



OKINAWA CITY Newsletter

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Okinawa-shi Yakusho Bunka Geino Ka (B1) 26-1 Nakasone-Cho, Okinawa City, Okinawa 904-8501

Events

Okinawa Children's Land (Zoo & Museum)
The End of Year & the Beginning of the Year Event
2018 Dec. 22 ~ 2019 Jan. 6
Event Hours 4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
*No event on Dec. 26 & Jan. 1. *On Dec. 31 different event hours.
Christmas Fantasy
2018 Dec. 22 ~ 30
*No event on Dec. 26.
The Biggest Attraction in Japan
MUSIC, ILLUMINATION & FIREWORKS
Will perform every day
Dec. 31
The End of Year Countdown Event 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
雪と光の冬物語 2019 Jan. 2 ~ 6 The Snow and Illumination's Winter Story

Okinawa Zoo & Museum Christmas Fantasy 2018

December 22 (Sat) ~ 30 (Sun) 16:30-21:30

Exciting super laser light show, Zombie Street to bring excitement, and more attractions are waiting for you!
**There are more events between Dec 22(Sat)-Jan 6(Sun) to entertain your vacation. Please see the link below for more event information!

<https://www.kozaweb.jp/event/detail.html?&sp=true&id=5128>

<Tickets>

Adults & High School Students (age 16+):

¥1,800 in advance ¥2,200 at the gate

Age 4~ JHS Students (age 15)*:

¥1,000 in advance ¥1,200 at the gate

*Must be accompanied by an adult

Free for age 3 & under!

Advance tickets are available for purchase at the following locations until **December 30**:

- Co-op (Naha Shintoshin)/ Ryubo (Palette Kumoji)/ Yui-work/ Kadena ITT/ Okinawa Expressway rest areas/ Family Mart (e+)/ Lawson (L code 81833)/ MCCS Tours

*No foods and drinks allowed to be brought into the event venue.

*Gates to the event open after 16:30

*Temporary parking will be available at Okinawa City Hall.

Free shuttle bus services will be available between following facilities and event venue:

Okinawa City Hall

Aeon Mall (This service only runs between Dec.22 and 30).

<Hour:16:00-22:00>

Please use this free service, as the zoo vicinity is expected to be very crowded.

Contact:

Christmas Fantasy Executive Committee 098-936-0134



Total Population: 142,153

[Japanese Population] Male: 67,988 Female: 72,596
[Foreign Population (49 Countries)] Male: 948 Female: 621



The Okinawa City Hall's *Bunka Geino Ka* (the Culture & Traditional Arts Division) selects excerpts from the city's public relations newsletter (*Koho Okinawa*) and published them in English and Chinese in hopes of better serving our community of residents who may have difficulty reading or understanding Japanese. **These articles are translated by the Culture & Traditional Arts Division staff and are provided for reference only. Administrative services are provided in Japanese only (unless otherwise indicated).** For English support, please email: kokusai@city.okinawa.okinawa.jp. You can also view monthly issues of the newsletters and other information about living in Okinawa City by clicking the ENGLISH/ 中文 link on the Okinawa City website: <http://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/>

Administrative Announcements



▶ The My Number Notification Card Which Expires Its Storage Period Will Be Discarded

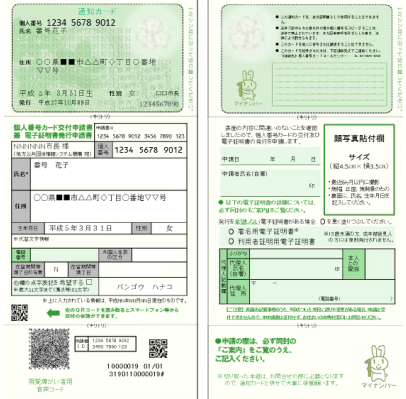
The "My Number Notification Card" which was sent to the head of each household since October 2015 has been stored at the city hall for individuals who have failed to pick up their card. However, the card which expires its storage period has to be discarded. If you wish to receive yours, please contact below.

Cards To Be Discarded: The notification card which was mailed on October 5, 2015 (The initial post)

Where To Receive: My Number Counter, Residential Division

Receipt Deadline: Jan 31 (Thu), 2019

Contact: *Shimin Ka* (Residential Division) Ext.3128



▶ "Okinawa City Welfare Guidebook for the Persons with Disabilities" with Japanese Braille and Audio Assist Will Be Available

This annual guidebook contains service information which is focused on those with physical disabilities. This time the guidebook assisted with Japanese Braille and reading direction (cassette tape/ CD) is available at the *Shogai Fukushi Ka* service counter. If you are interested please contact below to get one.

▶ "Help Mark" Tag Is Issued To Those Who Need Assiduity In Public

Okinawa prefectural government is now issuing the "Help Mark" tag to those who are suffering from internal disabilities, intractable diseases and, developmental disorders and such to promote awareness and understanding of them and to make it easy for them to receive necessary assistance and consideration when they are in public.

This tag is available at city halls. Please visit *Shogai Fukushi Ka* (Disability welfare Division) to get one.

****You need to fill out an application form (submission of certificate is not required for application). One tag for each applicant (application by substitute is allowed) Issuance is FREE**

Contact: *Shogai Fukusi Ka* (Disability welfare Division) Ext.3159



▶ Okinawa City Walking Fes

Date & Time: **January 12(Sat), 2019**
10:00-13:00

Venue: South East Botanical Gardens (Paradise park)

Eligibility: Okinawa City Citizen

Capacity: 500 (Application close when capacity is met)

Admission Fee: Free

How To Apply: Submit the application form to the division in charge or attach to the email address below.

Application form will be available at the contact below, each community center or on the official website after December 3 (Mon)

Application Period: **December 17 (Mon)-21 (Fri)**

Contact: *Shimin Kenko Ka* (Residents Health Division)
Ext.2241/2242
Email: a47kenko@city.okinawa.okinawa.jp



▶ An Interval Walking Workshop

Learn a walking method which contains brisk walking to develop your back muscle and burn your fat!

Date & Time: **December 20(Thu)**
10:00- noon

*Rain or Shine

Venue: Okinawa City Koza Athletic Park

Eligibility: Okinawa City Citizen/
Those who work in Okinawa City

Capacity: 30 (Application close when capacity is met)

Admission Fee: Free

What To Bring: Drink, towel, indoor shoes.

*You have to hold onto and be responsible for your own belongings.

Application Deadline: **December 14 (Fri) 16:00**

Contact: *Shimin Kenko Ka* (Residents health Division) Ext.2243



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▶ Basic Life-saving Certification (Category 1)

<CPR/AED/Homeostatic method used in Adults>

(Date/ Time/ Location/ Capacity)

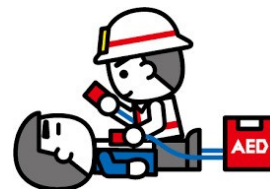
Dec 18 (Tue)/ 14:00– 17:00/ Fire Dpt. Awase Br./ Capacity: 10

Classes are provided in Japanese only.

Fee: Free

Please call below to sign up.

Contact: Okinawa City Fire Department Headquarter TEL:098-929-0900



▶ Regarding National Pension Lump-sum Death Benefit

Lump-Sum Death Benefit will be paid to the assured person's family under the same livelihood when the assured person with more than 36 months of premium payment in life passes away without receiving their Old-Age Basic Pension or Disability Basic Pension.

*The order of priority to receive the benefit: 1.Spouse-2.Children-3.Parents-4.Grandchildren-5.parents-6.Siblings.

-The amount of Lump-Sum Death Benefit is based on the months of premium payment.

-If the assured person have paid the "Additional Pension Premium" for more than 36 months, ¥8,500 will be added to the benefit.

-Those eligible to receive the "Basic Pension for the Bereaved" will not be paid the "Lump-Sum Death Benefit".

-If the beneficiary can also eligible for the "Widow's Pension", they have to chose either one of the two.

-The right to receive this benefit become invalid when it passed two years since the day after the assured person passed away.

-The valid period to claim this benefit for the assured person who is declared to have disappeared is two years since the following year of which includes the fixed date from the court on the declaration.

Please contact below for the details.

Contact: Koza Pension Agency TEL: 933-2267
or *Shimin Ka* (Residential Division) ext.2133/2134



▶ Certification Of Disability Under Medical Care System For People Aged 75 and Over

Dependents under an assured person of employment insurance or mutual association insurance, as well as the assured person of national health insurance, will be covered by Medical Care System For People Aged 75 And Over on the 75th birthday. In addition, those who are between the age of 65 and 74 and with a certain level of disability can be covered by this system if they are certified by Extended Association For Medical Care System For People Aged 75 And Over.

Requirements:

-Okinawa City Citizen.

-Physical Disability Certificate holders (3rd degree and higher or part of 4th degree).

-Other disability certificate holders (2nd degree or higher).

*Please note that NOT all the disability certificate holders are eligible for this system.

Please contact below for more information.

Contact: *Kokumin Kenko Hoken Ka*,
(National Health Insurance Division) Ext. 2118/2128

▶ A Christmas Event at Eisa Museum

Come visit Eisa Museum for a lot of Christmas entertainments!
-Photo taking with Okinawa City Eisa characters.

-Paper-rock-scissors tournament over fancy prizes!
And MORE...!

Schedule: December 23 (Sun),24 (Mon) & 25 (Tue)

Venue: Eisa Museum
Visit Eisa Museum on Facebook for more details.

Contact: Eisa Museum
Koza Music Town 1F
1-1-1 Uechi, Okinawa City
TEL: 098-989-5066



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▶ **Please note:**

December is the payment deadline for the following taxes:

Real-estate tax (3rd term): Payment at the bank and also automatic payment due on Dec 25.

Long-term care insurance premium (7th term)/ **National health insurance premium** (6th term)/ **Medical care for the elderly insurance premium** (6th term): Payment at bank and also automatic payment due on Jan 4.

If you use automatic bank transfers, make sure you have enough money in your bank account the day before.

▶ **FY 2018 Subsidies for Home Renovation Construction.**

A 25% coverage rate for the total amount of construction (up to ¥250,000); barrier-free (eliminate level difference on the floor/ bathroom/ slope construction/ hand rail attachment/ installment of bathroom seat) or energy-saving construction with heat shield paint on the roof/ exterior wall (up to ¥50,000)

Conditions:

-The total construction cost must be more than ¥200,000.

-Construction must be able to be completed and reported no later than the end of February 2019.

Contact: *Shiei Jutaku Ka* (City Housing Management Division) TEL: 098-894-6139 (direct line)



▶ **2019 Okinawa City Coming-of-Age Reception**

Date & Time:

January 13, 2019 (Sun) 14:00-

Venue: Okinawa City Civic Hall (Main Hall)

*Eligible persons residing in Okinawa City will be notified by postcard in December.

*Even if you are residing outside of Okinawa City, you can attend the reception as long as you are from Okinawa City. Please contact the division in charge for any questions.

Contact: *Shogai Gakushu Ka* (Career Planning Division) Ext. 2743

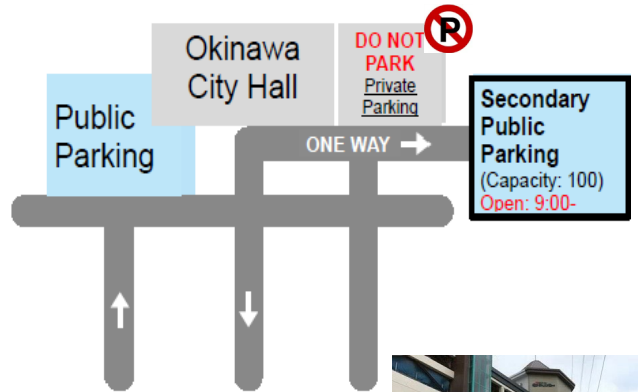


▶ **A Secondary Public Parking Is Available**

Thank you always for your understanding on usage of our public parking. Please use the Secondary Public Parking when the Public Parking is full.

Also, please allow the nearest parking spot to be open for the physically disabled, the elderly, and pregnant women. Thank you for your cooperation during congestion.

Contact: *Keiyaku Kanzai Ka* (Contract Custodian-ship Division) Ext. 2096



▶ **Garbage Collection Schedule During New-year Holiday**

Burnable/ Non-burnable trash, PET bottles, Recyclables:

Not being collected during Jan. 1 (Tue)-Jan 3 (Thu)

*Collection time before and after the holiday could change depending on the quantity of trash.

Bulk Trash: Call by **Dec 28 (FRI)** for pick-up. The trash will be picked up **in the morning of Dec 31 (Mon).**

*Bulk trash pick-up may be after holiday due to the number of applications.

Trash pick-up and sign-up by phone will start on **Jan 4 (Fri).**

Contact: Environment Division (Ext.2223-2226)



▶ **Okinawa City Library News**

Book readings & hand games: Saturdays, Dec. 22 starting at 3:00 pm

Days Closed: Dec. 3 (Mon), 5(Mon) through 17(Mon)* **Special Inspection**, 23 (Sun: The Emperor's Birthday), 24 (Mon), 28 (Fri: for inspection) and 29 (Sat)-Jan3 (Thu) for New-year's Holiday.

*Please return books to the book post at the entrance of the library during the special inspection period.

(CD,DVD, large picture books are not allowed to be returned to the post)

※Up to 20 books per person. **Address:** 2-28-1 Chuo, Okinawa City Korinza Mall (1F) **TEL:** 098-929-4919



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