

## Gotemba Newsletter

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### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gotemba Cherry Blossoms Festival

#### ★Night light-up schedule:

- ◎Chichibunomiya Memorial Park: The light-up will be from April 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri) to the 14<sup>th</sup> (Sun) from sunset to 8:30pm.
- ◎Gotobara loop line ( along the street around Chichibunomiya front gate. ):  
April 4<sup>th</sup> (Thu) to the 18<sup>th</sup> (Thu) from sunset to 8:30pm.
- ◎Higashiyama Kannon-do: The light-up will be from sunset to 9:00pm from the beginning of April to the middle of the month.
- ◎Fujisan Juku-no Mori: The light-up will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and the 14<sup>th</sup> (Sun) from 6pm to 8pm.
- ◎Gotemba Kogen TOKINO SUMIKA: The light-up will be from March 30<sup>th</sup> (Sat) to April 14<sup>th</sup> (Sun) from sunset to 10:00pm.  
(The viewing period may change depending on the weather condition or the flowering dates of the cherry blossoms.)

#### <Parking>

- ①Chichibunomiya memorial park,
- ②SBS my home center (only for night time),
- ③Outlet parking places (P15) are available.
- ※②&③are only 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 7<sup>th</sup> (Sun) and 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 14<sup>th</sup>(Sun)
- ※We expect it will be packed at#① so please use ②&③ parking areas.
- ※For more information, please contact Shoko Kanko-ka at (82)4622, Kanko Kyokai at (83)4770, Chichibunomiya Memorial Park at (82)5110, Fujisan Juku-no Mori at (80)3776.

#### ★Events

##### You will be served Cherry blossoms tea.

##### \*If you dress in Kimono, you will get a gift.

Place: Chichibunomiya Memorial Park Front Gate  
 Dates: April 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 7<sup>th</sup> (Sun), 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 14<sup>th</sup> (Sun)  
 \*Limited number of gifts to give away.

##### Food stands

There are some stands such as the Gotemba's local soba noodle stand or gourmet food made by commercial and industrial groups.  
 Place: Chichibunomiya Memorial Park Area and next to the parking.

##### Sakura Tea party

Place: Higashiyama Kannon-do: April 7<sup>th</sup> (Sun) starting from 10:00am to 3:00pm.  
 Place: Fujisan Juku-no Mori (Lava area): April 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat) starting from 10:00am to 2:00pm.  
 Place: Chichibunomiya Memorial Park: April 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and 7<sup>th</sup> (Sun) starting from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

##### Higashiyama/ Ninooka Walking Map Stamp Rally

Place: Higashiyama Clinic Parking Area  
 From March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) to April 14<sup>th</sup> (Sun).

##### Cherry blossoms Festival Concert:

Performances of flamenco dance and Yosakoi dance.

Place: Higashiyama clinic parking  
 Date/ Time: April 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat), from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

※This event will be cancelled in the case of rain.

##### Cherry blossom festival photo contest:

Do you want to promote next year's festival with your picture? A prize will be given to the winners.

※Please check the event details at INDEX GOTEMBA.

★The Gotemba Newsletter can be viewed on the GIA Internet site:<http://city.gotemba.shizuoka.jp/cgi-bin/gia/infombbs/magbbs.cgi>

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

## 1. Renewal Opening for Gotemba City Gym as of April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Gotemba city gym's renovation, which has closed the facility since October in 2017, will be completed.

Gotemba

City is now a great facility where everyone can have a good time and do their exercise safely.

Open hours: 8:30am to 9:30pm

Closure dates:

- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (If the third Monday should fall on a holiday or off day, the next day will be off)
- The end of a year and beginning of a year.

※The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> training room and some areas of the gym are still not available.

Please check for more details at the general gymnasium home page.

### ❖ Free trial facility use:

You can feel free to use a renovated facility for free.

Date & Time: April 4<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) from 1:00pm to 5:00pm,  
10<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) & 11<sup>th</sup> (Thu.) from 9:00am to 9:00pm,

※After the 12<sup>th</sup> (Fri.) use of facilities will be charged as normal.

※Reservations will be accepted as of the 16<sup>th</sup> (Tue.)

### ❖ Facility use training will be provided:

Training dates: starting from April 9<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) to 28<sup>th</sup> (Sun.), every day except closure days.

※After the 28<sup>th</sup> training will be on every Wednesday and Sunday after 6:30pm.

※Even you have taken this training before renovations began, you will need to receive facility use training in order to renew your license card because facility machines have also been renovated. Please check for more details at the general gymnasium home page.

Inquiry: Sport exchange division at (82)4135 or Gotemba synthesis physical education facilities at (89)5555.



## 2. Let's Protect Children from Traffic Accidents

This is city promotion of traffic safety exercise to protect new students (kindergarteners).

Elementary and Jr. high schools in Gotemba have their entrance ceremonies on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Each freshman starts commuting to school with high hopes and a little bit of tension.

Let's be considerate when driving, and pay special attention to children, as they tend to jump out of nowhere as they commute to school; especially in and around a designated school zone.

Let's do our best to avoid an accident.

Period: From Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>.

Inquiry: Kurashi-no-Anzenka at (82)4123.



## 3. Don't forget to submit a student payment exception form every April.

If you are older than 20 years of age, you must enroll for the national pension, and pay for it.

However, since students tend to have less income, and have to pay tuition, students may be allowed to postpone or be exempt from payments if your application is approved. You can apply for this after you turn 20 years-old and need to apply every year while you are in school.

If you are eligible for this, the period of your approved time will be calculated in the amount of pension available to you in the future. You can pay additional pension fees within 10 years after submitting for a student payment exception to receive the full amount of basic pension.

For more information please contact the Numazu Pension Office at 055(921)2201, automated voice service or Kokuho Nenki-ka(National pension division) at (82)4122.

#### 4. Assistance System for School Attending Students

Gotemba has an assistance system for school attending students to cover a part of the cost for lunch, school supplies and other school costs for those who have a difficulties paying such fees for elementary/ Jr. high school children due to low total family income.

※You can apply to have this support but you need to qualify the income condition etc.

Application/ Inquiry: Education department at (82)4520 or person who is incharge of your school financial support department.

#### 5. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiries: (88)3337

\*FREE ITEMS: Revolving seat chair, Kid's chair for Dining table

(NEGOTIABLE ITEMS): Hakama

(CHARGE): High pressure washers, Gas cooktop (for city gas), Rechargeble weed cutter, 26 inch Bicycle.

\*DONATIONS NEEDED: Single bed, Ski and pole, Electronic piano, Snowboard wear

(NEGOTIABLE ITEMS): Single bed, Gate for children, Gotemba Nishi Jr. High school uniform set and others.

※Fax and Telephone answering machine service are not available.

#### 6. City Library News in April / Inquiries: (82)0391

○Hours of Operation: 9:00am - 9:00pm ○Closure Dates: 15<sup>th</sup>(Mon) \* The 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

○Book Start: 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wed) & 17<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

\* First-time reading for mothers with 6 months-old Infants at the Hoken Center (Health Care Center).

○OHANASHI HIROBA: Every Saturday from 2:30 pm (Picture-book reading by volunteers)

○OYAKO OHANASHI-NO-KAI: 10<sup>th</sup> (Wed) & 24<sup>th</sup> (Wed) from 10:30am (Picture-book reading by librarians)

○Recycled Book Day: 21<sup>st</sup> (Sun) from 9:00am to 6:00pm. \*Get free books!

#### THE LIONS Mobile Library Schedule

(In case of rain, it will be cancelled)

DATE	TIME AND LOCATION				
	10:00 ~ 10:45	11:00 ~ 11:45	13:15 ~ 14:00	14:15 ~ 15:00	15:15 ~ 16:00
TUE 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	TAKANE GAKUEN	TAKANE DAIICHI HOIKUEN	NAKABATA MINAMI KOMINKAN	NAKABATA NISHI-KU SANNOUGUMI	TAMAHO DAINI DANCHI
WED 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	NIIHASHI HORIMAE HAITSUMAE	DAIICHI GREEN TOWN	MACHIYA-KU IKENODAIRA	KOYAMA NINTEI KODOMOEN	KOYAMA SHOGAKKO
THU 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	SUGINAZAWA KOMINKAN	MORINOKOSHI YOCHIEN	KAYANOKI-KU BOUSAI HIROBA	NAGAHARA DANCHI	HIGASHITANAKA-KU CHUO KOMINKAN
FRI 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	TAMAHO YOCHIEN	TAMAHO DAIICHI HOIKUEN	GOTEMBA DANCHI	HIGASHI HOIKUEN	TAKANE SHOGAKKO
TUE 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TAKANE DAINI HOIKUEN	HARASATO NISHI YOCHIEN	KAMIKOBAYASHI BUNKO	NAKABATA KABURAGIDAI DANCHI	TAMAHO DAIYON DANCHI
WED 10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	INNO KODOMOEN	TOKINOSU COMISEN	NAGAHARA KOMINKAN	OSAKA-KU COMISEN	KOYAMA-KU SHIN KOMINKAN
THU 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	OSAWA ICHIKUMI	NAGATSUKA NANAKUMI	HARASATO YOCHIEN	FUTABA HOIKUEN	KITABATA DAINI KOMINKAN
FRI 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	HARASATO DAINI HOIKUEN	KAMADO YOCHIEN	KOYAMA YOCHIEN	FUJIOKA YOCHIEN	FUJIMIHARA-KU SHUKAIJO

## 7. April's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (MON)	Legal Counseling (1:00pm) (Need appointment)	City Hall	16 (TUE)	Seminar For Babies (1:00pm)	Health Care Center
2 (TUE)	Seminar For Babies (1:00pm)	Health Care Center	17 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center
3 (WED)	Entrance Ceremony of Public nursery school		18 (THU)		
	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center	19 (FRI)	Adult Health Consultation (9:30am) (Need appointment)	Health Care Center
4 (THU)	National Spring Traffic Safety Exercises (until the 10 <sup>th</sup> )			Workshop for Pregnant Women (1:10 am) (Need appointment)	
5 (FRI)	Entrance ceremony of Elementary & Jr. High school		20 (SAT)		
	Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 years old (9:00am)	Health Care Center	21 (SUN)	Recycled Book Day (9:00am)	Library
6 (SAT)			22 (MON)	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:30pm)	Health Care Center
7 (SUN)			23 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center
8 (MON)	Entrance Ceremony of Kindergarten		24 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30am)	Library
	9 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:15pm)		Health Care Center	Medical Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:15pm)
10 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30am)	Library	25 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am) (Need appointment)	City Hall
	Medical Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center	26 (FRI)		
11 (THU)	Emergency Medical Center Closure Date	(Sub: Fuji Hospital)	27 (SAT)		
	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am) (Need appointment)	City Hall	28 (SUN)		
12 (FRI)	Legal Counseling (10:00am) (Need appointment)	City Hall	29 (MON)		
	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:30pm)	Health Care Center	30 (TUE)		
13 (SAT)			<p align="center"><b>(Tax payment and amount)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Use convinient fund transfer and please pay within appointed date.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Payment due date: May 7<sup>th</sup> (Tue)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>●For the property tax and urban planning tax 1<sup>st</sup></b></p>		
14 (SUN)					
15 (MON)	Library Closure Date				
	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:15am)	Health Care Center			

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