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.

April 2017-2018 Garbage Calendars

New Calendars are available for free at the Environmental Division (3nd 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

Minnami no Sato Reopening

Beginning Friday, April 27th, Minnami no Sato will be returning to normal business hours (9:00~17:00) after months of repair. The restaurant will be open again, and all suspended services will resume.

Information: 04-7099-8055

Property Tax Notice Mailing

During the beginning of April, the city of Kamogawa will be mailing out property tax notices. If you lived in Kamogawa beginning on January 1st of this year, and own a plot of land, any building, or any depreciable assets, you should be receiving this notice.

After you have confirmed the information on your tax statement, please pay your property tax by the date that is written on the statement of payment that is attached to your tax statement.

For those residents who will do an account transfer, please make sure that your balance is enough to cover the amount that will be withdrawn from your account.

Information: 04-7093-7832
School Entrance Ceremonies

As we enter April and the weather begins to warm, a new school year begins for students in Kamogawa! Schools and colleges in Kamogawa all hold school entrance ceremonies as well, so check to below to see when the entrance ceremony will be for any students that you know.

4/5 (Thurs) 10:00 ~
Kameda Institute of Nursing & Adv. Practice
4/6 (Fri) 9:30 ~ 12:00
Kamogawa junior high schools
4/6 (Fri) 10:00 ~
Kameda College of Health Sciences
4/8 (Sun) 10:30 ~
Amatsu Wakashio School
4/9 (Mon) 10:00 ~
Nagasa High School
4/9 (Mon)
Kamogawa elementary schools & kindergartens
4/10 (Tues) 10:00 ~
Bunri Kaisei High School

3rd Annual Cycling Road Race: Blue Series in Kamogawa

Once again, the Japan Bicyclist Club Federation will be hosting a cycling race in Kamogawa! Between Saturday, April 21st and Sunday, April 22nd, competitors will compete to try and win the Blue Series. If you like cycling, then come on out and cheer on the racers! The race will take place throughout the Kamogawa General Sports Facility.

Information
JBCF: 04-7189-0100
Sports Promotion Division: 04-7093-5111

Traffic Restrictions

Because of the Blue Series in Kamogawa road race, cars will not be allowed to enter the General Sports Facility during the times listed below.

Saturday, April 21st
8:00 ~ 11:30
12:20 ~ 16:25

Sunday, April 22nd
8:00 ~ mid-day
13:00 ~ 17:40

“Guide to Living” Update and Distribution

This April, the structure of Kamogawa City Hall will be changing. Because of this, the Kamogawa “Guide to Living” will also be updated, and distributed to every citizen of Kamogawa.

By the end of the month of April, every household should receive an updated copy of the “Guide to Living” to their residence, but if you do not receive one, you can receive one at city hall from the Citizen Affairs Division

Information: 04-7093-7842
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 16th 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 Environment 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).

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 2018-2019 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 (04-7093-7822). We look forward to hearing from you!

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What's Happening This Month

4/10 (Tues) 9:00 ~ 12:00
Baby Day
Location: Fureiai Center, 2nd floor
Intended for children below 1 year of age.
Information: 04-7093-7113

4/12 (Thurs) 10:00 ~ 10:30
Storytime!
Location: Kamogawa Municipal Library
Any child ages 0 to 3 is welcome to participate (with their guardian) in story time, songs, and more.
Information: 04-7092-0312

4/28 (Sat) 14:00 ~
Orca Kamogawa vs SFIDA Setagaya FC
Location: Municipal Track and Field Facilities
Come out and support Kamogawa’s female soccer team in their first home game of the season!
Information: 04-7093-2350

4/29 (Sun) 9:00 ~ 14:00
5th Yomogi Footpath Walk: Holy Trekking
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 (2,000 yen for those in junior high school or younger)
Information: 04-7093-7822

Shrine and Temple Ceremony Schedule

4/1 (Sun) Location: Amatsu-Kominato
Hamacho/Atago Shrine Annual Festival

4/7 (Sat) Location: Amatsu-Kominato
Naginami Shrine Annual Shrine Opening

4/11 (Wed) Location: Kamogawa
Kyoninji Temple Founding Ceremony

4/16 (Mon) Location: Kiyosumi
Amatomi Shrine Annual Festival

4/27-28 (Fri~Sat) Location: Kiyosumi
Seichoji Temple’s ceremony celebrating the establishment of the Nichiren sect of Buddhism

Strawberry Picking
Location: Minnami-no-Sato
Information: 04-7099-8055
Location: Tamura Farms (Until Golden Week)
Information: 04-7097-1162
Prices (30 minutes all-you-can-eat!):
4 and older ¥1,200, 3 and younger ¥600

4/1 (Sun)
First of the Month Market
Location: Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine
Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine hosts their wonderful morning flea market.
Information: 04-7094-0323

4/1 (Sun) 13:00 ~
Orca Kamogawa vs Shizuoka Sangyo University Iwata Bonitas
Location: Municipal Track and Field Facilities
Come out and support Kamogawa’s female soccer team in their first home game of the season!
Information: 04-7093-2350

4/4 (Wed) 9:00 ~
Josai International University’s “Sakura Walking”
Starting Point: JIU Campus
Join JIU staff and students as they take a stroll around Kamogawa to view the many sakura trees that are in bloom.
Deadline to apply: 4/2 (Mon)
Information: 04-7098-2800

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