

The 72nd Harbor Festival Fireworks Display

(planned for July 21)

Request for Individual Sponsors

To ensure the safe and secure execution of this event, which has been enjoyed by citizens for years, we are seeking individual sponsors to support the fireworks display.



▼ **Sponsorship fee:** 2,000 yen per ticket

▼ **Sponsorship benefit:** An invitation card to individual sponsor seats

▼ **Application period:** May 8 (Wed) to Jul 5 (Fri) ※until July 19 (Fri) for those applying in person

▼ **How to apply:** (1) Mail or fax the application form, which is available at city hall branch

offices, and service centers;

(2) in person at the Commerce

Promotion Division;(3) online through the Harbor Festival website (QR code).

▼ **Applications & Inquiries:** Harbor Festival Organizing Committee, 23 Shichibancho, Wakayama City 640-8511 (Commerce Promotion Division, 10th floor of city hall) ☎435-1233, FAX 435-1256



Seeking Tour Guide Volunteers

▼ **Date:** May 25 (Sat) 13:30-15:00 (reception opens at 13:00) ▼ **Location:** Wakayama Big Ai, F9 Conference Room A (2-1-2 Tebira).

▼ **Eligibility:** Must be a resident of Wakayama City or its vicinity, able to speak Japanese, and interested in volunteering as a tour guide for the city.

※No prior application required. ▼ **Contact:** Wakayama City Kataribe Club (Maruge) ☎ 080-3134-5343

Don't miss the rising price benefit!

Households who were only levied resident tax on a per capita basis in FY2023 will receive a payment of 100,000 yen. Additionally, households supporting children under the age of 18, and exempt from resident taxes or only levied on a per capita basis in FY2023 will receive an additional payment of 50,000 yen per child. For more information, please contact the secretariat.

Inquiries: Secretariat for Rising Prices Subsidies

☎0120-969-861, ☎073-499-5184 ※09:00 to 17:00

(excl. weekends and holidays) ※**Responsible**

Department: Elderly and Community Welfare Division

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Tax & Insurance Payment Deadlines

May 31 (Fri)

Fixed Asset Tax · City Planning Tax (all periods/first period)

Light Vehicle Tax (by type) (all periods)

Inquiries: Tax Revenue Division ☎ 435-1038

J-Alert Test Broadcast

▼ **Date & Time:** May 22 (Wed) 11:00AM

▼ **Contents:** "kore wa J-arato no tesuto desu"

(this is a J-alert test) will be simultaneously announced through the emergency broadcasting system. ※The broadcast may be suddenly canceled depending on meteorological and seismic activity. Any cancellations will be immediately announced on the city website.

▼ **Disaster Prevention Division:** ☎435-1199

Vacant House Removal Subsidy

The city will subsidize part of the removal costs for vacant houses deemed to be in dangerous conditions. (Limited to significantly deteriorated houses, such as leaning structures or those with severely degraded roofs or walls.)

▼ **Subsidy Amount:** Two-thirds of the removal costs (up to 500,000 yen)

▼ **Application Period:** May 13 onwards

*Until the budget is exhausted.

▼ **Requirements:** Prior certification of the vacant house's dangerous condition is required for application. Inspections for certification are currently available. Please inquire for details.

▼ **Inquiries:** Vacant House Countermeasure Division ☎ 435-1091 ※For more information, please visit the city website (ID: 1001893).

Food Safety for the Summer

The summer season often involves bentos and barbecues! Use the following points to prepare your meals safely:

【Bento Preparation】

- Before cooking, wash your hands thoroughly and prepare clean cooking utensils.
- Prepare side dishes on the day of consumption and ensure they are thoroughly heated. Using plastic wrap when making onigiri helps protect from bacteria.
- Let rice and side dishes properly cool before packing, and drain excess moisture.
- Store in a cool place when possible and consume promptly. When carrying for a long time, use ice packs or coolers.

【Barbecue Tips】

- Properly chill ingredients in a cooler box with ice packs.
- Wash hands thoroughly before cooking or eating. If there is no running water, use wet wipes.
- Use separate cutting boards for raw and cooked foods.
- Ensure raw meat is thoroughly cooked.
- Use separate utensils (such as tongs) for handling raw meat and for serving.

Wakamatsuri Festival

Check out Wakayama City's Wakamatsuri Festival. A portable shrine will be carried down Kishu Toshogu Shrine's 108 stone steps, followed by a procession that will parade around Wakaura.

▼**Date:** May 12 (Sun) from 11:00AM ▼**Location/Details:** Descent of the Portable Shrine will occur at Kishu Toshogu Shrine; Procession will occur around Wakaura. ※Canceled in case of rain. There is no parking available at the venue. Please come via public transportation. ▼**Inquiries:** Wakamatsuri Preservation Committee ☎ 444-0808.



Seeking names for new night school!

Inquiries: Education Policy Division: ☎ 435-1181

We are seeking name suggestions for the night junior high school scheduled to open in Wakayama Municipal High School in April 2025.

▼**Details:** Suggest a name for the night school.

▼**Submission period:** May 1 (Wed) to 31 (Fri) <Must arrive by this date>

▼**How to apply:** Fill out the application form and submit it in person, by mail, fax, or email. ※If applying via fax or email, please write “夜間中学校名募集” (submission of night school name) in the subject line. Application forms can be downloaded from the city website (ID: 1056141). Applications can also be made via QR code.

▼**Required information:** ① Address • ② Name (furigana) • ③ Age • ④ Gender (optional) • ⑤ Telephone number • ⑥ The school name that you suggest (with furigana) ※Only 1 submission/person • ⑦ Explanation of the school name you submitted

▼**Where to apply:** 23 Shichibancho, Wakayama City, 640-8511 Wakayama City Hall, Education Policy Division, FAX: 435-1287, Email: kyoikuseisaku@city.wakayama.lg.jp



What is a Night Junior High School?

Night Junior High Schools offer those who did not complete junior high education a chance to relearn the curriculum. People from any country and of any age are welcome to study.

Wakayama City Surfing Classes

▼**Date:** June 15 (Sat) 09:00 AM – 12:00PM ※Will proceed in light rain. ▼**Location:** Isonoura Beach
▼**Eligibility:** 4th to 6th grade elementary school students residing or studying in Wakayama city
※Must be accompanied by guardian ▼**Capacity:** First 20 people to apply ▼**Participation Fee:** Free



▼**Applications:** Acceptance via email starting from May 13 (Mon). Required Information: ①"Surfing Class Request" ②Participant's name (furigana) ③ Gender ④School grade ⑤Address ⑥Name of guardian ⑦Contact info (phone) ▼**Submissions & Inquiries:** Sports Promotion Division ☎435-1364
✉sports@city.wakayama.lg.jp