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Beach Season is here!

As the rainy season makes its leave, summer is on the way in! So it's time to break out the bathing suits, find the sunscreen, and hit the water, because beach season is here. Beginning Saturday, July 15th the Uchiura, Shirosaki, Maebara, Futomi, and Emi beaches will be open to the public for swimming until August 20th. With school holidays right around the corner and the temperatures increasing every day, going to the beach is a great way to relax. Come with the family or enjoy hanging out with friends. Also, don't forget the essentials like beach towels, snacks, and a cooler to keep things cool all day long.

When swimming, remember to take the proper precautions, rest as often as possible, rehydrate, and keep in mind that drinking alcohol while swimming is prohibited. Always remember, safety first! For more information on the 2017 beach rules, see the column on page 2 or contact the Tourism Division at: 04-7093-7837

Fire Work Clean up and Disposal Reminder

As summer approaches and we all hit the beach, please take the proper measures to clean up and dispose of flammable goods. Please bring in matches, warning flares, unused fireworks, and other flammable hazardous trash items directly to the Garbage Center. If these items are mixed with regular combustible trash and collected by the trash trunk, they could possibly detonate. Lighters that are completely used should be collected in the metals trash bag (金物類). Disposable gas can cylinders and aerosol cans must be completely empty and punctured with a hole before they are disposed with other aluminum cans. For more information please call the disposal center at: 04-7093-5300.

Insurance Fees & Tax Announcement

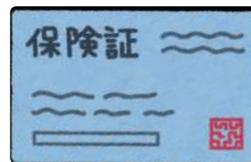
Notice regarding the fees and taxes of Japan's various government insurances will arrive sometime this month. The information for the National Health Insurance will be sent on July 14th, and the information for both the latter-stage elderly health care system and the nursing care insurance will be sent in mid-July.

For all three types of insurance, you may pay your taxes in monthly installments, from July 2017 until February 2018. You may also pay your taxes in a lump sum (if paying this way, you may be eligible for a discount).

If you have any questions or concerns, please consult the Tax Division at: 04-7093-7832

If you have any questions concerning either the National Health Insurance or the latter-stage elderly health care system, please call the Citizen Affairs Division at: 04-7093-7839

If you have any questions concerning the nursing care insurance, please call Health Promotion Division at the Fureai Center at: 04-7093-7111



Temporary Closures

Both Minnami-no-Sato and Kamogawa Ocean Park will be closed on Wednesday, July 5th. For more information, please contact the facilities directly.

Minnami-no-Sato: 04-7099-8033
Kamogawa Ocean Park: 04-7096-1911

Living in Kamogawa

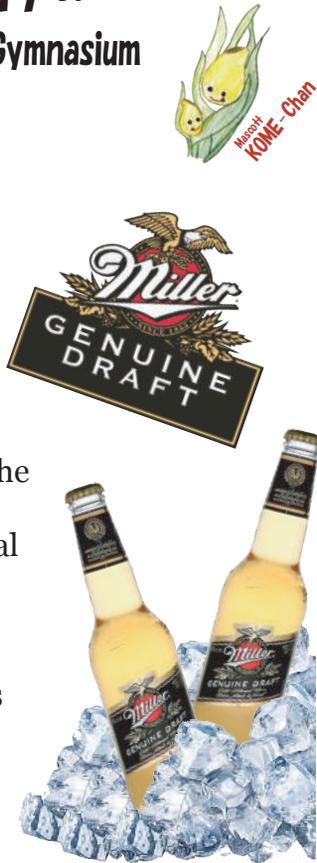
Tabara Furusato Festival

7/17 (MON) 10⁰⁰~17³⁰

@ Kamogawa Cultural Gymnasium



Enjoy the showcasing of local culture with performances by the Kamogawa Youth Choir, the Hiro Hawaiian Hula and Tahitian Dance Team, local artists, and more. The Kamogawa International Relations Association will have a booth where guests can try Wisconsin Johnsonville Brats and Milwaukee Beer.



Student Exchange Program Summer BBQ



Join KIRA in welcoming this year's student exchange program delegate from Manitowoc, WI with a barbeque party at Ocean Park.

Date: 7/25 (Tues) 17:00~19:00

Food and drinks will be provided (alcohol as well!)

Cost: 1500 yen
(2000 yen for Non-members)

**Participation is limited to 30 people, so call today and reserve your spot!*

For more information or to register, please call the KIRA office at: 04-7093-7828



2017 Beach Rules

Help make this swimming area safer for everyone.

In order to promote the safe use of this swimming area for all patrons, the following rules have been established as part of the "Kamogawa Beach Safety and Security Ordinance."

Rules for Kamogawa City Swimming Areas (Restricted behavior according to local ordinances)

1. Please refrain from riding and using things such as motorboats, jet skis, yachts, surfboards, and wind boards in the designated swimming areas in order to prevent injury to swimmers.
2. Please reduce your speed while traveling near the designated swim areas and please refrain from making quick turns on aquatic vehicles around the area to avoid large wakes that could cause injury to swimmers and damage swimming area buoys and ropes
3. Please refrain from entering the water if intoxicated to reduce the risk of drowning. Additionally, please be mindful not to disturb other patrons while consuming alcohol.
4. Please keep pets out of the water in the designated swimming areas.
5. Please refrain from using motor vehicles on the beach unless lawfully permitted to do so in order to protect and conserve the natural environment.
6. Please refrain from lighting fires or using grills and other cooking equipment with open flames on the beach.
7. Please cover any tattoos with t-shirts or towels.
8. Please refrain from using speakers or other noisy devices on the beach.
9. Please refrain from disposing of garbage and cigarette butts on the beach.
10. Please refrain from carrying and using fishing gear such as spear guns or harpoons in and around the swimming areas.
11. Please avoid acting in any way as to impede the maintenance of beach safety and security (e.g. vandalism or hindering inspections)

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4th Annual Cosmos Road Race in Kamogawa

Kamogawa will hold its 4th annual Cosmos Road Race this year on Monday, October 9th. There will be a 3k race for middle school students, as well as both a 5k and 10k race for high schoolers and above. Additionally, the opening ceremony will include a special wheelchair exhibition race with guest appearances by leading Japanese Paralympic athletes. Registration will open at 8:00 on the day of the event, with the first race beginning at 8:45. The registration fee is 2,000 yen (this includes insurance). Participation is limited, so register today!

How to Register:

Visit the Environmental Division or the Kamogawa City Website to receive or download an application. Submit applications to the Environmental Division by email at <kankyo@city.kamogawa.lg.jp>, by fax at 04-7093-7851, or in person on the 3rd floor of city hall. Participation is limited to 200 people per race, registration ends on 8/31!

Race Fee: 2000 yen paid on race day

Seeking Volunteers!

Register to volunteer as race day support staff by 8/31.



Summer Driving Safety Campaign

As more people will be out and enjoying the summer season in coming months, Chiba is sponsoring a prefecture wide summer safe driving campaign from July 10th to the 19th. Be sure to buckle up, watch for pedestrians, and let's work together to make the roads safer for everyone. For more information please contact the Kamogawa Police Department at: 04-7092-0110



Summer 2017 Local Kamogawa Festivals

7/1 Sengen Festival

(04-7094-0323)

7/2 Matsuzaki and Suga Shrine

(04-7094-0323)

7/15~16 Kominato Festival

(04-7094-0323)

In this annual celebration, six of the area shrines gather to celebrate summer in this port area of town.

7/21~22 Kiyosumi Myokengu Festival

(04-7094-0525)

In praise of the North Star, this ceremony is performed to protect fisherman at sea and pray for large hauls of fish.

7/28~30 Amatsu Festival

(04-7094-0323)

Many festivals are marked by the parading of mikoshi floats down city streets.

However, only the Amatsu Festival can boast of carrying the heaviest mikoshi in Chiba Prefecture.

7/29~30 Futomi Festival

(04-7092-0086)



Orca Kamogawa Soccer Games

7/9 (Sun)

Orca Kamogawa vs. SFIDA Setagaya

7/23 (Sun)

Orca Kamogawa vs. Nipatsu Yokohama Sea Girls

Location: Kamogawa General Sports Facility

Tickets: 1,200 yen

Information: 04-7099-2350



What's Happening This Month



7/1 (Sat) 9:00~15:00
Morning Market

Location: Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine
Information: 04-7094-0323

7/1 (Sat) 13:30~15:00
Kazuhiko Toyota Picture Book Reading

Location: Kamogawa Municipal Library
Information: 04-7092-0312

7/4 (Tues) ~ 9/24 (Sun) 9:00~17:00
“Lagrange: The Flower of Rin-ne” Original Artwork Exhibition

Location: Kamogawa Folk Museum
Come see original artwork from the anime “Lagrange: The Flower of Rin-ne,” which is set in Kamogawa.
Information: 04-7093-3800

7/9 (Sun) 11:45~
Sakura Fifteen Welcome Ceremony

Location: Kamogawa General Sports Facilities
Come welcome the Japanese women’s rugby team before they begin their four day training camp.
Information: 04-7093-5111

7/10 (Mon) 10:00~13:00
“Taste of Kamogawa” Cooking Class

Location: Fureai Center
Information: 090-5806-2517

7/16 (Sun) 6:00~18:00
Kameda Cup Surfing Competition

Location: Maruki Point
Stage performance and Shops 10:30-17:00
Information: 04-7099-1264

7/16 (Sun) & 7/23 (Sun) 10:00~15:00
Lavender Picking and Craft Making
Location: Kamogawa Herb Society Club House
Information: 04-7096-5030

7/17 (Mon) 10:00~17:30
Tabara Furusato Festival
Location: Kamogawa Cultural Gymnasium
Information: 090-1506-9307

7/22 (Sat) 8:30~9:30
Yoka Beach Clean-Up
Location: Kamogawa Fishing Harbor
Information: 04-7092-9977

7/22 (Sat) 10:00~11:10
Summer Vacation Family Movie Screening
Location: Furusato Theater
Come watch “The Fox Cub and Tanuki Pup”
Information: 04-7094-0515

7/22 (Sat) 17:00~19:30
19th Hikari Gakuen Summer Festival
Location: Hikari Gakuen Grounds
Information: 04-7099-3311

7/23 (Sun) 15:00~
Naraiharu Dragon Dancing
Location: Kasuga Shrine
Information: 04-7093-3800

7/28 (Fri) 18:30~20:30
Mamo-chan’s Fun Astronomy Class
Location: Chuo Community Center
Information: 04-7093-1141

7/29 (Sat) 19:30~20:20
Kamogawa Summer Fireworks Festival
*Show may be delayed until 7/30 or 7/31 due to inclement weather
Location: Maebara Beach
Information: 04-7092-0086

*Be sure to call ahead to check whether an event requires an RSVP, or is already full

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