

Kamogawa Communicator

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Sister City Citizen Delegation

This summer, 30 people from Kamogawa will travel to Kamogawa's sister city, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, to deepen the friendship between our two cities, and then to San Francisco, California. Applications will be now available.

Date: 7/1 (Sat) ~ 7/8 (Sat)

Where: Manitowoc, WI & San Francisco, CA

Application period: 3/15 (Wed) ~ 4/28 (Fri)

More details and information session dates will be available at a later time. For any inquiries, please contact the KIRA office at: 04-7093-5931



Chime Change

On April 1st, the evening chime (*yuyake koyake*) will begin playing at 18:00 instead of 17:00. The morning and afternoon chimes will still play at the same times.

New Trash Category Reminder

Beginning this month, Kamogawa is asking its residents to begin separating mixed paper goods as a new category for trash collection. Mixed paper goods can be put out on the same day as recyclable paper goods.

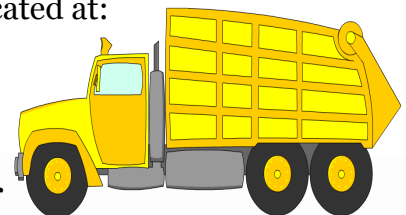
Please see the February edition of the Kamogawa Communicator for a more detailed description, or call the Environmental Division at: 04-7093-7838

April 2017-2018 Garbage Calendars

New Calendars are available for free at the Environmental Division (3rd floor of city hall), Fureai Center, Citizen Service Center, and any of the city hall branch offices and community centers. For inquiries, please contact the Environmental Division (04-7093-7838).

Copies can now be found online through the Kamogawa Webpage located at:

Official English Page>
Living in Kamogawa>
Waste Disposal>
Garbage Day Calendar



Living in Kamogawa

Kamogawa -Manitowoc Student Exchange Program

Have you ever wondered what living with an American family is like? Have you ever wanted to travel to the USA and practice your English skills? If so, then the Kamogawa-Manitowoc Student Exchange Program is the perfect chance to go abroad and have a truly life-changing experience!

Every year, Kamogawa selects six students to travel to Wisconsin on a 10 day student delegate exchange. Past students have been able to practice their English living with an American host family, see a real American baseball game, and so much more!

For more information see below:

Date: 7/31 (Mon) ~ 8/10 (Thurs)

Qualifications:

- Junior high school or high school student living in Kamogawa
- Basic English communication skills
- Able to actively participate in exchange events
- Financial Responsibility: Half the cost of travel expenses
- Able to host a Manitowoc Student from 7/22 (Sat) ~ 7/31 (Mon) (exceptions can be made)

Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, April 11th at 17:00. Following that, there will be a written test on April 12th and interviews on the morning of Sunday, April 16th. Submit your application today!

Please call the Lifelong Learning Division with any inquires at: 04-7094-0515

Library Closure

From Monday, April 17th, until Friday, June 30th, the Kamogawa City Library will be closed for construction and updates. If you need to return books after the beginning of construction, you may return the books to the Emi, Oyama, or Amatsu-Kominato Community Centers.

Also, beginning in April, the maximum amount of books you may check-out at one time will be limited to 15 books per person.

Leadership Change in Kamogawa

As of March 13th, 2017, Mr. Ikuo Kameda began leading the city of Kamogawa as the new mayor. He won the mayoral election held on Sunday, March 5th, 2017. Mayoral terms are held for four years in Kamogawa. KIRA looks forward to working with our new mayor on future international and sister city related projects!



Mayor Kameda greets some of Orca Kamogawa's soccer players

English “A Guide to Living in Kamogawa” to be Revised

As of April, the English version of “A Guide to Living in Kamogawa” (暮らしのガイド) will be taken down from the Kamogawa English home page. It will be replaced by a shorter, more condensed version, with the most pertinent information for Kamogawa's English speaking residents.

However, as always, the English help desk is open at city hall on weekdays from 8:30~16:30 for any questions you may have about living in Kamogawa. You can also call the help desk at: 04-7093-5931





Canine Registration and Rabies Vaccination

In addition to dog registration, the city of Kamogawa requires all dogs over 90 days old to receive yearly rabies vaccinations. The city will be sponsoring vaccination sessions from April 3rd to April 11th according to district. Failure to register and vaccinate your dog could result in fines.

Pet owners with registered dogs should have already received information in the mail. For those who will be registering a dog for the first time, please obtain a medical questionnaire from the Environmental Division (located on the third floor of city hall) or from one of the other city hall branch offices. You can also download a copy of the form from the city website (Japanese Only).

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For dogs that have already been registered, the vaccination fee and proof of vaccination is 3,500 yen. For unregistered dogs, the vaccination fee, proof of vaccination, and registration fee, is 6,500 yen. For location and other information please contact the Environmental Division at: 04-7093-7838.

KIRA Wants You as a Member!

The Kamogawa International Relations Association (KIRA) is recruiting new members for the April 2017-2018 year! KIRA works to promote international understanding through events and projects throughout the year. From being involved in exchanges with Kamogawa's sister city Manitowoc WI, USA, to local exchanges with foreign residents, KIRA focuses on fostering cross-cultural relations. Some of KIRA's activities include free Japanese classes for residents, disaster preparedness events, cultural exchange dinners, as well as other popular international events!

All of the activities KIRA organizes, including the Kamogawa Communicator, would not be possible without the support of our members. KIRA events and projects are supported with the help of our many talented members. Art, language, teaching, if you have something that you would like to contribute to the community, KIRA is always looking for new volunteers!

Membership for the whole year (from April to March) is only 1,000 yen/per individual. All membership fees go directly to funding KIRA activities in the community. A few benefits for being a KIRA member include: advanced notice and priority reservation for participation in KIRA sponsored or KIRA related events and projects, special invitations to KIRA member-only events, discounted participation fees, and more!

You can obtain a copy of the KIRA member registration form by e-mailing KIRA at kira@city.kamogawa.chiba.jp or contacting the office directly (04-7093-5931). We look forward to hearing from you!



4/3 (Mon)	4/4 (Tues)
Saijo, Kamogawa, Futomi	Yomogi, Kiyosumi, Amatsu, Uchiura, Kominato
4/5 (Wed)	4/6 (Thurs)
Amatsu, Hamaogi, Tojo	Emi, Soro, Futomi
4/7 (Fri)	4/11 (Tues)
Suki, Tabara, Saijo	Oyama, Yoshio, Suki

What's Happening This Month



Until 5/5 (Fri)

Strawberry Picking

Location: Minnami-no-Sato

Information: 04-7099-8055

Location: Tamura Farms

Information: 04-7097-1162

Prices (30 minute all you can eat!):

4 and older ¥1,200, 3 and younger ¥600

Until 4/30 (Sun)

Ko Hasegawa Collection Exhibition

Location: Citizen's Gallery

Hours of operation: 9:00-17:00

Come and see 40 pieces of art from the late Kamogawa citizen Ko Hasegawa.

Information: 04-7093-2366

4/1 (Sat) 9:00 ~

First of the Month Market

Location: Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine

Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine hosts their wonderful morning flea market.

Information: 04-7094-0323

4/2 (Sun) 9:30 ~ 17:00

21st Kamogawa Spring Charity Recital

Location: Kamogawa Civic Center

Over 120 different groups from outside of Kamogawa will be putting on various performances.

The first 100 people to arrive will get a bento and tea present. There will also be a raffle for prizes, and a guest appearance by the singer Mie Ishibashi.

Information: 090-2227-7033

4/2 (Sun) 12:00 ~

Orca Kamogawa vs Okayama Yunogo Belle

Location: Municipal Track and Field Facilities

Come out and support Kamogawa's female soccer team in their first home game of the season!

Information: 04-7093-5111

4/4 (Tues) 11:30 ~ 14:00

Josai International University's Annual "Sakura Festival"

Location: Former Mizuta Residence

Information: 04-7098-2800

4/15 (Sat) 13:30 ~

Library Story Time

Location: Oyama Community Center

Information: 04-7092-0312

4/23 (Sun) 9:40 ~ 14:00

Yomogi Footpath Walk

Immerse yourself in nature and explore the Yomogi Trails and the Fudo Waterfalls. Lunch is provided

Starting Point: Yomogi Fureai-kan

Cost: 3,000 yen (Includes lunch, insurance fee, and small gift)

Information: Policy and Planning Division

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Shrine and Temple Ceremony Schedule

4/2 (Sun) Location: Amatsu Kominato

Hamacho/Atago Shrine Annual Festival

4/8 (Sat) Location: Amatsu-Kominato

Naginami Shrine Annual Shrine Opening

4/11 (Tues) Location: Kamogawa

Kyoninji Temple Founding Ceremony

4/16 (Sun) Location: Kiyosumi

Amatomi Shrine Annual Festival

4/27-28 (Thurs~Fri) Location: Kiyosumi

Seichoji Temple's ceremony celebrating the establishment of the Nichiren sect of Buddhism

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