

Chigasaki Breeze

Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget.

No.0024

OPEN FORUM PLANNED BY THE CITY

しみんとうぎかい
市民討議会

How to make this city better for people to live in comfort and security?

In order to incorporate the wider voice of ordinary citizens on municipal administrative decision making in the future, the City is planning to hold an open forum or “Citizens Discussion Meeting”. This will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, October 31, and throughout the day on Sunday, November 1, at the Community Hall in the City Hall annex. The motivation for this is the changes that have recently been taking place in social circumstances and the developments in the decentralization of government. This is the first attempt by the city and they are eagerly awaiting citizens’ participation.

In the past, there have been no opportunities for ordinary people to directly or indirectly participate in the administrative processes and the City has come to consider it necessary to create such opportunities or citizens to express their opinions to their local government.

This forum was devised by the Shōnan Research Institute, Bunkyo University and the Youth Chamber Commerce of Chigasaki in collaboration with the City. To put this plan into action, in September the City is going to send out letters of invitation to a random selection of 800 citizens. From among those who agree to participate, a final number of 30 people will be selected by the drawing of lots. It is expected that the participants will freely exchange their views, expectations and opinions and that the results of these discussions will be taken into consideration in the City’s policy making in the future.

THE CITY WILL SUPPORT YOUR BABY CARE

“Konnichiwa Akachan” VISIT

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訪問

Chigasaki City has started to carry out a baby care program where a midwife, a health nurse, or a childcare specialist will visit all families with young babies under 4 months old. The visit will be made with prior notice based on the notification of birth and the basic residents register. It is free of charge so you don’t need to pay.

The City appreciates that mothers who are taking care of babies of this age may have a difficult time due to challenges to a mother’s mental and physical health created by demands such as breast-feeding. If you visit the Health Section (Kenkōzukuri-ka), you can consult with them on general issues including breast-feeding, weight measurement and so forth.

They will support you in many ways, so feel free to go ahead with a consultation to help solve any problems or concerns you may have about any aspect of taking care of your baby.

Inquiry: Health Section (Kenkōzukuri-ka)

J-ALERT SYSTEM FOR DISASTERS

さいがいけいほうおん
災害警報音

From this August, Chigasaki City has begun a policy of broadcasting the nationwide instant alerts when disasters are anticipated or already occurring. It is called the J-ALERT system. Its purpose is to let people know of any imminent or occurring emergency situation by sounding an alarm so they can quickly take action to protect themselves.

The following is a list of the different kinds of sounds that signify each emergency. You can listen to them on the City’s homepage:

- Urgent Earthquake Flash: “chiro-rin, chiro-rin” (The sound of chimes.)
- Tsunami Alert (Large tsunami):
Siren - The siren sounds for 3 seconds, stops for 2 seconds, repeated three times.
- Tsunami Alert:
Siren - The siren sounds for 5 seconds, stops for 6 seconds, repeated three times.
- To draw attention to a Tsunami Warning:
Siren - The siren sounds for 10 seconds, stops for 2 seconds, repeated twice.
- TOKAI Earthquake prediction news: “pin-pon-pan-pon” (The sound of four chimes)
- Ballistic Missile Alert: The siren sounds for 14 seconds



SYSTEM TESTING

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試験放送

In connection with above report on the J-Alert system, the City will carry out testing of the warning sound system using the radio. The chimes and sirens will be broadcast simultaneously across all districts of the city.

The dates and times of the tests are as follows:

- September 18 (Fri) 15:00
- October 18 (Sun) 10:00
- November 16 (Mon) 15:00
- Warning sounds for the test broadcast:
The chime signifies the event of an earthquake and the siren an imminent tsunami warning
- Just before and after the broadcast, an announcement will be made to confirm that it is just a test.

Anti-Disaster Section in charge of Disaster Prevention Crisis

