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ISCNY Community Center Update

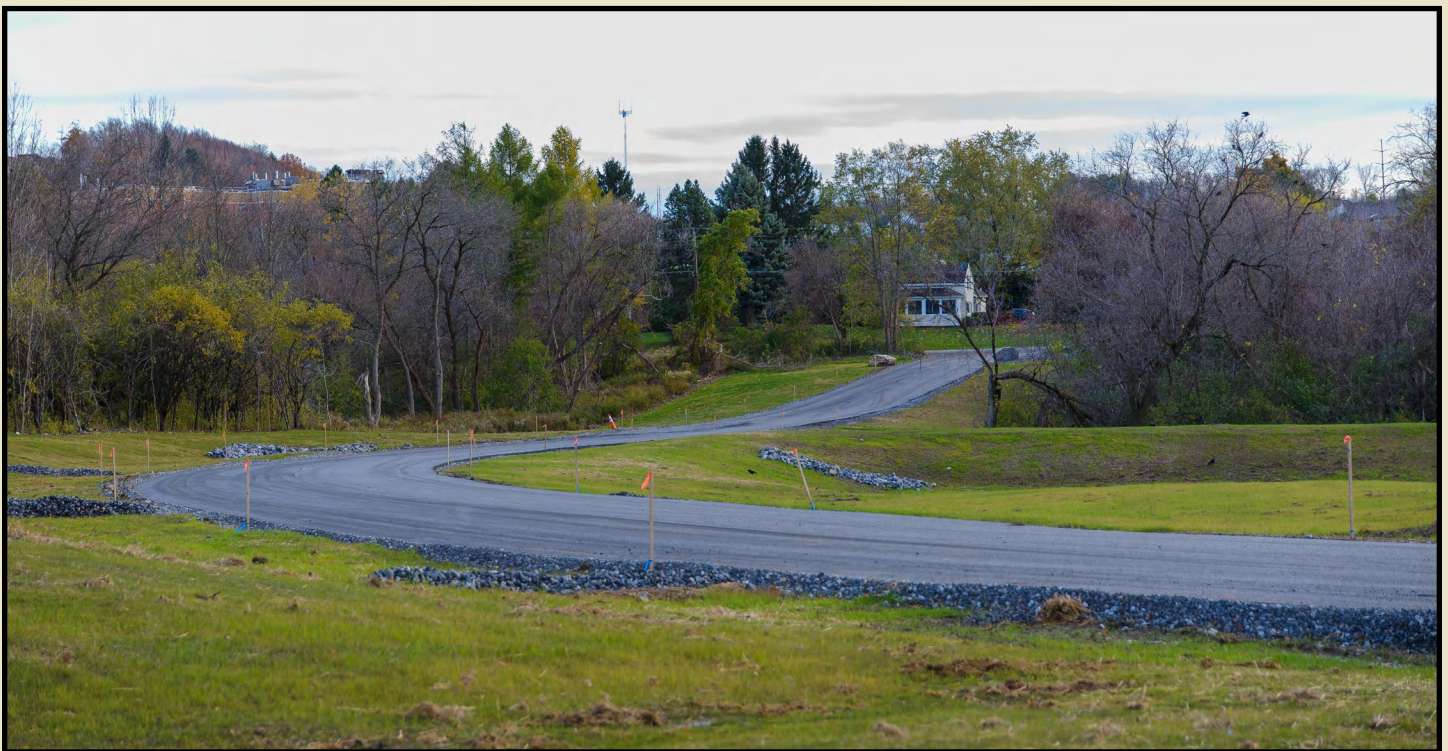
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What's In A Name?

The ISCNY Community Center site work has come to a successful completion. Fresh grass is growing on the land, and the road leading to our future Community Center has been paved to a smooth finish. Alhamdulillah.

Now is the time to come up with a name for our road which intersects with East Seneca Turnpike. Some community members want a name which is Islamic and others ask the question; do we want a name which has meaning to Muslims only, or a generic name that everyone can relate to? Street names have been solicited from some community members, Shura members, and ICC committee members. Street names could have some characteristics of sociological relevance. In our case, it can express some deep and ancient value, or express some touching religious value to show how far we have come. Allahu Akbar.

The process involved with having a road named is as follows: a name has to be designated and then an application has to be filed with the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency



We will do our best to keep you updated weekly with the progress of the
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(SOCPA). SOCPA is also responsible for the approval of street names and assigning address numbers in Onondaga County. Then, the potential street name will be run through The 911 Address Administration Program to determine if the name already exists. The name will be evaluated on how the 911 Operator would hear or pronounce the name in terms of the difficulty of its sound or pronunciation and if there is any similarity to any existing name. The assigned name will either be accepted or rejected based on these criteria.

Once approved, the next step will be to apply for a Centro Bus Route stop at the intersection of East Seneca Turnpike and our new road, InshaAllah ■

ISCNY Community Center's Natural Residents

There are many wildlife residents on the ISCNY Community Center site. I was able to photograph these turkeys around sunset. The many footprints in the muddy soil alerted me to other animals that are around. It will be interesting to observe these turkeys and other residents from a safe distance. Here is some information about wild turkeys from the The Cornell Lab.

Wild Turkeys get around mostly by walking, though they can also run and fly—when threatened, females tend to fly while males tend to run. At sundown turkeys fly into the lower limbs of trees and move upward from limb to limb to a high roost spot. They usually roost in flocks, but sometimes individually. Courting males gobble to attract females and warn competing males. They display for females by strutting with their tails fanned, wings lowered, while making



nonvocal hums and chump sounds. The chicks travel in a family group with their mother, often combining with other family groups to form large flocks of young turkeys accompanied by two or more adult females ■

"Nor do they spend anything 'in Allah's Cause'—small or great—nor cross a valley, but it is written to their credit that Allah may recompense them with the best of what they used to do." 9:121

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