Ramadan in Los Altos

Organized by MALA- Muslims Around Los Altos

What is Ramadan



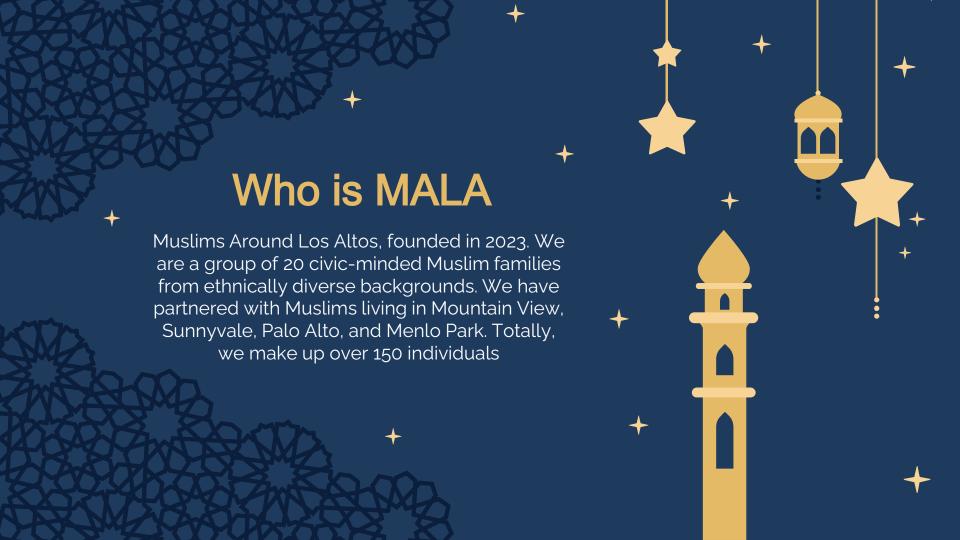
Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset, abstaining from food, drink, smoking, and other physical needs. The fast is broken each evening with a meal called **iftar**.

Ramadan is also a time for increased prayer, reading the Quran, and acts of charity. It is considered a time for spiritual growth, self-discipline, and empathy for those less fortunate.

The end of Ramadan is marked by the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, a festive holiday that includes communal prayers, feasting, giving of gifts and charity.

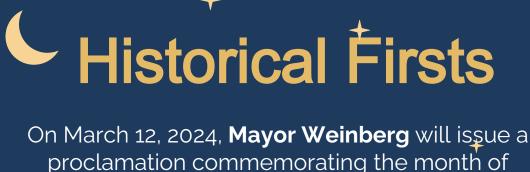




Our Intent

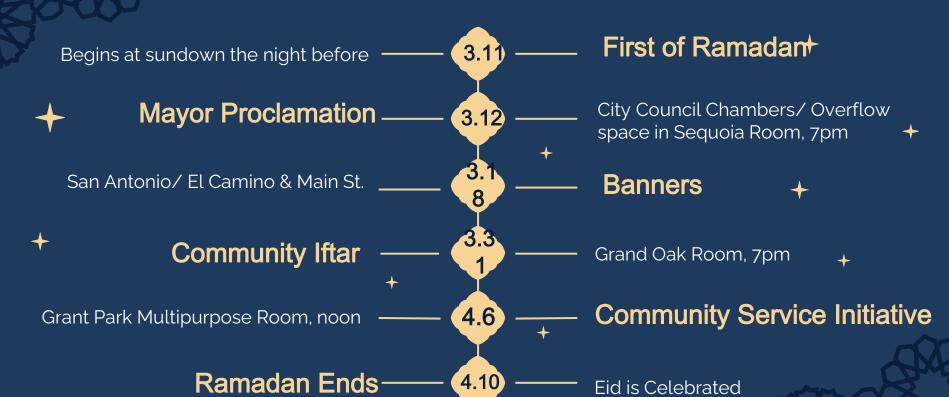
Community engagement is deeply ingrained in Islamic ethos and holds great significance for Muslims in fostering spiritual growth, social cohesion, and service to humanity.

We ask the PARC committee to sponsor a series of events grounded in these principles, open to all Los Altos residents, creating stronger community ties and cultural understanding



on March 12, 2024, **Mayor Weinberg** will issue a proclamation commemorating the month of Ramadan. It will be received by a local Muslim leader, **Sheikh Alauddin al-Bakri** at the City Council Meeting. This is a first for the City of Los Altos

Timeline





Banners

- We will advertise our events with two banners
- We have confirmed the sites and availability with the Parks and Rec. Department:
 - San Antonio/ El Camino (3/18-4/1)
 - Main St. (3/25-4/8)
 - City Fees for each banner is \$447
- Funding requested will cover the printing and city fees



Community Iftar

- To take place on Sunday, March 31st at 7pm
- Grand Oak room at Community Center reserved
- Funding requested will cover the following
 - Food- to be sourced from local, Los Altos businesses
 - Custodial Services
 - Decorations
- All ages welcome



Education

- We are working with the Main Los Altos library on:
 - Ramadan education display
 - Decorations
 - Crafts
 - Readings
 - o Display of local children's Islamic motif art



Community Service Initiative+

- To take place on Saturday, April 6th at 12p
- Grant Park Multipurpose room reserved
- We are working with a local agency, Family Giving Tree to assemble hygiene kits to be distributed to local shelters.
- Funding requested will cover the transportation of materials
- All ages welcome



