

Wakayama City International Affairs Div.



01 Tsutsujigaoka Park - Now Fully Open!

Inquiries: Sports Promotion Div. ☎ 435-1364

Tsutsujigaoka Park officially held its full grand opening on May 17, 2025, with the addition of new spaces where visitors can enjoy ball games. As a comprehensive recreational space for everyone to enjoy, please note the following:

- **Parking during tennis tournaments:** On days when tennis tournaments are held, parking may be limited. If you plan to come by car, please check the facility's website in advance.
- **Ongoing sports programs:** A variety of sports-related events are held regularly, including tennis and yoga classes. Trial sessions are also available—feel free to join in!

Scan the QR code for more information →  Facility Website



02 Preventing Food Poisoning - Follow the Three Golden Rules Keep Germs Out, Prevent Growth, Kill with Heat



Inquiries: Healthy Lifestyle Div. ☎ 488-5111

As temperatures rise, bacteria like campylobacter & salmonella multiply more easily, increasing the risk of food poisoning. Protect yourself and your family by keeping these three principles in mind:

Keep Germs Out

Wash your hands thoroughly before cooking, as they can carry many kinds of germs. Be careful to avoid cross-contamination—sanitize cutting boards and utensils after handling raw meat or fish to prevent contaminating foods eaten raw, like salads or fruit.

Kill with Heat

Most harmful bacteria and viruses can be destroyed with heat. As a rule of thumb, cook meat to a core temperature of 75°C for at least one minute. Kitchen tools like cutting boards, knives, and cloths used for raw meat, fish, or eggs should be washed with detergent and then disinfected—either with boiling water, bleach, or alcohol spray.

Prevent Growth

Foodborne bacteria thrive at temperatures between 20°C and 50°C. Refrigerate perishable items such as sashimi and other raw ingredients as quickly as possible to stop bacteria from multiplying.



The 57th "Bundara Bushi" Kishu Dance Festival Aug 2 (Sat)

Call for Participants

- **How to Participate**
 Group Participation (10 people or more): → Please check the city website (ID: 1003239) for details and registration.
- **Individual Participation:** → Anyone is welcome to jump in and dance with the open "Tobi-iri Ren" group on the day—no registration required!
- **Application Deadline:** June 20 (Fri)
- **Inquiries:** Kishu Odori Planning Committee (Tourism Div.) ☎ 435-1234

Daimyo Procession Participants Wanted!

- **Roles:** Ride in a palanquin and lead the parade as the feudal lord, samurai or other Edo-period figures. Roles can be selected, but popular ones will be chosen by lottery. (Details: city website ID: 1042312)
- **Time:** 14:30 – 19:00 (tentative)
- **Eligibility & Fees:**
 - ① Parent-child pair (one primary-school child & one guardian): ¥4,000 per pair. Child costume fits 120 – 150 cm.
 - ② General participants: ¥2,000 per person. Costume fits approx. 155 – 185 cm.
- **Apply by:** 29 June (Sun) via the online form.
- **Inquiries:** Cultural Promotion Div. ☎ 435-1194



03 Thinking of Getting Married or Raising a Family?

Child Rearing Support Div. (East Annex, 2nd Floor)
☎ 435-1329

Wakayama City offers a variety of support programs for couples considering marriage and families raising children. If you are eligible, we encourage you to take advantage of them.

Child “Kodomo Mirai Gift” Program

To celebrate the birth of a child and support their healthy development, Wakayama City offers a special gift to new parents.

▼ **Eligibility:** Parents of newborns registered as residents in Wakayama City. ▼ **Required documents:** Proof of birth (e.g., Maternal and Child Health Handbook).

▼ **Choose one of the following gifts:**

- Two 5-kg bags of rice (food fun)
- A wooden toy (wood play)
- A child’s pillow (sleep smarts)
- A picture book (book time)



▼ **Apply online:** city website (ID: 1058719)

Tax & Insurance Premium Deadlines

June 30 (Mon)

▼ **Prof. & Mun. Residence Tax / Forest Env. Tax (reg. collection; all terms / 1st inst.)**

Tax Revenue Div. ☎ 435-1038

▼ **Nursing Care Insurance Premiums (1st inst.)**

Nursing Care Ins. Div. ☎ 435-1334

▼ **Nat’l Health Insurance Premiums (1st inst.)**

Nat’l Health & Pension Div. ☎ 435-1214

Please note that premium rates for Fiscal Year 2025 have been revised to ensure the long-term sustainability of the National Health Insurance system. We ask for your understanding and cooperation. Details will be provided in the official notice to be mailed in mid-June.

Volunteer Japanese-Language Support

▼ **Inquiries / Sign-up:** Child Support Center ☎

402-7830 (Applications accepted via phone at any time)

▼ **Details:** Support for children learning Japanese at municipal kindergartens, elementary schools, and junior high schools. Sessions are held once or twice a week for about 1–2 hours.

▼ **Volunteers:** Those who can speak a foreign language (e.g. English, Chinese, Thai, Tagalog, Hindi, Ukrainian, French, etc.) ▼ **Applications:** Accepted by phone at any time.

The 46th Civic Culture Festival

Event	Date	Admission
Wakayama City Concert Band 102nd Regular Concert	Jun. 22 13:30	Free
Folk Songs	Jul. 6 11:00	Free
Wakayama City Symphony Orchestra 58th Regular Concert	Jul. 6 13:30	Adults ¥ 1,500 Students ¥ 500

Venue: Wakayamajo Hall **Inquiries:** Cultural Promotion Div. ☎ 435-1194

Child Child-Care Support Subsidy

A subsidy is available for families raising three or more children of primary school age or younger. This helps cover the cost of childcare services for younger children. ▼ **Maximum Subsidy:** ¥15,000 per year ▼ **Eligible Services:** Temporary day-care (limited to nursery facilities), Family Support Center services, care for sick or recovering children, short-stay and twilight-stay child support services.

▼ **Application Deadline:** End of March 2026

※ Claims for services used in March 2026 may be submitted until the end of April

※ **Details:** city website (ID: 1012114)



Marriage “New Life” Marriage Support Program

This program assists newly married couples with expenses related to starting their life together, such as housing and moving costs.

▼ **Maximum grant:** Up to ¥600,000 (amount varies depending on the couple’s age at the time of marriage)

▼ **Eligibility:** Couples who marry between January 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026, and meet the program’s age and income criteria

▼ **Application deadline:** March 31, 2026

▼ **Details:** City website (ID: 1052803)



Public Housing Applications

★ Indicates availability for child-rearing households from outside the city

Place Name	Type	Layout	Units Available	Monthly Rent (¥)
Byutsutsujigaoka	General	3 LDK	1	30,700~60,400
	Seniors	2 DK	1	22,100~43,500
Raburi Matsue	General	3 LDK	2	28,900~56,800
	For the visually and hearing impaired	3 LDK	1	28,900~56,800
Fukiya-cho	General	2 LDK	1	26,300~51,800
Yakushubata	General	2 LDK	3	26,900~52,800
Kiwa Station	General	3 DK	1	22,100~43,500
	General	3 DK	1	21,800~42,800
Kada Jogasaki	General	2 LDK	1	24,200~44,400
	General (Singles OK)★	3 DK	1	18,500~36,300
Mukai	General (Singles OK)★	3 DK	1	18,200~33,900
	Parent-child proximity housing ★	3 DK	1	18,200~33,900
	For the visually impaired	3 DK	1	19,200~37,700
	For the physically disabled	2 DK	1	17,200~33,800
Higashinagamachi	General	2 LDK	1	25,800~50,700
	General	2 LDK	1	27,000~53,000
Shioya Daini	General	2 LDK	2	22,700~44,500
Shobugaoka	General (Singles OK)★	3 DK	1	15,500~30,500
Raburi Matsue	Designated Public Rental Housing	3 LDK+ 1 K	1	88,000

Application: Jun 9 (Mon) & 10 (Tue) Wakayama Pref. Housing Supply Corp. (Sakanao Bldg. 1F, 30 Jusanbancho). Application forms available on-site from June 2–10, or download from the Corp. website (<http://wakayama-jk.ecnet.jp/>). Details subject to change—see brochure for final info. **Inquiries:** ☎ 494-7471

Pneumococcal Vaccination for Seniors

▼ **Eligibility:** ① Registered city residents aged 65 ② Registered city residents aged 60-64 with qualifying severe heart, kidney, respiratory or immune disorders (equivalent to Disability Grade 1) ※ First timers only. ▼ **Personal expense:** ¥ 3,000 (Free for welfare recipients) ▼ **Cut-off:** The day before your 66th birthday

▼ **How to:** Book directly with a medical facility and bring your my number card etc.

▼ **Inquiries:** Health Policy Div. ☎ 488-5118

※ Find details on the municipal Infectious Disease Information Center website.



Medical Expense Subsidy for the Elderly

To receive the subsidy, you must submit an application. ▼ **Subsidy Details:** Reduces the patient share from 30% to 20%. ▼ **Who:** Residents aged 67-69 in non-taxable households meeting income & asset criteria. ▼ **Inquiries:** Insurance General Affairs Div. ☎ 435-1062

June is Illegal Work & Overstay Prevention Month

Police, working with other agencies, are intensifying crackdowns on overstayers and employers who hire them. If you have even a small tip about illegal work or residency, please call your local station.

▼ **Inquiries:** Higashi PS ☎ 475-0110 | Nishi PS ☎ 424-0110 | Kita PS ☎ 453-0110