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The consular section will be closed **Tuesday, December 25th** for Christmas Day / Family Day and Tuesday **January 1st** for New Years Day.

In the event of an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please contact the Consular Section immediately at 21 49 2797 x3439 or 21 49 0723 during non business hours. Please remember that in case of an emergency, no matter what day or time, there is always someone available to assist you.



**U.S. Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, December 11th, 18-1930**



Ambassador Griffiths would like to invite all U.S. citizens to a town hall style meeting at the **American Cultural Center** (MLK Center) on Tuesday, December 11th, 18h—19h30.

This will be a great opportunity for U.S. citizens to meet our new Ambassador and speak with various members of the U.S. Mission in Mozambique including representatives of Consular, Security and Commercial sections. It is also a great way to network with other Americans living in Mozambique and check out our revamped cultural center!

Please send an RSVP to consularmaputo@state.gov if you would like to attend.

RESSANO GARCIA BORDER CROSSING INFORMATION

The border between Mozambique, Ressano Garcia and South Africa, Lebombo is scheduled to remain open 24 hours a day during the holiday season.

Mozambican and South African border officials would like to remind all travelers of the following:

Due to the volumes and limitations of infrastructure and human resources, queues and congestion are still expected so travelers are requested to be patient and to prepare for this eventuality.

Mozambican traffic officials would like to remind everyone that every vehicle must carry a reflective vest and two reflective red triangles.

Please also do not use the runners at the border post who offer to speed your thoroughfare and jump the immigration queues for a fee. This makes you party to fraud and corruption and undermines the efforts of the relevant government departments to stamp out corruption and provide an effective service.

There are many individuals working on both sides of the border who are passing themselves off as government officials and who offer to complete documentation on behalf of travelers for a fee. These individuals are fraudsters and should be avoided categorically.

For any emergencies in South Africa on the N4 road, please call the TRAC emergency road assistance numbers at, **0800 Trac N4 or 0800 8722 64**.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, DECEMBER—JANUARY

It is that time of year when all South Africans, including doctors and dentists, go on extended holiday. This exodus occurs from approximately December 10 through January 11.

Please be aware that non-emergency medical appointments for those Americans on travel to Pretoria are unlikely to be accommodated with appointments during this period.

Throughout the year, and particularly during the school breaks such as the December break, many of our community visit South Africa from other parts of the continent. If you are looking for a Doctor or Medical care in South Africa, it is good to keep in mind that South African private medical care is comparable to that in the USA; all providers must meet rigorous training, licensing and continuous education requirements.

To find a doctor or hospital, patients can go to any of the three large private medical corporation's websites (www.netcare.co.za ; www.mediclinic.co.za; www.lifehealthcare.co.za), look under the province or city they are traveling to, and find the doctor you need.