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This is an English publication of Shizuoka City life and event information. Information is from the City newsletter "SHIZUOKA KIBUN" & other City publications. Nonresidents should check for residency requirements. At least **basic Japanese speaking ability is needed** for participation in most of the events listed here. Multilingual interpretation is available when calling divisions of the City of Shizuoka.



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## Aid for ES and JHS Students

Inquiries: Student Support Division ☎054-354-2532

For information on how to apply and the criteria for approval, contact your child's school or the Student Support Division. Information is also available on the city website.

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### Student Financial Aid System

This is a financial aid system available to parents facing financial difficulties in sending their children to public elementary or junior high school. The aid covers part of the costs related to school supplies, school lunches, etc.

**Candidates:** Persons to whom ① or ② applies

- ① Is receiving welfare benefits
- ② Is having financial difficulties, with the total yearly income (after deductions of social insurance, etc.) of all cohabitating family members not exceeding the qualifying standards decided by the City.

### Special Needs Education Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to reduce the financial burden on parents with children in special needs classes, etc. at municipal elementary or junior high schools. This aid covers part of the costs of things like school supplies (notebooks, stationery, schoolbags, uniforms, indoor and outdoor school shoes, hats, etc.) and school lunches. When purchasing supplies, please keep the receipts as they are necessary when receiving the aid.

\*Things such as school bags and uniforms bought for new first year students before entering school may also be eligible for aid so please make sure to keep the receipts.



## Covid-19 Vaccinations Scheduled to Close at the End of March!

Inquiries: Covid-19 Vaccination Call Center ☎0120-113-394 (8:30-20:30)

### Covid-19 Vaccination Reservations:

← Reservation Website (select language from top right corner)

Reservation Hotlines (8:30-20:30) ☎012-116-489; ☎0120-202-489; ☎0120-308-489

\*Vaccination ticket necessary to receive vaccinations. If you have lost your vaccination ticket, consult the Reservation Website or call the Vaccination Ticket Reissuance Hotline ☎0120-373-185

\*Information accurate as of 6 January. See city website for latest information.

\*Scan the QR Code on the back of the Shizuoka Jin for the city's multilingual Covid-19 information page.

### Candidates for Omicron-Targeting Vaccine:

Persons aged 12 and up who have finished their initial (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) vaccinations, and got their most recent vaccination at least 3 months ago.



### Venues

Group vaccinations	COUPOLE Hall; APiTA Shizuoka Branch; Shimizu Ward Office
Individual vaccinations	Various medical facilities *Confirm via the city website

### Final group vaccinations to take place on the following dates:

① 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccinations for ages 12 and up

1<sup>st</sup> shot: Wed 1 Feb  
2<sup>nd</sup> shot: Wed 22 Feb

**Venues:** ① COUPOLE Hall  
② and ③ Joto Health & Welfare Area

② 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> children's vaccinations (Ages 5-11)

1<sup>st</sup> shot: Sat 18 Feb  
2<sup>nd</sup> shot: Sat 11 Mar

③ Booster vaccinations (Omicron) \*Persons with disabilities and their families

Sat 18 Feb and  
Sat 11 Mar

**Reservations:** Persons in ① and ② may use either the reservation website or the hotlines. Persons in ③ and persons in ① and ② who wish to receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> shot must please use the reservation hotline.

\*See the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's website for the latest information on future vaccinations.

### Payment Deadlines

Mon 27 February:

**Nursing Care Insurance**  
(kaigo hokenryo) Term 8

Tue 28 February:

**Property Tax / City Planning Tax** (kotei shisan zei / toshi keikaku zei) Term 4

**Medical Insurance for Elderly People 75 Years Old and Older** (koki koreisha iryō hokenryo) Term 7

**National Health Insurance** (kokumin kenko hokenryo) Term 9

**National Pension Insurance** (kokumin nenkin hokenryo) January portion

### Trial Run of Shizuoka MaaS Rideshare Taxi

Inquiries: Shizuoka TaaS ☎054-204-0800

City Division in Charge: Traffic Policy Division ☎054-221-1105

From daily shopping, to appointments at the clinic, use “ride sharing” to get around affordably. This is a new service that combines the convenience of a taxi (picking you up wherever you want), with the affordability of a bus (splitting costs between multiple passengers).

**Trial Run Period:** Weekdays, 10:00-17:00 (including public holidays), up until Fri 30 June

\*Trial Run will take place within a limited area.

Scan QR Code to see a map in Japanese →



**Price plans:**

**Unlimited Rideshare:**

Standard Price: 8000 yen per month

Persons aged 65+ or raising children: 6500 yen per month

Persons aged 75+ or who have surrendered their drivers license: 5500 yen per month

**App-exclusive 12 Ride Ticket Set:** 4000 yen for 12 rides.

**Single Ride:** 500 yen (phone reservations); 450 yen (app reservations)

**Discount spots:** Hop on at designated spots within the service area to get 50 yen off the above price.

**From Registration to Ride:**

①Register

- Online (Scan QR Code →)
- By phone: Shizuoka TaaS ☎054-204-0800 (Weekdays 9:00-17:00, excl. public holidays)
- At a participating stores: inquire for details

Once registered, you can ride from 10:00 on the next operating day.



②Reserve

Book your ride using the “TakuYobi” app or by phone. You can book the time and date for your ride from up to 7 days in advance. \*As this is a rideshare service, departure and arrival times may be delayed.



③Ride

Show the app screen or your members’ card to the driver. \*Please note that if membership cannot be confirmed, you may not be able to ride.

### Tax Returns

#### Regarding Final Tax Returns for Income Tax, etc.

Whether you are required to submit a final tax return depends on various factors. See the National Tax Agency’s website for more information in English →



**When:** Thur 16 Feb-Wed 15 Mar, 9:00-17:00

**Where:** Twin Messe \*Paid parking available (600 spaces), but fills up quickly. Please make use of public transport \*Please do not phone Twin Messe directly

**Inquiries:** Shizuoka Tax Office ☎054-252-8111; Shimizu Tax Office ☎054-355-2360 \*Automated voice guide

**Caution:**

- Ticket required to enter. Tickets will be distributed at the venue on the day, or can be issued via the National Tax Agency’s Line Account (QR Code→). Depending on the number of tickets issued, you may be asked to come back another day. This can be checked on the National Tax Agency website.
- Tax return venues will not be set up at tax offices during the above period.
- You will need to draw up your own tax return at the venue.



#### 2022 Tax Returns and Payment Deadlines, etc.

Category	Return and payment deadline	Payment by account transfer deadline
Income tax and special income tax for reconstruction; gift tax	Wed 15 March	Mon 24 Apr (excl. gift tax)
Consumption tax and local consumption tax for individual business operators	Fri 31 Mar	Thur 27 Apr

We recommend filling your taxes online, using a smartphone, etc.. It’s convenient and allows you to avoid the health risks associated with crowded tax returns venues.



### Why Not Join Your Local Residents’ Association?



Inquiries: Shizuoka-shi Residents’ Association Federation

☎054-221-1568

Citizen Autonomy Division

☎054-221-1265

Through Residents’ Association activities, we aspire to help each other, expand our interactions and bonds, and create lively communities that are pleasant to live in. In times of disaster the connections we make in daily life become extremely important. We hope everyone will consider joining their local residents’ association. The more the merrier!



English Brochure →

#### Regarding Individual Residence Tax Returns

Residence tax for 2023 is based on your income for 2022.

\*Submission not required by those who submitted a final tax return for income tax.

**When:** Up until Wed 15 March; 8:30-17:15 (excl. weekends and public holidays)

**Where:** 2F City Hall Shizuoka Office (Municipal Tax Division ☎054-221-1041); 1F Suruga Ward Office (Municipal Tax Division ☎054-221-1542); 2F City Hall Shimizu Office (Shimizu Municipal Tax Office ☎054-354-2072)

**What to Bring:**

- Documents showing income and expenses
  - Documents required for deductions
  - Your “My Number Card” or “My Number Notification Card and Personal ID” and that of your dependant family.
- \*Additional documents may be required. Inquire for more info.

## Local Festivals Return

Okitsu and Mariko, two famous post stations on the old Tokaido highway, will be holding their beloved local festivals. Why not come on down?

### 26<sup>th</sup> Okitsu-juku Kanzakura Festival

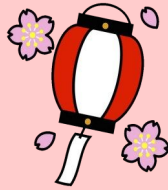
This festival will be held in Okitsu, birthplace of the sweet bean paste industry, to coincide with the blooming of the local *usu-kanzakura* cherry blossoms. Come and enjoy on-stage events and a local goods market, surrounded by cherry blossoms in full bloom. This will be the first time in three years that street stands return to the festival.

**When:** Sun 5 Feb, 09:00-14:30

**Where:** Okitsu Citizen's Learning Center (Okitsu Honcho, Shimizu-ku) and the surrounding area

**Inquiries:** Okitsu-juku Kanzakura Festival Executive Committee (within Shizuoka City Shimizu Chamber of Commerce) ☎054-369-0431

**City Division in Charge:** Tourism & MICE Promotion Division  
☎054-221-1454



### 22<sup>nd</sup> Mariko-shukuba Festival

For the first time in three years, this festival returns to Mariko-juku, where the spring air smells like plum blossoms. Come down to the old station town and enjoy the "Princess Parade", a Japanese drum performance, the JA Shizuoka-shi local goods market, food trucks, and more! Get a free *tsuko-tegata* (a traditional wooden permit that granted a traveler access to the roads in the Edo-era) as a memento of the day.

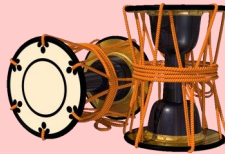
**When:** Sun 26 Feb, 09:00-14:30

**Where:** Mariko-juku, One of the Fifty Three Stations of the Tokaido (6-chome and 7-chome, Mariko, Suruga-ku)

\*Parking not available. Please use public transport

**Inquiries:** Mariko Festival Executive Committee ☎090-2181-5020

**City Division in Charge:** Tourism & MICE Promotion Division  
☎054-221-1310



## Miho Shirube Exhibition

Miho no Matsubara and Mt. Fuji  
As Seen Through Retro Postcards  
**Inquiries:** Miho Shirube ☎054-340-2100



Old postcards often used pictures of scenic spots and places of historic interest, providing us a valuable window into the society and landscapes of the past. This exhibition showcases postcards of Miho no Matsubara and Mt. Fuji, printed between the late 1800s and early 1900s, and compares them to present-day landscape photographs. Come and see how the views have changed, and learn about the history of each spot.

**When:** Sat 25 Feb-Sun 7 May, 9:00-16:30

**Where:** Miho Shirube (Miho, Shimizu-ku)

**Entrance fee:** Free



Miho Shirube Website

### Make your own postcard!

Come and make your own postcard from *washi* (traditional Japanese paper), using Miho no Matsubara as a motif.

**When:** Sat 4 March, Sat 11 March, Reception from 10:00 to 14:00

It takes about 30min to make a postcard

**Who:** 30 people \*First come first served, no reservation required, workshop will close after the maximum capacity has been filled.

**Cost:** Free



## Shizuoka Oden Fair 2023

Inquiries: Shizuoka Oden Fair Executive Committee  
☎070-4170-0711

City Division in Charge: "Streets Are a Theatre"  
Promotion Division ☎054-221-1228

This festival features local *oden* dishes from around the country! Come and feast on Shizuoka *oden*, with its rich black soup. Each stall in the *oden* food stall zone has its own finely honed "waza-ari" menu.

**When:** Fri 3 March (16:00-21:00); Sat 4 March (10:00-21:00); Sun 5 March (10:00-18:00)

**Where:** Aoba Symbol Road (head straight to the venue on the day)

Scan the QR Code for more information  
(in Japanese).



## The 4 R's in Our Daily Lives

Inquiries: Garbage Reduction Division  
☎054-221-1361

### Shizuoka is carrying out its own "Mottainai" initiatives!

In order to move from a mass production, mass consumption, and mass disposal society to a recycling-orientated society, the City of Shizuoka is carrying out a wide range of initiatives to create a city that supplies just the right amount goods and services to those who need them, when they need them. The catch phrase for these initiatives is "Mottainai", and to make them a success we need your help with upholding the 4 R's. Let's all start doing what we can.

### Refuse

E.g. Refusing unnecessary plastic bags and disposable cutlery when shopping, and bringing reusable bags and cutlery. Plastic bag fees began in July 2020, but the city has been working with local businesses to reduce plastic bags since signing an agreement in 2008.



### Reduce

E.g. Buying refillable or unpackaged goods, and carrying a reusable cup with you. Some stores offer discounts when you bring your own cup or flask.

The city registers local businesses working to reduce plastic waste as Plastic Waste Reduction Partner Stores.

### Reuse

E.g. Participating in food drives, where you donate unused food products to food banks who will deliver it to people who need it.

### Recycle

The city signed an agreement with 7-11 Japan in October 2021, and there are now PET bottle recycling machines at 80 7-11 stores in the city (as of Jan 2023). This is part of a "bottle to bottle" initiative, turning used PET bottles into new PET bottles.

Scan QR Code to see the city's website  
(Japanese).

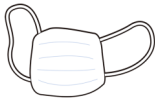


# City Offices Directory

If you don't know the number of a particular office, call the Information Desk (*daihyō bangō*)

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|--|--------------|--|--------------|
| ● <b>Aoi Ward Office</b><br>5-1 Ote-machi, Aoi-ku                    | 054-254-2115 | ● <b>City Hall Shizuoka Office</b><br>5-1 Ote-machi, Aoi-ku                              | 054-254-2111 |
| ● <b>Shimizu Ward Office</b><br>6-8 Asahi-cho, Shimizu-ku            | 054-354-2111 | ● <b>City Hall Shimizu Office</b><br>6-8 Asahi-cho, Shimizu-ku                           | 054-354-2111 |
| ● <b>Suruga Ward Office</b><br>10-40 Minami Yahata-cho,<br>Suruga-ku | 054-202-5811 | ● <b>Shimizu Ward Office<br/>Kambara Branch</b><br>1-21-1 Kambara-shinden,<br>Shimizu-ku | 054-385-3111 |

## Useful Services and Information



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Shizuoka City  
Association for  
Multicultural  
Exchange



Multilingual  
Consultation Service  
Shizuoka City

## Online Guide to Administrative Procedures (English)

Aoi Ward



Aoi Ward's  
Character:  
Aoi-kun

葵区PR  
キャラクター  
あおいくん

Suruga Ward



Suruga Ward's  
Character: Torobe

駿河区 応援隊長  
トロベ

Shimizu Ward



Shimizu Ward's  
Character: Shizulla

清水区広報キャラクター  
シズラ ©清水区

## Offices & Associations Dealing Specifically with Foreign Nationals' Needs & Issues

<b>Shizuoka City Association for Multicultural Exchange (SAME)</b>	<b>Shizuoka Office</b>	<b>Shimizu Office</b>
	City Hall - Shizuoka Office ,17F 054-273-5931	City Hall - Shimizu Office, 2F 054-354-2009
<b>Nagoya Regional Immigration Services Bureau-Shizuoka Branch Office</b>	<b>Fukuichi Temma-cho Bldg., 6F; 9-4 Temma-cho, Aoi-ku</b> 054-653-5571	

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