



For singles seeking marriage

Marriage Support Project

Inquiries: Child Rearing Support Division ☎ 435-1329

We provide meeting locations for local singles seeking marriage, and will introduce a facilitator to anyone seeking a marriage partner. Please register if you are interested. Facilitators will volunteer to match appropriate partners based on their submitted profile sheets. For more details, please access the city website (1035498)

※Keeping in mind that marriage is a life choice based on one's own free will, and that opinion regarding marriage is diverse, this project exists only to meet the needs of those who actively seek marriage. It does not intend to forcefully encourage anyone who is not interested in marriage.



Social Events



Events at the Ariyoshi Sawako Memorial Building

①Memorial Festival of Arikishi Sawako's Birth

- ▶**Date:** Jan 22 (Sun) 2PM-3PM
- ▶**Details:** Japanese dancing, Edo love songs, recitation class recital
- ▶**Capacity:** First 20 to apply in advance

②Recitation of famous works

- ▶**Date:** Jan 25 (Wed) ①11AM onwards ②1:30PM onwards
- ※45 minutes/session
- ▶**Details:** "Sanbaba"(By Arikishi Sawako) etc.
- ▶**Capacity:** First 20 people to apply in advance

③Traditional children's songs and picture book reading

- ▶**Date:** Feb 15 (Wed) 10:30~11:30AM
- ▶**Capacity:** First 20 to apply in advance

①~③

- ▶**Application:** From Jan 10 (Tues) via phone
- ▶**Location • Submission • Inquiries:** Ariyoshi Sawako Memorial Building (Denpohashi Minaminocho 9) ☎448 • 9880 (9AM-5PM) ※Closed on Wednesdays (excluding holidays)

43rd Shimin Bunka Festival

~Enriching culture through local participation~

Chorus Festival

- ▶**Time:** Jan 22 (Sun), scheduled start from 1 PM ※Free admission
- ▶**Location:** Wakayama Jo Hall great hall (大ホール)
- ▶**Inquiries:** Culture Promotion Division ☎435 • 1194

Shiki no Sato Park Nature Centre

①Making takegohan with bamboo charcoal

- ▶**Date:** Jan 15 (Sun) from 10AM ※cancelled in the event of rain
- ▶**Capacity:** 20 pairs (chosen by lottery)
- ▶**Participation fee:** ¥2,000/bamboo

②Let's try growing shitake from the stem!

- ▶**Date:** Jan 29 (Sun) from 10AM ※cancelled in the event of rain
- ▶**Capacity:** 20 pairs (chosen by lottery)
- ▶**Participation fee:** 1 piece of raw wood per group (¥2,000) Both ① and ②
- ▶**Application:** Online
- ▶**Inquiries:** Food Hunter Park ☎499 • 4370

※Find more information on our homepage

Disaster Prevention Education Center-Winter Event

Guess the weight! How many kilograms is a firefighter's equipment?

- ▶**Date:** Jan 11 (Wed) - 31 (Tues), 9AM-5PM
- ※Excluding facility holidays
- ▶**Location:** Fire Department, 3rd floor, Fire Safety Education Center,
- ▶**Details:** Will provide participation souvenirs and a "perfect guess" prize to quiz participants
- ▶**Applicability:** Must visit the facility
- ▶**Inquiries:** Disaster Prevention Education Center

☎423 • 0119 ※Closed Mondays

Online Business Workshop and Exchange Event

We will hold business PR sessions in the morning, and an exchange event with business representatives in the afternoon

- ▶ **Date:** Jan 21 (Sat) 10AM-3:15PM
- ▶ **Participating businesses:** 30 local businesses
- ▶ **Applicability:** Expected graduates of Mar 2023・2024, general job seekers (excluding high school students)
- ▶ **Applications:** via QR code
- ▶ **Inquiries:** Wakayamaken Eigyo-sha Kyokai (Wakayama Prefecture Managers Association)



Job Fair in Wakayama

A job fair for members of the generation of the "employment ice age." Many companies actively seeking employment will join the fair.

- ▶ **Date:** Jan 28 (Sat) 1:30PM-4PM
- ▶ **Location:** Forte Wajima, grand hall on 4th floor
- ▶ **Participating businesses:** 20 businesses from Wakayama prefecture
- ▶ **Applicability:** General job seekers mainly ranging from 35 to 54 years old
- ▶ **Applications:** Online
- ▶ **Inquiries:** People Career Facilitation Association (NPO) ☎425・3720

Culture and PhysEd Classes

Name ※○=Frequency	Period	Time	Capacity/Target	Fee	Applications	Place, Applications, Inquiries
Valentine Day♥ Making sweets①	2/ 4 Sat	13:00 ~ 16:00	15 people Lottery ※High school and above	¥ 1,600	1 / 4 (Wed)~ 1 / 18 (Wed) via phone or counter	Kanan Community Centre ☎ 477-6522 Closed on Fri
Winter pilates⑤	2/ 7 ~ 3 / 7 Tues	18:30 ~ 19:30	20 people Lottery ※excluding students	¥ 2,000		
Fat burning! Simple exercises for everyone④	2/ 9・23・ 3/ 9・23 Thurs	10:00 ~ 11:00	20 people Lottery ※excluding students	¥ 1,600		
Valentine Cake (Making Cakes in February) ①	2/12 Sun	10:00 ~ 13:00	12 people Lottery ※Excluding high school and below	¥ 2,300	By 1 / 15 (Sun) via telephone, fax, or counter	Kasai Community Centre ☎ 480-1171、FAX 480-1172 Closed on Fri
Water painting for adults (Period 2) ⑤	2 / 13 ~ 3 / 13 Mon	13:00 ~ 15:00	10 people Lottery ※Excluding high school and below	¥ 2,500		
Exploring Global Foods—February Greek cuisine①	2 / 25 Sat	10:00 ~ 13:00	12 people Lottery ※Excluding high school and below	¥ 2,000		
Tsumami Saiku II Making plum hairpins①	1 / 29 Sun	13:30 ~ 15:30	20 people Lottery	¥ 2,100	1 / 5 (Thurs)~ 16 (Mon) via phone or counter	Kita Community Center ☎ 464-3031 Closed on Fri
Making sweet valentine chocolates ①	2 / 8 Wed	A 10:00 ~ 11:30 B 13:00 ~ 14:30 C 18:30 ~ 20:00	14 people /session Lottery	¥ 1,500	1 / 5 (Thurs)~ 23 (Mon) via phone or counter	
A splendid narration and recitation experience③	2/26・3/12・19 Sun	10:00 ~ 11:30	15 people Lottery ※Middle school and above	¥ 1,200		
Aroma① (Handcream & roomspray!!)	1 / 21 Sat	10:00~11:30	10 people Lottery ※Elementary school and above	¥ 2,000	1 / 5 (Thurs)~ 14 (Sat) via phone or counter	Minami Community Center ☎ 494-3755 Closed on Wed
Hula③ Lets have fun dancing!	1 / 23 ~ 2 / 6 Mon	10:00~11:30	15 people Lottery	¥ 500 / session		
English conversation③	1 / 27 ~ 2 / 10 Fri	10:00~11:30	10 people Lottery	¥ 500 / session		
Beginner's Ukelele③ (Let's sing and play together!)	1 / 30 ~ 2 / 13 Mon	14:00~15:30	15 people Lottery ※Ukulele available for rent	¥ 500 / session		
Stretches for you and your kid! (1 ~ 3) ①※Bring a yoga mat	2 / 7 Tues	10:30~11:00	10 groups 20 people Lottery ※1 guardian per child	Free		
Simple stretching&easy rythm dancing 2 ⑤	2 / 8 ~ 3 / 8 Wed	11:00 ~ 12:00	20 people First come first serve	¥ 3,000		
					From 1 / 11 (Wed) 9 : 00 via phone or counter	Wakayama-Jo Hall ☎ 432-1212

※For more details, contact the applicable businesses

Wakayama-Jo Hall Free Dramatic Recitation "Furuamerikani Kamiha Nurasaji"

Wakayama Jo Hall will host a dramatic recitation by participants from the Wakayama University of Drama.

- ▶ **Time:** Jan 27 (Fri) from 7PM
- ▶ **Location:** Wakayama Jo Hall, Great Hall (大ホール)
- ▶ **Location・Inquiries:** Wakayama Jo Hall ☎432・1212

Arts and Crafts Event Wakachika Workshop 2023

In addition to arts and crafts, there will also be stage events and event sales etc.

- ▶ **Date:** Feb 4 (Sat), 10AM-3PM
- ▶ **Location:** Wakachika Hiroba (Misonocho 5・13・2)
- ▶ **Details:** Arts and crafts (leather crafts and wooden dishmat). ※Partial fee
- ▶ **Applicability:** Elementary students (with guardian)・First 100 people to arrive ※Will prioritize those who apply ahead of time.
- ▶ **Application:** From January 23 (Mon) by phone
- ▶ **Inquiries:** Commerce Promotion Division ☎435・1233

**Job Support Seminar for Ladies (Excel for Beginners)**▶**Date:** Jan 29 • Feb 5 • 12 (Sun), from 10AM–3PM (3 sessions)▶**Location:** Aiai Centre, 5th floor, seminar room (Kobitomachi 29)▶**Applicability:** Women seeking employment and who can attend all three sessions ※Must have basic computer skills.▶**Capacity:** First 10 people to apply. ▶**Fee:** ¥ 1,500 (cost of education materials)▶**Application:** Jan 11 (Wed)~17 (Tues) via phone or counter▶**Applications and Inquiries:** Gender Equality Promotion Division ☎436 • 8704

Announcements

**Protecting yourself from earthquakes**①**Free installation of furniture restraints** ※price of the fixed metal fittings is the burden of the applicant②**Subsidies for the installation and purchasing of seismic breakers** ※When a seismic breaker detects vibrations above normal levels, it automatically shuts off the power.▶**Applicability of ① and ②**

①Households wherein everyone is 65 years old and above.

②Households with someone who is certified for needed long term care, with a nursing care level of 3–5.

③Households with someone who has a: (1) certificate for disability classes 1–2; (2) certificate for nursing classes A1–A2; (3) health and welfare certificate for persons with mental disorders; (4) special medical subsidy (designated intractable disease) recipient certificate; (5) medial subsidy recipient certificate for designated chronic diseases in childhood.

▶**Recruitment:** Until Jan 31 (Tues). ※Recruitment will end once we reach the admission number. Those who have used our services in the past are not applicable.

①Can anchor up to 3 pieces of furniture; ②Limit of ¥ 10,000.

▶**Application:** ①Application form; ②Bring or mail a consultation request form ahead of time.▶**Applications and Inquiries:** Regional Safety Division (5th floor of the Wakayama City Fire Department)

☎435–1005, 8 Bancho12, 640–8157 ※Application form and consultation request forms will be distributed from the Regional Safety Division, satellite offices, and service centres. Find information at the city website (ID:

①1004384; ②1020109).

Campaign to collect spoiled post cards

We will collect unmailed post cards, such as New Year's cards, and change them into stamps. Collaborating with the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan, the stamps will be used to support education abroad.

▶**Period:** Until Feb 22 (Wed)▶**Location:** General Information Centre (City Hall, 1st floor) • Lifelong Learning Division (City Hall, 11th floor), and service centres.▶**Inquiries:** Lifelong Learning Division ☎435 • 1138**Subsidy application for school supplies and elementary entrance fees**

Within the education subsidy system, which provides subsidies for school supplies and school lunches, school entrance fees are subsidized prior to school entry.

▶**Applicability:** Those to whom both ① and ② apply.

①Those with children expected to enter a municipal elementary or compulsory education school in FY 2023; or guardians with both an address in Wakayama City and children expected to enter the elementary school attached to Wakayama University's Faculty of Education.

②Those receiving the full amount of Child Rearing Allowance (児童扶養手当/Jidofuyoteate), or those who meet the requirements to receive the education expense subsidy

※Excluding recipients of public assistance.

▶**Application period:** Jan 10 (Tues)~20 (Fri)

※Including weekends

▶**Applications and inquiries:** School Support Division

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Taxes • Insurance Payment Date

Jan 31 (Tues)

Fixed Property Tax • City Planning Tax (period 4)

Contact: Tax Revenue Division ☎ 435–1038

National Health Insurance premium (period 8)

Contact: National Health Insurance and Pension Division

Nursing Care Insurance premium (period 8)

Contact: Nursing Care Insurance Division ☎435–1334

Advanced Elderly Medical Insurance premium (period 7)

Contact: General Insurance Affairs Division ☎435–1062

※Notices regarding insurance premiums payed from Jan–Dec, 2022 will be sent at the end of January.

The age of majority is 18

Due to a revision of the civil code, from Apr 01, 2022, the age of majority will lower from 20 to 18 years of age. Once anyone becomes 18, they will be the age of majority.

Upon becoming the age of majority, one can enter contracts of their own free will, without parental permission. However, it is possible for young people, with less social experience, to be harmed by malicious businesses. When entering contracts, exercise extreme care and responsibility in your actions.

Inquiries: Consumer Affairs Centre ☎ 435-1188

Starting in February Municipal and Prefectural Residence Tax Declaration for FY 2023

Inquiries: Residential Tax Division ☎ 435-1036

From February, City Hall and branch offices will begin accepting Municipal and Prefectural residence tax declarations for the 2023 fiscal year.

This year, we will begin accepting declarations at branch offices earlier than usual. Refer to the table on the right for more details.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and avoid congestion, we would appreciate anyone who can submit their declaration via post.

Age requirement for tax exemption of minors has been lowered

The constitutional age of majority has been lowered from 20 to 18 years old. Beginning from January 1, 2023, those of 18 and 19 years of age will no longer be considered as minors within the prefectural and municipal residence tax systems.

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Announcement Regarding Tax Returns from the Tax Agency

You can create income tax return forms simply and without any calculation mistakes on the National Tax Agency's website (search 確定申告書等作成コーナー). In addition, e-Tax (electronic declaration), is a simple, efficient, and safe way to declare taxes.

Find more information on the Regional Taxation Bureau website (search "検索コーナー")



National Pension at 20 years old

The national pension system was made so that those of working age can come together and support fellow citizens who have aged, or become sick and injured.

Those living in Japan, who are over the age of 20 and below 60, are required to join the pension system. Insured members are separated into three types.

【1st Insured Type】 Student, self-employed, unemployed, etc.

【2nd Insured Type】 Company employee, public official, etc.

【3rd Insured Type】 Spouses provided for by those of the 2nd insured type.

Locations and Schedule for Tax Declaration

Submission at City Hall (2nd Floor, Counter ④)

● Submission period: Feb 16 (Thurs) – Mar 15 (Wed)

Submission at branch offices

● Hours: 【AM】 9:30 – 12:00 【PM】 1:00 – 4:00

Branch	Date	AM	PM	Branch	Date	AM	PM
Kada	2/6 Mon	○	—	Wasa	2/9 Thurs	○	○
Nogawa	2/6 Mon	○	—	Nishiwasa	2/10 Fri	○	—
Yamaguchi	2/7 Tues	○	—	Yasuhara	2/10 Fri	○	○
Higashisando	2/7 Tues	○	—	Kawanaga	2/13 Mon	○	○
Nishisando	2/8 Wed	○	○	Ogura	2/14 Tues	○	○
Kii	2/8 Wed	○	○	Okazaki	2/14 Tues	○	○
Nishiwaki	2/9 Thurs	○	○	Yuko	2/15 Wed	○	○

Fiscal Year	Until FY 2022	From FY 2023
Tax exemption requirements	Below 20 years old and total income below 1,350,000	Below 18 years old and total income below 1,350,000
Date of birth required for exemption	Born after Jan 03, 2002	Born after Jan 03, 2005

Inquiries: Wakayama Tax Office
☎ 424-2131

Merits of submitting tax returns via e-Tax

- ▶ Avoid congested tax offices! (and COVID-19)
- ▶ Minimize documents required for submission! (may have to submit in some cases)
- ▶ You can submit your declaration 24/7 during the declaration period.
- ▶ You can receive your tax refund far quicker than by paper submission! (returned within 3 weeks)

Inquiries: National Health Insurance and Pension Division ☎ 435-1055
Wakayamahigashi Pension Office ☎ 474-1841

- ※ The monthly insurance premium for FY 2022 is ¥ 16,590. There is a payment exemption and postponement system for students, or those who find it difficult to pay. Please discuss with the pension desk.

Advanced payments are cheaper for insurance premiums!

You can receive a discounted price by paying your insurance premiums in advance. The discount increases if you pay in advance via bank transfer.