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This newsletter is a partial translation from the February 25th issue of 'Nishinomiya Municipal Bulletin.' We will be glad to help you seek further information about events or notices announced here.

ENJOY READING BOOKS AT NISHINOMIYA CITY LIBRARY



The City Library not only lends books but also holds various events such as book exhibitions, reading circles, carta (card) competition, etc. The City Library homepage was renewed this February.

Renewal of City Library's Homepage
(<https://tosho.nishi.or.jp/>)

- 1) New pages are open for specific users.
 - “Children page” for elementary school pupils
 - “YA (Young Adult) page” for junior & senior high school students
 - “Child Care page” which notifies of story-telling, etc.
 - “Handicapped service” which notifies face-to-face reading, home delivery of books, etc.
- 2) “My Library” has many functions.
 - “My Bookshelf” by which you can make your own book list to read
 - “Notification Mail of New Arrival” which informs you that the library received the books or CDs you reserved
 - “Notification Mail of Returning Books” which reminds you of the due date
 - “Reading Record” where you can review books you have read
- 3) Searching books is simple.

There are four City Libraries in Nishinomiya (Central, Naruo, North and Kitaguchi). Library Sub-branches are in Koshiki-iwa, Danjo, Uegahara, Koto-en, Takasu, Yamaguchi and Wakatake.

Let's install a vibro-sensor & breaker

Dangers of earthquakes are shaking and fire. Electric fires caused by earthquakes account for 60% of identified factors of fire. A vibro-sensor & breaker can cut off electricity to prevent fire when quakes reach a certain level and more.

Seven points to save your life from house fire

<Three habits>

Don't smoke in bed.

Keep flammable things off the stove.

Make sure to turn off the gas stove when you are away.

<Four measures>

Install a house fire detector to prevent late evacuation.

Choose pajamas, clothes and curtains made from inflammable material.

Keep a fire extinguisher in the home for fire fighting.

Have a plan with neighbors for saving seniors and people with disabilities.

Be careful of fire ignited by cigarette

Cigarettes ranked at the top as a fire cause in 2016.

Smokers must obey the following rules to prevent fire.

Smoke only at designated spots.

Keep water in an ash tray.

Don't throw away cigarettes.

Put your cigarette out when going out or sleeping.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF DUE DATE FOR TAX RETURNS & TAX PAYMENT BY BANK TRANSFER

Tax payment by bank transfer is secure, safe and convenient. Online payments using credit cards have started in Jan. As for credit card payments, a handling fee corresponding to the amount of payment is required. The limit is 10 million yen including the handling fee. Tax offices and financial institutions do not accept credit card payments.

*Delinquent tax may be charged when the tax payment is overdue. If you don't have a payment statement, you can get a payment notice at the tax office and financial institutions, or use payment by bank transfer.

*To make a payment by bank transfer, submit the bank transfer request form to the tax office or a financial institution. At present, receipts are not provided, but written certificates will be given at the tax office.

When busy, consultation hours may end earlier than the posted schedule at the Nishinomiya tax office and/or other venues. No parking service until Mar. 17, so use public services.

[Inquiry] Nishinomiya Tax Office 0798-34-3930

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK (March 1-7)

To prevent fire in Nishinomiya City, the Fire Bureau will hold onsite inspections and fire drills at shopping malls, hospitals, and welfare facilities during this term.

[Inquiries] Fire Bureau Fire Prevention Division (0798-32-7316

or 119 or nearest fire station)

Set up a house fire alarm

A fire sensor is required by law to be installed in the home. Fire happens everywhere. This equipment helps to detect fire immediately and extinguish it quickly. Install this device quickly if not done yet.



[NISHI NAVI]

★INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING LECTURE



[Date & Time] From 2:00pm on March 25 (Sat)
[Place] Central Library
[Details] Theme: Learn about the world through bread baking

Teacher: Japanese representative Baker, Mr. Taniguchi
[Participants] 80 people
[Application] Nishinomiya City International Association (32-8680) starts at 9:45am on March 1. First-come-first-served basis.

★RANTEI KYOKUSUI NO EN in Nishinomiya

[Date & Time] From 2:00pm on Apr. 15 (Sat)
[Place] Kitayama Ryokuka Shokubutsu-en
[Details] Compose a poem
[Fee] ¥2000 *Free for watching
[Application and Inquiries] Nishinomiya Shrine (33-0321) by March 14.

Wanted! People who want to wear Heian Era costumes calls Junihitoe at festival (Target: Women, Number limit, Need apply)

*Related Event: RANTEI CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION

- Submit your calligraphy-
[Details] Standard-size Japanese writing paper. Exhibit calligraphy at Kitayama Ryokuka Shokubutsu-en from 10:00am to 4:00pm from Apr.15 (Sat) through Jun.25 (Sun) *Wednesday closed.

[Fee] Required
[Application and Inquiries] Nishinomiya Ranteikai (22-3326 Mr. /Ms. Miyahara) by March 14.

[Sports]

★Tennis Team Competition

[Date & Time] March 18 (Sat.)
1:30pm -
[Place] Shioze tennis court
[Details] One team of four with two men and two women
[Maximum number] twelve teams
[Participants] Beginners and Intermediates
[Fee] ¥12,000 per team
[Application] Shioze gym (0797-62-2565)



Accepted in order of arrival from March 3 at 9:00am

★Futsal Festa

[Date & Time] March 20 (Mon.) 9:30am -
[Place] Chuo gym
[Participants] The girls' and the women's teams



Elementary school students, junior high school students and adult members

[Fee] Required
[Application & Inquiries] Nishinomiya soccer association (090-7352-3795 c/o Morigami) by March 10

3/11
(Sat)

NANKAI TROUGH GIGANTIC EARTHQUAKE PREPARATION DRILL

Nishinomiya City, in preparation of the Nankai Trough Gigantic Earthquake, will hold a shakeout drill as well as an emergency alert e-mail distribution drill on March 11th (Sat). This will be a good opportunity for each household to make plans to protect one's life from tremors as well as to understand the evacuation procedure during a tsunami. [Inquiry] Disaster measures section (0798 - 35 - 3626) ※ On drill date, call disaster exclusive line between 10 - 11AM.

10:00 -

Disaster Prevention Announcement-Emergency Notification Radio Alert Sound Earthquake has occurred! Firstly, protect your life where you are



with the assumption that a Nankai trough gigantic earthquake occurred. Nishinomiya disaster prevention network alert will also be distributed. You can check notified disaster



prevention alerts by dialing 050 - 5578 - 2628 (charged calls) .

Three actions to protect oneself:

1. Drop! Keep yourself in low position.
2. Cover! Protect your head.
3. Hold On! Stay still.

Low body position! / Protect your head and body! Stand still until tremor settles down!

10:03 -

Emergency Flash Email (Location area mail) distribution

Announcement of a big tsunami warning alert! Check tsunami evacuation procedures. An alert email will be distributed to notify people to evacuate based on a big tsunami warning announcement.

Received mails will make a loud sound even phones are in silent mode. The phone will not make any sound if the phone is off. Also, this joint drill within the Hanshin district may cause drill mails to be received by neighboring cities at city borders. Each household should check tsunami evacuation buildings as well as the location of designated evacuation centers!

※Please refer to the city website or to the hazard map distributed in November, 2016 for the location of your tsunami evacuation buildings and evacuation centers.