

Chigasaki Breeze

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

The city celebrates its 60th Anniversary in 2007

The municipal organization of Chigasaki was formed on October 1, 1947 and so the city celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. To celebrate this symbolic year, there has already been a memorial tree planting, a writing contest by elementary and junior high school students, a stamp rally at Chuō Park, etc. The city has also planned *Furusato Waku-Waku Theater* (A heart-beating birthplace theater) in July, and a number of memorial events are going to be performed throughout the year under the theme of "*Hito-Machi-Minna Daisuki*" meaning "*People-Town and We-all-love Chigasaki*". This program from August onward is named "*WAI-WAI Festa Chigasaki*" and includes a children's movie theater, a display and video broadcasting of an astronaut Soichi Noguchi, memorial concerts, a commendation ceremony, etc. *WAI-WAI* is an expression you use when you have fun playing, shouting, singing, dancing, etc. and *Festa* is Festival.

At the **Civic Culture Hall** (Shimin Bunka Kaikan)

August 5 (Sun) "*WAI-WAI Festa Chigasaki*"

Musical performance with a string telephone, large-scale tea ceremony, sales of Hiratsuka Bellmare soccer team goods, a display on the progress of Chigasaki, a performance related to international exchange, etc.

September 29 (Sat) Joint Concert by junior high school students and the Kanagawa Philharmonic Orchestra

September 30 (Sun) Memorial Concert by the Kanagawa Philharmonic Orchestra and soloists of Chigasaki

October 1 (Mon) Commendation Ceremony

December 9 (Sun) Citizen's chorus festival to sing "Beethoven's ninth Symphony" with the Chigasaki Philharmonic Orchestra

At the **Community Hall** (the city hall annex bldg.)

October 27 (Sat) Symposium on "Education through eating customs"

The Progress of Chigasaki over the last 60 years:

1947-----The eighth municipal organization enforcement in Kanagawa Prefecture
(Population of Chigasaki: 43,315)

1974-----Completion of the new Chigasaki city hall

1984-----Opening of Chuō Park

Completion of the new Chigasaki station bridge building

1987-----Maintenance completion of the Chigasaki station's south exit

1993-----Completion of the city hall annex building

1995-----Opening of the Shonan bypass elevated road

1997-----Celebration of the 50th anniversary of Chigasaki city and the designation of the city bird

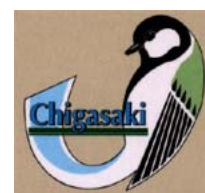
1998-----Opening of the Chigasaki art museum

2000-----Development of the Integral Basic Plan of Chigasaki city

2005-----Conferment of the first citizen honor prize on an astronaut Soichi Noguchi.

2007-----Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Chigasaki city

Establishment of the Chigasaki seashore Grand Plan (Population 229,456)



The *Hamaori* Festival

On Marine day; July 16 (Mon), about 40 portable miniature shrines representing local shrines from Chigasaki and Samukawa districts are carried to the Nishihama seashore.



Following the Shinto ritual, they pray for a rich harvest for the coming year.

Fireworks display at Southern Beach

A spectacular display of fireworks will brighten the night sky on August 4 (Sat) at Southern Beach Chigasaki. As always, there will be a large number of people in yukata coming from remote areas to enjoy this visual feast.

