

# INSIGHT

WTC COMMUNITY WEEKLY

## *Welcoming Ramadan*

Every year, Muslims around the world anticipate the sighting of the new crescent moon that signifies the official first day of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and the most sacred month in Islamic culture.

The start of Ramadan fluctuates each year because the lunar Islamic calendar follows the phases of the moon. The beginning and end of Ramadan are determined by a moon sighting committee in Saudi Arabia. Locally, this is known as *hila*.

Throughout the month, fasting between sunrise and sunset is obligatory for all Muslims, except for the ill, pregnant, traveling, elderly, or menstruating. Meals are opportunities for Muslims to gather with others in the community and break their fast together. Pre-dawn breakfast, or *sahur*, usually occurs at 4:00 a.m. before the first prayer of the day, *fajr*. The evening meal, *iftar*, can begin once the sunset prayer, *Maghrib*, is finished—normally around 7:30.

This year Ramadan is predicted to begin on March 23, and to end April 21 with Eid al-Fitr celebrations. And although different countries have different ways, the spirit of this centuries-old tradition should remain the same as a time for piety and self-reflection.

If you are to observe fasting, we wish you a solemn and peaceful Ramadan and stay tuned for our Iftar @ WTC event announcement in the coming days..

Yours truly,  
the community editor



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## CLOTHES DONATION

Ramadan Charity  
20 March - 03 April 2023

We accept new, used and proper clothes, as well as unsuitable, damaged clothes with holes and tears.

Join us to hand the donation during **Iftar @ WTC** at Masjid Jenderal Sudirman on April 6.

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