

Kakamigahara English News

Kakamigahara City 2018 Sakura Matsuri

The festival takes place in the citizen's park around the Chuo Library April 7th (Saturday) and 8th (Sunday). This year's list of attractions/events include: The Miss Kakamigahara Meet and Parade on Saturday from 9 AM, performances on the Sakura stage (from 10 AM on Saturday, 9 AM Sunday), Flower viewing pulled rickshaw (jinrikisha) rides around the park (Saturday 10:30 AM-4 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM), The Sakura Festival Photo Contest (From March 23rd~April 10th); turn in your work (cherry blossom and festival themed) to the Kankoukouryuka/ Tourism and Multi-Cultural office (Sangyou Bunka Center, 6F) by April 13th for consideration, Cherry Blossom viewing along the river with food and other offerings, and the Sakura Matsuri Tea Ceremony (Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM~3:00 PM).

The park will also have a BBQ area available for Flower Viewing parties from March 31st~April 8th, from 9:00 AM~9:00 PM (Note that entry into the BBQ area is prohibited after 7:00 PM).

City parking is available at reasonable rates.

For more information about the Sakura Festival, please call the Festival Committee at TEL 058-383-9925 (before the festival) or 090-6099-1563 (during the festival).

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

Website: 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.

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

4 months

Date	Location	For Children Born
May 7 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	December 1 – 15 2018
May 8 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	December 16 – 31 2018
May 9 (Wed)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	December 2018

Includes physical

11 months

Date	Location	For Children Born
May 28 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	June 2017
May 29 (Tues)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	June 2017

Physical and dental inspection

1 year 6 months (18 months)

Date	Location	For Children Born
May 14 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	October 1 – 15 2016
May 15 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	October 16 – 31 2016
May 16 (Wed)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	October 1-15 2016
May 18 (Fri)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	October 16-31 2016

Includes physical and dental check

3 years

Date	Location	For Children Born
May 21 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	April 1 – 15 2015
May 22 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	April 16 – 30 2015
May 23 (Wed)	Higashi Hoken Soudan Center	April 2015

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

Blood Drive

April 8th (Sunday) Apita Kakamigahara Store, 9:30AM~12:00 PM, 1:30 PM~4:00 PM

May 6th (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 (Saturday), 1:00 PM~5:00PM

Evening Consultations:

April 12 (Thursday), 13 (Friday) 5:15 PM~8 PM

(First floor of City Hall, Tax Division)

TEL: 058-383-4773

National Health Insurance Premiums:

Holiday hours:

April 14 (Saturday), 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Evening Consultations:

April 12 (Thursday), 13 (Friday) 5:15 PM~8 PM

TEL: 058-383-1112

Meiji Mura Discounted Admissions for Kakamigahara Residents

From March 3rd~April 30th Meiji Mura Park will offer reduced general admissions fees for residents of Kakamigahara City. The adjusted entry prices are Adults: 1500 yen, Seniors (over 65) and University students 1,100 yen, High school Students 800 yen, Middle and Elementary Students 500 yen. One ID is good for up to 5 persons. For more information call the park at 0568-67-0314.

Be Wary of Wildfires!

Remember that warmer weather means more outdoor activity in the mountains, etc. Especially in the windy spring, any fires you have outside quickly become serious. Never leave fires unattended and be ready to put them out and/or contact the authorities. Let's prevent wildfires.

Please feel free to contact the Agriculture Policy Division at TEL 058-383-1129.

Don't Forget Your Poo!

Please pick up and dispose of your pet poo when walking them. It's not just about manners, but also about hygiene and protection of our environment.

For more information please contact the City Environment Policy Division at TEL 058-383-4231.

Volunteer Japanese Language Courses

Kakamigahara City offers Japanese language courses at the Sangyou Bunka Center for residents. Classes are offered three times on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 8:00 PM for about an hour. These are 1-on-1 lessons with a volunteer teacher, and you get to have input on the kind of study (speaking, reading/writing, etc.) as well as the text you will use. Texts and dictionaries are available for use during classes, but students are encouraged to buy their own in order to study outside of the classroom.

The classes are 2,000 yen for 10 classes (10 classes, not 10 weeks, you can skip a week or make other schedule arrangements with us), payable in full at the first class. Again, the classes are taught by volunteer teachers on a 1-to-1 ratio, so please be aware that it may take some time to find a teacher for you, usually from 2 -5 weeks but it can take over a month or even two in some circumstances.

Please stop by the International Salon or the Tourism and Multi-Cultural Division (*Kankoukouryuka*) desk on the 6F of the Sangyou Bunka Center for more information and fill out your registration sheet today!

Announcing the 2018 Miss Kakamigahara Trio

The three representatives for Kakamigahara City were selected. Congratulations to the 2018 Miss Kakamigahara team:

Miss Sakura: Imai Risa

Miss Carrot: Sato Haruka

Miss Cosmo: Tawada Mitsue