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This newsletter is a partial translation from the April 10th issue of 'Nishinomiya Municipal Bulletin.'
We will be glad to help you seek further information about events or notices announced here.

“My Number Card” Service Desk Opens on Weekends Reservations Required: First Come First Serve Basis



“My Number Card” (Individual Number Card) Service Desk will be open on the following dates on weekends. It takes about 15 minutes to accept your “My Number Card” application. Please make a reservation to

use this service. For the details, please see the City’s website.

Dates	Venue	Hours
May 3 (Fri)	Shukugawa Community Center	10am
May 12 (Sun)	Kitashukugawa Gymnasium	to
May 19 (Sun)	Kurakuen Residents’ Center	4pm

[Required Documents]

Notification Card and identity verification documents

*See the details on the website.

[Reservation]

Reservation can be made starting at 9:30am on April 11.



[Reservations and Inquiries]

Nishinomiya City My Number Call Center
 (Tel: 0798-30-6001)

*9:30am to 4:30pm except Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays

Consumer Affairs Guidance

BEAWARE OF "FREE INSPECTION"



[Case] When I requested an inspection from a company offering "free water pipe inspection", I was told that there was "severe red rust" and was recommended to sign a contract for cleaning work. The company further advised additional work such as the installation of a water purifier, and I

ended up signing contracts for all of them.

[Advice] There are companies that use free inspections as an opportunity to solicit to expensive work such as plumbing or roofing, one after another. Some companies may also solicit with untruthful information such as, "We did some work on your house over 15 years ago" or "We are from the City's Water Services Bureau. They also use aggressive solicitation tactics to make a contract with the elderly. Do not accept visits from companies offering free inspections. Also, if you are offered unnecessary work, flatly refuse it. In some cases, a cooling-off rule may be valid even after signing a contract or completing the work. Please contact the Consumer Affairs Center as soon as possible.

If you encounter any such issues, please consult the Consumer Affairs Center (Tel: 0798-64-0999).

ROUTINE VACCINATION CERVICAL CANCER VACCINE



The cervical cancer vaccine, also known as the HPV vaccine, has been shown to prevent precancerous lesions associated with cervical cancer. In some countries where vaccination rates are high, it has been found to prevent cervical cancer itself.

After understanding the vaccine's effectiveness and risks, if you wish to receive the vaccine, please make an appointment with a designated medical institution.

Eligible Recipients

Girls equivalent to elementary school sixth graders through high school first graders (born between April 2, 2008, and April 1, 2013).

Catch-Up Vaccination:

Individuals who missed vaccination opportunities due to not actively following regular vaccination recommendations and have not completed all three doses of the vaccine (born between April 2, 1997, and April 1, 2008) can receive catch-up vaccinations (publicly funded) until March of 2025.

For detailed information on vaccination procedures, please visit the City’s official website.

*If you plan to receive the vaccine outside the City, pre-procedures are necessary. Contact the Health Care and Disease Prevention Division

[Inquires] Health and Prevention Division
 (Tel: 0798-35-3308)



Information 110 from the Police

EARLY DETECTION OF CHILD ABUSE



Please cooperate with watching in your area for early detection of child abuse. According to the “Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act”, a person who has detected a child who appears to have suffered child abuse must promptly give notification to the Child Guidance Center established by the prefecture.

*Do not hesitate to report any suspicion of abuse to Child Guidance Center Abuse Response (dial #189). Possible to remain anonymous.

*If emergency, contact police (Emergency call #110).

Please check the Hyogo Crime Prevention Net for other crime prevention information. Please register it and protect children in our community.

[Inquiries] Nishinomiya Police Station (Tel: 0798-33-0110)

Koshien Police Station (Tel: 0798-41-0110)





CITY'S OFFICIAL LINE

Available for the notice and event information from the official LINE app. of Nishinomiya City.

You can check details by tapping an item you are interested in from "pick up NEWS".

You can also search for information from "menu".

[Account name] Nishinomiyaashi

[ID] @miyakko

Add it to your LINE here!



RUBELLA ANTIBODY TEST AID FOR WOMEN WHO PLAN TO BECOME PREGNANT & THEIR FAMILIES



To apply for the aid, please refer to the City's website for detailed information.

Who are eligible?

Persons registered as residing in Nishinomiya City, who satisfy one of the following conditions:

*Women who wish to get pregnant and their spouses/housemates

*Spouses/housemates of pregnant women whose rubella antibody value is low (the antibody value by HI method is below 1:16 or the antibody value by EIA method is less than 8.0)

[Note] In case where a past rubella antibody test confirmed sufficient antibody values, this subsidy does not apply.

[Period] Until March 31, 2025

[Test Fee] Free of charge

[Inquiries] Health Care and Disease Prevention Division (Tel: 0798-35-3308)



ADDITIONAL MEASURES OF RUBELLA INFECTION PREVENTION IS VALID UNTIL MARCH 31, 2025



The government is now offering "rubella antibody test and vaccination" as additional measures to prevent rubella infection.

For consultation, you need a coupon issued by the City. The coupon will be sent in June to the eligible persons (men who were born between April 2, 1962 and

April 1, 1979 and who have not used such coupon before).

Please take an antibody test at the time of your regular health check or in the medical institute of your choice.

If you want to take this test before June or in case you have lost your coupon or moved to the City recently, you can apply for the coupon via the City's website.

[Inquiries] Health Care and Disease Prevention Division (Tel: 0798-35-3308)



Words of Mayor Ishii

SEASONAL VIEW IN NISHINOMIYA



Cherry blossoms may come to mind when you think of spring flowers in Nishinomiya. However, if you pass through Shukugawa Park, which is a cherry blossom viewing spot, and Manchidani, you will

find brilliant reddish purple flowers spread all over in Hirota Shrine.

The flowers blooming in full glory on the huge grounds of the shrine are "Kobano-Mitsuba-Tsutsuji" or "rhododendron dilatatum", which is a natural feature of Hyogo prefecture. The amazing pink and reddish purple colors have been making people visiting there feel relaxed in the healing atmosphere of the shrine as "Tsutsuji of Mt. Hirota" for over three hundred years.

The population of rhododendron dilatatum once became smaller because of environmental changes. However, thanks to the environmental conservation activities of the local residents, the current scenery has been maintained. In every spring, "Tsutsuji Festival" is held to celebrate the blooming flowers on the grounds of Hirota Shrine. The shrine is crowded with citizens because local children perform dance and music called "Karyobin" and "Kocho" dedicated to the gods.

Makino Tomitaro, botanist who visited Mt. Hirota in 1934, admired the rhododendron dilatatum. People have always been attracted by the blue sky and the brilliant rhododendron dilatatum.

"Hanshin Tigers", a famous Japanese baseball team based in Nishinomiya, visits Hirota Shrine every year to pray for victory. Since the team became national champions last year, the color of the rhododendron dilatatum may seem more brilliant to the citizens who pray for consecutive victories!