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⌘ Remember to register your pet dog, get vaccinations, and report any changes or death. ⌘

Dogs over 3 months old must be registered and receive rabies vaccinations yearly.

◆**For owners of dogs without microchips:**

Registration can be completed at the Clean Center (*Kamikanuki sannohora*), the Environmental Policy Division on the 8th floor of the City Hall, and at each city's satellite office. It is also accepted at the city's contracted veterinary hospitals. If you wish to do both the vaccination and registration simultaneously, please visit a contracted veterinary hospital.

In case of your dog's death, disappearance and change in ownership, please notify us promptly to update the registration details.

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◆**For owners of dogs with microchip:**

If there are any changes to the owner's information, such as a change of address, phone number, surname due to marriage, or the owner's death, update the registration within 30 days at the Ministry of the Environment-designated registration agency.

*To prevent lost dogs, make sure to attach a dog tag and vaccination tags to your dog's collar.

*Please visit the city website for more details.

Contact: ☎ 055-933-0711 Clean Center (*Clean Center*)

⌘ Important changes to Rabies Vaccination procedures ⌘

Rabies vaccinations can now be administered throughout the entire year.

*The legal obligation to have your dog vaccinated once a year remains unchanged.

▪Issuance of Vaccination Tags (Certificate Tags)

Previously, if your dog received a rabies vaccination between March 2 and March 31, a vaccination tag for the following fiscal year was issued. Starting March 2, 2027 (Reiwa 9), tags for the following fiscal year can no longer be issued during this March period.

To receive a Fiscal Year 2027 tag, the vaccination must be administered on or after April 1, 2027. Vaccinations given between March 2 and March 31, 2027, will count toward the Fiscal Year 2026 tag. If you already hold a red Fiscal Year 2026 vaccination tag, please consider scheduling your dog's next vaccination on or after April 1, 2027.

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*For more details, please visit the city's website.

Fiscal Year of the Issued Tag	Vaccination Date
Fiscal Year 2026 (Reiwa 8)	March 2, 2026 – March 31, 2027
Fiscal Year 2027 (Reiwa 9)	April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028

Contact: ☎055-933-0711 Clean Center (*Clean Centre*)

⌘ Community Beach Cleanup at Ushibuse and Togo Shore ⌘

To preserve our local marine environment, a collaborative beach cleanup will be held with local businesses and residents.

When: November 29 (Sunday), 9:00am – 11:00am (Will proceed in light rain)

Where: Ushibuse / Togo Shore (Shimokanuki) at 9:00am.

*Parking space is limited, so please carpool if possible.

*Work gloves and trash bags will be provided on-site.
*New groups or organizations wishing to participate must contact us in advance.
*In case of cancellation due to bad weather, a decision will be made by 7:00am on the day. Please check our official X (formerly Twitter) account for updates.




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Contact: ☎055-934-4754 Fisheries and Coastal Division (*Suisan Kaihin-ka*)

※ November 30 (Mon): Deadline for the third term of municipal tax payment ※

Please pay the tax by the deadline.

■Nighttime consultation for the payment of municipal tax

When: November 10 (Tue), 17:15 - 19:00
Where: Tax Administration Division, 2nd floor, City Hall
Contact: ☎055-934-4732 Tax Administration Division (*Nozei Kanri-ka*)

※ November 30 (Mon): Deadline for the fifth term of National Health Insurance Premium ※

Please pay the tax by the deadline.

■Nighttime consultation for the payment of national health insurance

When: November 10 (Tue), 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: November 10 (Tue) and 26 (Thu), 17:15 – 20:00
Where: Water Service Division, 1st floor, Water Works Department Building
Contact: ☎055-934-4853 Water Service Division (*Suido Service-ka*)



※ November 10 -16 is “alcohol-Related Problems Awareness Week” ※

Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to cancer, stroke, and alcohol dependence. It’s important to know your appropriate alcohol intake and drink responsibly to maintain your health.

■Learn about recommended alcohol consumption limits

Let’s learn about the recommended daily alcohol intake and reflect on our usual drinking habits.

Beer	Wine	Sake	Shochu
			
5% 500ml	**14% 180ml**	**14% 1Go (about 180ml)**	**25% 100ml**

■Drinking points to protect your health

- Understand your drinking status
- Drink in predetermined quantities
- Drink water during drinking alcoholic beverages
- Try to have alcohol free days

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■Take advantage of “Alcohol Watch”

By selecting the type and amount of alcohol you drank, you can easily check the amount of pure alcohol and the time it takes for the alcohol to break down.
*Please visit the website for details.

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

⌘ November and December are Prefecture-wide Intensive Delinquent Tax Collection Months ⌘

The city is working to collect delinquent taxes to ensure fairness for the many taxpayers who make their payments on time. We ask for your understanding regarding the payment of city taxes, which are essential for public services to residents

■If you fail to pay city taxes

Failure to pay city taxes will result in a late payment penalty of 9.1% per annum. If you continue to ignore demand letters, fail to make payments or arrange a consultation after receiving a demand notice, the delinquent city taxes will be collected by legal enforcement as below.

Procedure for Collection of Delinquent Taxes under the Local Tax Act, etc.

Demand Letter Sent

A demand letter will be sent within 20 days after the payment due date has passed. A demand fee of 50 yen per letter will be added.

Asset Investigation

We conduct inquiries, inspections, and searches with financial institutions, employers, life insurance companies, business partners, and other relevant parties.

Asset Seizure

We will seize assets identified through asset investigation such as deposits and saving, wages, life insurance, accounts receivable, real estate, automobiles, movable property, etc..

Liquidation and Distribution

Seized property is liquidated (converted to cash) through collection or public auction. Proceeds from liquidation are applied to outstanding debts such as city taxes, delinquency fees, etc.

■To resolve delinquent payments

In recent years, the city has increasingly investigated employers regarding salary payment status and collected delinquent taxes through wage garnishment. Additionally, the city may conduct “asset searches” to investigate assets at delinquent taxpayers' residences without obtaining consent.

Enforcement actions for tax delinquency – such as asset investigations and seizures – are carried out in accordance with the law and can be initiated without prior notice to the delinquent taxpayer.

■When unable to pay due to unavoidable circumstances

If you are unable to pay by the due date due to unavoidable reasons such as illness, disaster, unemployment, business closure, or financial hardship, we will work with you to develop a payment plan based on your circumstances. We also offer nighttime consultations, so please contact us as soon as possible.

*Please visit the website for details of nighttime consultations.

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Contact: ☎ 055-934-4732 Tax Administration Division (*Nozei Kanri-ka*)

⌘ Shizuoka Prefecture Interest-Free Educational Loan Fund for Single-Parent Families ⌘

Educational loans are available to help cover tuition fees, textbooks, transportation costs, etc. required for studying at high school or above (including junior college and specialized training college schools), as well as the cost of purchasing clothing and other items when enrolling.

■Distribution of application form and explanation (Parent, mother or father only)

When: From Tuesday, December 1 onwards, 8:30 to 17:00 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays; process takes approximately 30 minutes)

Where: Children’s Future Creation Division, 1st floor, City Hall

■Application and interview **(Both parent and child must attend)**

Where: Prefectural Eastern General Office (Takashima honcho)

*Please visit the city’s website for more details.

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

⌘ We request your cooperation with the National Survey on Single-Parent Households. ⌘

The government is conducting a national survey to understand the actual living conditions of mother-child, father-child, and child-only households (where parents are absent). This data will be used to improve future social welfare systems.

When: November 1 (Sunday) – November 30 (Monday)

Target: Randomly selected households (mother-child, father-child, or child-only) living within designated survey areas.

How to respond: By mail or online

Deadline: November 30 (Monday)

*Please note that not all single-parent households will necessarily be selected for this survey.

*For more details, please contact us.

Contact: ☎055-934-4868 Children's Future Creation Division (*Kodomo Mirai Sozo-ka*)

⌘ International Sports Festival ⌘

Through sports, we will promote cross-border exchanges with foreign residents in Japan.

When: Sunday, November 29, 14:00 – 16:30 (Reception from 13:30)

Where: Daini junior high school gym (*Daini Chugakko Taiikukan*)

Events: *Sekisho Yaburi*, *Medicine ball, tsunahiki, tamaire, Shogaibutsu race* (team competitions) etc.

Capacity: 30 Japanese and 30 foreigners in order of application

Things to bring: Drinks, towel and indoor shoes.

How to apply: By phone or through the dedicated form from 9:00, Monday, November 9 to Tuesday 24 at 17:00

Dedicated form

* Grade-schooler and under must be accompanied by parent(s)/guardian(s).

* Please use public transportations.

Apply/Contact: ☎055-934-4717 NICE (*Numazu Kokusai Koryu Kyokai*/*Chiiki Jichi-ka*)

⌘ November is "Lithium-ion Battery Fire Prevention Month" ⌘

Lithium-ion batteries used in rechargeable household appliances—such as smartphones, laptops, mobile batteries, and power tools—can cause fires due to improper handling or improper charging environments. When purchasing products, please choose highly safe and certified items. Before use, check that the battery is not deformed, swollen, emitting strange odors, or leaking fluid, and always use the manufacturer-specified charger and cable. Unplug the charger from the outlet once charging is complete, and avoid leaving it plugged in for long periods. When disposing of them, please place them in the yellow collection bins on recycling days.



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*For more details, please visit the city website.

Contact: ☎055-933-0711 Clean Center (*Clean Center*)

※ November is “Earthquake Disaster Prevention Awareness Month” ※

To minimize damage caused by earthquakes and tsunamis, it is crucial for every individual to recognize nearby dangers and prepare daily. This includes reinforcing house safety, securing furniture, and preparing emergency kits. Take this opportunity to review your household and community disaster/mitigation plans and prepare for earthquakes and tsunamis.

▪Disaster Prevention Exhibition

In addition to displays of emergency goods and educational panels, disaster prevention awareness items will be distributed daily from 10:00am to 12:00pm during the exhibition period.

When: November 16 (Monday) – November 20 (Friday)

Where: City Hall 1st Floor, Multi-purpose Space

Contac: ☎055-934-4803 Crisis Management Division (*Kiki Kanri-ka*)

※ December 6 (Sun) is the day for local disaster prevention drills ※

A city-wide disaster drill will be conducted, simulating the Nankai Trough earthquake. It is important to be prepared on a daily basis so that you can act calmly in an emergency. Please participate in the local disaster prevention drills and prepare for disasters. On the day of the event, a training broadcast will be made via PA system.

■Time and contents of the training broadcast

Earthquake occur (9 am)	A siren will go off to notify you of the occurrence of an earthquake. Ensure your safety.
Announcement of major tsunami warning (9:03 am)	A siren to announce a major tsunami warning goes off. Stay away from coasts and river mouths and evacuate to higher ground.
Drill end (11 am)	Inform you of the end of the drill.

Contact: ☎055-934-4803 Emergency Management Division (*Kiki Kanri-ka*)

※ Revision of the minimum wage in Shizuoka Prefecture ※

The minimum wage was raised from October 15. This applies to all persons working at workplaces within the prefecture. Both employers and employees must verify this.

Hourly Wage: 1,154 JPY

Contact: ☎054-254-6315 Shizuoka Labour Bureau (*Shizuoka Rodokyoku Chingin-shitsu*)/☎055-934-4749 Commerce and Industry Promotion Division (*Shoko Shinko-ka*) at city hall

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※ Municipal Housing ※

Name of Municipal Housing	Number of units available	Name of Municipal Housing	Number of units available
Jiyugaoka Danchi	2	Hara Danchi	7
Ishida Danchi	1	Uematsu Y Corpo	1

* There is a limit to the number of parking spaces available to residents.
* You will be able to move in from early-February, 2027.
*****Jiyugaoka Danchi is restricted to households that include a wheelchair user.

Who: The applicant must meet all the following requirements:

1. Income does not exceed the stipulated amount.
2. Must live or work in the city
3. Currently in need of housing
4. Not a member of an organized crime syndicate (including housemates), etc.
5. Need an emergency contact, with a separate address and income. etc.

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How to apply: November 11 (Wed) – 13 (Fri), between 8:30 and 17:00 in person

The selection date: November 27 (Fri) from 13:30.

*Jiyugaoka Danchi (1 unit), Hara Danchi (3 unit), and Uematsu Y Corpo are available to single persons aged 60 or above or those who are certified as a person with disability.

*Single people who do not meet the above conditions may only apply for those units which haven’t been

applied for by anyone for at least 4 months.
*If there are too many applicants, a public lottery will be held.
*If you are applying for the first time, please visit the Housing Policy Division on the 6th floor of the city hall before the application period.
*Units that have not been selected by anyone in the current round of application will automatically be available.
*You can apply without a joint guarantor.
*Please contact us for details or visit the city's website.
Apply/Contact: ☎055-934-4792 Housing Policy Division (*Jutaku Seisaku-ka*)

Prefectural Housing

We are taking application for new residents for prefectural housing every month.
Announcement date: 10th of every month
Application period 10th – 18th of every month
*Please contact us or visit our website for the details of application methods etc.
Apply/Contact: ☎055-920-2271 Prefectural Housing Provision Public Corporation Eastern Branch Office
Contact: ☎055-934-4792 Housing Policy Division (*Jutaku Seisaku-ka*)

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Fall National Fire Prevention Campaign

『火(ひ)の確認(かくにん)　いい日(ひ)を支(ささ)える　いい習慣(しゅうかん)』

From November 9 (Mon) to 15 (Sun), the Fall National Fire Prevention Campaign will be held. As the air becomes dry, we enter a season where fires are more likely to occur. Let's all take extra care when handling fire and aim to create a safe and secure town free from fires.

10 points to prevent fire

4 Practices

1. Do not smoke/do not let anyone smoke while laying down.
2. Use stoves/heaters where there are no combustible objects in the area.
3. Always turn off the gas stove when going away from the stove.
4. Clean sockets and remove unnecessary plugs.



6 measures

1. Use equipment with a safety device for stoves/heaters, gas stoves, etc.
2. Regularly check residential fire alarms and replace them every 10 years.
3. Keep rooms tidy and use flameproofing products for bed clothes, clothing and curtains.
4. Install a fire extinguisher and check how to use it.
5. Elderly people and people with disabilities should always secure and prepare evacuation routes and evacuation methods.
6. Take prevention measures throughout the region by participating in fire prevention training, and individual visits by firefighting staff.

Contact: ☎ 055-935-5119 Sunto-Izu Fire Department Headquarters (*Sunto Izu Shobo Honbu*)

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