

Gotemba Newsletter

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1. 36th Mt. Fuji Taiko (Drum) Festival

Wadaiko players will test the result of their daily training as they compete in the single-player contest using the world's largest Japanese drum, called Fujisan, as they raise their name from each area of Japan. Also, there is a high school Taiko competition to decide who is No. 1 player from all over Japan, and stage shows from local Taiko groups.

Date/ Time: July 29th (Sat.) from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm. July 30th (Sun.) from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Fuji-san Jyuku-no-Mori

Content:

- Single-player contest using the large Japanese drum (finalists match to decide who is the best Japanese player)
- Drum stage for dedication
- High school student drum competition
- Mt. Fuji product market
- Gotemba local soba (Mikuriya soba), other stuff
- Making drum work shop



*Please see the official website for details:

Inquiries/ Kanko Koryu-ka at (82)4622, Gotemba City Tourism Association at (83)4770

2. Information for Members of National Health Insurance

National insurance and pension division, tax staff at (83)1255

Insurance benefit staff at (82)4121

① Payment of national health insurance tax

- Tax notices will be sent out in the middle of July
Obligation of payment for National health insurance tax goes to the head of household whether they are enrolled in national health insurance or not.
- If it is difficult to make a periodic payment, please ask for a consultation.
If it is difficult to make a periodic payment, please call for a consultation from the tax payment promotion office at (82)4166. If you choose not to pay and do not seek a consultation, a qualification certificate will be issued that requires you to pay a short-term insured card with a short validity period or pay all medical expenses at the counter. Also, property such as deposits may be seized.

- Please make of your payment via account transfer.
Take advantage of account transfer payments made at your convenience. All the procedures can be done at financial institution in the city or at the national health insurance pension counter in the city hall.
*If you desire to choose Yucho bank (postal bank), please go to a postal counter.

For those who need to enroll in national health insurance:

- ◆ Those who are under the age of 75 years-old and don't have any other health insurance, need to enroll in national health insurance.
Specifically, self-employed individuals, part-time or as an out sourced employee and can't enroll in a companies' health insurance. Or persons who are retired and don't have work health insurance anymore, or haven't enrolled in any other insurance after they are no longer an independent, farmers, foreign nationals staying in Japan longer than 3 months and haven't enrolled in any health insurance, including national health insurance or through work etc.

Required procedure:

- ◆ Withdrawing from the National Insurance
*You enroll in social insurance.
*You become a dependent on social insurance.
If you delay this procedure, you will continue to be taxed for National health insurance. Then if you use your national health insurance card to visit your doctor, you must reimburse the National Insurance for 70 or 80% of the fees.
- ◆ Enroll in national health insurance if
*You don't have social insurance.
*You're not a dependent on social insurance anymore and don't have another health insurance.
If you delay this procedure, high national taxes are levied all at once, increasing the burden of payment.

② **Insurance cards will be renewed.**

New health insurance cards (Cream color) will have an effective date from Aug 1st (Tue) and will be sent out the middle of July.

3. Information for Members of Medical System for the Elderly

National insurance and pension division, medical system for the elderly at (82)4188

Insurance cards will be renewed.

New health insurance cards (Olive-green in color) will have an effective date from Aug 1st (Tue) and will be sent out the middle of July.

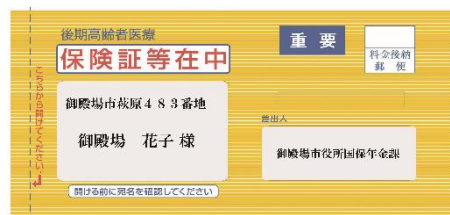
Reduction certificates will also be renewed. People, who already have their reduction certificate or will be eligible for one after August, will automatically receive a new certificate by mail in July. If you are planning to apply for it, please apply at the National Pension Division.

Insurance fees for the medical system for the elderly in 2023 will be informed around the middle of August.

If you want to have consultation on payment or do not receive a new light red colored insurance card by August, please contact us.



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Insurance card will be sent with yellow

4. Traffic Safety Prefectural Campaign for Summer Starts in Shizuoka!

Inquiry: Kurashi no Anzen-ka at (82)4123

Traffic Safety prefectural campaign for summer is starting from Tuesday, July 11th to Thursday, July 20th for 10 days. Many groups and organizations, such as each ward groups, traffic safety guidance groups, the traffic safety association, and the police, are united to work on various activities in order to reduce disastrous traffic accidents and raise awareness.

- ◆ The slogan of the city: “Answering your phone in a hurry, will cause an accident”
- ◆ The Summer traffic safety prefectural campaign will focus on the following issues:
 - Traffic accident prevention for children and the elderly.
 - Promoting vigilance around school roads that children commute on a daily basis.
 - Understand the changes in physical function that accompany aging and try to act safely.
 - Promoting the safe use of motorcycles and electric kickboards.
 - Observe basic traffic rules and use of two-wheeled vehicles, such as bicycles, safely.
 - Understand the traffic rules for electric kickboards and ensure safe use.
 - Eradication of drinking and driving
 - Let’s promote and create a good environment that does not allow drunk driving in the community, workplace or family.
 - Ensure seatbelts and child seats including rear seats are properly used by all. (City’s focus point.)
- ◆ Lock-up your bicycle and “Helmet”
 - Let’s protect your helmet from theft.
 - Starting this year, it is mandatory to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Many people put their helmets in the basket when parking.
 - The helmet might be stolen if you don’t lock it. Use a wire lock to connect it to the basket or tires so that you have your helmet when you go home.
 - If you lock it, the risk of theft will be drastically reduced. Let’s try to lock both your bicycle and helmet.

5. National Route 246, Pedestrian Bridge Removal

Along with the construction of the new pedestrian bridge, we will carry out construction to remove the Mishuku Dai-ichi pedestrian bridge (location: Misyuku in Susono) at the Susono IC entrance intersection on Route 246. During the removal work, traffic regulations will be implemented in the surrounding area. And when Route 246 is closed, the prefectural road Numazu Oyama line will be detoured. When passing through the area, please check the local information signboard.

Period: From July 18th (Tue.) to August 2nd (Wed.) , 9:00 am to 6:00 am the next day *Estimated period

Section: From route 246 Yubune Tunnel to Okubo Tunnel (Fujimagari, Oyama)

Inquiry: Numazu river national highway office, Gotemba national route, Maintenance Branch office at (82)2488.

Numazu river national highway office, official twitter:



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