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English Version



✧ The Numazu Newsletter will be renewed starting with the next April issue. The publication frequency will also change to once a month, issued on the first day of each month. ✧



Point ①

A complete Redesign of the Layout

The design will be fully renewed. Larger text and a layout with more spacing between characters and lines will make articles easier to read. The “Information Plaza”(Joho Hiroba) section will switch to horizontal writing, making numbers and alphabet letters cleaner and easier to read.

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Published Once a Month on the 1st

The newsletter will be issued on the first day of every month. The January issue will be delivered in late December. We will continue to present information in a clear and easy-to-understand format, while also sharing city information through digital platforms such as the city’s official LINE account and website.

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Easier to Find the Information You Want

Information on childcare, sports, culture and the arts, and more will be organized into dedicated sections. Events and announcements in the “Information Plaza (Joho Hiroba)” will be displayed by category using theme colors. This will make it easier to find the information you are interested in.



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Bringing Numazu Closer to You

Popular features such as “A Walk Through Numazu’s Top 100 Treasures”(Numazu no Takara 100Sen Sampo), “Numa Photo”(Numa Photo), and “Close-up”(Close-up), will continue, helping readers learn more about Numazu. New sections will also begin, including “Beautiful Numazu of the Month” (Kongetsu no Utsukushii Numazu), which introduces photos submitted by residents. You might even rediscover the charm of Numazu and find yourself saying, “Wow!”

- **Contact:** ☎055-934-4703 Public Relations Division (*Koho-ka*)



Blue tickets (青切符) will be issued for bicycle violations!

Starting April 1, a traffic violation notice system (blue ticket) will be introduced for bicycle traffic violations, and if you are caught, you will be required to pay a fine. Please follow traffic rules more than ever and ride safely.

Please check before riding a bicycle!



What is a 'Blue Ticket'?

Traffic Infraction Notification Procedure (a Blue Ticket) is a system that handles relatively minor traffic violations by paying fines.

Is it a violation for people without a driver's license?

Yes, it is. It will apply to people 16 years and older. Moreover, particularly serious violations, such as "using a mobile phone in a way that causes a traffic hazard," "riding under the influence", or "obstructive riding, result in a 'red ticket' rather than a 'blue ticket' and are subject to criminal proceedings.

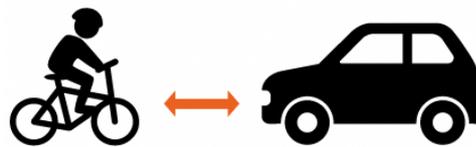
Cases that 'blue tickets' will be given out

Using a mobile phone while riding etc. (Distracted riding)



Penalty fine: 12,000 yen

Improper lane usage (riding on the wrong side of the road, etc.)



Penalty fine: 6,000 yen

Failure to stop at stop signs



Penalty fine: 5,000 yen

Running a red light



Penalty fine: 6,000 yen

Riding without lights



Penalty fine: 5,000 yen

Riding with headphones



Penalty fine: 5,000 yen

- **Contact:** ☎055-934-4742 Community Safety Division (Seikatsu anshin-ka)

✧ The City's Largest Flower and Greenery Festival! Loved for 53 Years, The 100th Midori Festival! ✧



So many fun events to enjoy!

◆ Sales, Exhibitions, and Workshops Featuring Flowers and Greenery

A wide variety of colorful flower seedlings, saplings, and other items will be available for purchase. There will also be exhibitions of carefully cultivated Bonsai and Ikebana arrangements. Plenty of workshops will be offered for both children and adults to enjoy!

◆ Programs for Children

A stamp rally will be held for elementary school children and younger, with prizes. Work vehicles used in greenery-related fields will also be on display. In addition, participants who complete certain conditions will receive a mini bouquet, which is perfect for Mother's Day (limited quantities available).

◆ Lucky Prize Drawing

Shop at the venue and join a raffle where you can win luxurious prizes such as flower seedlings!

◆ Greenery Auction (Sunday, April 26, from 12:00 p.m.)

A traditional highlight of the Midori Festival! This is your chance to purchase flower seedlings and landscaping trees at great prices.

◆ Distributing Firewood and Compost for Camping

Firewood produced at the Citizens' Forest Campground and compost donated by Takei Farm will be distributed.

◆ Special Time Sale (Sunday, April 26, from 2:00 p.m.)

Don't miss this special sale time when you can buy flowers and local specialties at discounted prices!



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Children's Succulent Plant Arrangement Workshop

A hands-on class where participants can create arrangements using popular succulent plants. Enjoy touching plants and experiencing the joy of growing them!

Event Dates	Times (Each session lasts approximately 60 minutes.)
①	From 10:30 a.m.
② April 25 (Sat)	From 12:30 p.m.
③	From 2:30 p.m.
④ April 26 (Sun)	From 10:30 a.m.



Designated form

Instructor: Ms. Shoko Yoneyama (Green Advisor, Atelier Nana)

Eligibility: High school students and younger

Capacity: 12 participants per session (A lottery will be held if there are many applicants.)

Participation Fee: 500 yen (material cost)

How to Apply: Apply through the designated form, or send a return postcard including your address, name, age, phone number, and preferred session(①~④)

Application Deadline: Monday, April 13 (must arrive by this date)

※Children aged 5 and under must be accompanied by a guardian.

- **Apply/Contact:** ☎055-934-4795 Numazu City Greening Promotion Executive Committee Secretariat (within the Green and Parks Division)

〒410-8601 Numazu City Hall

✧ Taxi Use Voucher for People with Disabilities ✧

- **Eligibility:** Registered residents of Numazu city with either the Class 1 or 2 Physical Disability Certificate (*Shintai shogaisha techo*), Rehabilitation Notebook (*ryoiku techo*) A, or the Class 1 or 2 Mental Disability Certificate (*Seishin shogaisha hokenfukushi techo*) (Excluding facility residents, hospitalized individuals, cars/light motor vehicle tax exempted individuals, and Going Out Support Services Users)
 - **Subsidy amount:** The initial cost of a standard-sized taxi.
 - **Where:** Disabled Person's Welfare Division at City Office Annex, Health Center Heda Branch - Starting from March 25 (Wed.).
Satellite offices - Starting from April 6 (Mon.).
 - **How to apply:** Please bring the relevant handbook/certificate directly. (For those who are asking a proxy, a handbook/a certificate and the proxy's ID are required.)
- *The voucher can be used from April 1 (Wed). *For more information, please contact us.
- **Application/Contact:** ☎055-934-4829/Fax:055-934-2631 Disabled Person's Welfare Division (*Shogai Fukushi-ka*)

✧ Issuing Vouchers for Usage of Indoor Heated Pools in Outside Cities ✧

The city will partially subsidize the usage fee for the Numazu citizens using pools in other cities. The issuance of the Reiwa 8 (2026) vouchers began on Wednesday, March 25.

- **Reception hours:** Weekdays, 8:30 - 17:15
- **Eligibility:** Registered residents of Numazu city who are 3 years old and above.
- **Facilities covered:** Shimizucho Heated Swimming Pool, Mishima Public Heated Swimming Pool, Nagaoka Heated Swimming Pool, and Shizuoka Prefectural Fuji Swimming Pool.

How to Apply

In person	Please bring the application form, available at the With Sports Division, city hall or the city's website, along with your identification document, issued by a public institution.
By post	Please mail in the application form available on the city's website along with a copy of your identification document. (The usage fee voucher will be sent at a later date.)
Online	Please use the dedicated form on the city's website. (The usage fee voucher will be sent at a later date.)

*Shizuoka Prefectural Fuji Swimming Pool is currently unavailable due to equipment malfunction. (Reopening date undecided.)

*For more information, please visit the city website.

- **Apply/Contact:** ☎055-934-4875 With Sports Division (*With Sports-ka*)
〒410-8601 Numazu City Office
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✧ Resuming the services of Heda B&G Marine Center Pool ✧

- **When:** April 1 (Wed) – October 31 (Sat)
- **Time:** 9:00 – 20:30
*Opening hours may change in April and October due to equipment inspections, etc.
- **Contact:** ☎0558-94-3501 Heda B&G Marine Center (*Heda B&G Kaiyo Centre*)

✧ The area where public sewerage can be used expand from April ✧

Public sewers will be available in parts of the following areas, so please connect as soon as possible. *Please visit the city website for details.

District	Target area (in part)
<i>Daisan Chiku</i>	<i>Kamikanuki, Shimokanuki, Nishijimacho</i>
<i>Daiyon Chiku</i>	<i>Yoshidacho, Miyukicho, Ichibacho, Misonocho</i>
<i>Daigo Chiku</i>	<i>Sanmaibashi, Sugisakicho</i>
<i>Ooka Chiku</i>	<i>Ooka (Matsunokida etc.)</i>
<i>Kadoike Chiku</i>	<i>Okanomiya</i>
<i>Katahama Chiku</i>	<i>Nishimakado, Oozuwa, Kozuwa</i>
<i>Hara Chiku</i>	<i>Hara</i>

- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4864 Sewerage Maintenance Division (*Gesuido Seibi-ka*)

✧ Distribution of “Mosquito Prevention Agents” to Neighborhood Associations ✧

To prevent the emergence of mosquitoes and chironomids from gutters, we are distributing mosquito prevention agents free of charge to interested neighborhood associations. Please contact your local neighborhood association for more information.

- **Contact:** ☎ 055-933-0711 Clean Center Management Division (*Clean Centre Kanri-ka*)

✧ Reiwa 8: Child allowance payout day ✧

Child allowances will be paid out to those raising children up to high school age once every two months, on the 13th of every even-numbered month (It will be on the previous weekday if that day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday).

Payout days in this fiscal year are scheduled on April 13, June 12, August 13, October 13, December 11, 2026 and February 12, 2027.

*If you wish to receive a child allowance for the first time, you will need to apply for certification.

*For more information, please contact us.

- **Contact:** ☎055-934-4827 Children’s Future Creation Division (*Kodomo Mirai Sozo-ka*)

✧ Supporting the Growth of Every Child! The “Childcare for All” Program ✧

- **Eligibility:** Children aged 6 months to under 3 years old (up to 2 days before their third birthday) who are not currently enrolled in a nursery school, kindergarten, certified preschool, small-scale childcare facility, or corporate-sponsored childcare facility
- **Usage hours:** Up to 10 hours per month per eligible child
- **How to apply:** After receiving benefit certification from the Children’s Future Creation Division, apply via the “Childcare for All Program Comprehensive Support System.”

*Even those who applied for usage certification in fiscal year 2025 must reapply for certification.

*For details on the program, participating facilities, and reservation methods, please visit the Child-Rearing Portal Site.

- **Apply/Contact:** ☎055-934-4826 Children’s Future Creation Division (*Kodomomirai sozo-ka*)



Childrearing portal

✧ Supporting older drivers who return their driver's license ✧

The rate of car accidents involving older drivers is increasing. If you are worried about driving, please consider returning your driver's license.

- **Eligibility:** Those who are 65 years old and over living in Numazu City, who returned their driver's license within its expiration date.
- **Support Content:** Distribution of 5,000 yen (100 yen coupon x 50) worth of bus and taxi coupons. The applicant or their family can use it on cooperating providers within the city.

*If the driver's license was already invalid before the application date, it does not count as returning a driver's license.

*The application for issuance is available within 6 months after returning a driver's license. Issuance is one time per person.

Step 1 - Returning a driver's license

• **Where:** The Numazu Police Station or Tobu Driver's License Center (in Ashitaka)

• **Things to take:** Driver's license of the applicant

*If you use your MyNumber Card as your driver's license, or if you wish to have your driving history certificate on your MyNumber Card, you will need your MyNumber Card when you return it.

*After the return of a driver's license, a driving history certificate can be issued as a form of identification. (A fee will be charged.)

Step 2 - Distribution of bus and taxi coupons

• **Where:**

① Second floor at Numazu City Hall Community Safety Division or Heda satellite window (*Heda Shimin Madoguchi Jimusho*) (Issued on the day.)

② The Numazu Police Station or each satellite window (The coupons will be mailed to you a week after application.)

• **Things to take:** Notification letter about license cancellation and invalid driver's license or a driving history certificate.



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- **Apply/Contact:** ☎055-934-4742 Community Safety Division (*Seikatsu Anshin-ka*)

✧ Lifesaving Seminar: Ordinary First Aid Course I ✧

- **When:** Sunday, April 19, 9:00 – 12:00
- **Where:** Emergency Work Station (On the grounds of the municipal hospital)
- **Contents:** Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for adults, handling of AED, hemostasis, heimlich maneuver, etc
- **Who:** Junior high school students and older who live or commute to work or school in the Sunto Izu Fire Headquarters area
- **Capacity:** 30 participants (first-come-first-served basis)
- **How to apply:** By phone from 8:30 am on Monday, March 23.
- **Apply/Contact:** ☎ 055-921-9999 Emergency Workstation (*Kyukyu Workstation*)

✧ Due date of the 1st term of Property tax and City planning tax payment ✧

Do not forget to pay the taxes by April 30 (Thu).

■Nighttime consultation for payment of city tax

- **When:** April 16, 17:15 – 19:00
- **Where:** Tax Payment Management Division, 1st floor, City Hall
- **Contact:** ☎055-934-4732 Tax Payment Management Division (*Nozei Kanri-ka*)

✧ Nighttime Consultation for the payment of National Health Insurance Premiums ✧

- **When:** April 16 (Thu), 17:15 – 19:00
- **Where:** National Health Insurance Division, 1st floor, City Hall
- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4727 National Health Insurance Division (*Kokumin Kenko Hoken-ka*)

✧ Nighttime consultation for payment of water bills ✧

- **When:** April 21 (Tue.) 17:15 – 20:00
- **Where:** Water Service Division, 1st floor, Water Works Department Building
- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4853 Water Service Division (*Suido Service-ka*)



✧ Applications for medical care for premature babies will be accepted ✧

This is a system for infants who are born prematurely and need to be hospitalized. Medical expenses which are covered by health insurance will be covered by public funds for your portion.

- **Eligibility:** Those who are registered residents in the city and have received a written recommendation from a designated medical institution.
- **How to apply:** The required documents must be submitted in person within one month after the birth of the child.



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*For details on required documents, etc. please visit the city website or contact us.

- **Apply/Contact:** ☎ 055-951-3480 Health Promotion Division/Health Centre (*Kenko Zukuri-ka/Hoken Centre*)

✧ Free/Discounted Admission to Public Facilities for Patients with Designated Intractable Diseases ✧

To support the social participation of patients with designated intractable diseases, we have expanded the eligibility for free or discounted fees at public facilities in the city etc, effective April 1.

In addition to individuals holding a disability certificate, patients with designated intractable diseases are now also eligible.



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- **Eligibility:** Patients with designated intractable diseases (some facilities also allow accompanying persons)
- **How to:** Present your Certificate of Eligibility for Specific Medical Expenses (Designated intractable Diseases) or Registration Certificate at the front desk of the facility, or present the "My Information Confirmation Results" screen from MyNA Portal.
- **Eligible Facilities:** 15 public facilities in the city, including cultural, sports, and tourist facilities.

*For details, please visit the city's website

- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4829/ FAX 055-934-2631 Disability Person's Welfare Division (*Shogai fukushi-ka*)

✧ Please use the "Special Payment System for students" for National Pension premiums ✧

- **What:** For students who have difficulty paying their National Pension premiums, the "Special Payment System for students (Gakuseinoufu tokureiseido 学生納付特例制度)" has been established to postpone the payment of premiums.



- **Eligibility:** Students who have earned 1,280,000 yen or less in the previous year.
- **Required Documents:** Pension book or basic pension number notification, a copy of your student ID (front and back) or certificate of enrollment (original) that shows the period of enrollment, and ID of the person coming for the procedure (driver's license, etc.).
- **How to apply:** In person at the Citizens' Division on the 1st floor of City Hall or at each satellite Office by the individual or household member

*Applications are required each fiscal year.

*Applications can be made retroactively up to the month two years and one month prior to the time of application.

*Please contact us for more details.

- **Apply/Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4724 Citizens' Division (*Shimin-ka*)

We are holding Japanese language classes for foreigners to study Japanese necessary for daily life. Parents and children can participate together.

- **When:** Sundays, April, Reiwa 8 (2026) to March, Reiwa 9 (2027), 9:30 – 11:00

*For more detail such as the schedule, venues etc, please visit the city website.

- **Contact:** ☎055-934-4717 Regional Autonomy Division (*Chiiki Jichi-ka*)



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✧ Lifesaving Seminar: Advanced First Aid Course ✧

- **When:** Sunday, May 24, 9:00 – 17:00
- **Where:** Emergency WorkStation (On the grounds of the municipal hospital)
- **Contents:** Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for adults, children and infants, handling of AED, hemostasis, Heimlich maneuver etc.
- **Who:** Junior high school students and older who live or, commute to work or school in the Sunto Izu Fire Headquarters area
- **Capacity:** 30 participants (first-come-first-served basis)
- **How to apply:** By phone from 8:30 am on Friday, April 24
- **Apply/Contact:** ☎ 055-921-9999 Emergency Workstation (*Kyukyu Workstation*)

✧ Carp Streamer (*koinobori*) Festival ✧

✧ Hoisting of carp streamers

- **When:** April 29 - May 5

✧ Event

- **When:** May 4 and May 5, 10:00 – 15:00
- **Where:** Kanogawa River Greenfield (On the left bank of Kanogawa River , from Eitaibashi Bridge to Ayumibashi Bridge)
- **Contents:** Hands-on activities such as making mud balls etc.

*In case of bad weather, there is a possibility of change or cancellation. Please visit the city website for detail.

*We are asking for donations of carp streamers that you no longer need at home. For more information, please contact us.

- **Contact:** ☎055-934-4871 Carp Streamer Festival Executive Committee Office (in Lifelong Learning Division)



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