



# 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.



The background is a dark blue gradient. On the left, there are large, intricate white geometric patterns resembling Islamic art. Scattered throughout are small white four-pointed stars. On the right side, there is a tall, yellow minaret with a pointed top and arched windows. Above it, a yellow lantern hangs from a thin line, and a larger yellow star is also suspended. The overall theme is Islamic and celebratory.

## Who is MALA

Muslims Around Los Altos, founded in 2023. We are a group of 20 civic-minded Muslim families from ethnically diverse backgrounds. We have partnered with Muslims living in Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, and Menlo Park. Totally, we make up over 150 individuals



# 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





# Historical Firsts

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

Begins at sundown the night before

3.11

**First of Ramadan**

**Mayor Proclamation**

3.12

City Council Chambers/ Overflow space in Sequoia Room, 7pm

San Antonio/ El Camino & Main St.

3.18

**Banners**

**Community Iftar**

3.31

Grand Oak Room, 7pm

Grant Park Multipurpose Room, noon

4.6

**Community Service Initiative**

**Ramadan Ends**

4.10

Eid is Celebrated

# 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
  - 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
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# Funding Request

## Banners

San Antonio/ El Camino & Main St.

\$4,000

## Iftar

Breaking our fasts with the community

\$8,000

## Education

Library books, crafts and decorations

\$2,000

## Giving Back

Community Service Initiative

\$1,000

## Total:

Not to exceed

\$15,000



# Thank You

For your time and consideration ✨