



Muslims observe Ramadan at mosques from Monday, 12 April to Tuesday, 11 May.

## Muslim community ready for Ramadan

Barry Viljoen

Members of the Muslim community in the city will again, like their fellows all over the world, celebrate Ramadan from next week during the ninth month of the Muslim calendar.

In South Africa, Ramadan will commence and end with the appearance of the crescent moon.

The Muslim calendar year is shorter than the Gregorian calendar year and Ramadan begins 10 to 12 days earlier each year, allowing it to fall in every season throughout a 33-year cycle. Ramadan is observed from Monday, 12 April to Tuesday, 11 May this year.

Ramadan is a period of introspection, communal prayer in the mosque and reading of the Quran and the Night of Power is commemorated on one of the last 10 nights of Ramadan, usually the 27th night. Muslim tradition dictates that God revealed Islam's holy book, the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad during this night as a guidance for the people.

Ramadan is a time for Muslims to practice self-restraint, in keeping with sawm, ("to refrain" in Arabic), and one of the five basic

tenets of the Muslim religion. Although sawm is most commonly understood as the obligation to fast during Ramadan, it is more broadly interpreted as the obligation to refrain between dawn and dusk from food, drink, sexual activity and all forms of immoral behaviour, including impure or unkind thoughts.

False words or bad deeds or intentions are as destructive of a fast as is eating or drinking. The Quran indicates that eating and drinking are permissible only until the "white thread of light becomes distinguishable from the dark thread of night at dawn".

Muslims pray at sunset and thereafter gather in their homes or mosques iftar that usually begins with dates or apricots and water or sweetened milk.

There are additional prayers offered at night and preferably performed in congregation at the mosque.

During these prayers, the entire Quran may be recited over the course of the month of Ramadan.

Pregnant or nursing women, children, the elderly, the weak, travellers on long journeys and the mentally ill are exempted from the requirement of fasting.

## Christina (45) needs your assistance

Maretha Swanepoel

Christina la Grange is a 45-year-old mother of four who needs an urgent operation. About five years ago she had problems standing upright for a long time and was rushed to the hospital.

"During my visit to the hospital, blood was taken for tests and the doctor noticed my thyroid was swollen. The blood test confirmed an overactive thyroid. I also had pain in my abdominal area and a sonar showed a cyst that is too big. I received medication and a prescription for more medication."

● She is now also developing eye problems as a result of thyroid problems

Christina have always been working in an office or doing mechanical work, but after that first visit to the hospital it became more difficult to work. Her children, aged 16, 18, 23 and 24 years, did what they could to help their mom. Christina says she had to drink up to 17 tablets three times a day, but the condition got worse and at one stage she weighed more than 100kg.

"In the meantime, I lost a lot of weight and is now weighing 45kg. I buy the generic medication as I cannot afford R400 for the originals. One night my heart beat was up to 380 beats per minute and the doctors told me I could fall into a coma. They even wanted to give me shock treatment to slow my heart rate down. My thyroid is causing me a lot of problems. Sometimes I will menstruate for



Christina la Grange needs your help for an urgent operation.

up to a month. I used to walk a lot, but I am just too weak now."

Apart from the over active thyroid and the syst that needs to be removed as soon as possible, Christina also suffers from asthma, anaemia and heart problems. She is developing eye problems as a result of the problems with her thyroid.

"For the past five years I went to the Pietersburg Provincial Hospital with no to little help. I decided I need private medical care. I already spoke to all the doctors who will be part of this operations and they said as soon as I get all the money, I can go for the operations. The money will have to be enough for after care as well and medication."

Christina hopes to raise R200 000 to make sure everything is covered.

**Banking details:**  
**Account holder: Christina la Grange**  
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## Die liefde blom vir hul steeds na 60 jaar

Maretha Swanepoel

Na 60 jaar se getroude lewe is Koos en Stienie van Wyk steeds dolverlief en gelukkig. Die wenresep? Geduld met mekaar, so vertel Koos waar ons om die eetkamertafel sit en gesels, 'n dag voor hulle huwelikshedenking. Stienie vier ook haar 80ste verjaarsdag.

"Ek wou net 21 wees voor ek trou en dus het ons besluit om 'n dag na my verjaarsdag te trou," vertel Stienie. Die egpaar het jare gelede ontmoet en hulle eerste afspraak was by die inryfliet. Koos vertel hy kan nie onthou watter film gewys het nie. "Ek onthou wel destyds was Stienie se pa baie streng en ek moes telkemale eers toestemming vra om by haar te kuier of haar uit te neem. Sy moes ook 'n sekere tyd by die huis wees."

Nadat die egpaar getroud is, is hulle vir 'n paar dae na die Vrystaat vir hul wittebrood. Daarna was dit terug werk toe. Koos was 'n treindrywer gewees wat lang ure

gewerk het en min tyd tuis spandeer. Stienie het by 'n skoenwinkel gewerk.

"Ons is nie bakleiers nie en het nooit kwaad gaan slaap nie. Ons resep vir geluk in die huwelik is om mekaar te verdra en gereeld grappe te maak. Ons is ook geduldig en ondersteun mekaar." Na beide se aftrede spandeer hulle tyd in mekaar se geselskap al is hulle besig met verskillende dinge. Koos kyk graag televisie terwyl Stienie blokkiesraaisels invul of inkleur. Die egpaar het twee kleinseuns en 'n agterkleinseun.



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### NOTICE ON DRAFT 2021/2022 IDP AND BUDGET

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 21, read in conjunction with Section 21A of the Local Government: Municipal System Act (Act 32 of 2000) and Section 22 of Local Government: Municipal Finance (Act 56 of 2003) that municipal council has adopted the Draft 2021/2022 IDP, Draft 2021/2022 Budget, Tariffs and Budget related Policies in an open council meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. Copies of the drafts are available to general public and other municipal stakeholders for representations and comments between 07 April and 07 May 2021 at the following areas:

Municipal Premise	Physical Address
1. Mogwadi Civic Centre: Head Office	No. 303 Church Street, Mogwadi
2. Mogwadi Old Building	No. 180 Republiek Street, Mogwadi
3. Mogwadi Library	No. 303 Church Street, Mogwadi
4. Mogwadi Traffic	No. 493 Masakhane Street, Mogwadi
5. Morebeng Municipal Office	No. 25 Viviers Street, Morebeng
6. Morebeng Library	No. 120 Church Street Morebeng
7. Morebeng Traffic Station	2 kms from Morebeng municipal office
8. Festus Mothudi MPCC	Mokomene Circuit office
9. Botlokwa MPCC	Machaka Traditional office
10. Manthata Tribal Office	Mohodi Ha Manthata
11. Moloto Tribal Office	Moletji Moshate

Any person who cannot read or write may come during office hours to be assisted in transcribing their comments or representations.

The draft IDP/Budget and budget related policies can also be accessed through the municipal website: [www.molemole.gov.za](http://www.molemole.gov.za). Comments can also be made during the scheduled public participation sessions or in writing addressed to the Municipal Manager.

For more information or reservations please contact the **Manager: Spatial Integrated Development office @ 015 501 2308** or **Manager: Budget @ 015 501 2303**

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