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NEWSLETTER

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English Version



✧ **Congratulations to all of you on turning 20 for this special day** ✧

The whole community will celebrate the bright start of all of you who have just turned 20 years old.

- **When:** Sunday, January 11, Reiwa 8 (2026) (Heda district: Jan. 4 (Sun))
- **Eligibility:** People who were born between April 2, Heisei 17 (2005) - April 1, Heisei 18 (2006)
- **Invitation:** Scheduled to be mailed in mid-December

*Those who wish to participate in the Gathering of the 20-year-olds and who fall into one of the following categories should apply using the dedicated form on the city's website or the prescribed form by email or fax.

1. People who are not currently registered as residents of the city.
2. People who live in the city and wish to participate in the Gathering of the 20-year-olds that is held in a different school district from the current address.

School district	Starting time	Place
Daiichi	10:00 am	Numazu River Side Hotel
Daini		Sembon Plaza
Daisan		Daisan Chiku Center
Daiyon		Daiyon Chiku Center
Daigo		Daigo Chiku Center
Kanaoka		Kanaoka Chiku Center
Ooka		Ooka Junior High School Gym
Ashitaka		Ashitaka Junior High School Gym
Katahama		Katahama Chiku Center
Imazawa		Imazawa Junior High School Gym
Ohira		Ohira Chiku Center
Shizuura		Shizuura Chiku Center
Nagaisaki		Uchiura Chiku Center
Hara		Hara Chiku Center
Ukishima		Ukishima Chiku Center
Kadoike		Kadoike Chiku Center
Heda	11:00 am	Heda Chiku Center

- **Apply/Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4871 Lifelong Learning Division (*Shogai Gakushu-ka*)

✧ **SERIZAWA Kojiro Museum will be closed for Exhibition Change** ✧

- **What:** The museum will be closed during the following period for exhibition changes.
- **When:** December 1 (Mon) – 11 (Thu)
- **Contact:** ☎ 055-932-0255 SERIZAWA Kojiro Memorial Hall (*Serizawa Kojiro Kinenkan*)

✧ 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 promptly. We ask for your understanding and cooperation 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 8.7% per annum. If you continue to ignore payment requests and fail to make payments or seek consultation after receiving a demand notice, the delinquent city taxes will be collected by legal enforcement (the process shown in the diagram on the right will be followed).

◆ 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.

Asset investigations, seizures, and other delinquency enforcement actions are conducted in accordance with laws and regulations and may be carried out without prior notice to the delinquent party.

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 (including 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 charges, etc.

<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 evening consultation hours, so please contact us as soon as possible.



Nighttime
Consultation Desk
Operating Days

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

✧ January 5, Reiwa 8: Due date of payment of taxes (4th term) ✧

Do not forget to pay the property and the city planning taxes by the due date.

✦ Nighttime consultation for the payment of city taxes

- **When:** December 11 (Thu), 17:15 - 19:00
- **Where:** Tax Administration Division, 2nd floor, City Hall
- **Contact:** ☎ 055-934-4732 Tax Administration Division (*Nozei Kanri-ka*)

✧ January 5, Reiwa 8: Due date of payment of National Health Insurance (6th term) ✧

Do not forget to pay the National Health Insurance premium by the due date.

✦ Nighttime consultation for the payment of National Health Insurance premiums

- **When:** December 11 (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*)

✧ Shizuoka Prefecture Interest-Free Scholarship Loans for Single-Parent Families ✧

Scholarship 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 Monday, December 1 onwards, 8:30 to 17:00 (excluding Saturdays and Sundays; process takes approximately 30 minutes)
 - **Where:** Children's Future Creation Division, 1st floor, City Hall
- *No reservation needed.

◆ Application and interview (Both parent and child must attend)

Please come on any of the following dates. (approximately 40 minutes)

Place	When	Time (reservations required)
Children's Future Creation Division	December 25 (Thu)	9:00 – 16:00
	January 14 (Wed), 2026	9:00 – 19:00
Prefectural Eastern General Office (<i>Takashima Honcho</i>)	January 31 (Sat), 2026	9:00 – 17:00
	February 15 (Sun), 2026	

*Please contact us for more detail.

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

✧ Let's ride the bus and hang out ! Shizuoka Prefecture Elementary School Students Free Bus Day ✧

During the campaign, the bus fare is free no matter how many times you ride ! Invite your family and friends, ride the bus, and enjoy a fun outing together.

- **When:** December 13 and 14
- **Eligibility:** Elementary school students who commute to a school in this Shizuoka Prefecture
- **How to:** Show the distribution which you received from your school in late November to a driver.

※Please check the website for further information.

- **Contacts:** ☎054-221-3186 Happy Ride in Shizuoka Project Executive Committee Secretariat (Prefectural Regional Transportation Division)/ ☎055-934-4759 City Development Policy Division (*Machizukuri Seisaku-ka*)



Website

✧ End-of-year Prefectural Traffic Safety Campaign ✧

The Prefectural Traffic Safety Campaign will be held from December 15 (Mon) until the 31 (Wed). The main points for the campaign are as follows:

- Enduring pedestrians safety and preventing traffic accidents involving the elderly
 - Preventing traffic accidents during evening hours
 - Eliminating dangerous driving (eg. drunk driving)
 - Prevent traffic accidents at intersections
 - **Contact:** ☎055-934-4742/ Community Safety Division (*Seikatsu Anshin-ka*)
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✧ To Owners of Small-Sized Special Vehicles ✧

If you own a forklift, agricultural tractor, or any other small-sized vehicle, you must report it and receive a number plate.

The report requires even if the vehicles will not be driven on public roads.

- **How to Report:** Bring an identification document (driver's license, etc.) of the owner or the filer, and a document that verifies the model of the vehicle and the vehicle identification number. Please visit the City Tax Division on the 2nd floor of the city hall or any city hall satellite office.
 - **Apply/Contact:** ☎055-934-4734 City Tax Division (*Shiminzei-ka*)
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✧ Information from the Health Center ✧

❖ Be cautious of norovirus in winter

Points for prevention.

- Frequent handwashing is important!
- Cook food thoroughly to ensure it is well-cooked! (over 85 degrees for at least 90seconds)
- Dispose of waste from individuals with food poisoning; using chlorine-based disinfectant or boiling, avoid direct contact,.

❖ Regarding Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccinations

Vaccination has been recognized to be effective in reducing the severity. If you are considering vaccination, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that even at medical institutions where vaccinations are scheduled, vaccinations may not be possible depending on vaccine supply and inventory status.

※ For vaccination appointments and vaccine manufactures, please contact the medical institution where you will receive the vaccination directly.

❖ Daily habits to enhance preventive effects

- Wash your hands with soap and running water regularly, especially after returning home, before meals, and after using the restroom.
 - Ensure you get adequate nutrition and sleep and strengthen your immunity.
 - Use a humidifier indoors to maintain an optimal humidity level (50-60%).
 - **Contact:** ☎ 055-951-3480 Health Promotion Division/Health Centre (*Kenko Zukuri-ka/Hoken Centre*)
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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 vaccination yearly, typically between April and June.

◆For owners of dogs without microchips:

Registration can be completed at the Clean Center Management Division (*Kamikanuki Sannohora*), the Environmental Policy Division on the 7th 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 deaths, disappearance and change in ownership, please notify us promptly to update the registration details.

◆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 information.

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

✧ Don't hesitate to ask for help. We support people facing poverty ✧

◆About Numazu City Independence Consultation Support Center (*Jiritsu Sodan Shien Center*)

Specialized counseling support staff will provide advice to people living in the city and facing financial difficulties due to work or daily life issues.

We create personalized support plans, collaborate with relevant organizations, and utilize necessary public systems and services to help them achieve independence.

- **Opening Hours:** 9:00 - 17:45 (Closed on Sundays, National Holidays, third Mondays of the month, and Year-end and New Year holidays)
- **Where:** Sunwell Numazu, 2F

◆Do you have any of the following concerns?

- Trouble finding work and paying rent.
- Trouble managing debts and household finances
- Difficulties but don't know where to contact or consult
- Want your child to go to a cram school but cannot afford for it

◆Main Support Services in Response to Consultations

• Support for Employment

We provide opportunities for acquiring life and social adaptability as well as work training, for those who encounter difficulty finding immediate employment.

• Support for Household improvements

We assist in understanding and rebuilding income, expenses, and other household expenses using a household budget chart.

• Support for Securing Residence

We provide an amount equivalent to rent for a certain period under certain conditions or a portion of relocation expenses. This support applies to those having difficulty paying rent or who have lost their residence due to unemployment or a decrease in income.

• Learning Support for Children

For junior high school students, their guardians, etc. from needy households; we provide support about studying and higher education.

- **Contact:** ☎0120-86-1620 Numazu City Independence Consultation Support Center/☎055-934-4863 Social Welfare Division (*Shakai Fukushima*)

✧ Revision of the minimum wage in Shizuoka Prefecture ✧

The minimum wage has been revised and came into effect since November 1. This applies to all persons working at workplaces within the prefecture. Both employers and employees must verify this.

- **Hourly Wage:** 1,097 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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✧ Lifesaving Seminar: Ordinary First Aid Course I ✧

- **When:** Sunday, December 21, 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 Tuesday, November 25.
 - **Apply/Contact:** ☎ 055-921-9999 Emergency Workstation (*Kyukyu Workstation*)
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