

## Gotemba Newsletter

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(Photography at Kusanagi General Sports Ground)

### Gotemba Team's, 1<sup>st</sup> Win in 4 years!

Sports exchange division at (82)4135

#### 24<sup>th</sup> annual Shizuoka Marathon Relay Race

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Shizuoka marathon relay race was held. 37 teams from all 35 municipalities in the prefecture ran through 12 sections of 42.195 km in Shizuoka city.

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

## 1. January is Food Donation Campaign Month. (Food Drive)

Do you have any leftover food at home?

Please cooperate with the food drive to provide food assistance to households in poverty.

Social welfare division at (82)4239

Social welfare council at (70)6801

### Accepting food donations

Thank you for your cooperation!

Date & Time: From January 4<sup>th</sup> (Thu.), 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> (Wed.) \*Weekday collection only

Starting from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm

Reception location: Social welfare division at City Hall, East Bldg. 1F

Each branch of City Hall, Social welfare council in Fujizakura

### Food that can be donated

Items with an expiration date of 2 months or more, can be stored at room temperature and unopened, and have undamaged packaging.

### Food that can NOT be donated

Any alcohol, preservable water and sticky rice, supplement etc.

## 2. Sale of Premium Fuji-san G-Coin Starts! Year-End and New Year Campaign

Commerce and industry promotion division, Tel: (82)4683

Sales amount: 10,000 yen (Only once per person)

Value: 3,000 dollar premium and total of 13,000 dollar.

\*Sales period: From December 20<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) to January 31<sup>st</sup> (Wed.), 2024

\*Period of use: From December 20<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) to March 31<sup>st</sup> (Sun.), 2024

\*Sales place: Epi square, Sun Sun Cook (Koyama and Hotozawa branches), Fuji-zakura, Seven Bank ATM,

\*Attention:

- Once the usage period has passed, the entire amount of 13,000 dollar, including the sales amount, will be forfeited.
- At Seven bank ATM, only premium Fuji-san G-coin will be sold during the sales period for card types. (Regular deposits are not acceptable)  
For the details, please check here:



### TOPICS:

Accepting on-site lectures:

You can solve these questions such as “What exactly is Fuji-san G-coin? Want to use it, but not sure what it is.”

For any store owner or individuals, we will conduct lectures to meet your needs.

Can be issued in various situations:

Are there people who always have hard time to attract customers? If so, Fuji-san coin can be issued in various situations such as business, local activities and events, and campaigns.

Please feel free to contact us!

## 3. Collecting Ink Cartridges, Free of Charge

Our city is partnering with a recycling company to conduct a trial run of ink cartridges collection for free. After collection, it will be made as a new recycled ink, which is expected to reduce CO2 emissions compared to incineration. Also, it will lead to a reduction in waste.

Collection point: City Hall main building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Entrance to the environment division

Subject: Ink cartridges used at home (Manufacturer does not matter)

\*Toner cartridges are not covered.

Inquiry: Environment division at (83)1610

#### **4. Beware of Freezing Water Pipes**

When the temperature drops below  $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$ , Water pipes and meters can freeze or burst.

To prevent water pipes from freezing, use commercially available thermal tubes or pieces of cloth to wrap around the water pipes and secure it with vinyl tape. If it freezes, either wait for it to thaw naturally or put a towel over the water pipe and slowly pour lukewarm water at  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to thaw it. (Do not pour hot water on the water pipe as this may cause them to burst.)

If a water pipe bursts, close the water stop valve inside the outside meter box and contact the nearest city-designated plumbing contractor.

Inquiry: Water supply section at (82)4602, (82)4627

#### **5. Announcement of Sending for Various Examination Application Forms for 2024**

Application forms for cancer screening and various screenings scheduled for 2024 will be sent in December.

How to apply:

Please choose which examination you desire to take and fill out the applications for 2024. Then mail them back by Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> of January in 2024. (No stamps required)

Inquiry: Health promotion division at (70)7765

#### **6. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: (88)3337**

- \* FREE ITEMS: Cupboard, Life jacket, Snow tire chain, Tea press server, Fish tank, Mochi-making machine
- \* CHARGED ITEMS: Single bed
- \* DONATIONS NEEDED: Telephone with fax, Vacuum cleaner
- \* WANTED: (Negotiable) Double-size bed

✘ Fax and Telephone answering machine service are not available. (Last updated on 11/13<sup>th</sup>)

✘ We only introduce re-useable items. No items are stored in the office.

## 7. January's Events Calendar

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (MON)			21 (SUN)		
2 (TUE)			22 (MON)	Health Consultation for infant (9:20 am)	Health Care Center
3 (WED)			23 (TUE)	Seminar for 4 months Babies (9:45 am)	Health Care Center
4 (THU)	Legal Counseling (1:00 pm)	City Hall		Medical Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center
5 (FRI)			24 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library
6 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library		Health Checkup for Infants 2yrs and 6 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center
7 (SUN)	Coming of Age Ceremony		25 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00 am)	City Hall
8 (MON)			26 (FRI)	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center
9 (TUE)	Medical Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center	27 (SAT)	Hello Baby Gathering (9:45 am)	Health Care Center
10 (WED)	Mother support consultation (9:30 am)	Health Care Center		Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library
	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library	28 (SUN)		
	Mother support consultation (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center	29 (MON)		
11 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00 am)	City Hall	30 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center
	Adult Health Consultation (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center	31 (WED)		
12 (FRI)			<p><b>Tax payments and due date</b>  <b><u>Due date is January 31<sup>th</sup> (WED):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○Citizens of City Tax of 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○7<sup>th</sup> National Health Insurance Tax (Kokumin Kenko Hoken)</li> <li>○6<sup>th</sup> Old Medical Care Premium (Koki Koreisha Iryo Hoken)</li> <li>○Water Usage and Sewer Usage for January</li> </ul>		
13 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library			
14 (SUN)					
15 (MON)	Legal Counseling (10:00 am)	City Hall			
16 (TUE)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:30 am)	Health Care Center			
17 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center			
	BOOK Start	Health Care Center			
18 (THU)					
19 (FRI)	Workshop for Pre-Papa & Mama (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center			
20 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library			

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