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Main Topic

Join your *jichikai* / *chonaikai* neighborhood association

For difficult problems that individuals or families might find hard to solve, communities have a residents' organization called *jichikai* or *chonaikai* in which the neighborhood residents cooperate to tackle them. The neighborhood's *jichikai* / *chonaikai* is involved in various activities to make the neighborhood more cheerful and a better place to live. Participate in your *jichikai* / *chonaikai* activities.

* Here are some *jichikai* / *chonaikai* activities

* Tackling safety issues

Various activities are held to make the community a good and safe community

-clearing away discarded bicycles -watching out for children's safety on their way home from school -crime prevention patrols, etc.

* Neighborhood environment management

Tackling issues to improve the beauty of the neighborhood throughout the year

-supervising garbage collection stations -neighborhood clean-up campaigns

-setting up flowerbeds, growing (flowers) and taking care of them, etc.

* Socialization / intergenerational exchange

Events are held for people of different generations from children to elderly residents to promote exchange among residents in the community.

-mochi-tsuki taikai (mochi making event) -festivals -trips to encourage exchange and friendship, etc.

* How to participate in *jichikai* activities

- How to participate in *jichikai* events

You can get to know about the various events the *jichikai* holds by checking the *jichikai*'s notice board, circular notices or handbills, etc. Please check them out.

- How you can participate in the *jichikai*

Ask either a committee member or a person who is a member of your neighborhood's *jichikai*. If you do not know if your neighborhood has a *jichikai* or not, please enquire at the contact below.

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Sub Topic

Feel spring with the Sakura Matsuri festival

The annual spring 'Sakura Matsuri' festival will be held in the cherry blossom (sakura) filled Ikutagawa Koen park. There are lots of stalls, stage events, etc. to have a good time. Come along and enjoy yourself with everyone under the nice warm spring sunshine surrounded by cherry blossoms.

Date/Time: April 2 (Sat) 10:00~15:00 *If weather is bad, held on April 3 (Sun)

Place: Ikutagawa Koen (park) (Nunobiki Bridge ~ Kamiwaka Bridge)

*5-minute walk southeast from Shinkobe Subway Station

Content: Chorus singing and brass band performances by local school students /storytelling by Minwa no Sato 'Fukiai' /'Nunobiki' traditional dance-song /stalls opened by local people, etc.

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Health and Welfare News

Events from March 1 to April 30

For	Event	Date		Time
		March	April	
Infants/ Babies	Health check-up for infants 4 months old (notice will be sent to individuals) * BCG given on the day	2 (Fri) 18 (Fri)	8 (Fri) 20 (Wed)	13:00 - 14:15
	Health check-up for babies 1 year 6 months old (notice sent when baby is about 1 year 7 months old)	9 (Wed) 23 (Wed)	13 (Wed)	13:15 - 14:15
	Health check-up for babies 3 years old (notice sent when baby is about 3 years 3 months old)	16 (Wed)	27 (Wed)	
	BCG	2 (Wed) 18 (Fri)	8 (Fri) 20 (Wed)	13:30 - 14:30
	Sukusuku Akachan Seminar (child-care seminar) (Child-rearing, nutrition, dental care for infants 5 to 6 months old)	24 (Thurs)	19 (Tues)	Assemble at 13:30

- Health check-ups are held on the 6th floor (If possible, please come with a person who speaks Japanese.)
 - As of 10:00am, if the following weather alerts (heavy rain, flood, strong wind, heavy snow, blizzard) are announced for the Hanshin area, all health check-ups and vaccinations for infants and babies and events for mothers and babies are cancelled.
 - Ward Office parking space is limited. Parking is limited to within 1 hour. People coming for health check-ups etc. are asked to use train or bus services.
- Enquiries: Chuo Ward, Health and Welfare Division (Ward Office 5th & 6th floors) Tel: 232-4411

Public Library Information

Chuo Library (Kusunoki-cho, Chuo-ku Tel: 371-3351)

Storytelling Time Date: March 12 (Sat) 15:00~15:30

Picture Storybook Time (for children 0~3 years old and their guardians)

Date: March 25 (Fri) 11:00~11:30

Picture Storytelling Date: April 2 (Sat) 15:00~15:30

Sannomiya Library (Kumoi-dori Tel: 251-5015)

Storytelling Time (for small children ~ elementary school age children)

Date: March 26 (Sat) 15:00~15:40

Ward Office Consultation Service Tel: 232-4411

Consultation on Legal Matters: (Ward Office 4th Floor, Community Development Division, Ext. 211)

Every Wednesday (except national holidays) 13:00~ (Applicants received from 12:00~ / first 8 applicants)

Consultation on Child-rearing: (Ward Office 5th Floor, Health and Welfare Division, Ext. 376/377)

Monday ~ Friday (except national holidays) 9:00~17:00

Regional Activities Support Center

The Regional Activities Support Center was set up on the 4th floor of the Ward Office to support the Ward's citizens' activities. There is a corner with a meeting room and printer which can be used. The Ward Office looks forward to its residents making use of this corner.

Days and hours of use: Monday ~ Friday (except national holidays) 9:00~17:00

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