



Preventing House Fires

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Seika Town Mascot
Kyōmachi Seika



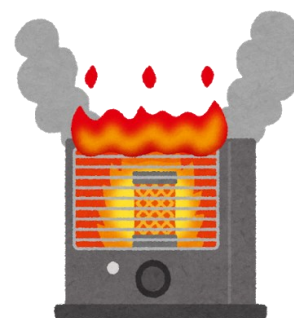
“Be sure to turn off your heater before going to sleep! Let's prevent fires together!”

Keeping Your Winter Fire Free

As Japan heads into winter and the days get colder, households tend to take out their home heaters to keep themselves warm. Every year, the cause of fires that happen around this time can often be traced back to these home heaters. Be careful with your heater as making a mistake while using it could lead to a fire!

How heater fires are often started...

1. Going to bed while your electric heater is still on and close to your futon could start a fire.
2. Refilling your oil heater with gasoline instead of the appropriate fuel (kerosene). Doing this will cause an abnormal combustion and cause a fire.
3. Drying clothes by your heater. If an item you're drying happens to fall on your heater it could catch fire.



Preventing Home Heater Fires

- When refilling your oil heater, be sure it is completely turned off and unplugged before doing so and that you're using the appropriate fuel (kerosene).
- Try not to place any cloth items such as futons or clothing next to your heater.
- Before using your heater, clean it and don't neglect or put off getting your heater inspected.



The smallest bit of awareness can help prevent fires from happening. Don't hesitate to check our surroundings and take precautions to keep yourself and others safe!

Year-end Fire Prevention Patrol

The Seika Town Fire Department will be conducting year-end patrols between December 26th and December 30th around the town to increase fire prevention awareness among the town's citizens. Let's work together to prevent fires!





Year-end Garbage Collection Schedule

Don't forget to take your trash out and put it in the designated pick-up spot before the end of the year! Please refrain from dropping off your garbage in an area other than your own as it may cause problems for the property managers.

The information provided below is identical to the trash collection information provided in the 2018 trash guide passed out in March of this year. Although you may take out your trash after the designated year-end collection dates, please be aware that it will not be collected until the New Year. Thank you for your understanding.



☆ Combustible Garbage

Areas	Last Collection Day
Sobo, Tani, Sugai, Kitanodo, Babuchi • Naka (excl. Kadota), Higashi, Nishikita, Yamada, Inuidani, Zakuro, Higashibata, Sakuragaoka	December 29 (Sat.)
Hishida, Takinohana, Fune, Sato, Asahi, Kita Inayazuma, Minami, Nakakubota, Naka (Kadota area), Hikaridai, Seikadai, Hosono-nishi 1-chome	December 28 (Fri.)
Minami Inayazuma • Ueda	December 29 (Sat.)

☆ Non-combustible Garbage (cans, glass bottles, plastic waste, etc.)

Region	Last Collection Day
1	Dec. 17 (Mon.)
2	Dec. 18 (Tues.)
3	Dec. 20 (Thur.)
4	Dec. 21 (Fri.)
5	Dec. 24 (Mon.)
6	Dec. 25 (Tues.)
7	Dec. 27 (Thur.)
8	Dec. 28 (Fri.)
9	Dec. 26 (Wed.)
10	Dec. 19 (Wed.)

☆ Plastic Wrap and Container Garbage

Regions	Last Collection Day
4, 8	Dec. 28 (Fri.)
1, 5	Dec. 24 (Mon.)
2, 6	Dec. 25 (Tues.)
9, 10	Dec. 26 (Wed.)
3, 7	Dec. 27 (Thur.)

★ Region numbers 1-10 are the same as in the 2018 trash guide (designations can also be found below)

o Region Number Designations

- 1 Hishida (east of Nomen Road), Takinohana, Fune (east of Nomen Road), Nakakubota
- 2 Kitanodo, Babuchi, Naka (east of Nomen Road), Higashi, Nishikita (east of Nomen Road)
- 3 Hishida (east of Prefecture Road), Sato, Sobo (east of Prefecture Road), Fune (west of Nomen Road)
- 4 Hishida(west of Prefecture Road), Sobo (west of Prefecture Road), Tani, Kitainayazuma (west of Prefecture Road), Asahi
- 5 Minami (east of Prefecture Road), Sugai, Kita Inayazuma (east of Prefecture Road), Nishikita (west of Prefecture Road) • Naka (west of Nomen Road)
- 6 Minami (west of Prefecture Road) Minami Inayazuma, Ueda, Hosono-nishi 1-chome
- 7 Inuidani, Zakuro, Higashibata
- 8 Yamada, Sakuragaoka
- 9 Hikaridai
- 10 Seikadai



Seika Town Mayor's Column

Kaname's Monthly Introspection

"Time sure does fly." I find myself agreeing with the oft said sentiment more and more with each passing year.

As we dive headfirst into December, I look back on the various happenings of this year; specifically the Northern Osaka Earthquake, the heavy rains in July, the 10-day summer heat wave, and the three typhoons that hit the Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe area. The abnormal weather had brought not only Kansai International Airport to a halt, but also temporarily paralyzed public transportation services across the region.

Seika Town was also touched by disaster, with typhoons 12 (Jongdari) and 21 (Jebi) momentarily cutting off power, causing structural harm to homes, and bringing about serious damage to area farms. In addition to damaging produce grown in Seika, effects from the weather have caused the worst crop-loss of rice in recent memory, leading to a reduction in the planned ship amount of rice from Seika farmers. It has been a tough year for everyone affected by the extreme weather.

Despite the inclement weather, the historically resilient cogs of society continue to turn, and we have that thank for the present. This year we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Kyoto Prefecture Office and the 30th anniversary of the Seika Matsuri festival, this year held in tandem with the Seika Children's Festival. Thanks to the festival's participants, the Seika Matsuri was a rousing success.

With the implementation of each town project or event, the pool of engaged citizen participants in Seika Town's development grows even larger. During this important transition period between the Heisei years and the new era, I hope to drive us into the future while continuing to imagine big things for our town, Seika.



Seika Town Mayor
Kaname Kimura

Seika Town News

Family Fun Through Music

November 4

The Keihanna Fureai Concert 2018, a classical music concert open to families, was held on November 4 (Sun.) at Keihanna Plaza.

Parents and their children enjoyed the musical concert filled with pieces from Japanese Anime and classical works performed by the one of the foremost orchestras in the Kansai region, the Osaka Shion Wind Orchestra Soloists. To the delight of concert goers, the night also featured a collaboration performance with the local wind ensemble Berries Keihanna and a conductor experience for one lucky audience member.

After the concert, children visited the instrument experience corner to try out instruments they usually don't have an opportunity to play.



Left: Concert-goer trying his darnedest to play the trumpet.

Right: One lucky audience member conducting the Shion Wind Orchestra Soloists.



A Community Against Domestic Violence

November 12

A campaign rallying against violence towards women was held between November 12 (Mon.) to November 25 (Sun.) to raise awareness of domestic violence, partner abuse, sex crimes, and stalking, of which women make up the majority of victims.

The purple ribbon movement (the symbolic color of the campaign) is meant to give courage to woman living under physical abuse.

In tandem with a simultaneous movement enacted in Kyoto Prefecture advocating against partner abuse, Seika Town's own Gender Equality Council committee members cooperated to pass out purple ribbon masks and bandages at various businesses to promote the eradication of violence against women.



Celebrating the Fruits of Fall Labor

October 21

Seika's Satoyama-no-kai Harvest Festival 2018 was held on October 21 (Sun.) at the Satoyama Preservation Space in the Higashibata region of Seika Town.

Under the wonderful weather, 50 participants worked up a sweat by performing conservation duties such as cutting grass and clearing water ways, as well as harvesting sweet potatoes, taro, and raku potatoes. Children spent the time making crafts with tree nuts and fishing for crayfish.

While listening to live guitar performances, festival participants partook in the flavors of fall, such as rice balls made from this year's harvest and potato stew.

Senior Citizen App Development Class

October 20

A senior citizen programming class was held in the Seika KICK Center by Kyoto Seika University professor Mitsuru Sugaya on October 20 to help our older citizens find their place in today's modern society.

Over 20 people participated in the class and enjoyed making new connections while exchanging ideas for potential apps.

The app development class series is slated to continue into the new year for a total of eight classes, all focused on real individual app development by the participants.





30th Seika Town Festival × 2018 Sub-culture Festival × 16th Children's Festival

The large-scale fall town festival Seika Matsuri 2018 was held on November 18 (Sun.) in tandem with the Sub-culture Festival 2018 at the Keihanna Commemorative Park and the Keihanna Plaza. Blessed with clear weather and wonderful autumn views, the perfect conditions drew about 38,000 attendants to the event.

Booths selling food and local products set up shop in the park while the Suikeien area hosted the 30th Anniversary Photo Exhibition and the Music Street performance stage.

The 16th Children's Festival occupied the Keihanna Plaza Event Hall and Main Hall, and welcomed about 4,000 participants throughout the day.

In the Main Hall, art exhibitions, choral performances, and Tai-sho Koto stages were presented by elementary and junior high schools in Seika Town and Kyoto Kogakkan High School.

Children came by the Experience Corner to participate in various craft-making and activities such as flower pot painting, toy repairing, mini-train driving, can-stacking and many other fun activities provided by festival booths.

In the Sundial Plaza at Keihanna Plaza, the 2018 Sub-culture Festival was abuzz and saw approximately 4,000 visitors stop by to take part in the fun.

Musical performances by Aya Ikeda, singer of the Pretty Cure theme song, and a rocking anime song band brought some great tunes to the venue. Cosplayers from Taiwan came to participate in the festival with Japanese cosplayers, which made for a very fun festival!



QUICK LIST

Welcome to the Quick List, a short list of vocabulary words in both English and Japanese.

This month's theme: Winter

Please send us feedback! Is this list at a good level? If you have topic suggestions please let us know.

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| 1. Decorations - 装飾 (そうしよく) | 6. Blizzard - 吹雪 (ふぶき) |
| 2. Snow - 雪 (ゆき) | 7. Fireplace - 暖炉 (だんろ) |
| 3. Snowman - 雪だるま (ゆき) | 8. Chimney - 煙突 (えんとつ) |
| 4. Gloves - 手袋 (てぶくろ) | 9. Heater - ストーブ |
| 5. Scarf - マフラー | 10. Sweater - セーター |

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Seika Town Events

Seika Cultural Property Tour

Learn about the “Tsunahiki Ceremony,” a ceremony part of a larger cultural event the Igomori Festival, at Hosono Shrine.

Date: 2019 January 13 (Sun.) 2:00~4:30PM (meet at Hosono Station east exit rotary at 2:00PM)

Participants: Max of 50 people

Fee: 300 yen

Inquiries: Lifelong Education Department TEL: 0774-95-1907



New Year Concert at Suikeien

Join us at Kangetsuro in Suikeien at Keihanna Commemorative Park and welcome in the New Year with a live biwa performance.

Date: 2019 January 6 (Sun.) 2:00~3:00PM

Place: Suikeien Park Kangetsuro

Fee: Park entrance fee (200 yen for adults, 100 yen for junior high and elementary school students)



Hana Asobi Exhibition

An Ikebana art collaboration between the flowers of Seika and the tea of Minami Yamashiro Village. Goods for sale on location.

Date: 2019 January 12 (Sun.) ~ 14 (Mon.) 9:00AM~5:00PM

Place: Suikeien Kangetsuro

Fee: Park entrance fee (200 yen for adults, 100 yen for junior high and elementary school students)



Keihanna Plaza Puchi Concert in Keihanna Commemorative Park

The Puchi Concert series comes to Suikeien in the Keihanna Park to celebrate the season with Christmas songs by a string quartet!

Date: 2018 December 23 (Sun.) 1:00PM ~

Place: Suikeien Kangetsuro

Fee: Park entrance fee (200 yen for adults, 100 yen for junior high and elementary school students)





Seika Town Events

Keihanna Plaza Puchi Concert

Mini classical music concerts held in the Keihanna Plaza atrium lobby.

Set-list (by session):

- ① Grand Fantasy from Mignon, Thomas
- ② 5 Lieder, Op. 106, Brahms

Date:

- ① 12/12 (Wed.) 12:15~12:45PM
- ② 12/29 (Wed.) 12:15~12:45PM



Seika Town Facility Schedules

Sōraku Emergency Medical Clinic Schedule

Date	Specialty	Date	Specialty
12/9 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics	1/1 (Hol./Tue.)	Internal Medicine
12/16 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics	1/2 (Wed.)	Internal Medicine
12/23 (Hol./Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics	1/3 (Thur.)	Internal Medicine
12/24 (Hol./Mon.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics	1/6 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics
12/30 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics	1/13 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine
12/31 (Mon.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics	1/14 (Hol./Mon.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics
Health Center		1/20 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine
		1/27 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics

※Please call in in advance to confirm visit
Sōraku Emergency Medical Clinic (TEL: 0774-73-9988)

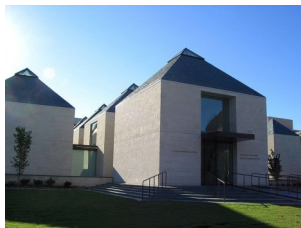
Mukunoki Center

Date	Time	Details
12/13 (Thur.)	1:00~3:30PM	Papa & Mama Class - Child-rearing
12/14 (Fri.)	1:00PM~	1.5 yr. Old Health Check-up
12/20 (Thur.)	1:00PM~	3-4 mon. Old Health Check-up
12/21 (Fri.)	1:00PM~	9-10 mon. Old Health Check-up
1/7 (Mon.)	1:30~3:30PM	Papa & Mama Class - Baby Food
1/9 (Wed.)	1:00PM~	3.5 yr. old Health Check-up
1/10 (Thur.)	1:00PM~	2 yr. old Dental Check-up
1/11 (Fri.)	1:00PM~	1.5 yr. Old Health Check-up

Date	Time	Details
12/12 (Wed.)	15:00~17:00PM	Table Tennis Day
12/16 (Sun.)	9:00AM~12:00PM	Hohoemi Sports Arena
12/19 (Wed.)	-	Closed
1/9 (Wed.)	15:00~17:00PM	Table Tennis Day

Sister City News

Discovering Meaning, Pleasure, and Value in Art



Lester Wing (opened in 2005)
of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum

Located on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman and founded in 1936, the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is home to a number of highly valued art collections of various mediums. The museum's growing collection of 20,000+ pieces boasts works by influential artists such as the impressionists Edgar Degas and Claude Monet, and large collections of Native American, Asian, European, and Contemporary art. The vast bank of pieces in the museum's possession is housed in multiple wings and the main building, for a total museum exhibition space of approximately 3,700 m². Free admission is provided to any and all visitors to the museum, thanks to an annual monetary gift from the University of Oklahoma's Athletics Department, so be sure to visit the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art if you find yourself in Norman!

(Picture courtesy of Wikipedia)

About our Sister City - Norman, Oklahoma

Seika Town has maintained a sister city relationship with Norman, a city located in Oklahoma, USA, since 2005, and a friendly relationship through Kyoto Prefecture's sister state connection since 1985. The two municipalities work together to promote international exchange and cultural understanding to create more globally-minded communities.

Seika Town Hall

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What to do if...

You have a question about something in Ichigo:

Call the Coordinator for International Relations at the Seika Town Office. You may also call if you need an interpreter, as most of the events and classes in Ichigo will be in Japanese.

You have a problem with life in Japan:

If you have any questions or problems concerning life in Japan not related to an article in Ichigo, please contact Allejah Franco, Coordinator for International Relations at the Seika Town Office.

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You have an issue with your visa or other questions:

The Kyōto City International Foundation (located at 2-1 Toriichō Awataguchi, Sakyō-ku, Kyōto-shi), offers advice and consultation on visa issues and general problems. **Visa consultations are available on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month (appointment required). Consultations can be done in English, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish.** General counseling is available Tuesday to Sunday from 9:00 to 21:00.

TEL: 075-752-3511 Homepage: <http://www.kcif.or.jp/en>

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木枯らし

Cold/winter wind

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In Japan, 木枯らし refers to the cold wind that starts to blow at the end of autumn and the beginning of winter. It's a sign that winter is soon to come and that it might be time to break out your cold weather gear!

Check out the Kyōto CIR blog: <http://tabunkakyoito.wordpress.com/>