

Gotemba Newsletter

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1. Gotemba Citizen's Art Festival ...Cultural Exhibition

Date: Saturday, December 25th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 26th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Place: Small Hall at Civic center
Fee: Free
Inquiry: Citizen's Art Festival Committee Office at (82)4319

2. Shall We Start Reducing Kitchen Waste in Our Lives?

It is said that 80% of the kitchen waste is water. Since it takes a lot of energy to incinerate water-laden garbage, it puts a load on the environment. Therefore, here are some tips to reduce water-laden garbage.

- Drain water well before throwing it away
- Tip your food waste strainer in the sink for at least a day, so it dries more.
- Don't rinse your vegetables before you peel and cut them, discard the waste before rinsing.

Once you drain or dry your kitchen waste you can reduce the amount and eliminate the odor, mold, and a number of pests. Also, there are ways to decompose food waste and it is highly recommended that persons who grow their own food do so.

In general, it is important to reduce kitchen waste. Let's try to reduce the kitchen waste in your life.

Inquiry: Environment division at (83)1610

3. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: (88)3337

- * FREE ITEMS: Japanese cushion (x16 or get as much as you want), Wood lathes, Electric bed,
 - * CHARGED ITEMS: Child car seat, stroller, Gotemba/ Harasato Jr. high jersey top, Personal sauna
 - * DONATIONS NEEDED: Telephone with fax, Gas water heater, Bicycle
 - * WANTED: (Negotiable) Sofa, Wood-burning stove (for outside), Three-wheeled bicycle
- ※ Fax and Telephone answering machine service are not available.

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

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

○Closed: From 1/1st (Sat.) to 3rd (Mon.), 11th (Tue.), 17th (Mon.), 24th (Mon.), 31st (Mon.)

* **Home reading day: 19th (3rd Wednesday of every month)**

○Book Start: 5th (Wed.) and 19th (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 except 4th from 2:30pm (Picture-book reading by volunteers)

○OYAKO OHANASHI-NO-KAI: 12th (Wed), 26th (Wed) from 10:30am (Picture-book reading by librarians)

5. January's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (SAT)	Library closed for the end/ beginning of the year till 3rd		18 (TUE)	Seminar for Babies (12:50 pm)	Health Care Center
2 (SUN)			19 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center
3 (MON)				BOOK Start	Health Care Center
4 (TUE)	Legal Counseling (1:00 pm) (Need Appointment)	City Hall	20 (THU)		
	City hall: The 1 st business day				
5 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center	21 (FRI)	Workshop for Pregnant Women (1:20pm)	Health Care Center
	Book Start	Health Care Center	22 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library
6 (THU)	Measurement Mtg. for Mom (9:30am)	Health Care Center	23 (SUN)		
	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center	24 (MON)	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center
7 (FRI)			25 (TUE)	Extension some counters hours at City Hall	City Hall
8 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library		Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center
9 (SUN)			26 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library
10 (MON)				Medical Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center
11 (TUE)	Extension some counters hours at City Hall	City Hall	27 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00 am) (Need Appointment)	City Hall
	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center	28 (FRI)	Health Checkup for 30 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center
12 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library	29 (SAT)	Parenting seminar (9:45am)	Health Care Center
	Medical Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center		Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library
13 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00 am)	City Hall	30 (SUN)		
	Adult Health Consultation (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center	31 (MON)		
14 (FRI)	Medical Checkup for Toddlers 2 years old (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center	<p style="text-align: center;">Tax payments and due date</p> <p><u>Due date is January 31th (Mon):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Citizens of City Tax of 4th ○7th National Health Insurance Tax (Kokumin Kenko Hoken) ○6th Old Medical Care Premium (Koki Koreisha Iryo Hoken) ○Water Usage and Sewer Usage for January <p style="text-align: center;">~ You can use convenient fund transfer system to pay before due date. ~</p>		
15 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library			
16 (SUN)					
17 (MON)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:30 am)	Health Care Center			
	Legal Counseling (10:00 am)	City Hall			

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