

Important Announcement to our Readers

Thank you for subscribing to the KYC newsletter! We would like to inform you that, following our March 2023 edition, we will cease mailing physical copies of the KYC. Accordingly, we have begun distributing the KYC newsletter through Wakayama City's Official LINE account. **Refer to the city website for instructions regarding how to register for LINE announcements** (Wakayama City→ID:1006056→"Registering to Wakayama City's Official Line")

※For those who are unable to access LINE or have trouble with smartphones: we can continue to mail copies of the KYC newsletter to your address (though we would greatly appreciate your cooperation with the transition to LINE). Please contact the International Affairs Division for assistance ☎ 073-435-1010.

Organized by KNOW, Kokusai Volunteer Network of Wakayama Cleaning & Cherry Blossom Viewing at Wakayama Castle

In the cherry blossom season, let's get together and volunteer to clean up Wakayama Castle! After the cleanup, we will have lunch and watch the cherry blossoms, "ohanami!"

Description: After completing cleaning activities, such as picking up trash at Wakayama Castle, we will have a "hanami" (cherry blossom viewing) party while eating bento.

Date and time: Apr 2 (Sun), 2023, from 1100

Place: Wakayama Castle Park (meet in front of the Wakayama History Center)

Cost: Free

Eligibility and capacity: Foreign residents of Wakayama City and their family members or accompaniment; first 30 applicants

Application: Feb 13 (Mon) to Mar 17 (Fri) by e-mail

Please include the participant's name and kana (Japanese reading), address, and telephone number.

*Applications will close upon reaching the maximum number of participants, even if this occurs during the application period.

Applications should be sent to: Kokusai Volunteer Network of Wakayama (KNOW) Secretariat

Contact: kokusai@city.wakayama.lg.jp

Notes:

- We will prepare the tools required for clean up.
- We plan to prepare bentos and tea. Please bring any other drinks you may need.
- We will disperse after the cherry blossom viewing.
- In the case of rain, the event may be cancelled.
- Please inform us ahead of time if you can no longer attend after applying.

Contact: KNOW, Kokusai Volunteer Network of Wakayama ☎ 073-435-1010
(0830-1715 except Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

01 March: Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month

Contact: Health Policy Division ☎ 488-5117



Find details here

March, the month when suicide cases tend to increase annually, is established as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. Many suicides are the result of external pressure, and are connected to a complex collection of issues. To create a city that is supportive of life and prevents people from being pushed towards suicide, Wakayama City is actively engaging in educational campaigns for suicide prevention and consultation services for mental health.



Website (ID : 1005459)

02 Pet dog registration and implementation of Rabies vaccines

Contact: Animal Care & Control Center ☎ 488-2032

In accordance with the Rabies vaccination law, registration and annual vaccinations for all pet dogs are mandatory. Please complete the registration procedure and vaccinations at the locations listed on the city website below, or at your veterinarian clinic. The prices are the same.

※Find more details at the city website (ID : 1015613)

●Cost: ¥ 6,250 (¥ 3,250 for already registered dogs)



Announcements



April 2 is World Autism Acceptance Day

To deepen understanding regarding autism, we will illuminate Wakayama Castle in blue, which represents hope and healing. By improving our understanding and proper information regarding autism, let's aim for a society wherein anyone can live happily. You can appreciate a more magical view of the castle from the roof of Wakayama-Jo Hall. Taking advantage of this once-in-a-year event, please wear blue and pay Wakayama Castle a visit.



▼Contact: Division for the Support of People with Disabilities ☎435•1060, FAX:431 • 2840

Seeking Applications



Would you like to display your work in Wakayama-Jo Hall's multipurpose room?

- ▼Location: Wakayama-Jo Hall, 3rd floor multipurpose room.
- ▼Information: We will exhibit works including drawings, writing, photos, handcrafts and technical art.
- ▼Target: Works created in local school classes or clubs, local welfare facilities, and organizations or clubs that locally host cultural events ※Not accepting applications from individuals
- ▼Exhibition period: The first half of FY 2023 (Apr-Sep) ※approx. 2 weeks per session
- ▼Seeking 11 organizations (chosen by lottery)
- ▼Application: Bring an application between Mar 1 (Wed) and Mar 20 (Mon) ※Only operating until 1500 on Monday the 20th)
- ▼Submission and contact info: Wakayama-Jo Hall (office on 2nd floor) ☎ 432•1212

Deadline for Tax and Insurance Payments Mar 31 (Fri)

National Health Insurance premium (Period 10)
National Health Insurance and Pension Division

☎435-1214

Nursing Care Insurance premium (Period 10) Nursing
Care Insurance Division ☎435-1334

Advanced Elderly Medical Insurance premium (Period 9)
General Insurance Affairs Division ☎435-1062

Have you paid your municipal tax?

The payment periods for property tax, municipal and prefectural residence tax (regular collection), and light motor vehicle tax (tax rate by type) have ended for fiscal year 2022. Please ensure that you have no missing payments.

※Payments via bank account transfer are preferred.
Applications can be completed at financial institutions.

Inquiries: Tax Revenue Division ☎ 435-1038

Exercise care regarding rental housing issues!

Spring tends to become busy with moving due to job hunting and school transfers. At this time every year, we receive many inquiries regarding moving out of rental housing.

From unexpected home repair bills to the inability to receive security deposits, many issues can occur.

To avoid such issues, confirm the information on your lease agreement regarding the scope of restoration repairs. Also, to prevent any further issues, we recommend taking a photo of your room after removing all of your belongings.

Contact: Consumer Affairs Center ☎ 435-1188

Social Events



Kinokuni (Wakayama Prefecture) "U Turn" Job Fair

This is Wakayama Prefecture's largest joint-enterprise orientation. 120 companies from Wakayama Prefecture will participate across a 2 day period, so please attend both days.

▼**Date:** Mar 13 (Mon) • 14 (Tues), from 1300-1700 ※Apply ahead of time, participation is free.

▼**Location:** Hotel Granvia Wakayama, floor 6 (in front of Wakayama Station).

▼**Target:** General employment seekers, university, junior college, technical college, and vocational school students who are expected to graduate in March, 2024 (also international students and those who have graduated within 3 years).

▼**Contact:** Kinokuni U Turn Job Fair Planning Committee ☎ 431-7376

※Find more information at the Wakayamaken Keieisha Kyokai's (Wakayama Prefecture Managers Association) website.

"Torafusu Forest" Nature Watching Event at Wakayama Castle Park

A chance to explore Wakayama Castle Park with a tree specialist!

▼**Date:** Mar 18 (Sat) 1300-1500

※Postponed to Mar 21 (Tues • Holiday) in the case of severe weather.

▼**Meeting place:** In front of the Wakayama History Center (1 Bancho 3)

▼**Targets:** Elementary students and above

※Elementary students must be accompanied by a guardian

▼**Capacity:** First 20 people to arrive

▼**Fee:** Free

▼**Clothing:** Clothes fit for walking.

▼**Application:** From Mar 10 (Fri) via phone.

▼**Contact:** Wakayama Castle Maintenance and Planning Division ☎435-1044



Nishinosho Fureai no Sato Herb Garden Herb planting workshop

▼**Date and time:** Mar 27 (Mon) 1000~1200 ※Will still be held in the event of rain

▼**Capacity:** 20 people (chosen by lottery)

▼**Fee:** ¥ 300

▼**Application:** Via postcard by Mar 13 (Mon)<postmark deadline>

※Write your address, name, age, phone number, and name of workshop (1 postcard per applicant)

▼**Location, submission and contact info:** 640-0112, 1107-36 Nishinosho, Nishinosho Fureai no Sato Herb Garden, coordinator for “ハーブのさしきたいけん”(herb planting workshop) ☎456•3533 (closed on Tuesdays)

Want to learn first aid?—Regular and Advanced First Aid Training

●Regular First Aid Training I

▼**Schedule:** ①Apr 16 (Sun)②Jul 15 (Sat)③Aug 20 (Sun)④ Sep 16 (Sat) ⑤Nov 19 (Sun) ⑥ Jan 20 (Sat), 2024 ⑦ Mar 9 (Sat), 2024

▼**Time:** From 0900-1200

▼**Information:** CPR and how to use an AED

▼30 people/session, first come first serve

●Advanced First Aid Training

▼**Schedule:** ①May 21 (Sun) ②Dec 16 (Sat) ③Feb 18 (Sun), 2024

▼**Time:** From 0900-1700

▼**Information:** CPR, how to use an AED, how to use a triangular bandage, and techniques for moving the injured

●Regarding both

▼**Location:** Wakayama City Fire Department, 3rd floor (8 Bancho 12)

▼**Submission and contact info:** Your nearest fire station or fire department representative

☎422•0119, Fire Fighting Division ☎428•0119

※Find more information on the city website (ID: 1027057)

Tour of Wakayama City's Famous Spots Manyoshu and Wakanoura, “A Treasure House of Scenic Beauty”

▼**Date and time:** Mar 26 (Sun) 1330~1530

▼**Location:** Wakanoura Art Cube (3-10-1 Wakanoura Minami)

▼**Target:** Municipal residents, workers, and students

▼**Capacity:** 15 people (chosen by lottery)

▼**Application:** From Mar 1 (Wed) to 15 (Wed) via phone or website

▼**Submission and contact info:** Chuo Community Center ☎ 435•1193 (from 0900-1700 excluding weekends)

Scribe Training Course

(writing and computer course)

●Hand writing course (21 sessions)

▼**Date and time:** Apr~Dec (Thursdays) 1000-1500

▼**Target:** Prefectural residents 18 years of age and above ▼**Application deadline:** Must arrive by Apr 13 (Thurs)

●Computer course (22 sessions)

▼**Date and time:** Apr~Dec (Saturdays) 1000-1500

▼**Target:** Prefectural residents 18 years of age and above, who have internet access at home, can type on a computer, and have a laptop (with microsoft windows) that they can bring to the course.

▼**Application deadline:** Must arrive by Mar 30 (Thurs)

●Regarding both

▼**Location:** Wakayama Big Ai, Fureai Center

▼**Capacity:** 12 people per course (chosen by lottery) ▼**Fee:** textbook costs ▼**Application**

submission: Send the application form via fax or mail by the deadline. Apply to Wakayama

Prefecture Information Centre for the Visually Impaired (2-1-2 Tebira, Wakayama Big Ai, 6 floor)

☎ 421•6311, Fax 421•6411