

Kakamigahara English News

Nakasendou Unumajuku

The spring festival celebrating the history of the old Nakasen road stopping point for resting (used for travel trade in the pre-Meiji times) will be taking place on March 19th (Sunday) and includes a performance of the old lumber chant used to cut trees for building Nagoya Castle downriver. This chant was nearly extinct with only two people who recalled how to do it, until recent efforts to preserve it resulted in a several years' practice to perfect and retain it locally. It is interesting because it is not only to keep cadence, but actually contains the instructions and specifications required of the wood, etc. It's a wonderful and rare piece of local history. Maybe you'd even consider joining the preservation society?

There will also be some foods, etc. there to enjoy, and look at some of the old inns and houses that remain as historical landmarks. Parking will be scarce but there will be a shuttle bus service from Shin Unuma Station, etc.

The festival is from 10 AM to 3 PM Sunday March 19th. For more information please call the Brand Souzouka Division at TEL 058-383-9925.

The Kakamigahara International Association (KIA)

You can find us on the 6th floor of the Sangyou Bunka Center in the Brand Creation Division, our hours are 8:30 AM-5:15 PM.

Telephone: 058-383-1426

E-Mail: kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp

Website: www.kia1986.org

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions, comments, or for more information.

Children's Health Services For April:

Times for children health checks are from 13:00~13:30.

Please use the designated location for the area you live in. The areas are:

Sogo Fukushi Kaikan: For those living in the **Naka, Kawashima, Sohara, and Inaba Elementary School** areas.

The **Asahi Kodomokan** area has been relocated to the *Higashi Hoken Soudan Center*. This is serving those living in the **Unuma** area.

4 months

Date	Location	For Children Born
April 5 (Wed)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2016 November 1-15
April 6 (Thu)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2016 November 16-30
April 7 (Fri)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	2016 November

Includes physical

11 months

Date	Location	For Children Born
April 24 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2016 May
April 25 (Tues)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	2016 May

Physical and dental inspection

1 year 6 months (18 months)

Date	Location	For Children Born
April 10 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2015 September 1-15
April 11 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2015 September 16-30
April 12 (Wed)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	2015 September 1-15
April 14 (Fri)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	2015 September 16-30

Includes physical and dental check

3 years

Date	Location	For Children Born
April 17 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2014 March 1-15
March 18 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2014 March 16-31
March 19 (Wed)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	2014 March

Includes physical, vision and hearing check, urine exam.

For more information contact the Kakamigahara Kenko Kanrikan TEL 058-383-1115

Blood Drives

There are two opportunities to donate blood in March!

March 9 (Thu) Tokai Chuo Hospital 3:10 PM~ 4:30 PM

March Blood Drives (continued)

March 26 (Sun) Apita Kakamigahara Store 9:30AM~12 Noon; 1:30 PM~4:00 PM
For more information, please call 058-383-7570

City Hall Holiday / After Hours and Services for March:

The Kakamigahara City Hall will have the following irregular hours for the following services in March. Please use the basement entrance located on the North Side of the Main building.

City Tax:

Holiday Hours:

March 11(Sat) 10:00 AM~5:00PM

Evening Consultations:

March 7 (Tues), 8 (Wed), 9 (Thu), 10 (Fri): 5:15 PM~8 PM

(First floor of City Hall, Tax Division)

TEL: 058-383-4773

National Health Insurance Premiums:

Holiday hours: March 12 (Sun), 1 PM~5 PM

Evening hours:

March 8 (Wed), 9 (Thu), 10 (Fri), 13 (Mon), 14 (Tues): 5:15 PM~8 PM

TEL: 058-383-1112

Sogo Undou Koen (Sports Park) Grand Opening

March 25, Saturday, will be the grand opening ceremony of the Sogo Undou Sports Park. The grand opening will take place from 10 AM to 3 PM. The Opening ceremony will be 12 noon-1 PM, and a soccer clinic for youths (multiple groups from age 5-elementary 6th grade. There are limited numbers allowed to participate so if you are interested please send the name of the child, the guardian, age, gender, phone number and postal address with code to the Sports Division by e-mail (sports-e@city.kakmigahara.gifu.jp). There will be some general introductions to rugby and basketball from 10-11:45 AM and 1:30-3 PM.

The new facilities include baseball diamonds, 8 lane track circle, soccer fields, archery range, walking and cycling trails, softball fields, and so on.

For more information please contact the Sports Division at TEL 058-383-1231

Meiji Mura Discount for Kakamigahara Residents

From March 4- April 30 Meiji Mura will give discount for general admission with proof of Kakamigahara residence. This discount is PER PERSON and not a group rate. For more information please call the park office at TEL 0586-67-0314

KIA English Bus Tour

The Annual KIA bus tour is scheduled to depart March 21st. The English bus tour is a chance for 4-6 Japanese speakers to have a non-native “guide” who is able to converse and share language and culture with. This year the tour will be heading to Montel for some cake factory goodness, a buffet lunch of meat and vegetables at the restaurant Yamabiko, a craft activity at Showa Mura, and a visit to the Sugihara Chiune Museum in lovely Yaostu town. The cost is 4,000 yen for KIA members, and 5,000 yen for non-members.

If you are interested in going as an English guide/companion or as a tourist, please contact the KIA center at Telephone: 058-383-1426 for more information or to register. The number of passengers is limited, and registration ends on March 10th, so clear your schedules and climb aboard for a morning and afternoon of fun and exploration!

For more information or to register please contact the KIA board through the Brand Souzouka office using the information listed below. Hope to see you there!

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Changes to the International Salon American Shelf Collection

As of February 24th, the American Shelf books and loan services are discontinued; these books are now part of the City Library collection and can be borrowed from there. However, there will remain a collection of English study-oriented books and reference materials still available for perusal in the Salon. Also on display will be a collection of large sized-children’s books previously reserved for the Library English Book Readings. These cannot be borrowed but may be read in the salon. After the start of the new school year in April, there will be a system established allowing elementary teachers to borrow those books to use in the schools.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the KIA line at TEL 058-383-1426