

# Kakamigahara English News

## **2019 Kakamigahara City Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Festival**

The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual *Kakamigahara Sakura Matsuri* will be April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday: 9 to 5 and Sunday: 9:00 - 4:30). The opening ceremony will be from 9:00 AM on Saturday, with the opening parade starting at 9:20 AM, and the stage performances beginning shortly after the conclusion of the parade.

Other scheduled events include Sakura Festival tea drinking at the tea house, plarail (Naka Fukushi Center), my city crafts (in Manabi no Mori Park), Soccer Target shooting (only on 6<sup>th</sup>), Jumping castle and ball pool (only on 7<sup>th</sup>), and Disaster Prevention space, in addition to the food, *jinrikisha* rides through the Citizen's Park, etc.

The park is generally open to people setting up picnics, etc., for *hanami* (cherry blossom viewing), but there is a specially designated space for barbecue- please do not have fires or gas stoves, etc. of any kind outside of the specified area.

### **The Kakamigahara City Hall Tourism and Multicultural Division**

You can find us on the 6th floor of the Sangyou Bunka Center. Our hours are 8:30 AM~5:15 PM.

Telephone: 058-383-1426

E-Mail: [kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp](mailto:kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp)

Website: [www.kia1986.org](http://www.kia1986.org)

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

## Children's Health Services For May:

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** areas.

Note that the *Higashi Hoken Soudan Center* services those living in the **Unuma** area.

4 months

Date	Location	For Children Born
May 7 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	December 1 – 15 2018
May 8 (Wed)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	December 16 – 31 2018
May 10 (Fri)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	December 2018

Includes physical

11 months

Date	Location	For Children Born
May 29 (Wed)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	June 2018
May 31 (Fri)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	June 2018

Physical and dental inspection

1 year 6 months (18 months)

Date	Location	For Children Born
May 13 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	October 1-15 2017
May 14 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	October 16-31 2017
May 15 (Wed)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	October 1-15 2017
May 17 (Fri)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	October 16-31 2017

*Includes physical and dental check*

3 years

Date	Location	For Children Born
May 21 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	April 1-15 2016
May 22 (Wed)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	April 16-30 2016
May 27 (Mon)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	April 1-15 2016
May 28 (Tues)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	April 16-30 2016

*Includes physical, vision and hearing check, urine exam.*

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

OR the Higashi Hoken Soudan Center (Unuma) at TEL 058-379-7888

- **From February, it will be possible to make appointments for the office online. Please check the city news and web page for more info and procedures.**

### **Blood Drive**

There will be a chance to donate blood (400 ml) in April and (Ages 16-69)

April 7 (Sunday) Apita Kakamigahara Store, 9:30AM~12:00 PM, 1:30 PM~4:00 PM

### **City Hall Holiday / After Hours and Services for April:**

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

#### **City Tax:**

Holiday hours:

April 14 (Sunday), 1:00 PM~5:00PM

Evening Consultations:

April 11, 12 (Thursday, Friday) 5:15 PM~8 PM

(Please note the Tax Division office has changed to the Second floor of City Hall)

TEL: 058-383-4773

#### **National Health Insurance Premiums:**

(City Hall, 1F)

Holiday hours:

April 14 (Sunday), 1:00 PM~5:00PM

Evening Consultations:

April 11, 12 (Thursday, Friday) 5:15 PM~8 PM

TEL: 058-383-1112

### **Changes in Kakamigahara City's Municipal Water Charges**

From April the basic service fee for water in Kakamigahara will be changed. The fees for water usage (Bi-monthly) are:

Volume of Water	Previous Fee	New Fee
10 m <sup>3</sup>	1740 yen	1300 yen
40 m <sup>3</sup>	3940 yen	4650 yen
60 m <sup>3</sup>	6290 yen	7450 yen

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Municipal Waterworks Division at TEL 058-383-7114.

### **2020 Coming of Age Day Ceremony**

Preparations for participation in the 2020 January Coming of Age Day Ceremonies are underway. The ceremony will take place twice on January 12: From 9:45 AM-10:45 AM (for those from Naka, Sakuragaoka, Unuma, Ryokuyouen middle school districts), and 11:30 AM -12:30 PM (Inaba, Kawashima, Sohara, and Chuo middle school districts). A letter of invitation to those eligible will be sent to you.

If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Education Division at TEL:  
058-383-1484

### **Foreign Language Courses Through KIA**

KIA currently offers classes in Japanese, Chinese, English, and Korean. The English, Chinese, and Korean courses are for one year and will be accepting students for the 2019 fiscal year, classes beginning in May (Japanese courses are for 10 classes at a time and can be signed into at any time). Both courses will have a total of 20 lessons.

The English Course is 32 lessons (one year) and is 15,000 yen (includes KIA membership).

The Korean course is three times a month on Mondays from 7:15 PM~ 8:45 PM and will be 6 months in length, while the Mandarin Chinese is twice a month on Wednesdays from 7:15 PM~ 8:45 PM and will take one year. Sign up can be done in person at the Sangyou Bunka Center 6F, by E-mail, FAX, or postcard. Payment is due on the day of the first class. Prices are 16,000 yen. KIA members can join the classes for 12,000; students who are not currently members may join (membership is 2,000 yen annually)- meaning you can enroll in class and KIA and pay 14,000 yen- a 2,000 yen savings!

When enrolling please be sure to include your name, address, contact number, and age along with the appropriate title (Chinese Language/Korean Language Course) to KIA (post address is: 504-8555 Naka Sakura Machi 1-69, City Hall Kankoukouryuka KIA desk, Sangyou Bunka Center 6F

The TEL contact number is 058-383-1426, FAX is 058-389-0765, E-Mail: [kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp](mailto:kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp)

### **KIA Looking for Volunteer Japanese Teachers for 2019**

If you would like to be a volunteer teacher to teach Japanese to non-native speakers in one-to-one lessons, please let us know. Contact us in person (Sangyou Bunka Center 6F), e-mail, or just call the KIA desk. Classes are for 1 hour on Wednesdays, from 6:00~7:00, 7:00~8:00, and 8:00~9:00 in the evening.

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