

Chigasaki Breeze

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

IS YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT COMPLETE?

Keep it in mind to protect yourself from natural disasters!

It's been repeatedly broadcasted on TV or in daily newspapers that there is a high possibility of a major earthquake occurring sooner or later. Actually, nobody knows if it will come in the next 3 years, 10 years, or 20 years, but it's already named **the TOKAI earthquake** in the case of this district as the seismic focus is suspected to exist around Mt. Fuji and the coastal area facing Suruga and Sagami Bay. Our city Chigasaki is in the eastern end of the area and therefore the city publicity reminds the citizens to be prepared to protect themselves from any damage brought about by such natural disasters.

In the history of major earthquakes, there were **the Great Earthquake of KANTO** at 11:58 on September 1, 1923, of which the magnitude was 7.9 on the Richter scale, **the Great HANSHIN-AWAJI earthquake** of magnitude 7.3 at 05:46 on January 17, 1995, and **the Great NIIGATA-KEN CHUETSU-OKI earthquake** of magnitude 6.8 occurred at 10:13 on July 16, 2007.

To be ready for such circumstances of disaster, it is necessary to have at hand a portable radio, flashlights, medical supplies, drinking water, etc., while it is strongly suggested to fix furniture at least so they won't tumble down and cause injury. Also, it is required to maintain heavy roof tiles, block walls, etc., so they won't fall down.

To help people get ready for maintaining these building materials in safety and for strengthening and repairing wooden houses to be compatible, the city is preparing a subsidy system and your consultation with the Building Instruction Section in the city hall has been requested at any opportune movement.

As from October 1, the Meteorological Agency starts sending prompt emergency news through all the communication media for people to prepare to escape from potential damage, and to get updated information. You can visit the following URL or call the municipal office shown below in case something happens.

[URL]: <http://www.seisvol.kishou.go.jp/eq/EEW/kaisetsu/index.html>

Disaster prevention section of Yokohama Regional Meteorological observatory: Tel 045-621-1999

THE CIVIC EVENTS THIS FALL

As we are running into the cultural season of fall, a number of civic events and performances have been scheduled at the city facilities here and there during the next couple months. They include people's gathering at major parks, and a citizen's performance of music and dance, an exhibition of various kinds of art, etc. at the Civic Culture Hall.

On November 3, there is **the FUREAI Festival** at the **Chuō Park**, and on November 18, there is **the RAINBOW Festival** at **SATOYAMA Park**. There, scores of thousands of people visit to enjoy looking at a variety of performances such as dancing by children and adults, playing of drums and baton twirlers, etc. There are also hundreds of booths prepared showing presentations by the city and local NPOs, and selling a variety of goods including foods and handicrafts at reasonable prices. Both are open at 10:00 until 15:00

FUREAI literally means "for people to get in close touch". The park is located on the other side of the Civic Culture Hall on Chuō Dōri. It's within five or six minutes walking distance from the station. **SATOYAMA Park** is located in Serizawa district which is a hilly area with a lot of greenery, where you can observe a lot of nature. From a bus stop near to Mizuho Bank located at the north side of Chigasaki station, free bus services will be available to take you to the front gate of **SATOYAMA Park** in 20-25 minutes. There is a timetable at the bus stop and return buses are available too.

As far as the activities at the Civic Culture Hall are concerned, there will be all kinds of artistic performances to be held almost every day. On weekends, you can enjoy the **CIVIC CULTURE FESTIVAL** of Japanese classic dance and drumming, and various kinds of music including Chanson and Canzone (10/6), Classic Vocal Concert (10/7), Classic Concert (10/20), Evening Concert (10/21) etc. They will be performed by citizens and you can enjoy seeing and listening to them free either at large or small halls.

On the first floor, you can see exhibitions of Japanese culture; brush painting, flower arrangement, handicrafts, photographs, bonsai, paintings, etc. This is the way people celebrate the fall of yellow and red leaves, and the season before the severe winter comes.

