Recruiting Participants for the Fifth Tree-planting Festival: Building a Forest for the Future

Urayasu Kizuna-no Mori

Urayasu City Tree-planting Festival

Date and time: November 13 (Sun.) 10 a.m. to 12 noon (reception beginning at 9:30 a.m.)
Note: Will be cancelled in inclement weather
Location: Hinode Kita Park
Eligibility: Limited to 300 people, must live in Urayasu City
Note: If the number of applicants exceeds capacity, a lottery will be held (elementary school children and younger must be accompanied by a parent).
Program: Planting tree saplings, such as Machilus thunbergii
Application: Apply by postcard (with name [with furigana], address, name of business, telephone number, and age) via the Parks & Public Areas Section (Urayasu City Hall 279-8501) or via the Urayasu City website no later than Friday, October 21 (must arrive by this date).
Note: Volunteer staff are also being recruited for the tree-planting event. Please call for more information.

Urayasu Kizuna-no Mori

The Urayasu Kizuna-no Mori is a project that started in FY2011 with the cooperation of the Life & Growth Forest Project to create greenery by planting about 20 varieties of trees and to protect our city by creating berms along the shoreline. The trees that are planted go well with the natural environment of Urayasu; for example, tree varieties such as Machilus thunbergii and Castanopsis sieboldii. By working on this project, we hope to promote greennification while protecting our city and mitigating damage caused by hazards such as extreme high tides.

Tree Sapling Creation by City Residents and Schools

● Tree sapling creation by city residents
At such events as the “Urayasu Prayer Gathering for Recovery from the Earthquake,” “Potted Plant Festival,” and “Environment Fair,” many city residents help to repot the sprouted seedlings of acorns and Machilus thunbergii.

● Elementary schools, kindergartens, and licensed kodomoen
In addition, elementary schools, kindergartens, and licensed kodomoen conduct hands-on “Creating a Forest” experience programs, which consist of gathering Machilus thunbergii seeds and raising seedlings for three years.

Subsidies for Part of the Expense for Influenza Immunizations (Optional Immunizations) for Children

Eligibility: Children who are 18 years of age or younger with resident registration in Urayasu City
Note: Individual notifications are not mailed to eligible persons.
Frequency:
Those under 13 years of age: Twice
Those between 13 and 18 years of age (equivalent to the third year of high school): Once
Immunization period eligible for subsidies: From October 1
Subsidy amount: ¥2,000 each time
Point to note: Please fill out an application form—available at cooperating medical institutions in Urayasu City—and submit your completed form at the medical institution’s service counter. Then, pay the total amount, with ¥2,000 deducted.
Medical institutions involved: All cooperating medical institutions in Urayasu City (Please see the Urayasu City website for more information.)
Note: As the start period and the available duration varies according to each medical institution involved, please be sure to call the medical institution in advance to confirm the details.
What to bring: Health insurance card, child medical subsidy recipient card (if you have one), the Mother and Child Health Handbook, immunization fees, and other items as designated by the medical institution

Urayasu City Influenza Immunizations Telephone Consultation

Nurses, doctors, and other certified professionals, can offer consultation services and answer questions concerning influenza.
Tel: 0570-08-8008 (Navi-Dial)
Date and time: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until January 14, 2017 (excluding national holidays and during the year-end/New Year holidays)

Inquiries: Health Promotion Section, Tel: 381-9051
For inquiries, contact the Garbage-Free Section.

*Bulky items will be collected separately on request by phone. Call the Bulky Items Reception Center, 712-6247.

Please put out your garbage between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. It is against the rules to put it out earlier or later than this designated time as it could become a nuisance in your neighborhood.

**Fire Prevention Site**

Date and time: October 4 (Tue.) through 28 (Fri.), 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Program: Photo exhibit highlighting the diversity of Vietnam

Note: No application required; simply come directly to the event site.

Inquiries: International Network Section, 712-6295

**Rice Harvesting Challenge**

Date and time: October 15 (Sat.), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Note: Will be cancelled if it rains

Location: Beniten Furano-no Mori Park (Meet in front of the greenhouse)

Eligibility: 50-person limit, on a first-come, first-served basis

Program: Harvesting ancient rice (red rice) and more

Note: Children in the third grade of elementary school and younger must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

What to bring: Work gloves, etc.

Note: Please come in clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty in.

Inquiries: Mr. Goto (Furano-no Mori Park Cultivating Association), Tel 352-6778 (Parks & Public Areas Section)

**Prayer for Peace 2016**

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Disaster 71st Anniversary Program

Date and time: October 18 (Tue.) through 25 (Sat.), 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Until 12 noon on October 25 (Tue.).

Program: Exhibitions of items found at the atomic bomb disaster site, photo panels, and posters

Inquiries: 1015900

**Chuo Library and Its Annexes Will Be Closed**

Chuo Library and its annexes will be closed from October 23 (Tue.) to 28 (Fri.) for an inventory of books and for equipment replacement. Please note that library service counters and city administration offices will be open as usual.

Inquiries: Chuo Library, Tel: 712-6975

**Recruiting Tenants for Chiba Prefectural Housing Corporation**

Application: File an application form (available at the Housing Affairs Section [Chiba City Hall 3F] and city administration offices on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays and during non-business hours, at the Chiba City Hall Custodian’s Office [Chiba City Hall 3F]) with the Chiba Prefectural Public Housing Corporation (1-16 Sakecho, Chuo-ku, Chiba City, 260-0016) by mail by October 15 (Sat.; must be postmarked by this date).

Note: For more information, please visit the Chiba Public Housing Corporation website (http://www.chiba-kegyou.or.jp).

Inquiries: Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation Recruiting Section, Tel: 043-222-9200 (Housing Affairs Section)

**Hello to all!**

Hideki Matsuoka, Mayor of Urayasu

For the Kids of Urayasu

In the afternoon of August 26, after attending the City Assembly Administrative Council meeting, I headed toward Omachi City in Nagano Prefecture.

The purpose was to meet with the attendees of the Hometown Urayasu Independence Program, which began this year for six-graders of elementary school.

This year marks the sixth year of the Hometown Urayasu Rishiki program for second-year junior high school students, and the results are definitely improving, with the student association president of six out of nine junior high school students in our city graduating from the Rishiki program this year. We have broadened the ranks to sixth graders as well, and we went to observe with my own eyes the five-night, six-day mountain village study abroad program conducted in Omachi City.

I arrived on the night of the third day. The class was divided into two groups—the group that made their own meals, based in an elderly care facility, and the survival group that was camping outdoors with no electricity or gas.

Although my time with the children lasted for only half a day, I learned that this five-night, six-day program away from parents caused the children some anxiety, as outdoor excursions held at schools usually only last for two nights. However, as I watched the children gathering the rice that they might have gathered themselves—or a bit burnt—without complaining, I felt that I had caught a glimpse of the strong spirit of kids from Urayasu. The teamwork in dismantling the tent the following morning was also commendable, and watching them communicate with one another while working together made me feel like I was watching the Urayasu of tomorrow.

Additionally, the day I headed out to Omachi City was also the first day of training for Urayasu City public health nurses and related companies in Urayasu City that work with people with development disabilities, before the start of the Early Detection/Early Treatment Program and the establishment of Developmental Disabilities Program, which is our new highlighted program for FY2016.

The training session, titled “Program for Deepening Ties between Children and Adults,” began at 9 a.m. I was originally scheduled to leave after giving a greeting, but as this is the first time that a unified program for the detection, consultation, and treatment of developmental disorders has been conducted in Japan, we stayed a little longer than time allowed. Additionally, since the entire program first began after we were spun off from the lecture of Dr. Tomoko Hamazaki—who visited our city all the way from Saga Prefecture—and the Regulated Traffic Seminar held last November 27 and sponsored by Urayasu City, we felt obligated to witness its first steps. Although I had to leave in the middle, I think I understood the gist of the training session, but moreover, I felt that I could see the importance of conducting this training session before the actual program began.

The participants for this training session were all people who work with children with developmental disabilities on a regular basis. Following a program based on developmental psychology and behavioral science that was successful in the United States, the participants practiced using realistic role-playing for three hours.

I thought this training session—targeted children two years of age to the lower grades of elementary school—showed a strong bond between a child and surrounding adults, including the parents, is very important when beginning treatment for developmental disabilities, so as to raise effectiveness.

The upcoming session involves making very early treatment from two years of age, which was unthinkable until now, even more effective. The afternoon session was the first training session for early detection and consultation for developmental disabilities.

Until December of this year, we hope to invite leaders in the field, such as Dr. Hamazaki, and continue thorough training in early detection, the treatment of children, and the support of parents, for children with developmental disorders, using the Gazefinder facial recognition device, which was used when conducting the health checkup for 18-month-olds—before the actual program began—last year.

It was a day that filled me with renewed determination to do my utmost for the future of Urayasu’s children.

Recycle Waste Disposal Schedule for October

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FOREIGN RESIDENTS’ ASSISTANCE DESK

Urayasu City provides consultation services concerning daily life such as medical, educational or job-related matters.

HOURS: 10 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. weekdays

LANGUAGES: English, French, Chinese, Polish, Spanish, Russian and Japanese

PHONE NUMBER & LOCATION: 712-1111 (ext. 10308)

Local Network Section: (Urayasu City Hall Main Building 3F)