

CHIGASAKI'S ANNUAL HAMAORI FESTIVAL AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Have you already made your summer plans? Chigasaki will host two big summer festivals: the Hamaori Festival and annual fireworks display.

The Hamaori Festival will take place on July 16, from 7:00a.m.- 5:00p.m. at Chigasaki's Nishihama Beach. People of all generations living in Chigasaki and Samukawa carry the mikoshi, or portable shrines, to the beach while shouting "dokko, dokko." All the mikoshi arrive at the beach by 7:00a.m., after which a ceremony is held and some of the shrines are carried into the sea for purification. It is said the Hamaori Festival started in 1839. In 1838, Samukawa Shrine's mikoshi took part in the Kounomachi Festival in Ōiso. On the way back, the mikoshi carriers fought with the local people near the Sagami River and the mikoshi was lost in the water. After several days, the shrine's goshintai- the object of worship that spirits reside in- was found in the sea by a fisherman. He returned it to Samukawa Shrine and since then, the mikoshi has visited the beach every year to give thanks and purify the goshintai.



The fireworks display will be held on August 4, from 7:30p.m. to 8:20pm at Chigasaki's Southern Beach. In case of rain it will be postponed to the 5th. About 3,000 magnificent fireworks of many types, including the "star mine," which is a consecutive stream of fireworks for about 30 seconds, and "underwater peacock," which looks like a peacock's fan-shaped tail over the water, will beautifully light up the night sky. Southern Beach is 20 minute walk or 10 minutes by bus from the south exit of the station. Please refrain from driving there because there will be no parking. Don't forget to bring a picnic blanket, some snacks and drinks.

Come and enjoy the spectacular show with your family and/or friends! For more information, please visit the Chigasaki Tourism Association's website. [<http://www.chigasaki-kankou.org/event>]

EDUCATION FOR RETURNEE CHILDREN FROM OVERSEAS

The number of foreign residents is increasing in Japan, and Chigasaki is no exception to this fact. The children who have come to Japan (Chigasaki) due to their parents' work have to go to Japanese schools. However, in Chigasaki there are few schools that accept foreign and returnees' children from overseas.

Returnee children from overseas who can't speak Japanese find it hard to study Japanese while going to school. Of course, for them, it's very difficult to read and write in Japanese, but it's even more difficult to understand subjects like math and science in Japanese.

Below are the concerns Chigasaki Breeze heard from parents of returnee students:

1. Low awareness of returnee students from the school and teachers.
2. No system to accept returnee students to the school.
3. Schools leave returnee students' acceptance up to the administration.
4. Little support for returnee children from the school board or administration.
5. The after school system of the city office which dispatches a teacher from the Board of Education to teach returnee students only is for 2 days a week, 2 hours a day.
6. Returnee students must learn math and science like other Japanese students.
7. Even if parents negotiate directly with the school board of a city, the city is slow to respond.

In order to come up with solutions to these concerns from the parents, a better method of communication between parents, school teachers, and the school board, is necessary.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN TOWN

JUNE

19 TUE 9 A.M.

MORNING FISH MARKET "SAKANA NO ICHI"

The market will be held at Chigasaki Fishing Port.

JULY

1 SUN

HONOLULU WEEK

This year, 216 shops in Chigasaki will participate until 5th August.

7 SAT 10 A.M.

BEACH OPNING CEREMONY

The ceremony will be held at Southern Beach Chigasaki.

After the ceremony, some musical events will be held there.

22 SUN 7-9A.M.

HAMAORI FESTIVAL

Portable shrines(mikoshi) will gather at Nishihama Beach until 6 am and the ceremony will be held there from 7 a.m.

29 SUN 9:30A.M.-5:00P.M.

HONOBONO BEACH FESTIVAL

The festival will be held at Head Line Beach near Daiichi Junior High School. Concerts, hula, marine sports and a food market will be done on the beach.

AUGUST

4 SAT 7:30-8:20 P.M.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The display will be held Southern Beach Chigasaki. In the case of rain, the event will be held on the 5th instead.

SUN 4-8 P.M.

THE 31TH NANDEMO YOICHI

The Nandemo Yoichi will be held at Chigasaki Central Park. This event offers citizens a chance to get together for some summer fun.

COMING SOON: SOUTHERN BEACH HOUSES



The summer season is just around the corner when you start noticing people wearing T-shirts and shorts with flip-flops everywhere in town. Whether it's surfing, jogging, fishing, canoeing or walking the dog, you'll see more people in the streets now because it's the best time of the year here in Chigasaki.

Another symbolic tradition indicating the start of summer is the construction of the beach houses (Umi no Ie) throughout the beach areas in Japan. This year on the sands of Southern Beach there will be nine individual houses being built from the beginning of June. The opening ceremony will start on July 7th with a traditional Shinto priest ceremony to wish the safety of all beach visitors, after which special activities are arranged for the community such as a treasure hunt, watermelon splitting game and live stage performances of local talent. Come and enjoy the activities prepared on the opening day of Southern Beach to the public. The beach houses will operate for approximately 8 weeks until the end of August. Each beach house is uniquely different, offering food, drinks and other services to suit everyone's needs. The old-style rest charges are not required at the majority of the houses if you don't need to use the lockers or shower room. Locals are welcome to come to have lunch or refreshments while enjoying the sun and indulge in the summer breeze as the day settles down. But there are rules that have to be followed. Lifeguards are on duty from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. everyday and during this time frame no surfboarding, windsurfing, paddle boarding, jet-skiing are allowed in the designated swimming zone. Smoking is allowed in designated areas, but no barbecuing. Pets are also not allowed in this area during the lifeguard duty hours. Beach houses are open Monday through Thursday until 5p.m. and Friday to Sunday until 7:00 p.m. If you come by car and use the parking lot (which does have a fee), don't overstay-- it closes everyday at 6 p.m. Chigasaki's best season is the summer. You can truly get the feeling of paradise and it's just a few steps away from your door.

Lawyer Advice -LAWYER-

Question:

I was hit by a car, when I was riding my bicycle. How should we deal with a traffic accident?



Answer:

Unfortunately, if you are in a traffic accident, first of all, you must ensure your safety by moving to the sidewalk, etc. If you are injured, call an ambulance (call 119). You should also call the police immediately (call 110). The police will come to the accident scene, and record the traffic accident. This record is called "JIKO-SHOUMEI-SHO" which will be needed when requesting insurance claim later. Also, the police will make an on-the-spot investigation report called "JIKKYOU-KENBUN-CHOUSHO". This report will be important evidence if there is a dispute about accident situation. So, you should report the accident situation in detail, such as the place where you were hit, car speed, degree of injury, etc., to the police.

You should also have a medical examination even if you don't think it's a serious injury, and call your insurance company if you have damage insurance. It will be difficult to pursue the assailant's responsibility later if you do not call the police in a timely manner, so please make sure to do so. I recommend you consult with a lawyer because the settlement money proposed by insurance companies is often low.

MEET THE PASSIONATE HEAD MANAGER OF CHIGASAKI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"I'm always running errands," said Kazunori Fukitani jokingly as he talked about his work as head manager of Chigasaki Symphony Orchestra. Chigasaki Symphony Orchestra was established in 1983 as an amateur orchestra and Fukitani has been its head manager for 13 years. He specializes in flute and piccolo.

CB: HOW DID YOU JOIN CHIGASAKI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA?

KF: About 33 years ago, I had the chance to see a concert given by Chigasaki Symphony Orchestra at Tsurumine Public Hall. Immediately, I contacted the person in charge of the orchestra and asked him if I could be a member. At that time, there were only 3 members for flute in the orchestra, so I was lucky enough to join them. It was very next day after the concert.

CB: YOU HAVE BEEN MANAGING THE ORCHESTRA FOR 13 YEARS. WHAT IS THE DIFFICULT PART ABOUT THIS JOB?

KF: You know, there are 80 members ranging in ages from 20 to 70 and of course everyone wants to do different things. When we choose songs to play for the concert, we take a questionnaire from all the members. Then, the members in the committee will check the songs listed in the questionnaire. We choose songs by calculating the necessary expenses including the rent fee and transportation fee for the required instruments and also making sure whether the musical scores are available. There are so many things that have to be considered.

CB: I SEE. IT SEEMS HARD TO CHOOSE SONGS AGREEABLE TO EVERYONE. HOW DO YOU MAKE A CONCERT OFFER TO THE CONDUCTOR?

KF: I only offer a concert to a conductor who can stick with us for couple of months. Our orchestra members have jobs and can practice together only on weekends so it takes almost half a year to prepare for a concert. I believe that it's important for us to spend time with the conductor and build the concert together.

CB: WHEN AND WHERE DO THE MEMBERS PRACTICE?

KF: We give regular concerts at Chigasaki Cultural Hall twice a year; in spring and in autumn. For these concerts, the members practice every Sunday night at the sports gymnasium or the lesson room in Chigasaki Cultural Hall. Since Chigasaki Cultural Hall is being refurbished until end of September, we're temporarily renting one of the rooms at the Chigasaki Labor Citizens' Hall.

There will be an orchestra concert of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in December. If you are interested, check <http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~NQ2K-HMD/cso/> for further information.



CB: WHEN IS YOUR NEXT CONCERT?

KF: We will hold our 69th regular concert in May at Samukawa Community Center. The 70th regular concert will be held on Oct. 21 at Chigasaki Cultural Hall.

CB: WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE A MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGNERS IN CHIGASAKI CITY?

KF: I think foreign people can enjoy our concerts because we play a lot of foreign songs. I hope that you will find your favorite songs and feel nostalgic in the concerts.

DO YOU NEED HELP OR DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

There are 13 District Volunteer Centers in Chigasaki. They are managed by the Chigasaki Council of Social Welfare. These volunteer centers activity bases that connect people who need help with those who want to help.

~Let's help each other~



F.A.Q. FROM USERS:

Q1. Who can request help? → People or their family members who have difficulties in daily life because of aging, sickness, disability, childbirth and parenting.

Q2. What can you request? → Cleaning of rooms, weeding, bush trimming, shopping, small repairs, light-bulb changing, carrying garbage out to the collecting place and conversation, etc.

Q3. How much does it cost? → 100 yen~200 yen per 30 minutes (depending on the district)

Q4. Where can you apply? → Please contact your local volunteer center.

COMMENTS FROM USERS

"Volunteers living in my district help me so I'm relieved."
"They weeded my garden. Thanks to them I saw a clean ground when I came in from the gate and I can relax."

F.A.Q. FROM VOLUNTEERS

Q1. How do you help them? → You deal with the users' request with other volunteers

Q2. Who can be the volunteers? → No qualifications necessary. Everyone can do what they are able to do. If you don't know what to do, please contact the Chigasaki Council of Social Welfare. Feel free to join as a volunteer.

COMMENTS FROM CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

"I'm very happy to help users even if it's only for a short time."
"Our motto is do what you can when you can. I cheerfully and delightfully do volunteer activities with my colleagues."

"We also enjoy talking together and drinking tea after volunteer activities."

Please contact Chigasaki City or the Chigasaki Council of Social Welfare for more information. Chigasaki Council of Social Welfare: Phone: 0467-85-9650 Fax: 0467-85-965 Chigasaki City: Phone: 0467-82-1111 Fax: 0467-82-5157

Previously, Chigasaki City Hall had designated 8 evacuation centers including parks and golf courses. In order to decrease the damage from disasters such as large-scale fires due to big earthquakes, and to help citizens evacuate urgently, the city increased the number of the centers from 8 to 21, considering the increase of population in the city and the change in the city's structure. Below are the 21 designated evacuation centers:

7 崎市広域避難場所全体図

番号	名称	備考
1	大宮公園、市役所、市民文化センター	
2	体育館、運動場、運動場、運動場	
3	南小学校、南中学校	
4	大宮公園	
5	大宮公園	
6	大宮公園	
7	大宮公園	
8	大宮公園	
9	大宮公園	
10	大宮公園	
11	大宮公園	
12	大宮公園	
13	大宮公園	
14	大宮公園	
15	大宮公園	
16	大宮公園	
17	大宮公園	
18	大宮公園	
19	大宮公園	
20	大宮公園	
21	大宮公園	

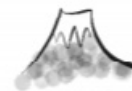
例

- 広域避難場所（既存）
- 広域避難場所（新規）
- 大規模延焼火災のおそれ低い地域
- 市界
- 鉄道

1:25,000

4 km

Ask Fuji-san



Dear Fuji-san,
I don't have a Japanese credit card, so in order to pay for online purchases and expenses back home, I need to use my debit card from my home country. However, using the international transfers through my bank can be complicated and expensive. Are there any cheaper and/or easier ways to transfer money out of Japan to bank accounts in my home country?

From, Piranha

Patients are required to pay an additional fee when they visit a central regional hospital without a medical referral letter. In this region, Chigasaki Municipal Hospital is applicable. From July 1, the fee will be changed as follows:

First visit / Visit after an interval of 3 months*

Before 30 June 2018	After 1 July 2018
¥2,160 (tax included)	¥5,400 (tax included)



Revisit even after your doctor writes a letter referring to other hospitals

Before 30 June 2018	After 1 July 2018
¥360 (tax included)	¥2,700 (tax included)

*Even if it's less than 3 months, fees could be charged depending on the diagnosis.

Dear Piranha,

New technology in banking is already transforming the financial sector. You may want to try online transfer services. You pay into their bank account in your country. The services pay your recipient from their account in recipient's country using the real exchange rate which does not include currency exchange commission. They have multiple language interfaces on their website, offering way cheaper prices than longer-established banks.

Gift cards issued by online shops are an alternative. You can purchase a gift card from overseas online stores, and they send it by email. You can use them for when you purchase goods and services back there. Enjoy shopping!

Best, Fuji

EDITORIAL TEAM (In alphabetical order):

Sosuke Akutagawa, Noriko Fukumura, Zachary Hillenbrand, Setsuko Isa, Takeo Ishii, Shigeki Iwasaka, Yasuo Kurita, Masumi Miwada, Kumi, Moe, Rin, Shuhei Miyake, Ken Mizuno, Betty Nakamura, Seiji Nakane, Emi Tabuchi.

Back issues are available on the IAC website

[<http://www.chigasaki-iac.org/>] or the Chigasaki City website.

Inquiries: info.chigasakibreeze@gmail.com