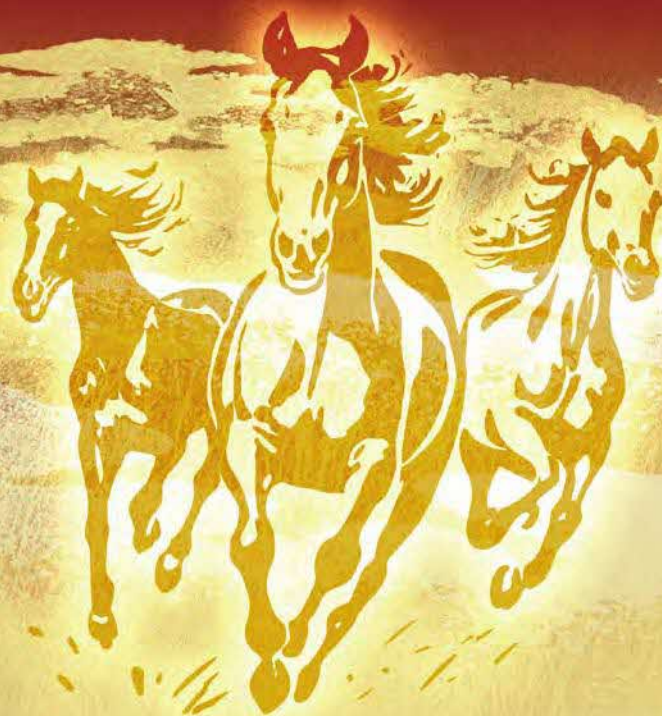


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Happy New Year

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

I extend my warmest wishes to all of you for a healthy and happy beginning to the new year of 2026.

Having been re-elected to lead the Urayasu city administration in the mayoral election last March, I renew my determination with a strong sense of the responsibility entrusted to me.

Last year was a year of significant progress for the city, with the opening of the prefecture's first school for diverse learning, the establishment of the Hinode branch of the Comprehensive Care Support Center, and the enhancement of postpartum care services.

In the coming year, we will launch the Third Implementation Plan and further accelerate our efforts to bring happiness to our citizens and achieve further development for our city.

We will further promote an environment in which the next generation can grow and thrive. This includes the development of the "(provisional name) Child and Parenting Complex," which will be centered around a library and have functions for parent-child interaction and consultation. We will also develop our city's own Child Development Station to respond to the increasing number of children requiring developmental support, and establish a new Ichō Class to support children and students who are not attending school.

In addition, we will support a safe and secure life by proceeding with the development of the Maihama branch of the fire station, and by working on the development of a disaster prevention sports facility on the site of the former

hot spring facility in the Hinode area.

Furthermore, based on changes in population structure and social conditions, we will promote initiatives for the sustainable development of the city, including a fundamental review of urban planning such as zoning districts.

This year, we will continue to steadily advance city development for the next 10, 20, and even further into the future, toward the realization of our city's future vision: "A city where people shine and thrive - Urayasu, for the happiness of all our citizens." In doing so, we will keep municipal administration moving forward, responding swiftly and appropriately to pressing issues.

In closing, I sincerely wish you all good health and happiness in the year ahead.

MAJOR EVENTS OF 2025

January



Start of Classes Utilizing the Media Center at Elementary Schools

The library was developed into a Media Center, where students conduct research and give presentations using a large screen.

February



The 34th Tokyo Bay Urayasu City Marathon

Despite the unfavorable weather, approximately 2,500 runners dashed through the streets of Urayasu.

February



Completion Ceremony for the Nekozone A-District Land Readjustment Project

A ceremony and the unveiling of a commemorative monument were held at Nekozone Sumire Park to mark the completion of the Nekozone A-District Land Readjustment Project, which had been underway since March 2019 (Heisei 31).

March



Launch of the "Urayasu City Disaster Prevention App"

This application delivers disaster prevention information from the city and includes many functions to help residents take prompt and appropriate evacuation actions in an emergency.

March



Mayor Etsushi Uchida's Third Term Begins

At the start of his third term, the Mayor expressed his determination to create a compassionate city where every citizen is supported and supports one another, stating, "The vision for the city that I advocate is 'a kind yet a strong city.'"

April



Seawall in the Chidori District Opened Along Its Entire Length

Following the opening of the seawalls in the Akemi and Hinode districts, safety fences were installed along the seawall in the Chidori district. The spot has been opened as a location offering panoramic views of Tokyo Bay and as a fishing area.

April



The 27th Urayasu Citizens' Festival

Held simultaneously with the 49th Urayasu Ueki (Gardening) Festival, the Sakaigawa "Minna no Kawamachi" Spring event, the Urayasu Art Project "Urayasu Geidai," and the Fire Department Plaza, the festival attracted large crowds to the special stage and various activity booths.

June



Sakaigawa Park Reopens After Renovation

The development of Sakaigawa Park, located along the Sakaigawa River in the Higashino district, was completed, transforming it into an open and spacious area.

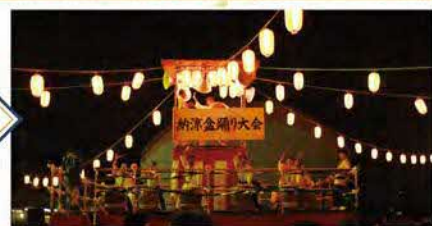
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"Environmental Hiroba" event in Sanbanze

Participants learned about environmental conservation by observing and experiencing nature at the Sanbanze Environmental Observation Center, the Sanbanze Coastal Water Facility, and the adjacent biotope.

August



Summer Evening Bon Odori Dance Festival

As a quintessential summer event in Urayasu, the sound of drums echoed as people formed circles around the tower and enjoyed the Bon Odori dance.

August



Irifune Junior High School Student Wins at the All Japan Junior High School Track and Field Championships

Riko Okajima, a third-year student at Irifune Junior High School, achieved a superb result of 11.96 seconds in the girls' 100 meters, earning a remarkable victory.

October



Urayasu Sports Fair 2025

In addition to trying out various sports, participants had the valuable opportunity to receive direct coaching from many well-known athletes who visited the venue. Furthermore, seven athletes with promising futures were presented with certificates designating them as development athletes for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

October



The 42nd Urayasu City Fireworks Festival

Under the main theme, "Autumn Sky, let the Heartfelt Thoughts of Hometown Urayasu Bloom," fireworks and music illuminated the autumn night sky.

October



10th Anniversary of the Children's Adventure Field (Urakko Hiroba)

The Urakko Festival was held on October 25 and 26 to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

November



The 2nd Urayasu Criterium

Many cyclists took part in the race on a special circuit course prepared along the seawalls of the Akemi and Hinode districts, resulting in a heated competition. At the concurrently held "Charl Fes," children enjoyed learning traffic rules through cycling classes, educational booths, and stage shows.

Venous Plaza (Recycle Center) to Reopen After Renovation

The Venous Plaza will relocate from within the Clean Center to the Machizukuri Katsudo Plaza (Public Interest Activity Plaza). Please visit the newly renovated Venous Plaza at its more accessible location.

Facility Information

Operating Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday
Closed: Mondays, National Holidays, the last Sunday of every month, and New Year holidays.

Note: If a National Holiday falls on a Monday, the next non-holiday weekday will also be closed.

Location: 2nd and 3rd floors of the Machizukuri Katsudo Plaza (5-45-1 Irifune)

Renewal Open Ceremony

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6th
The Venous Shop and the Recycled Furniture and Bicycle Exhibition Room will be opened to the public after the completion of the opening ceremony.

Some Operations Will Continue at the Clean Center in Chidori

The Venous Plaza located inside the Clean Center will continue to handle some operations, such as the sale of large furniture.

Inquiries: Venous Plaza ☎ 382-8787

Applications for Fiscal Year 2026 Regular Use of Municipal Bicycle Parking Lots

Applications are being accepted for regular use of municipal bicycle parking lots from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. If the number of applications exceeds capacity, users will be selected by lottery.

Application Period: Saturday, January 10 to Saturday, January 31 (applications must arrive by the deadline)

Results Announcement of Results: Mid-February

A second round of applications will be held from Thursday, March 5, to Tuesday, March 10, only for facilities that have vacancies after the initial recruitment.



How to Apply

Bicycle Parking Lots (excluding Shin-Urayasu Station No. 13 Bicycle Parking Lot)

- Online Application: Apply via the official Urayasu Municipal Bicycle Parking Lot website: <https://cyclune.azurewebsites.net/urayasu/>

- Application at a Counter: Submit the application form (available at each bicycle parking lot) either in person or by mail to the Urayasu Foundation Bicycle Measures Office (1-12-38 Nekozone, 〒279-0004) or directly to a staffed bicycle parking lot.

Shin-Urayasu Station No. 13 Bicycle Parking Lot

Submit the application form and the bicycle to be used directly to the Shin-Urayasu Station No. 13 Bicycle Parking Lot.

Note: A physical inspection of the bicycle will be conducted at the time of application.

Inquiries: Urayasu Foundation (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation) ☎ 355-8321 (via the Citizen Safety Division)

Collection of Small Rechargeable Batteries

When disposing of small rechargeable batteries, such as those used in mobile batteries, please use one of the following methods:

- Take them to recycling partner stores, such as home appliance mass retailers.

Note: For a list of recycling partner stores within the city, please refer to the City's website.

- Dispose of them as Hazardous Waste.

- Bring them to the Garbage-Free Section (City Hall, 6th floor).

Hazardous waste collection and the Zero Waste Division will also accept batteries without a recycling mark and batteries that are swollen or damaged.

Be sure to cover the metal terminals completely with vinyl tape before disposal.

Inquiries: Garbage-Free Section

☎ 712-6467



Major Revisions to Individual Residence Tax for Fiscal Year 2026

Review of Employment Income Deduction

Starting with the FY 2026 residence tax, the minimum guaranteed deduction amount for individuals with annual employment income of ¥1,900,000 or less will be increased by up to ¥100,000.

Review of Income Requirements for Dependents, etc.

The income requirements for receiving various dependent deductions will be increased by ¥100,000.

Establishment of a special deduction such as for university-aged children, called "Special Deduction for Specified Relatives"

Starting with the FY 2026 residence tax, individuals will be eligible for an income deduction even if the total income such as of their family members aged 19 to 22 (such as university students) is between ¥580,000 and ¥1,230,000 (equivalent to employment income of ¥1,230,000 to ¥1,880,000).

Note: For details on deduction amounts, please see the City's website.

Inquiries: Residential Tax Section ☎ 712-6212

File Your Income Tax Return from Home Using Your My Number Card

The venue for filing 2025 (Reiwa 7) income tax returns will be set up inside the Ichikawa Tax Office. When visiting, please make an advance reservation via LINE.

Note: The Tax Office parking lot will not be available from January to March 2026.

By using the "Preparation Corner for Final Tax Returns and Related Documents" on the National Tax Agency website (<https://www.keisan.nta.go.jp/kyoutu/ky/sm/top>), you can create and submit your income tax return via e-Tax simply by

following the on-screen instructions and entering the required amounts.

Furthermore, by linking with Myna Portal, information related to your income and deductions can be automatically entered into your tax return.

For more details, please contact the office below.

Inquiries: Ichikawa Tax Office

☎ 047-335-4101 (via Residential Tax Section)



New Year's Events



EVENTS AT THE FOLK MUSEUM (KYODO HAKUBUTSUKAN)

Inquiries: Folk Museum
☎ 305-4300

WINTER SPECIAL EXHIBITION "NORI CULTIVATION IN URAYASU"

Time: From Sunday, January 4 to Sunday, March 1, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Details: Exhibition on the history, folklore, and nature of nori (seaweed) cultivation

NEW YEAR'S LION DANCE (SHISHIMAI)

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 11
Details: Live performance of the traditional Lion Dance.

ENJOY NEW YEAR'S GAMES!

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday (national holiday), January 12
Details: Experience traditional New Year's games such as Karuta (card game), Fukuwarai (pin the features on the face), Begoma (spinning tops), and Hagoita (battledore)

NEW YEAR PICTURE BOOK TIME (SHINSHUN EHON NO JIKAN)

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6
Location: Chuo Library
Eligibility: Children aged 2 and up and their guardians.
Details: Library staff will read picture books, and offer traditional finger plays and nursery rhymes related to the New Year.
Inquiries: Chuo Library ☎ 352-4646

LET'S EAT DELICIOUS NORI!

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25
Eligibility: Elementary school students and older (1st and 2nd graders must be accompanied by guardians); first 20 applicants.
Details: Tasting of nori (seaweed) from various regions of Japan.
Fee: ¥100 **Application:** From Sunday, January 4, apply by phone or in person at the Folk Museum.

NORI ROLL MAKING

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31
Eligibility: Elementary school students and older (1st and 2nd graders must be accompanied by guardians); first 15 applicants.
Details: Make and eat nori (seaweed) rolls (norimaki). **Fee:** ¥200
Application: From Sunday, January 4, apply by phone or in person at the Folk Museum.

NORI PRESSING EXPERIENCE (NORI SUKI)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7
Eligibility: 18 years of age and older; first 24 applicants.
Details: Make nori sheets from raw nori (seaweed). **Fee:** ¥200
Application: From Wednesday, January 7, apply by phone or in person at the Local Museum.

O-KANKE

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 8
Eligibility: Elementary school students and older; first 15 applicants.
Details: Experience a traditional custom in which children go from house to house singing songs. **Application:** From Thursday, January 8th, apply by phone or in person at the Local Museum.

NEW YEAR'S TOP SPINNING TOURNAMENT! (OSHOGATSU KOMA MAWASHI TAIKAI)

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11
Location: Children's Adventure Field (Kodomo no Hiroba)
Eligibility: Children aged 18 and under residing in the city (Preschool children must be accompanied by guardians).
What to Bring: Your own tops (koma) and spinnings tops (begoma) (if you have them). **Inquiries:** Children's Adventure Field ☎ 350-1010

Yakatabune - Citizen's Boat Cruise

Date & Time: Sunday, February 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
(Backup date: Sunday, February 22)
Meeting point: Under Urayasu Bridge
Capacity: Approximately 100 people
*If applications exceed capacity, participants will be selected by lottery. The group representative must be a Urayasu resident.
Details: Enjoy a meal while cruising on the water.
Fee: 2,000 yen (1,000 yen for elementary school students and younger. One child under age 3 may participate free of charge per group.)
Application: Applications must be received by Friday, January 9. Send a postcard with the names of all participants (with phonetic spelling/furigana), the representative's address and phone number, and the number of participants aged 3 through elementary school age, and the number of participants under 3 to the Commerce Industry and Tourism Section, Urayasu City Hall, 〒279-8501, or apply online via the Chiba Electronic Application Service (<https://apply.e-tumo.jp/cityurayasu-chiba-u/>). *Only successful applicants will be notified. One application per group.
Inquiries: Commerce Industry and Tourism Section ☎ 712-6297



Training Room Use Orientation at Sports Park Gymnasium (Bardral Urayasu Arena) and Chuo Martial Arts Gymnasium

Eligibility: Individuals aged 15 and older (excluding junior high school students).
Note: If the capacity is not reached, same-day participation is permitted. For details on the schedule, please see the City's website.
Inquiries: Bardral Urayasu Arena ☎ 355-1110, Chuo Martial Arts Gymnasium ☎ 380-2100 (via Sports Section)

Public Housing (Prefectural Housing) Applications

Application: By Thursday, January 15 (postmark valid), mail the application form to the Chiba Prefectural Housing Supply Corporation (〒260-0016, 1-16 Sakaemachi, Chuo-ku, Chiba City). Application forms are available at the

Housing Affairs Section (City Hall 6F), General Information Desk (City Hall 1F), each Station Administrative Service Center, and the Central Maintenance Room (City Hall 1F) on weekends/holidays.
Note: For details, please see the Chiba Prefectural Housing Supply Corporation website: <https://www.chibakousya.or.jp>
Inquiries: Chiba Prefectural Housing Supply Corporation Recruitment Division ☎ 043-222-9200

Collection of Used Cooking Oil and Used Clothes/Cloth

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14
Location: Lounge (City Hall 1st floor)
Note: Used clothes and cloth must be washed, dried, and placed in a clear plastic bag before being brought in.
Inquiries: Garbage-Free Section ☎ 712-6485

Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule

Please note that collection will not be conducted on certain days during the year-end and New Year holidays. See page 1 for details.

Collection Area	Combustible garbage	Glass bottles, cans, PET bottles
Nekozane, Kitazakae, Todaijima	Every Mon., Wed. and Fri.	Every Tue.
Kairaku, Mihama, Irifune, Hinode, Akemi		Every Thu.
Horie, Higashino, Fujimi, Maihama, Tekkadori 3-chome	Every Tue., Thu. and Sat.	Every Wed.
Tomioka, Imagawa, Benten, Takasu, Minato, Tekkadori 1- and 2-chome, Chidori		Every Fri.

* 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.
* Bulky items will be collected separately on request by phone. Call the Bulky Items Reception Center ☎ 305-4000. For inquiries, contact the Garbage-Free Section ☎ 712-6467.

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, Chinese, and Japanese
PHONE NUMBER & LOCATION: 712-6910
Urayasu City Hall Local Activities Promotion Section

Foreign Residents Advisory Corner

Hours: Every Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Languages: English and Japanese
Phone Number & Location: 306-5181, International Center