



Excerpts of the Newsletter issued by Abiko City Phone:04-7185-1111

## Plan for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Municipal Administration Enforcement:

### “We love ABIKO”

### We asked 50 people who newly come of age! ---“What is the good point of ABIKO?”

The followings are extracts of the comments given by the people who come of age. All comments can be referred in the city’s web site.

- Good natural environment
- No children on nursery school waiting list
- Comfortable to live in not too rural, not too urban
- Beautiful & big Teganuma (Lake Tega)
- Wonderful fireworks display
- Rich in nature
- Famous writers’ villas ever located
- Good public security
- Peaceful city
- Strong in the relay road race (*ekiden*)
- Friendly people
- Lots of children living
- Convenient commuting

### Teganuma Fireworks Display to be Cancelled This Year.

The scheduled date of the Teganuma Fireworks Display this year coincides with the period in which Tokyo 2020 Olympics & Paralympics is held. So we had been discussing the possibility of hosting the display with related authorities. As a result, we decided to cancel it because it would be difficult to have a sufficient security system for it due to the shortage of police officers and security guards. It is regrettable that we must cancel the fireworks display which many citizens are looking forward to as one of the summer traditions. We hope you will understand the circumstance. This year we will carry out many memorial events for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the municipal administration enforcement. In addition, on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Tokyo Olympics torch relay will run the city, for which our city’s junior high school students will join. Though the fireworks display is cancelled, we will make this year memorial for all citizens.

Mayor Junichiro Hoshino

## **Fares of the City Taxi Revised as of February 1<sup>st</sup>(Sat): Base Fare Dropped from ¥740 to ¥500**

You can go by taxi for a short distance with ease under the new fare system.

Base fare for 1.27km: ¥500.- Additional fare /each 263m: ¥100.-

Time & distance combination system/ each 1 minute 35 seconds: ¥100.

Pick-up car fare ¥300.-

### **Abiko Nature Observation Party**

Let's observe winter birds around Lake Teganuma!

Date & time: February 16<sup>th</sup>(Sun) 9am~Noon \* Rain out

Venue: Gather at Tega-no-oka Youth Nature House

Contents: Walk in Tega-no-oka woods and along Teganuma and observation of winter birds

Capacity: First 50 people \*Kids in and under elementary school must be accompanied by their parent.

Fee: ¥100.-(for insurance)

Writing utensils, winter clothing and binoculars (rental available) to be prepared.

Enquiry/application: Tega-no-oka Youth Nature House ☎ 7191-1923

### **New Free Wi-Fi spots**

Three free Wi-Fi spots were added to the existing spots at South gate of Tennodai Station and Teganuma Park as follows;

Times of use: Max. four times a day( 30 minutes at one time)

Venue: South gate of Abiko Station, Lobby on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and Free Space on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor at Keyaki Plaza \* Wi-Fi is available at approximately 70m around the spot.

Enquiry: Information Policy Sec. Ext. 293

## **Events**

### **Abiko Brass Band, the 31<sup>st</sup> Regular Concert**

Date & time: February 16<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 14:00 Opening

Venue: Keyaki Plaza Hall

Program: “Manhattan Symphony” (Lancen), “An American in Paris” (Gershwin), Movie soundtrack, etc. Performer: Mr. Hiroaki Kondo (Conductor)

Admission: ¥700.-(¥400.- for Jr. High & high school students, Free for elementary school kids and under)

Application, enquiry: Mr. Nakamura ☎080-3472-8420

### **Spring holidays Junior Skiing Class**

Date: 20:00 on March 19<sup>th</sup>(Thu) meeting at City hall ~22<sup>nd</sup>(Sun)

Venue: Zao Hot Springs Ski Resort, Yamagata Prefecture

Eligible for elementary school students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above, First arrival 40 people

Expense: ¥46,000.- (¥41,000.- for college & high school students, ¥36,000.- for Jr. high school students, ¥31,000.- for elementary school students) \* Extra fee for lift ticket, lunch and rental

goods Application, enquiry: Send a postcard specifying your address, name ,sex, grade of school, birthday and telephone No. Application postcard must arrive by February 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat).

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### Advisory Service- February, 2020

### \* Reservation required

| ITEM                        | DATE/TIME   | PLACE  | CONTACT   |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Legal Advice                | Feb.6th,13th,18th,<br>20th and 25th<br>9:30 - 15:30   | Civic Consulting Room<br>2F, Abiko City Office             | Secretarial Sec.<br>*7185-1714<br>Call for appointment<br>after 8:30 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon     |
| Tax Matters                 | Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> (Fri)<br>10:00 - 15:00          | Tax Collection<br>Consulting Room<br>1F, Abiko City Office | Tax Collection Sec.<br>*7185-1349<br>Call for appointment<br>after 8:30 on 17 <sup>th</sup> Mon |
| Daily life advice           | Week days except<br>national holidays<br>8:30 – 17:00 | Social Welfare Sec.<br>2F, West Annex                      | Social Welfare Sec.<br>Ext.394  |
| Child matters in<br>general | Week days except<br>national holidays<br>8:30 - 17:00 | West Annex 1F  | Child Consulting Sec.<br>7185-1821  |
| Domestic Violence           | Week days except<br>national holidays<br>8:30 - 17:00 | West Annex 2F  | Social Welfare Sec.<br>Ext. 393   |

### Public Health Care Center Programs –February, 2020

Tel:04-7185-1126

| Item   | Date  | Eligibility   |
|--|---|---|
| Maternity class (Shiawase<br>Mama & Papa Gakkyu) | 8, 15 ,22 (Sat)<br>*Reservation required                      | Expecting women of 20<br>weeks or over, and their<br>family |
| Consultation for 4-month-old<br>children         | 4(Tue) and 12 (Wed)   | Children born in Sept 2019                                  |
| Consultation for babies                          | 5, 26 (Wed) at Nikoniko<br>Hiroba<br>14(Fri) at Health Center | First 10 people/day   |

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| Health Checkup for 18-month-old infants            | 20 (Thu.)                       | Infants born between July 10 and August 4, 2018 |
| Dental Checkup for 2 year and 8 month-old children | 27(Thu.)                        | Children born in June, 2017                     |
| Health Checkup for 3-year-old children             | 6, 13(Thu.)                     | Children born between June 24 and Aug 8 , 2016  |
| Health Checkup for 5-year-old children             | 27 (Thu.)                       | Children born in Feb. 2015                      |
| Baby Food Class for 4 to 6 month-old babies        | 28(Fri.) * Reservation required | First 30 applicants (parents).                  |
| Baby Food Class for 8 to 9 month-old babies        | 19 (Wed.) *Reservation required | First 20 applicants. Children born in May, 2019 |

### —Health Care—

#### 1. Sudden illness at night or on Holidays- Introduction of Hospital

Call Fire Station at 7184-0119. They will advise you an appropriate holiday/night emergency hospital or pediatrician. Before going there, talk with the hospital through telephone about your sickness or injury. In an imminent case, Call 119 for an ambulance.

#### 2. Child's Sudden Illness at Night- Telephone consultation by Nurses

Call #8000 or 043-242-9939 Hours: 19:00-6:00/next day, A nurse will advise you about the care to be taken for your infant/child.

#### 3. Sudden Illness at Night and Holidays-Telephone consultation by Nurses

Call #7009 or 03-6735-8305 Hours: week days and Saturdays 18:00-23:00

Sundays, Holidays and Year- end/New Year holidays: 9:00-23:00

#### 4. Getting sick or toothache on Holidays (Contact: Holiday Clinic at 7187-7020)

(1) Dentist: 9:00-11:30 (2) Internal Medicine & Pediatrician: 9:00-11:30, 13:00-16:30

Note: Holidays: Sundays, National holidays, Year- end/New year holidays

Please do not hesitate to call for an ambulance in case of serious injury or acute illness.

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