



OKINAWA CITY Newsletter

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

Events

2019 International Carnival

With Gate 2 Festa for Motorbike Lovers!

***Traffic control** will be conducted on both days between 10:00-21:00 on Gate 2 Street and some roads around it.

Contact: Okinawa International Carnival Executive Committee TEL: 098-989-5566

オキナワ コクサイカーニバル
OKINAWA KOKUSAI CARNIVAL
2019

November 23 土曜日
開催時間 11:00 - 21:00

November 24 日曜日
開催時間 12:30 - 21:00

CARNIVAL PARADE
カーニバルパレード

STREET MUSICAL
ストリートミュージカル

OTAKU FES
オタクフェス

And more...
その他...

MOTORCYCLE PARADE
バイクパレード

EISA PERFORMANCE
エイサー演舞

MUSIC LIVE
ミュージックライブ

And more...
その他...

開催場所
コサゲート通り周辺
ミュージックタウン音楽広場

沖縄国際カーニバル
実行委員会
TEL: 098-989-5566

ゲート#2
フェスタ
同時開催

The 26th Shogai Gakushu Festival

(Life-long Learning Festival)

*Free Admission & Participation

Stage performances, craft, hands-on activities, delicious food, exhibits, and more for all ages to enjoy! Connect with family and friends, and see what your community has to offer in lifelong learning!

Date & Time: December 1 (Sunday) 9:30~16:00

Venue: Koza Sports Park gymnasium, budokan (martial arts hall), multi-purpose grounds and the dome next to baseball stadium.

(2-1-1 Moromizato, Okinawa City)

Contact: Shogai Gakushu Ka (Life-long Learning Division) Ext. 2744



Okinawa City Walking Fes

Date & Time: **January 11(Sat), 2019 10:00-13:00**

Venue: South East Botanical Gardens (Paradise park)

Eligibility: Okinawa City Citizen

Capacity: 500 (Spots will be given by drawing when applicants exceed capacity. Only spot winners will be informed by mail.)

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, and on the official website.

Application Period: **December 2 (Mon) 8:30 - 6 (Fri) 17:00**

Contact: Shimin Kenko Ka (Residents Health Division) Ext.2241/2243

Email: a47kenko@city.okinawa.okinawa.jp



Total Population: 142,404

[Japanese Population] Male: 67,991 Female: 72,659
[Foreign Population (54Countries)] Male: 1,072 Female: 682



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

► Rooms of Public Housing Are Available For New Tenants

Distribution of instruction & application form:

Nov. 1(Fri)-14(Thu)

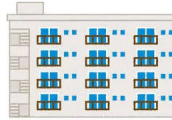
Deadline of application : **Nov. 14(Thu)**

Where you get the form: **City Hall**

6F (Shiei Jutaku Ka) & 1F (Information)

*The number of vacant room is subject to change.

Contact: Okinawa City Public Housing Management Administrator TEL: 098-929-3117 (direct line)



► FY 2020 After School Day Care Open for New Entry

Day care is open for Elementary School children.

Application Period:

November 18(Mon)– December 7(Sat)

*Closed on Sundays

Where to apply:

Day care facility that you want to apply.

Required Document:

Application form & Certificate of Employment (available at each day care facility). Please prepare it in advance.

*Kindergarten aged children are not eligible for this. The list of facilities will be updated on the Okinawa City website.

*Please note that the applications submitted during the period will be selected on an as-needed basis, not first-come-first-serve basis.

*** Services at each facility is available in Japanese Only.**

Contact: Okinawa City After School Support Center (ASSC) TEL:098-923-0418



► School Supply Support

-The Cost for the New Elementary School Supplies will be Issued in Advance of Entry-

Eligibility: Parents with children who will enter a public elementary/junior high school in April 2020 and also satisfy the requirement.

Application deadline: **December 20 (Fri)**

* Application for new junior high school student can also be submitted at their current school office.

Contact: Gakumu Ka (Educational Affairs Division) Ext.2723/2724



► Governmental Support for Health Damage Caused by Asbestos

Diseases caused by asbestos can develop even after decades after contact. If you have worked for US base facilities, you may have possibly engaged in operations that exposed you to asbestos.

If your disease is certified as caused by asbestos, you might be able to receive benefits from the government as a workers' compensation benefit, or benefits for health damage caused by asbestos.

If you think this might be the case for you, please contact below for consultation.

Contact: 沖縄労働局 Okinawa Regional Labor Department TEL: 098-868-3559

Name of Housing	Room Layout	Dedicated Category	Number of Vacancy (TBD)
Awase	1DK	Elderlies (Single household allowed)	Awaiting Vacancy
	1LDK	For elderly	6
	2DK	General	Awaiting Vacancy
	2DK	Wheelchair	Awaiting Vacancy
	2LDK	General	Awaiting Vacancy
Noborikawa	3DK	Multiple children	Awaiting Vacancy
	3DK	General	Awaiting Vacancy
Kubota	3DK	Multiple children	Awaiting Vacancy
	2LDK	Wheelchair	Awaiting Vacancy
Ageda	3DK	General	Awaiting Vacancy
	1LDK	Elderlies (Single household allowed)	Awaiting Vacancy
	1LDK	Elderlies	Awaiting Vacancy
	2DK	General	Awaiting Vacancy
	2DK	Wheelchair	Awaiting Vacancy
	2LDK	General	Awaiting Vacancy
	3DK	General	Awaiting Vacancy
3DK	Multiple children	Awaiting Vacancy	

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▶ **Please note:**

November is the payment deadline for the following taxes:

Long-term care insurance premium (6th term)/ National health insurance premium (5th term)/ Medical care for the elderly insurance premium (5th term).

If you use automatic bank transfers, payments will be withdrawn on December 2. Make sure you have enough money in your bank account the day before.

▶ **Have You Applied for the “Pensioner Support Benefits”?**

If you are living off a pension, additional financial support (“Pensioner Support Benefits”) will be given if you earns less than a certain amount. **You have to apply** to receive this benefit.

■ **Eligibility**

◇ You are receiving “Old-Age Basic Pension” and also satisfy the following:

- ✓ You are age 65 or above.
- ✓ All your household members are non-taxed for resident tax.
- ✓ Your total annual income including pension and other income does not exceed approx.¥880,000.

◇ You are receiving “Disability Basic Pension” or “Basic Pension for the Bereaved”:

- ✓ Your income in the previous year does not exceed approx.¥4,620,000.

■ **How To Apply**

① If you started receiving pension **before April 1, 2019:**

The Japan Pension Service (JPS) will send an announcement in the beginning of September to eligible people on how to apply. Fill out the enclosed postcard (“年金生活者支援給付金請求書”) and submit it to JPS.

② If you started receiving pension **after April 2, 2019:**

Visit the Pension Office or Pension Section in Okinawa City Hall to apply for both pension and additional benefit.



■ **How You Receive The Benefit**

It is paid into the same bank account, on the same date as your pension annuity, however as a separate item.

● If you apply by the end of December, you can receive the benefit as far back as October only for this fiscal year. (It will be paid into your bank account in February.)

● If you apply in January 2020 and after, you can receive the benefit for the month you applied in.

■ **If Any Change Happens To Your Household Member After April 2, 2019**

Please contact Koza Pension Office or Okinawa City Hall Residential Division for your eligibility. You might have become eligible for this benefit because of the change of household members.

NOTE: Beware of suspicious phone calls. The JPS or Health, Labour and Welfare Ministry will never ask for your bank account information or any payment as a service charge.

Contact:

Koza Pension Office at 098-933-2267.

Shimin Ka, Kokumin Nenkin Tanto (Residential Division, person in charge of National Pension)

Ext. 2131/ 2133

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Fitness Programs

ZUMBA Lesson For Beginners

Join & burn your fat with the hottest fitness program on the island!

Date & Time : Nov19 & Dec3 (Tue) 7pm – 8pm

Disco Fitness Lesson

Let's have fun & dance with 70's and 80's best-hit disco music!



Date & Time : Dec4 & 11 (Wed) 2pm – 3pm

Venue: Koza Sports Park gymnasium, *budokan* (martial arts hall)

Address: 2-1-1 Moromizato, Okinawa City

Eligibility: 18 years old +

Capacity: 15(First come first serve basis)

Fee: Free (¥100 each time for insurance)

*Bring your in-door shoes and water

Contact & Sign-up :

Sunbiscus Okinawa TEL: 098-989-4695

KIDS' Cooking Class for Christmas

Date: December 7(Sat) 10:00-12:00 noon

Venue: Okinawa City welfare Culture Center

Address: 7-35-1 Takahara, Okinawa City

Eligibility: Okinawa City residents aged 6 to elementary school 6th graders

Capacity: 16 **Fee:** Free

What to bring: Apron, head handkerchief, hand towel

Application Deadline: Nov 27 (Wed) 15:00

Contact :

Residential Health Division Ext. 2242



Traffic Restriction Due To The Road Construction on Ageda Public Housing Line

The traffic can be restricted as alternate operation or closed off during the construction.

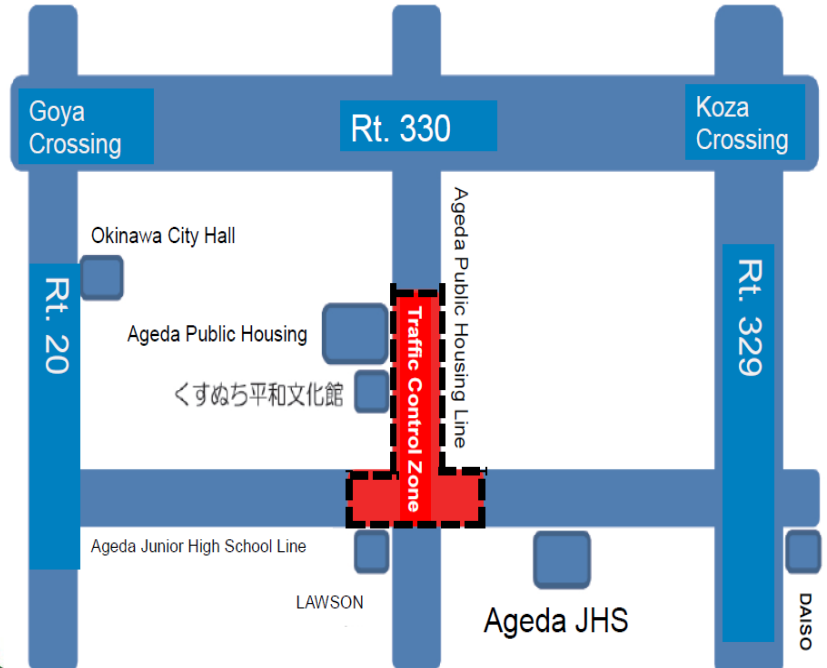
Restriction Period: Until February, 2020 (TBD)

We apologize for your inconvenient that this can cause.

Thank you for your understanding.

Contact : Doro Ka (Public Road Maintenance Division)

098-989-9138



The 42nd Okinawa City Culture Festival Exhibition

Cultural exhibitions, experience-based event and live performances will give you an opportunity to feel a culture which is progressing for creation towards the future.

Date: December 6(Fri) -8(Sun) **Time:** 10:00-18:00 (-17:00 on Sunday)

Venue: Okinawa City Gym

Opening Ceremony: Dec 6(Fri) 10:00-

Contact: Okinawa City Culture Association TEL: 098-932-6883



Okinawa City Library News

Book readings & hand games: Saturdays, Nov. 9 & 16 starting at 3:00 pm

Days Closed: Nov. 4 (Mon), 11 (Mon), 18 (Mon), 23 (Sat: Labor Appreciation Day) 25 (Mon), and 28 (Thu: Inspection) .

※Up to 20 books per person.

Address: 2-28-1 Chuo, Okinawa City Korinza Mall (1F)

TEL: 098-929-4919



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