

Gotemba Newsletter

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

★Copies of this Newsletter are available at the City Hall, the City Branch Offices, Library, Health Care Center and GIA.

1. Spring National Fire Prevention Week

Starting from March 1st (Wed.) to 7th (Tue.), spring national fire prevention will start with the slogan “When you go out, be sure to have a mask, lock the door and be careful with fire”.

Last year there were 14 fire related incidents, mostly caused by bonfires and careless handling of electric cables. Let's try to remember how to handle fire safely and take fire prevention measures.

☆During this promotion a siren will sound at 8:00pm to reinforce the fire prevention.

Residential fire alarm

Fire alarms help save your precious life.

○About 50% of the damage of burnt area and cost of damage can be prevented compared to house without fire alarms.

○The number of fatalities caused by fire are 40% less likely in houses with fire alarms.

For house fire prevention: 10 points to follow

[4 preventive measures]

○Don't smoke in bed.

○Keep flammable materials away from stove tops.

○Turn off gas stoves if you have to leave the room.

○Clean the dust from the outlet and remove unnecessary plugs.

[6 measures]

○Install stoves and cooking stove with safety devices to prevent fires.

○Regularly inspect residential fire alarms and replace them every 10 years.

○Buy flame resistant bedding, clothes and curtains to prevent the spread of fire.

○Make sure to have a fire extinguisher in the house to put out small fires.

○Have a plan to help elderly or disabled neighbors escape safely from fires.

○Take community-wide fire prevention measures, such as participating in fire prevention drills.

Inquiry: Fire department prevention division at (83)0119

2. Fuji-san G-Coins Gift for The New Born Baby and Child Care Support

As a celebration of childbirth and support for raising children, we will present the city's unique digital community currency Fuji-san G-coins.

Period: Starting from Wednesday, March 1st

Object: New born babies and children who were born after April 1st, 2022

Amount: 20,000 dollars per child birth (20,000yen worth amount)

*It will be a gift to the child, not a donation to the guardian.

How to apply:

G-cons card and information will be sent individually to the target person. Please follow the instructions to apply.

*For those who were born after March 1st, 2023, please fill in the G-coins card number on the application form distributed during the interview with your public health nurse.

Inquiry: Commerce and industry promotion division, Tel: (82)4683

Child support division at (82)4124

3. Exemption of National Pension Premiums Both Before and After Childbirth

Regarding exemption periods from national pension premiums, when notified of approval, you will be exempt the full payment amount.

Period:

*Pregnant woman one child: 4 months prior to delivery month (due date's month)

*Pregnant woman two or more children: 6 months prior to 3 months before your delivery month (due date's month)

Remarks: The term “Delivery” includes women having carried the baby for more than 85 days.

(Including stillborn babies, miscarriages, and premature deliveries)

Object:

National pension 1st insured person (self-employed or unemployed workers and etc.) whose due date was after February 1st in 2019

※ The system is different for employees' pension participants or dependents of them, so please check at your work place or pension office.

Notification time: From 6 months before the (expected) date of birth

※ You can also apply after your delivery.

※ This exemption doesn't have expiration date to apply.

Necessary Documents:

My Number Card or something shows your basic pension number, ID, Mother and child handbook (only for those who have registered before childbirth)

Other:

For general information on National pension premiums, please see the Japan Pension Service website (see the QR code below)



Inquiry: National health insurance and pension division at (82)4122.
Numazu pension office at 055(921)2201

4. Let Your Cat Get Spay or Castration Surgery

Spring season when the sun is shining longer, is the time when cats are most likely to breed. Cats are highly fertile and can give birth to 20 or more kittens in a year.

In order not to increase the number of stray cats, those who do not want to breed should have their cats spayed or neutered.

Also, if you have any information about stray cats or any problems caused by stray cats, please contact us at the following.

Inquiries: Environment division at (83)1610
Gotemba public health center hygiene and pharmaceutical affairs division at (82)1223

5. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: Eco house Gotemba at (88)3337

* FREE ITEMS: Golf equipment set, Elementary school bag pack, Rattan flower stand,
Abdominal muscle machine, Shape-up bench type abdominal muscle machine, Dish dryer,
Kid's bicycle (for lower grades), Japanese dresser, bookshelf

* DONATIONS NEEDED: Portable cooler, Electric rice cooker for 1 sho, Hanging health equipment

(CHARGED ITEMS): Electric sewing machine

※Fax and Telephone answering machine services are not available.

(Last updated on 1/20th)

6. City Library News in March ...It's Time to Read

Inquiry: (82)0391

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

○Closed: 6th (Mon.), 13th (Mon.) and 20th (Mon.), 27th (Mon.)

○Book Start: 1st and 15th (Wed.)

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

○OHANASHI HIROBA:) Every Sat. from 2:30pm

○OYAKO OHANASHI-NO-KAI: 8th (Wed), 22nd (Wed) from 10:30am (Picture-book reading)

* **Home reading day: 15th (3rd Wednesday of every month)**

• Internet library search (WEB OPAC)



Let's search books by PC and smartphone.

Pick-up

Now Keyaki-kan has installed a book post!

A book post was installed at the entrance on the 1st floor at the salon named Keyaki-kan for Fuji-san citizens.

Please use it to return books borrowed from the library. The book post can only be used during the opening hours of the Keyaki-kan.

*Audiovisual materials such as CDs/ DVDs and ordered books from libraries outside of the city can't be returned.

Please see the website for details such as opening hours.



7. March's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (WED)	Legal Counseling (1:00 pm)	City Hall	17 (FRI)	Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 and half years old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center
	Health Checkup for 6 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center	18 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library
	Book Start	Health Care Center	19 (SUN)		
2 (THU)			20 (MON)		
3 (FRI)	Mother Support Consultation (9:30 am)	Health Care Center	21 (TUE)		
	Workshop for Hello Baby (6:45 pm)	Health Care Center	22 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library
4 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library		Health Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center
5 (SUN)			23 (THU)	Baby Food Class (9:45 am)	Health Care Center
				Mental Health Consultation (10:00am)	City Hall
6 (MON)				Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center
7 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center	24 (FRI)		
8 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library	25 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library
	Health Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center	26 (SUN)		
9 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am)	City Hall	27 (MON)		
10 (FRI)	Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 years old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center	28 (TUE)	Seminar for Babies (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center
11 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library	29 (WED)		
12 (SUN)			30 (THU)		
			31 (FRI)		
13 (MON)	Workshop for Pre-Papa & Mama (9:30am)	Health Care Center	<p>The tax payment and rate of March</p> <p>(Friday, March 31st is a tax payment due)</p> <p>●8th Old Citizen Medical Care Premium (Koki Koreisha Iryo Hoken) of 8th.</p> <p>●For a water usage, sewer usage for use March inspection of a meter.</p>		
14 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center			
15 (WED)	Legal Counseling (10:00 am)	City Hall			
	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center			
	Book Start	Health Care Center			
16 (THU)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:30 am)	Health Care Center			
	Adult Health Consultation (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center			

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