of delicious barbeque grilling in the background: that describes this year's picnic. We had a nice turn out of people in Bedford's Liberty Park. GLIA reserved a park shelter, and brought a grill to start the picnic. Meanwhile, under the shady tree next to the shelter, some had brought a blanket and sat underneath it while the cool breeze blew.

At events like these, it is also very easy to meet new people as well then maybe play some soccer together, volleyball, capture the flag, etc. Or, take this picnic as a mandatory break for yourself so you can talk to your friends in person, who are also at this picnic.

This picnic's activities were numerous: we had soccer, volleyball, cricket, face painting, mendthi, charams board, and musical chairs. As well as some kids brought their bikes and rode around the area, while other kids brought water guns to squirt each other with (there is actually a water faucet there, so refilling was not too bad). There is also a small playground for toddlers at this park area, in case

if they need something to do as well.

Of course, probably the most important activity at the picnic was the grilling. Anyone who had enough confidence, and a little dexterity, could make some tasty burgers for the hungry picnic goers. For all those who did, thank you. Our stomachs owe you.

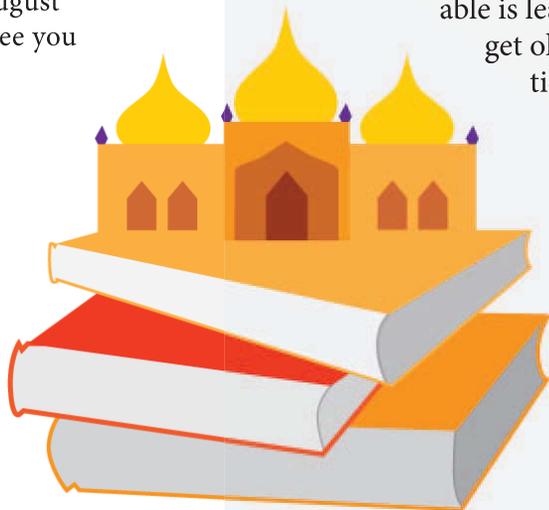
But seriously, thanks to all the volunteers who helped out, and thank you to those who were able to come. Our success is all dependent on you. Insha allah, next year's picnic will be bigger and more fun filled than previous years. – HASANAT, R.



Upcoming Community Events

Eid-ul-Fitr

For those of you planning on staying in town, GLIA will be hosting Eid-ul-Fitr at **Marshall Lodge #39 on Wards Ferry Rd.** on August 19th. Hope to see you there.



Sunday School

As regular school starts, Sunday School will return once again. Registration for Sunday school begins in August. And, as the name implies, it takes place every Sunday morning. Sure, it may be hard to get up on the weekend, but if something valuable is learned, is it not worth the effort? As we get older, time moves quicker, responsibilities begin to stack up, and to focus on learning becomes harder to do. At least as a child, one can learn these lessons, take them as a guide for life, and become a better Muslim.

Volunteers are highly appreciated.

Ramadan 2012 in the Area

Save these dates! The community has a weekly iftar dinner together. Bring your families, your friends, and join us with some great food, and a chance to keep up with other members of the community. If you would like to help us in volunteering with setup, that would be great! **The events start at 8 PM.**

July 20th - Friday
Brookville Middle School

July 27th - Friday
Thomas Jefferson Elem. School

August 4th - Saturday
Brookville Middle School
Fundraising Dinner

August 10 - Friday
Thomas Jefferson Elem. School

As well as every night during the holy month of Ramadan, in the GLIA Mosque, we will be having tarawee, and discuss hadiths between prayer. Once again, men and women are all welcome to come, and arrangements have been made at the Mosque.



About GLIA

The Greater Lynchburg Islamic Association (GLIA) was founded roughly 6 years ago. Its purpose was, and still is, to unite the Muslims in this area as a community. Throughout the years, it has sponsored many events, such as Eid Parties, the Sunday School, Picnics, etc. It is run through a board of directors, and helped by many devoted volunteers. The Project GLIA is working on now is to improve our current Mosque situation. More information to follow at a later time.

About This Newsletter

The GLIA Newsletter was started so that more of the community's voice could be heard and more information could be spread around better. As the days go on, communication only becomes more and more valuable, yet community participation is what will keep our community strong and going. I invite you all to help keep this Newsletter running, and hopefully, we can keep it going for years and years.

Letters to the Editor

Please send us your thoughts on current events, concerns, questions, a shout out, an announcement, or even some advice you would like to share with the community and we can publish it right here.

Along with your comment, we'll put your first name, and last initial, so please put that in when sending in your comments. Keeping your name anonymous when posting is an option as well.

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Your help is much appreciated.