# Numazu Newsletter

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# Special Issue

# Being Exposed to English to Acquire an International Way of Thinking

Inquiries: School Education Division 2055-934-4809



Numazu city has been making efforts to promote "language education" since the "language subject", consisting of "time for reading Japanese intensively" and "time for learning English", was established for the first time in the nation after the city had got certified as a "specific district for education" in 2006. In the last fiscal year, the municipal government formulated "Numazu City's Educational Outline", which should be the basic polices in implementing educational measures. To promote one of those policies, "Education to improve children's communication ability to acquire an abundant sense of feeling for the wider world", Numazu city has been taking new approaches to English education in this fiscal year in addition to the "language education", especially "time for

learning English" of which has had great opportunities for children to learn different cultures and customs other than English for these ten years. Here, in this Special Topic, we'd like to introduce our new approaches to English education, which are now being watched with keen interest on a nationwide scale.

#### % NEW APPROACH 1%

#### Numazu Eigo Fu-re-a-i Class: Backing up "English Debut" for babies and parents

Inquiries: Lifelong Learning Division 2055-934-4870



It must be important for children to touch English as early as possible to acquire English-language skills. Today, many kindergartens and nurseries have English programs in their preschool education. This led Numazu city to hold "Numazu English F-re-a-i Class" for children aged  $0 \sim 3$  and their parents in this fiscal year. The class had a course of three classes in total, "Physical Contact", "Eurhythmics", and "Physical Exercises", following the idea that it is important for children to become familiar with English in early childhood through their five senses.



▶Sano Miho san (the instructor of "Physical Contact" class)

Do you think English requires hard study? Let's enjoy English in our daily life.

▶Minematsu Yuki san (the instructor of "Eurhythmic" class)

Feeling music with your whole body is important. Let's express your feelings to music with your entire body.





#### ▶Mifune Miyako san (the instructor of "Physical Exercise" class)

A good sense of rhythm will make your English pronunciation better. Physical activity prevents Mom's lack of exercise as well.

#### ~Participants~



"I really enjoyed English with my child. I'd like to join the class again."

"I enjoyed each of the three classes.

It's great to be able to participate in these classes for free."



#### **\*NEW APPROACH 2**\*

#### English Adventure; Communicating only in English with foreign staff all day long

Inquiries: School Education Division 2055-934-4809







About 200 students of  $5^{th}$  grade ~ the  $2^{nd}$  year of junior high school participated in this program. They enjoyed various activities with foreign staff, communicating in English; games and recreations in August, cooking Christmas-related sweets, learning cultures of English-speaking countries, and introducing Japanese culture in December. Every participant tried hard to comprehend staff's English and to express their ideas in English. They had a great experience and enjoyed talking with foreign staff in English.

#### **%NEW APPROACH 3%**

Let's-take-"Eiken 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade" Project; supporting the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students of junior high school who are going to take the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade English Language Proficiency Test

Inquiries; School Education Division 2055-934-4809



Eiken, conducted by Society of English Language Proficiency Test, has long been recognized as a reliable certifying English examination. Numazu city has started the project of subsidizing a half of the examination fee for Eiken 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, which is unique to Numazu city. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year students of junior high school in the city can utilize this system once. This

will definitely promote English education in Numazu city and encourage students to improve their English-language skills.

Applicants: the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students of public junior high school in the city who are going to take *Eiken* 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade regardless of first order, second order, or exam site. (Including the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students of junior high at a private integrated junior high and high school, and the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students of *Shizu-ura* unified elementary through junior high school)

Amount of subsidy: A half of an examination fee (once per student)

\*Acceptance of applications for this fiscal year have already finished.

#### ❖Globalized Functions of the City ❖



•At a window in the City Hall, an official is trying to communicate with a foreigner, using a terminal with a translation application.

• Public signs (road signposts and tourist information signs) with foreign languages and Emoji (pictogram).



•Free Wi-Fi has been equipped at 7 spots in the city; Tourist Information Center at the south exit of JR Numazu station / North exit square / Chuo Park / San-san Hall / Numazu Port Shinsen Kan / Heda Mihamamisaki Park / Numazu city Hall



■ This is the mark for free Wi-Fi!

# **Information** ~~Declaration of Tax~~

Inquiries: Municipal Tax Division 2 055-934-4736

~Residence Tax Return~ Inquiries: Municipal Tax Division 2 055-934-4736

Where: City Hall (1F Multipurpose Space)

Period: Feb. 16(Thu) ~ Mar. 15(Wed) [except weekends]

Hours: 9:00 ~ 12:00, 13:00 ~ 17:00

\*Tax returns will not be accepted at Municipal Tax Division in City Hall during the above period.

◆People who have to file a residence tax return:

Those who live in Numazu City on the day of Jan. 1, 2017 and fall into any of the following cases below

- ①People who were sent a form from City Hall but don't have to pay income tax
- ②People who earned taxable income during 2016 but don't have to file a final income tax return (e.g. people whose total amount of extra income is less than 200,000 yen included)
- ③People who receive a public pension and are going to file the deductions for National Health Insurance or life insurance premiums
- (4) People who pay the National Health Insurance and are not supported by others
- ⑤People who don't earn taxable income during 2016 but need proof of earnings or a tax exemption certificate
- \*People who have filed the final income tax return to the tax office and salaried workers who have already deducted from employment income in the year-end adjustment need not file the return.
- \*People who will file the deductions of any insurance need to file the residence tax return even if you don't need to file a tax return.

Where: PLAZA VERDE (2F Shimin Gallery)

Period: Feb. 14(Tue) ~ Mar. 15(Wed) [except weekends]

Hours: 9:00 ~ 17:00 (Reception: until 16:00)

- \*When a lot of people come on a day, the guidance might be finished earlier than usual.
- \*Numazu Tax Office doesn't guide you in filling in a return form during the above period.
- \*You need to pay 50 yen (every 30 minutes) for a parking space.

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◆People who have to file an income tax return:

\*The self-employed or people who get income from real estate, or sold their land or buildings: Their total amount of income for 2016 exceeds the total amount of income

deduction like basic deduction or spouse allowance.

- \*Salaried workers applicable to any of the following cases below
- ①People who earned more than 20 million yen a year
- ②People who received income from two or more places
- ③People who earned more than 200,000 yen in extra income over the past year
- \*People whose income is only miscellaneous income from public pension, and have remains after

income deduction

\*People whose amount of pension is less than 4 million yen, and miscellaneous income except pension is less than 200,000 yen don't need to file an income tax return. (They need to file a tax return for a residence tax.) \*Please ask Tax Office about the details.

#### \*What you should bring with you when filing a tax return

Inquiries: Municipal Tax Division 2 055-934-4736 / Numazu Tax Office 2 055-922-1560

- ① *Inkan* (personal seal), something to show the number of your account in a bank
- ②The documents on which you added up your income and necessary expenses (e.g. certificates of taxes deducted, detailed statement of receipts and payments)
- The documents necessary for deduction from income
- \*Certification of premium payment for social insurance, small enterprise mutual aid plan, national pension, national health insurance, medical insurance for the elderly, nursing-care insurance, life insurance, earthquake insurance, etc.

\*In case of filing a deduction for National Pension, a certificate sent from the Social Insurance Agency will be needed.

Inquiries: Numazu Pension Office 2 055-921-2207

(Number for certificate of deduction **3** 0570-070-117)

- (4)Others (My Number Card (Your Individual Number Card), a notice or your driver's license)
- \*If you have a copy of last year's tax return form, please bring it.

#### \*Income tax returns can be submitted in the following ways, too.

- \*On Saturdays and Sundays, please drop into "after-hours box" set in front of the entrance of Numazu Tax Office.
- \*By post: Please mail to Numazu Tax Office (3-30, Yoneyama-cho 7410-8686)
- \*By e-Tax: You can submit at all hours during the period.
- \*Please refer to the National Tax Agency website. < URL: <a href="http://www.nta.go.jp/">http://www.nta.go.jp/</a> > Or refer to City Website for the details.

#### Introduction of "e-Tax"

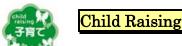


This is the system where you can declare and pay national taxes and do other procedures on the Internet. In order to use e-Tax, you need to be ready in advance. You must get an electronic certificate. (If you want to know about the details, refer to "e-Tax Help Desk. **5** 0570-01-5901)

#### \*Free consultation about taxes by certified accountants

When: Feb. 7 (Tue)  $\sim 16$  (Thu),  $9:30 \sim 12:00 / 13:00 \sim 16:00$  (except weekends)

Where: Numazu Shoko Kaikan (1200-1 Hara) \*Please come to the place on the day.



Child Raising ~Let's Expand the Circle of Easy Child Raising~

# Child Allowance Will Be Paid on Feb. 13(Mon)

The payment covers between October 2016 and January 2017. People who applied after October will receive the applicable amount. Remember to submit a present condition report to receive the allowance.

Inquiries: Child Support Division 2055-934-4827

# Admission Notice for Elementary & Junior High School Has Been Delivered

If you want to change the school specified on the notice because of some reasons (physical problems, double-income household, removal, etc), please contact us.

\*Remember to take the notice with you on the school entrance ceremony day.

\*The application for *Rinsetsu-ko* (a school next to your school area) selection has already finished.

Inquiries: School Education Division 2055-934-4808



#### Fresh Leader Class

You will learn activities and skills useful for *Kodomoka*i (Children's Gathering) and make friends with people of different ages.

When: Mar. 25(Sat)  $10:00 \sim 26(Sun)16:00$  (overnight)

Where: Momozawa Yagai Katsudo Center (Nagaizumi-cho Motonagakubo)

Applicants:  $\textcircled{1}4^{th}$  – 6th graders of elementary school  $\textcircled{2}1^{st}$  –  $2^{nd}$  graders of junior high school (Both students need to live in or commute to Numazu city.)

Capacity: 50 students each (There will be a drawing in case of many applicants.)

Fee: 2,000yen

How to apply: Get an application form at your school, and bring directly, FAX or send us by Feb.24 (Fri).

Applications & Inquiries: Lifelong Education Division  $\bigcirc 5055-934-4871$  / FAX: 055-931-7551  $\bigcirc 7410-8601$  Numazu City Hall

# Information from Health Center

#### Make a Body Line ~Aiming at Style Beauty~

When: Mar. 15(Wed) 19:00~20:50 / Where: San-Well Numazu ((Health Promotion Room)

Contents: tasting food cooked with local products and doing Yoga

Applicants: people aged between 20 and 50s, who live in or commute to Numazu

Capacity: 10 people (There will be a drawing in case of many applicants.)

What to bring: drink, a towel, yoga mat or bath towel

Fee: 320ven (ingredients and insurance)

How to apply: send e-mail with a class name "Make a Body Line class" and your address, name,

birthday, phone number and means of transport

\*Please inquire if you don't get a reply within a week after application.

Applications: Health Promotion Division 2055-951-3480 e-mail kenkou@city.numazu.lg.jp

#### Public Lecture "Trying to Conceive" ~ Men's understanding for conception~

When: Mar. 12(Sun) 13:30~17:00 / Where: Plaza Verde

Contents: Understanding of conception and your physical condition

Capacity: 70 people (in order of arrival)

How to apply: by phone or FAX from Feb. 8(Wed) 9:00

Applications & inquiries: Inagaki Ladies Clinic 2055-926-1709 FAX: 055-926-1717



# Events at Numazu Imperial Villa Park

Inquiries: Numazu Imperial Villa Park 2055-931-0005 or Park & Tree Planning Division 2055-934-4795



#### Tea Ceremony Viewing Plum Blossoms

When: Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays from Feb.4 (Sat) to 26(Sun), 10:00~15:30

(to be cancelled in bad weather)

Where: Plum Garden in West Annex

Fee: 500 yen (with ceremony tea and a Japanese sweet)

\*There might be a change of the open period according to the blooming condition of plum blossoms



#### Girls Festival and Hina Dolls Displays

Tsurushi-bina (hanging hina ornaments),

original *hina* dolls, etc. are to be exhibited.

When: Feb.11 (Holiday) ~ Mar.31 (Fri) 9:00~16:30

(Visitors should be admitted by 16:00)

Where: West Annex



#### Let's have a break at:

#### Shume tea room

An old stable has been renovated and it serves dessert and refreshments.

#### Soba-dokoro diner

An old inn has been renovated and it serves a variety of buckwheat noodles.



shops and information counter







**Admission Fee for the Memorial Park:** Adults = 100 yen, Elementary and Junior High School students = 50 yen

\*Special admission fee for West Annex is as follows:

Adults = 300 yen / Elementary and Junior High School students =150 yen

\*Standard-sized cars park for free.

# Recruitment

#### Numazu Sightseeing Volunteer Guide

Inquiries: Tourism and Exchange Division 2055-934-4747



Contents of activity: to show sightseeing spots of the city Applicants: people living in Numazu and can participate in the activities 3 or 4 times a month

Capacity: about 10 people

How to apply: send or FAX with your address, name, age and phone number

Application deadline: must arrive by Feb. 17(Fri)

\*You will have a six-month training course.

Applications & inquiries: Numazu Sightseeing Volunteer Guide (NPO Numazu Sightseeing Association)

**☎**055-964-1300 FAX 055-964-1301 〒410-0845 Senbon Minatomachi 117 homepage address <a href="http://numadu-boranthia-gaido.com/">http://numadu-boranthia-gaido.com/</a>

# **Information**

#### Feb. 23 is the Day of Mt. Fuji. Facilities being Free of charge & Event Information

Inquiries: please call the number in charge.

Feb. 23(Thu) is the day of Mt. Fuji the prefecture has established in a law. It is decided people are expected to learn about it, think it, take a fancy to it and pass it on to the future generations. With reference to this day, the city will open facilities and hold events.



Schools are closed on Feb, 23, the day of Mt. Fuji (These are public elementary, junior and high schools in the city only.)

Use the city facilities of sightseeing, cultural and sports free of charge by all means.

Sightseeing Facilities		8	Meiji Historical Museum	
1	Numazu Imperial Villa Park		Heda Ship Building & Local Data Museum	
2	Numazu Harbor, the Big Floodgate with		Gym Facilities	
	an Observation Tower(View-O)			
3	La la la Sun Beach(parking lot)	10	The City Gym(a table tennis room,	
4	Numazu Running & Skills Station(a		Japanese archery, a training room	

	dressing room)		
Cultural Facilities		11)	Gym for Workers(table tennis)
(5)	Bokusui Momeral Museum	12	Koryo Practical Room of Japanese Archery
6	Serizawa Koziro Literature Museum	13	Heda B&G Community Sports Center(table
			tennis)
7	Mon Musee Numazu	14)	Indoor Swimming Pool

<sup>\*</sup> ①The entrance fee only is free.  $@\sim@$  individual use, up to high school students, is free. The training room of @ requires the user certificate. The use of Japanese archery room of @@ has to be accompanied by the instructor. @③Table tennis stands are set in the arena.

Inquiries: Policy Planning Division 2 055-934-4704



# Feel Mt. Fuji closer to You through Events. Event Information relating to The Day of Mt. Fuji

The City Library • Heda Library • Supporting Events on The Day of Mt. Fuji

#### ◆ Photo Exhibition of Local Mt. Fuji Over the Nation

Display about 50 items from the past winning prize works of the good scenic hometown Mt. Fuji photo contest sponsored by Shizuoka Prefecture to compete for which is the most beautiful out of the pictures that were named as local prides from Mt. Fuji all over the country.

When: Feb. 17(Fri) to Mar. 5(Sun)

Where: The City Library, exhibition hall

#### ♦ The Day of Mt. Fuji – DVD Show

When: Feb. 23(Thu)

Where	When	Contents	Capacity
The City Library	14:00	Deep See Creatures, joyful odd	200people(first come first
(Audio-visual Hall)		living things (42 min.)	served basis on the day)
Heda Library	①10:00	①Donald Duck 5 (68 min.)	100people(first come first
(Audio-visual room)	214:00	②The Nutcracker (80 min.)	served basis on the day)

#### ◆ The Story Telling by Men

The male staff of the City Library read the picture books about Mt. Fuji to children who come to the library.

When: Feb. 23(Thu), 13:30 ~ 13:50 / Where: The City Library (Exhibition Hall)

Mt. Fuji Special Collection Corner

The documents about Mt. Fuji the library has are gathered. Please drop in.

When: Feb. 2(Thu) to Mar. 31(Fri)

Where: The City Library (reference book floor)

Inquiries: The City Library **5** 055-952-1234 / Heda Library **5** 0558-94-4420

<sup>\*</sup>The school facilities of elementary and junior high schools in the city are open to the students who go there. Please use them for your study. (from 9:00 to 12:00 in principle)



# Walk Event on the Day of Mt. Fuji

When: Feb. 23(Thu) 9:00 ~ 12:00

Place to meet: Kadoike Chiku Center at 9:00

Course: Kadoike Park ~Ansei Large Earthquake Condolence Monument~ the Ayutsubo Waterfall ~

Makisegi ~ Kadoike Chiku Center

\*Come to the place on the day.

Inquiries: Numazu Sightseeing Volunteer Guide, Narukawa-san

**2** 090-8132-7016

Inquiries: Tourism and Exchange Division 2 055-934-4747

<Mt. Fuji viewed from Kadoike Park> →





#### Nordic Walking Event

Applications & Inquiries: Longevity Welfare Division 2055-934-4866

When: Mar. 4(Sat), 9:45~11:30

Meeting place: Senbon-hama park, Hakkaku-ike (in front of Senbon-hama park bus stop)

Meeting time: 9:30 a.m.

Applicants: over 65 year-old and older who live in Numazu except those who are covered by care

insurance and prohibited exercise by a doctor

Capacity: 100 persons (first-come, first-served basis)

How to apply: by phone from Feb. 8(Wed), 9:00. Poles will be lent to the first 50 applicants.

#### The Film about Kojiro Serizawa and His Literary Works

Inquiries: Serizawa Kojiro Memorial Museum 2055-932-0255

The film about Kojiro's early years and his literary works will be showed in commemoration of the 120th anniversary of his birth.

When: Feb. 25(Sat), 13:00~15:00 / Where: Senbon Plaza, Music hall

Capacity: 232 people

\*No reservation is required.

#### Numazu UNESCO Festival

Inquiries: Numazu UNESCO Association Executive Office 2055-934-4812

Traditional entertainment and the legacies in the eastern Shizuoka Prefecture will be introduced and shown.

When: Feb. 25(Sat), 13:00~16:00 / Where: Civic Cultural Center, Small hall

Contents: Numazu's lullaby "Konokono Kawaisa" (sung by Yoshiko Fujita, Misaho Suzuki), Japanese drum performance by Japanese drum team of Hiryu High School, Heda ryoshi odori (fisherman's dance) and others \*No reservation is required.



#### Cello Concert in Mon Musse Numazu

Inquiries: Mon Musse Numazu 2055-952-8711 / Cultural Promotion Division 2055-934-4812

When: Mar. 11(Sat), 14:00 starts / Where: Mon Musse Numazu

Capacity: 50 persons

Performers: Masatoshi Maeda (Cello), Kyoko Maeda (Piano)

Fee: 1000 yen plus admission charge for the museum.

Ticket: At Mon Musse Numazu museum. From Feb. 7 (Tue).



#### Working Women's Summit

Inquiries: NPO Woman's support 2055-955-8567 / Tourism & Exchange Division 2055-934-4843

This event is for women who start a business, get a job, raise children, try to conceive etc.

When: Feb. 19(Sun), 10:00~16:00

Where: Plaza Verde, Kira Messe Numazu

Contents: ①Sale of food and hand-made goods, demonstration of beauty care and healing,

②Consultation about getting a job or trying to conceive, ③Child raising support corner

4)Stage events, discussion for each topic

\*No reservation is required. \*Please see the website

#### Lecture and Consultation about Ears

Inquiries: Handicapped Person's Welfare Division 2055-934-4830 FAX: 055-934-2631

'Ear Day' Memorial Lecture

Applications & Inquiries: Numazu Social Welfare Council 2055-922-1500 FAX: 055-922-1502

When: Feb. 21(Tue), 14:00~16:00

Where: San-well Numazu, Multi-purpose hall

Theme: My opinion, the fascination of sign language

Lecturer: Sora Matsumoto (the second place winner in the 33rd sign language national speech

contest for high school students)

Capacity: about 300 people

How to apply: by phone or Fax

#### 'Ear Day' Consultation

Applications & Inquiries: Numazu deaf and hard hearing special school

**7**055-921-3398 FAX: 055-923-5327

When: Feb. 22(Wed), 24(Fri), 10:00~12:00 and 13:30~16:00 for each day

Where: Numazu deaf and hard hearing special school (Izumi-cho)

Applicants: over 18 year-old persons who live in Numazu or east district of Shizuoka prefecture.

How to apply: by phone or fax by Feb. 17(Fri)



Applications & Inquiries: Numazu Kanko Machizukuri Shimin no kai office

#### **7**055-951-2392 FAX: 055-962-2002

Inquiries: Numazu Heritage Promotion Division 2055-934-4886

You can rediscover post station culture in Edo period and visit the sights with three area's volunteer tour guide.

When	Meeting time & place	Contents	
Feb. 25(Sat),	9:00, <i>Rakujuen</i> park, Main Gate	To visit the sights of west area of	
9:00~12:00	(Mishima)	Mishima post station	
Mar. 26(Sun),	13:00, in front of the relief of <i>Amane</i>	To visit the ruins of Numazu castle and	
13:00~16:00	Nishi, JR Numazu station, south	Numazu Hei Gakko and have lecture	
	exit,		
Apr. 22(Sat),	8:30, the south exit of JR	To visit Hara post station, temples,	
8:30~12:00	Katahama station	shrines and Taisyo-en	

Capacity: 50 people for each (first-come first-served basis)

How to apply: by phone or FAX from Feb. 8(Wed), 9:00

#### E-Spo Symposium "to Make Shizuoka a Sport Kingdom Again"

Applications and Inquiries: Shizuoka East-area Sport Industrial Promotion Committee Office (E-Spo) **2** 080-2626-2083

Inquiries: Commerce and Industry Promotion Division 2 055-934-4744

We'll have a lecturer, Ikeda Hiroshi (Chairman of Albirex Niigata). He set up Albirex Niigata and led "soccer desert" to a "hometown which attracts a lot of spectators"

When: Feb.12 (Sun), 14:00 – 16:00

Where: Audiovisual room of City Library

Capacity: About 200 people

How to apply: By phone or special form on city home page. http://www.east-sport.org/

# Recruitment

#### Municipal Housing Residents

Applications and Inquiries: Public Housing Repair and Maintenance Division & 055-934-4792

Apartment available: Ishida Danchi (1 house), Jiyugaoka Danchi (1), Kobayashi Danchi(1), Nakao

Danchi (3), Matsubara Danchi(2), Haratorisawa Jutaku(1), Hara Danchi (6),

Haramachinaka Danchi (5), Nishi-ide Danchi(1), Imazawa Danchi(4), Villa

Wisteria(1), Fugaku Danchi (2) \*Every Danchi has a limited number of parking lots.

Requirement: ①you have or are going to have a family member to live with

- \*As for Kobayashi or Hara (2 houses), Imazawa, Villa Wisteria, single households who are 60 years old or older, or handicapped can also apply for them.
- 2 your income meets the income standard fixed by the regulations
- 3you live in or commute to Numazu

4 you are now in need of housing

⑤ you are not Boryokudan (gang), (housemates are not Boryokudan either) Application Period: Feb. 8(Wed) - 10 (Fri), 8:30-17:00

\*If too many applicants apply, there will be a public drawing.

The day of drawing: Feb. 24(Fri), 13:30-

\*If you apply for the first time, please come to Public Housing Repair and Maintenance Division (City Hall 6F) before you apply.

#### Attendants for the Second Renovation School @ Numazu

Applications and Inquiries: Treasure of Numazu Promotion Division: 🏗 055-934-4886

We will make a revival plan on the subject of unused real estate with instructors.

When: Mar. 24 (Fri) -26(Sun), 10:00 - 17:00

Where: At unused properties (Oote-machi, etc.)

Capacity: About 24 people

How to apply: By phone or special form on City web site.

Deadline: Feb. 28 (Tue)

Contact us or refer to city home page about the details.

#### Participants in Spring Green Festival

Applications and Inquiries: Numazu City Green Promotion Committee Office 2055-934-4795

When: Apr. 22(Sat) and 23(Sun)

Where: Kira Messe Numazu in Plaza Verde

Participants: People who can display and sell flowers and plants

·People who can hold classes with flowers and plants, such as flower arrangement or bouquets

· People who can sell drinks or food

·Companies which can support the event

Applications: fill out a form placed at Park and Tree Planning Division of the 6th floor of the city hall or the city home page, and bring it in or send it by mail, fax or e-mail

Deadline: Feb. 22 (Wed) \*no later than the day

Contact us about the details.

# Tour Participants for a tour by Numazu UNESCO

"A tour to Nirasaki & Hokuto in Yamanashi, visiting art and history"

Applications and Inquiries: Numazu UNESCO Office 2 055-934-4812

We visit Nirasaki Oomura museum, Kiyoharu Art Colony, Hirayama Ikuo Silk Road Meseum and Shinpu-jo Castle.

When: Mar.12 (Sun), 7:15-20:00(departure and arriving at North Exit of JR Numazu Station)

<sup>\*</sup>Ask us about the details directly or check the details on the city's website.

Fee: 8,000 yen

Capacity: about 40 people / How to apply: By phone

#### Let's Plant Shiitake Mushrooms' Spore on Logs!

Applications and Inquiries: Mr. Sadakiyo of "Mori To Take De Kenko Club" 2 055-923-1370

Inquiries: Agriculture and Forestry Division 2 055-934-4751

When: Feb. 26 (Sun)  $10:00 \sim 12:00$  (If it rains, it will be canceled.)

Where to meet: Northern Square in North Parking Lot (inside Ashitaka Athletic Park)

Where: Forest Zone inside Ashitaka Athletic Park

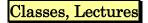
Contents: Carrying logs, planting Shiitake mushrooms' spore in them, etc.

Capacity: About 20 people / Fee: 500 yen per pair

What to bring: drinks, a hat or cap, shoes for trekking, cotton gloves

How to apply: by phone

\*Please come in clothes suitable for working outdoors.



#### The 4th Seminar for living

Inquiries: Public Relations Division 2055-934-4841

The lecture is from Kewpie Corporation, a food company. He/She will speak about food and health. .

When: Feb.22 (Wed) 10:00-11:30 / Where: Civic Cultural Center, Big meeting room

Capacity: 90 people (first-come first-served basis)

How to apply: by phone or Numazu City's website, from Feb. 8 (Wed) 8:30

#### Hanasaki PC Experience Meeting

Applications and inquiries: NPO Hanasakinetnokai

<sup>+</sup> 411-0857 1-9, Shibahoncho, Mishima **2**090-6335-8739

Inquiries: Civic Collaboration Division 2055-934-4807

When: 13:30 to 16:30 on Feb. 17(Fri), Mar.10 (Fri.)

Where: OA room, San-Well Numazu

Contents: Basic operation of PC and the experience of the Internet

Applicants: people aged 60 years and older, and who participate for the first time

Capacity: 16 people (in case of lots of applicants, there will be a lottery)

Things to bring: writing materials

How to apply: write your address, name and telephone number on a double sided postcard and send it.

Deadline: Feb. 10(Fri) (no later than the day)

#### Course for Growing Vegetables in spring and summer

Inquiries & applications: NPO IBA Mirai-juku, Matuda san 🕿 090-1291-4638, FAX 055-967-1309

Inquiries: Agriculture and Forestry Division 2 055-934-4751

When: First class- Feb.19 (Sun), 10:00 – 11:30

Every Saturday, until August. The itinerary will be given at the first class.

Where: IBA Mirai-juku Uenda Kenshu Noen (Ooka, Naka-ishida), the first class will be held at

Dai-go Chiku Center.

Contents: Lectures and practice growing vegetables.

Capacity: About 30 people

Fee: 4,000 yen (for the whole course) / How to apply: By phone or fax

# Information from City Hall

# Night and Holiday Acceptance and consultation for Municipal Tax and National Health Insurance Premium

Inquiries: Tax Collection Division 2055-934-4732

National Health Insurance Division **☎**055-934-4727

Available at night: Feb. 23 (Thu), 17:15 - 20:00Available on holiday: Feb. 26 (Sun), 9:00 - 15:00

Where: Tax Collection Division, City Hall 2F / National Health Insurance Division, City Hall 1F

#### Do not Forget to File your Income Tax Return

Inquiries: National Health Insurance Division, Assessment Section 2055-934-4726

National Health Insurance Division, Medical Insurance for Seniors Section 255-934-4728 National Health Insurance Premium and Health Insurance Premium for seniors are determined by your income of the previous year. If you don't file your income tax return during the period, your premiums could be raised the next year because it can't be calculated properly. Please finish filing your income tax return during the period (Feb. 16 (Thu)-Mar. 15 (Wed)).

#### Medical Checkup Subsidy for National Health Insurance Subscriber

Inquiries & Application: National Health Insurance Division ☎055-934-4725

If you are a member of National Health Insurance, you may get a medical checkup subsidy. We sent the announcement by the postcard in July to those who have a right. If you have not had a medical checkup yet, using this subsidy. Please confirm the contents of this system with the postcard again. The deadline of application: Feb. 28 (Tue)

# Night and Holiday Acceptance and Consultation of Water Bill Payment

Inquiries: Water and Sewage Service Division 2 055-934-4853

When: Feb. 21 (Tue), Mar. 7 (Tue) 17:15-20:00

Where: Water and Sewage Service Division (Water Utility Department Building, 1F)

# Special Child-Rearing Allowance, Disabled Child Welfare Allowance, Special Disability

#### Benefits

Inquiries: Handicapped Person's Welfare Division 2055-934-4829, Fax 055-934-2631

**Special Child-Rearing Allowance** is an allowance for parents or other legal guardians (a person living with, caring for, and managing living expenses of the child) whose child is moderately to severely handicapped.

**Disabled Child Welfare Allowance** is an allowance for a severely handicapped person 20 years old or under, who needs special nursing-care in daily life.

**Special Disability Benefits** is an allowance for a severely handicapped person over 20 years old, who needs special nursing-care in daily life.

When rearing allowance payments are approved, payments shall begin starting from the month following the month of the day of application.

\*\*Please give us call for more information.

# NTT Town Page (Yellow Pages)

Inquiries: Town Page Center (It is not in service on Sat, Sun, Holiday) **2**0120-506-309 / Public Rations Division **3**055-934-4703

Every household will receive NTT Town Page (Numazu Edition) in February. It includes not only telephone numbers but also brief description of Numazu city, its business content and 100 Numazu Treasure Troves.

\*If you don't receive the NTT Town Page by the end of Feb., please give Town Page Center a call.

# Information from Fire Station

#### Life-Saving Courses

Inquiries and Applications: Medical & Health Emergency Rescue Service 2055-921-9999

When: ①Basic Life-Saving Course: Feb. 19(Sun), 9:00~12:00

- ②Advanced Life-Saving Course: Mar. 5(Sun), 9:00~17:00
- ③First Aid Treatment Diffuser Course: Mar.12(Sun), 19(Sun), 26(Sun).

All classes start at 9:00 and end at 17:00.

Where: Medical & Health Emergency Rescue Service (in the Numazu City Hospital)

Contents: ①②How to use AED (①CPR for adults, ②CPR for adults and babies), hemostatic method, etc. ③How to teach CPR, hemostatic method, and transporting the sick and injured.

Applicants: ①②the person who lives or commutes to Numazu, and it must be older than 13 years old. ③the person who lives or commutes to Numazu, and it must be older than 16 years old. In addition, he must have finished taking ② and attend every class.

Capacity: 12 about 30 people, 3 about 20 people

Tuition fee: ①②free, ③3,672 yen including textbook.

How to apply: Make a phone call by ①③Feb. 17 (Fri), ②Mar. 3 (Fri)

# Free Events

#### The Ninth School Festival at Numazu Information and Business Vocational School

Inquiries: Information and Business Vocational School 2 055-961-2555

When: Feb.  $18(Sat) 10:00 \sim 16:00$ 

Where: information and Business Vocational School (Saijo-cho) Contents: Refreshment booths, markets, art works by the students

\* Please use the pay parking lot, when you come to the festival.

### General Meeting for Mothers

Inquiries: Ms. Fujii, the representative of General Meeting for mothers' Fujii-san, 2055-922-7012

When: Feb.18 (Sat), 13:30~16:00

Where: Numazu Rouseikaikan Conference Room 1 (Takashima-cho)
Theme: Nursing Care Insurance System 

\*\*Come to the place directly.

#### Talk given by Tanaka Youki

Inquiries and applications: Life Support Center Shizuoka Eastern Office 2055-929-9820

When: Mar. 4(Sat), 13:00~ 15:00

Where: Numazu Rouseikaikan Hall (Takashima honcho)

Theme: Great traverse 2 ~After finished climbing the great Japanese Mountains~

How to apply: by phone

# Features

# <u>Visiting 100 Numazu Treasure Troves No. 53: Ishigami and Sekibutsu</u> ~Worshiped stones in Ohira~



In Ohira, there are 245 stone statues. In the past, people have suffered from floods, droughts, and plagues. So, statues were placed there to exorcize evil spirits.

#### ~Learning about the history of Ishigami and Sekibutsu~

"Ohira Kyoudoshi Kennkyuukai (Ohira history study group)" set a board to explain their origins. Also, every year they held an annual walking event to visit the statues.