

Gotemba Newsletter

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Minami Fureai Shizen Park

(Photo on November 27th)

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<https://www.gia-gotemba.com>

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1. The 21st Annual Shizuoka Marathon Relay Race

Date & Time: Saturday, December 5th, 10:00am start "Don't miss this historical moment!!"

This marathon race is held in Shizuoka city. The race course is 42.195km, divided into 12 legs, and starts in front of the prefectural office finishing at the Kusanagi athletics stadium. Gotemba's team challenge is for a 3rd consecutive victory.

Due to Covid-19 prevention measures, there will be no audiences, and not just at the starting and ending areas, but also any roadside audiences are prohibited.

Our team number is number 7 this year. Please send your cheers to the runners while following the race on T.V, radio or internet on race day.

Inquiry: Citizen sports division at (82)4135

2. Let's Improve Local Disaster Prevention

For evacuation at home:

During the Covid-19 pandemic, disaster prevention at home has drawn a lot of attention in the area of emergency evacuations. If many people evacuate to a shelter during an emergency situation the risk of spreading the virus due to clustering is high and so staying at home might be the safer course of action. The primary concerns of using your home as a shelter is having a durable house and taking preventative measures safeguarding against furniture falling.

When sheltering in your house, ensuring you have a sufficient food/water stockpile is secondary to making sure your house can withstand the disaster, and that your furniture is properly stabilized for safety. Please check this following.

1. Is your home durable?

The most primary thing when sheltering at home is making certain your house is durable.

Free seismic evaluations, and a subsidy for seismic retrofitting work.

Eligible subjects: Wooden building built before May in 1981.

You can have a free seismic diagnosis or get a subsidy for seismic retrofitting construction.

Inquiry: Building and housing division at (82)4224

2. Is your furniture fix to the wall?

There are many cases where residents have lost their life due to falling furniture. Make sure to have safe spaces in your house with fixed furniture.

Home furniture fall prevention promotion business

A subsidy provides up to 5 furniture fixing in your house. Please ask for details at the Crisis management division.

Inquiry: Crisis management division at (82)4370

3. Illumination Light Up at Gotemba station, Fujisan-gate

An illumination is scheduled for this period to colorfully brighten things up at the Gotemba station our gateway into Gotemba. On the first day of the light up, a ceremony and stage performance is scheduled.

Let's enjoy the art of light spreading in the Fuji-san gate square.

- Illumination light up:

Period: December 5th (Sat.) to March 21st (Sun.), 2021 from 17:00 to 24:00

Place: Gotemba station, Fuji-san gate square

*It will be congested around this time so please try to walk or use public transportation.

- Event & lighting ceremony:

Date & Time: December 5th (Sat.)

Lighting event: Starts at 2:30 pm

Ceremony: From 4:50 pm (light up scheduled at 5:00 pm)

Content: Stage performance (Ma-Rinba-Chihiro, Minami Jr. high school drum club, Gotemba high school calligraphy club, Gotemba Minami high school brass band club, Oyama high school dance club)

- Caution:

Wearing mask is mandatory, disinfect /washing hands, and social distancing are required for Covid-19 prevention. In the case of infection spread status this lighting event will be cancelled.

Inquiry: Tourism exchange division at (82)4622

4. Municipal Housing for Rent

Eligible applicants are those who:

- 1) Live with relatives (single people will be considered in special circumstances)
- 2) Are having difficulty finding affordable housing
- 3) Non-residents at public housing now
- 4) Reside in or commute to Gotemba
- 5) Have no history of nonpayment or late payment of resident taxes
- 6) Have a total family income which is within a certain amount
- 7) Are not gang members

Please note that:

1. One application per household should be made.
2. Monthly rent fee will be different depending on housing, room type or resident's income.
3. If too many applications are received, the decision will be made by ballot.

How to apply:

Application forms are available at the architectural and housing department. So please fill out the application and submit at the counter or mail it in.

Application submit period:

Monday, November 30th by 5:15pm. (No weekends and holidays)

- * Mailed application must arrive on the November 30th.

Lottery day: Scheduled in the middle of December

- * Attendance is not mandatory.

Scheduled move in day: Around the end of January to February in 2021.

Inquiry: Architectural and Housing Department at (82)4229.

5. Premium Shopping Voucher Sales Period is Coming

If you have an exchange ticket and are planning to purchase premium shopping vouchers, please buy them early.

Sales period & time: November 30th (Mon.)

Voucher expiration: February 11th (Thu.), 2021

Where to buy:

Post offices in the city (from 9:00am to 5:00 pm), Epi square, Sun-sun cook (only business hour at Koyama& Hotozawa)

*Please bring your exchange ticket and purchase by October 16th.

Subject: Gotemba resident (1 set per household)

Inquiry: Commerce and industry division at (82)4683.

6. Reiwa 3 Coming of Age Ceremony

Date: Sunday, January 10th, 2021, from 11:30 am to 11:50 am (Door opens at 10:30 am)

Place: Civic center (main hall)

Eligibility: Those born from April 2nd, 2000 to April 1st, 2001.

- * You will receive an announcement postcard by the end of the November to applicants.

Inquiry: Social education division at (82)0339.

7. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: (88)3337

- * FREE ITEMS: Boy's ensemble Kimono waist band, Mochi-making machine for 1 sho, Glass table, Kotatsu futon and cover, Firewood for stove (30cm cut pieces)
 - * NEGOTIABLE ITEMS: Carry bag for travel, Electric bicycle machine (health appliances)
 - * CHARGED ITEMS: Baby stroller
 - * DONATIONS NEEDED: Shoe rack, Unicycle for kid, Bicycle, Electric bicycle, VCR, Radio cassette player
 - * WANTED: (Negotiable) Hanging health device, Single bed
- ※ Fax and Telephone answering machine service are not available.

8. City Library News / Inquiry: (82)0391

○Hours of Operation: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

○Closed: 7th (Mon.), 14th (Mon.), 21th (Mon.), 28th (Mon.) to 31st (Thu.)

***Home reading day: 16th (3rd Wednesday of every month)**

○Book Start: 2nd and 16th (Wed.)

* First-time reading for mothers with 6 month-old infants who are here for 6 month check-up at Health Care Center

○OHANASHI HIROBA:) Every Sat. from 2:30pm (Picture-book reading by volunteers)

○OYAKO OHANASHI-NO-KAI: 9th (Wed), 23rd (Wed) from 10:30am (Picture-book reading by librarians)

Recycled Book Day system has been changed. All books are now located on the recycled books shelf in front of the audiovisual section.

9. December's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (TUE)	Legal Counseling (1:00pm) (Need Appointment)	City Hall	17 (THU)		Health Care Center
	Seminar for Babies (1:00pm)	Health Care Center	18 (FRI)		Health Care Center
2 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center	19 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library
	Book Start		20 (SUN)		
3 (THU)			21 (MON)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:30am)	Health Care Center
4 (FRI)	Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 years old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center		Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:30 pm)	
5 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library		Library Closed Day	
6 (SUN)			22 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center
7 (MON)	Library Closed Day		23 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30am)	Library
8 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center		Medical Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center
9 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30am)	Library	24 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am) (Need appointment)	City Hall
	Medical Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center	25 (FRI)		
10 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am) (Need appointment)	City Hall	26 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library
	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:30pm)	Health Care Center	27 (SUN)		
	Emergency Medical Center Closure Date (Fuji Hospital@83-3333, from 6pm-)		28 (MON)	City hall closing for the End of Year	
11 (FRI)	Workshop for Pregnant Women (1:00pm) (Need appointment)	Health Care Center		Library Closed Day	
	Emergency Medical Center Closure Date (Fuji Hospital@83-3333, till 8am)		29 (TUE)		
12 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library	30 (WED)		
13 (SUN)			31 (THU)		
14 (MON)	Adult Health Consultation (13:30pm) (Need appointment)	Health Care Center	Tax payments for December are due on the Dec. 25th (FRI.) You can use convenient fund transfer system to pay before due date. ● 3 rd Property and Urban Planning tax ● 6 th National Health Insurance tax (Kokumin Kenko Hoken)		
	Library Closed Day	Health Care Center			
15 (TUE)	Legal Counseling (10:00am) (Need Appointment)	City Hall			
	Seminar for Babies (1:00pm)	Health Care Center			
16 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center			
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