

# OKINAWA CITY Newsletter

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## Okinawa Zoo & Museum

### Christmas Fantasy

2025~Count Down 2026

### Okinawa's largest illumination

December 20 (Sat)~ December 31 (Wed) 13:00-21:30(Entry by 21:00)

December 31 Entrance By 24:00.

The countdown event 16:00 to 25:00.

Exciting super laser light show, Snow Flakes show, Dinosaur battle show, Santa Claus ,Zombie Street , and more attractions are waiting for you!

Santa Claus (Christmas only) Lantern, Super Aurora Attraction, Fire Works, Food Booths

[Dec 20\(Sat\) World Dance Performance](#)

[Dec 21\(Sun\) Eisa Dance Performance](#)

[Dec 20\(Sat\) ~ December 25 \(Thu\) Christmas Market](#)

[Dec 31\(Wed\) Count Down fireworks to 2026!!](#)

#### <Tickets>

Adults & High School Students (age 16+):

¥2,500 in advance ¥2,800 at the gate.

Infant ~ Junior High School Students (age 15)\*: FREE

\*Must be accompanied by an adult  
December 31st Countdown tickets.

¥3,000 in advance ¥3,500 at the gate.

Advance tickets are available for purchase at the following locations until **December 20**: Okinawa ZOO/Co-op (Apure)/ Yuiwork/ Kadena ITT/ PLAY GUIDE/Family Mart / Seven-Eleven/Lawson(Lcode 81824)/ MCCS Tours/Kadena ITT/Okinawa City Hotel/Rakuten Tickets/Asobyu

\*No foods and drinks allowed to be brought into the event venue. **Contact:**

Christmas Fantasy Executive Committee

070-5402-0755( **Please Call A with Japanese Speaker**)

**Okinawa Zoo & Museum**  
**沖縄こどもの国**  
**クリスマスファンタジー 2025**  
**Christmas Fantasy**  
2025  
**12/20(土)・12/31(水)**  
開場時間 13:00~21:30 (最終入場 21:00)  
12/31(水) 年末カウントダウンは 16:00~25:00 (最終入場 24:00)  
ナイアガラ  
ハートランド  
ナイトウォーターショー  
雪が降りオーロラが現れる  
夢の世界へようこそ  
2025-2026  
カウントダウン  
特別開催時間 16:00-25:00 12/31 大晦日!  
最終入場 24:00  
日本最大級  
スーパーオーロラアトラクション  
音と光と花火!  
中学生以下 入場無料 ※要保護者同伴  
開催場所  
沖縄こどもの国  
Okinawa Zoo & Museum  
沖縄県沖縄市読里5-7-1  
雨天決行  
クリスマスファンタジー実行委員会

12/20(土)~12/30(火)	12/31(水) カウントダウン
大人(高校生以上) Adult & high school students	大人(高校生以上) Adult & high school students
前売券 ¥2,500 当日券 ¥2,800	前売券 ¥3,000 当日券 ¥3,500

お楽しみ  
クーポン付きチケット  
入場料 + クーポン ¥2,000 ※前売券のみ  
12/20(土)~12/30(火) ¥4,300  
12/31(水) カウントダウン ¥4,800

Total Population: 141,748

[Japanese Population] Male: 67,374 Female: 71,937  
[Foreign Population (65Countries)] Male: 1,470 Female: 967

The Okinawa City Hall's *Bunka Geino Ka* (the Culture & Traditional Arts Division) selects excerpts from the city's public relations newsletter (*Koho Okinawa*) and published them in English in hopes of better serving our community of residents who may have difficulty reading or understanding Japanese. These articles are translated by the Culture & Traditional Arts Division staff and are provided for reference only. **Administrative services are provided in Japanese only (unless otherwise indicated).** For English support, please email: [kokusai@city.okinawa.okinawa.jp](mailto:kokusai@city.okinawa.okinawa.jp). You can also view monthly issues of the newsletters and other information about living in Okinawa City by clicking the ENGLISH/ link on the Okinawa City website: <http://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp>

## Administrative Announcements

# FY2025~2026(NewYear)GarbageCollectionSchedule

### During New-year Holiday

Combustible/ Non-combustible trash, Recyclables, Plants, Toxic waste:

Last day to pick-up: Dec. 31(Wed), 2025

Pick-up starts on Jan.5 (Mon), 20256

Garbage should be put out **by 8:00 a.m.** on the appointed day in your area.

**Bulk Trash:** Call by **Dec 26(Fri)** for pick-up. The trash will be picked up after holiday due to the number of applications.

\*Collection time before and after the holiday could change depending on the quantity of trash.

**Thank you for your cooperation for separation and reduction of garbage during New-year Holiday.**

Contact: Environment Division (Ext.2223-2226) Please call with A Japanese Speaker.



	December, 2025						January, 2026				
	26(FRI)	27(SAT)	28(SUN)	29(MON)	30 (TUE)	31 (WED)	1 (THU)	2 (FRI)	3(SAT)	4(SUN)	5(MON)
<b>Combustible trash</b> <b>Non-combustible trash</b> <b>Plants</b> <b>Cans/ bottles/Paper</b> <b>PETbottles</b> <b>Toxic waste</b>	As a regular schedule	CLOSED	CLOSED	As a regular schedule	As a regular schedule	As a regular schedule	No collection	No collection	No collection	No collection	As a regular schedule
<b>Bulk trash application</b>		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	

### ▶2025 During New-year Holiday

#### List of Contact for Disposal of the Dead Dog/Cat

If you find a dead dog or cat at the following places, please contact the following to dispose them.

**-If you find them (including pet dogs & cats) inside of your resident area or on the city road (24H)**

Contact: **Okinawa City Hall**

[During the Operation Hour] 098-939-1212 (Ext.2222 )

Sunday-Saturday 8:30-17:15

[During Closed Hour/**New-year Holiday**] **098-939-1212**  
(Security guard room)

Please prepare following information:

Your address/ Name/ Phone#/ the location the body found  
 (\*Please provide land marks or name of the place.) ※  
 Depending on the time you call, body collection may be operated on the following day.

**-On the prefectural road (including sidewalks and inside trees or plants)-24H**

Contact: 098-894-6512 中部土木事務所(Chubu Doboku Jimusho)

Hours: Sunday-Saturday 24Hrs

**-National Road (including sidewalks and inside trees or plants)-24H**

Contact: 098-943-6203 嘉手納国道出張所(Kadena Kokudo Shucchosyo) Hours: Sunday-Saturday 24Hrs

### Domestic Garbage Pick-up Schedule

Area	Combustible (Designated trash bag)	Non-Combustible (Designated trash bag)	Yard Refuse (Clear bag)	Cans (Clear bag)	Bottles (Clear bag)	Paper (Tied)	PET Bottles (Clear bag)
Ikehara, Noborikawa, Chibana, Matsumoto, Akemichi, Yaeshima, Mihara, 1~6 Misato	MON THU	WED	WED	FRI			
Goeku, Shiromae-cho, Kamara, Sumiyoshi, Chuo, Uechi	MON THU	FRI		TUE			
Moromizato, Yamazato, Yamauchi, Minamitobaru	MON THU	FRI		TUE			
Sonoda, Kubota 2~6 Goya	MON THU	FRI		WED			
Teruya, Murokawa, Nakasone-cho, 1~4 Ageda, 1 Goya	TUE FRI	THU		WED			
5 Ageda, 7 Goya, Yogi, Hiyagon, Takahara, 1~4 Awase, 1 Ozato	TUE FRI	WED		THU			
5~6 Awase, 2-3 Ozato, Kaiho, Tobaru, Koja, Kojia-Isukazan-cho, Higashi, Miyazato, Aza Misato, Misato-nakahara-cho	TUE FRI	THU		MON			

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**▶ Please note:**

December is the payment deadline for the following taxes:

**Real-estate tax** (3rd term): Payment at the bank and also automatic payment due on **Dec 25 (Thu)/2025.**

**Long-term care insurance premium** (7th term)/ **National health insurance premium** (6th term)/ **Medical care for the elderly insurance premium** (6th term): Payment at bank and also automatic payment due on **Jan 5 (Mon)/2026.**

If you use automatic bank transfers, make sure you have enough money in your bank account the day before.

## National Pension Premiums Are Subject to be Deducted as Social Insurance Premiums

国民年金保険料は社会保険料控除の対象

National Pension Insurance premiums are fully deductible as social insurance premiums. If you wish to receive a deduction for social insurance premiums in your year-end adjustment(年末調整) or tax return(確定申告), please use the **“Deduction Certificate for Social Insurance Premiums (National Pension Insurance Premiums) 社会保険料 (国民年金保険料) 控除証明書”** sent to you by the Japan Pension Service.

※If you have paid the premiums for your family (only if you are obligated to pay them), you can add them to your own social insurance premium deductions.

※The premiums paid for prior years or additionally paid are also deductible.

■Schedule for Sending Deduction Certificate for Social Insurance Premiums (National Pension Insurance Premiums) 社会保険料 (国民年金保険料) 控除証明書

①Those who paid national pension premiums between January 1 and September 30, 2025

Late October - early November 2025 (by mail)

Those who out of the above-mentioned ①, and have registered on Pension Net (ねんきんネット) for electronic mailing in advance.

After Mid October 2025 (electronic mailing)

②Those who paid national pension premiums between October 1 and December 31, 2025 (except for those who are eligible for ①)

Early February 2026 (by mail)

Those who out of the above-mentioned ②, and have registered on Pension Net (ねんきんネット) for electronic mailing in advance.

After Late January 2026(electronic mailing).

※If you have registered on “Pension Net (ねんきんネット)” for electronic mailing, we will not send you the document by mail.

■Reissuance of Deduction Certificate

・ If you have obtained a “Pension Net” ID, you can apply for reissuance through “Pension Net.”

**Koza Pension Office TEL: 098-933-2267**

**National Pension Section, Residential Division (Ext.2133・2134)**

Okinawa City Hall will be **Closed** from  
**December 27 (Sat) through**  
**January 4 (Sun)2025**

As Japanese New Years holiday.

&

**January 12 (Mon)**

as Coming of Age Day.

## Shingles (Herpes zoster) Vaccine Immunization

带状疱疹ワクチン

The medical questionnaire will be sent to those how are eligible and wish to receive this vaccination in FY2025. Eligibility to receive as a regular vaccination is valid only in FY2025.

Shingles (Herpes zoster) Vaccine Immunization requires you to receive twice depends on its type. Please schedule with plenty of time to spare so to complete vaccination within the designated period.

Age ※1 Ages of those who are eligible in FY2025 and the period which their DOB falls on.

65y/o -April 2,1960 ~April 1,1961

70 y/o- April 2,1955~April 1,1956

75 y/o -April 2,1950~April 1,1951

80 y/o -April 2,1945~April 1,1946

85 y/o -April 2,1940~April 1,1941

90 y/o -April 2,1935~April 1,1936

95 y/o -April 2,1930~April 1,1931

100 y/o -April 2,1925~April 1,1926

101 y/o or older※2 -April 1,1925 or earlier.

※1 Individuals aged 60 to under 65 who have impaired immune function due to human immunodeficiency virus and are largely unable to perform daily activities are also eligible for vaccination.

※2 For the fiscal year 2025 only, all individuals aged 100 or older are eligible.

Numbers of Vaccination: Live vaccines (Once)/ Recombinant vaccines (Twice)

Co-payment Amount: Live vaccines (3,000yen)

Recombinant vaccines/1 time (9,000yen)/2 times (18,000yen)

Vaccination Period: April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

Vaccination Venue: Designated medical facilities (check on city official website)

【Contact】 Child Consultation-Health Division

(こども相談健康課)Ext.2232/2233

## Okinawa Prefectural koza High School-Evening Course Special Recruitment

コザ高校定時制 特別募集

The FY 2026 Special Enrollment Program for the Evening Course (Business Course) is a recruitment system targeting working adults aged 20 or older (including those engaged in housework). No academic aptitude test will be administered; selection will be based on an essay, interview, and submitted materials. Those wishing to apply for this program should request their former junior high school for preparation of an application form within January, 2026. For details, please contact the Evening Course Admissions Office at Koza High School.

※All services are provided in Japanese. Please contact or come with someone who understands Japanese.

Contact: Evening Course Admissions Office, Koza High School(県立コザ高等学校定時制課程入試係)

TEL:098-937-0672

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December 3rd – 9th : Disability Awareness Week 12月3日から9日は障害者週間

This week aims to promote the social participation of people with disabilities and deepen understanding and awareness of disability. People with disabilities may face difficulties in various aspects of daily life, but when those around them show understanding and provide consideration and support, it broadens the scope of their independence.

The social participation of people with disabilities is only possible with the awareness and understanding of those around them. Creating communities where everyone can live comfortably and with peace of mind begins with such steps.

Let's consider what we can do to realize an inclusive society where people with and without disabilities respect and support one another.

About the Act on the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities(障害者差別解消法)

This act prohibits administrative agencies and businesses from engaging in "unjust discriminatory treatment※1" against persons with disabilities and requires them to provide "reasonable accommodations※2, in order to realize an inclusive society

If you have experienced discrimination based on disability by an administrative agency or private business, or if you have any other concerns, please consult us.

※1 Unjust discriminatory treatment refers to refusing or restricting the provision of services to persons with disabilities based on their disability without legitimate reason.

※2 Reasonable accommodation refers to providing necessary support within a reasonable scope when a person with a disability faces difficulties. For example, installing a ramp to address a step when a wheelchair user enters a store.

The Act on the Prevention of Abuse of Persons with Disabilities (障害者虐待防止法)

This Act is a law aimed at preventing abuse against persons with disabilities and protecting their rights.

Abuse includes not only physical violence but also verbal and psychological abuse, neglect, and financial abuse. If you discover abuse, please report it promptly to your municipality's disability welfare office or call 110. The privacy of the reporter is protected.

Consultation Desk

Okinawa City Abuse Against Persons with Disabilities Prevention Center 沖縄市障がい者虐待防止センター(Disability Welfare Division障がい福祉課)TEL: 098-939-1212 (Ext.3164・3212)FAX 098-939-7739 Email: [skenriyugo@city.okinawa.lg.jp](mailto:skenriyugo@city.okinawa.lg.jp)

The Help Mark/Help Card

The Help Mark is a symbol used by people whose need for assistance or consideration is not recognizable from appearances to request consideration from those around them.

The Help Card is a tool containing emergency contact information and details of necessary support. It is used to request appropriate assistance from those around them during emergencies or disasters.

If you see someone wearing a Help Mark or carrying a Help Card, please show consideration by offering your seat on trains or buses, or offering assistance if they appear to be in need. If presented with one, please review the information provided and offer support within your capabilities.

The Help Mark can be issued through application at your local municipal office. The Help Card does not require an application. For details, please check the link.

Help Mark/Help Card Details (QR Code)



Okinawa Prefecture *Chura* Parking “沖縄県ちゅらパーキング”(Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities, etc.) Permit System *Chura* Parking is a system designed to enable persons with disabilities, the elderly, and others with walking difficulties to smoothly use parking lots at public facilities, commercial establishments, etc. By displaying the permit in a visible location on your vehicle, you may use the designated parking spaces. We ask for your understanding and cooperation to ensure that those who require these designated parking spaces can use them smoothly.

There are two options to apply: in-person application (at your local municipal office) and mail-in application (to the prefectural office). For details, please check the link.

*Chura* Parking Details (QR Code)



【Contact】 Disability Welfare Division(障がい福祉課)Ext.3164・3212



## Okinawa City Library News

**Story Time:** Dec 13, 20, 27 (Saturday 15:00~)

**Days Closed:** Dec. 1(Mon), 8(Mon), 15(Mon), 22(Mon), and 29 (Mon)-Jan3 (Sat) for New-year's Holiday.

**Address:** 2-28-1 Chuo, Okinawa City BC KOZA (old Korinza Mall )(1F)

**TEL:** 098-929-4919



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TEL 098-989-9767

Email: [kipokinawa@gmail.com](mailto:kipokinawa@gmail.com)

**Mon-Fri** : 10:00-19:00/ **Sat** : 10:00~ 17:00

\*Closed on Sundays and Japanese holidays.



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