

# OKINAWA CITY Newsletter

November 2024 Vol. 24 No. 11

Okinawa-shi Yakusho Bunka Geino Ka (B1) 26-1 Nakasone-Cho, Okinawa City, Okinawa 904-8501



## Events

**沖縄国際カーニバル2024**  
OKINAWA CITY PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL  
2024 11/23 SAT START 10:00~  
カーニバルパレード 12:00~  
会場 コザゲート通り周辺 / ミュージックタウン音楽広場  
第35回 沖縄市国際交流フェスティバル 同時開催

【主催】沖縄国際カーニバル実行委員会 お問い合わせ: 098-929-0261 【沖縄国際カーニバル運営業務受託者】CCC 沖縄合同会社 お問い合わせ: 098-989-5550

## Okinaawa Kokusai Carnival 2024

Okinawa City Presents  
International Carnival

Live music, World Parade.  
Ryukyuan traditional dances, Eisa performance,  
entertainments from various countries, street dance,  
and many more!

Date & Time:

**November 23 (Sat), 2024**

Start: 10:00 ~20:00 Parade Starts:12:00~

Venue: **Music Town 1F 音楽広場 (Admission Free) Gate 2 Street:**

Please visit our website for more information  
(Japanese). <https://www.oki-carnival.com/>

Contact: Okinawa international carnival committee  
[kokusai.carnival@gmail.com](mailto:kokusai.carnival@gmail.com)

098-929-0261

**OKINAWA MOTOR SHOW 2024**  
2024  
沖縄市市制施行50周年記念  
11/9 SAT [土] 10:00-18:00  
11/10 SUN [日] 10:00-18:00  
in 沖縄アリーナ & コザ運動公園 主催: 沖縄市  
入場無料  
FREE ADMISSION  
詳細は特設サイトをご確認ください。  
<https://okinawamotorshow2024.com/>  
オキナワモーターショー2024運営事務局  
☎ 098-925-3993 Fax: 098-925-0447 ✉ [info@okinawamotorshow2024.com](mailto:info@okinawamotorshow2024.com)  
※駐車場不足および会場周辺道路の混雑が予想されますので、会場へは公共交通機関をご利用ください。

## 50 years anniversary of OKINAWA city Motor Show 2024

2 days of exciting motor sports!

Date: **November 9 (Sat) 12:00 to 18:00**

: **November 10 (Sun) 10:00 to 18:00**

Venue: Okinawa City Arena & Koza Athletic Park  
Admission FREE!!

Contents: Motor Sports Vehicle Exhibition

Let's Have Fun with the whole Family!

Few parking spaces at the venue.

Please use public transportation to avoid traffic jams.

Contact : Okinawa Motor Show Committee 2024

TEL:098-923-3993 FAX:098-923-0447

Email here: [info@okinawamotorshow2024.com](mailto:info@okinawamotorshow2024.com)



Total Population: 141,787

[Japanese Population] Male: 67,503 Female: 72,075  
[Foreign Population (61Countries)] Male: 1,310 Female: 897



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 and Chinese 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.lg.jp](mailto:kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp). You can also view monthly issues of the newsletters and other information about living in Okinawa City by clicking the ENGLISH/中文 link on the Okinawa City website: <http://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/>

## Announcements

### ► Clean up day in Okinawa City!

クリーンデイ in 沖縄市

Let's participate in community cleanups together to create a clean and livable community. For more information, please contact your local community association office.

**Date & Time:** November 10 (Sun) 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Place:** In the community of each community association

**Eligible:** All Citizens and businesses in the city

**Contact:** Environment Division (Kankyoka) 2223



### ► Payment of prefectural and municipal taxes 県税・市町村税徴収強化月間

In order to ensure tax **fairness and justice**, November and December have been designated as **months for strengthening the collection of prefectural, municipal, and township taxes**, and we are working together to enhance collection measures.

**For delinquent borrowers who have failed to pay after receiving notice from Okinawa City, we are working to liquidate their delinquencies, including the seizure of savings, wages, real estate, and other assets. If you have not yet finished your payments, please make your payment as soon as possible.**

If you are unable to pay your taxes on time due to unavoidable circumstances such as business closure, unemployment, or illness, please contact the Tax Collection Division as soon as possible.

Nighttime tax consultation services are available every Wednesday.

(Except holidays)

**Date:** Every Wednesdays **Time:** 17:15 to 20:00

**Place:** 2nd Floor City Hall

**Contact:** Tax Collection Division 098-939-1210 (納税課)

### ► Flu (Influenza) Vaccination & Corona Virus Regular Vaccination.

インフルエンザ・新型コロナワクチン定期予防接種  
Okinawa City mailed a notification postcard to eligible residents in the middle of September.

**Eligibility:** Residents who are over 65 years old & 60 to 64 years old with server disorder of heart, kidney, respiration organ, or immunization function caused by HIV (equivalent to level 1 of physical disability certificate).

**Eligible Period:**

**October 1 (Tue) - February 28 (Fri), 2025**

Influenza Vaccination is free.

Corona Virus Vaccination costs ¥3,000.—

Influenza coverage is available only one time at designated medical facilities.

Bring: ID, examples: Health Insurance card or My Number Card. The notification postcard.

\*Please contact below for more details.

**Contact:** Kodomo Sodan Kenko Ka (Child Consultation-health Division)  
Ext. 2232/2233



### ► National Early Warning System (J-Alert) Drill

Jアラート全国一斉情報伝達試験実施

On **Nov 20 (Wed) around 11:00 a.m.**, the Fire and Disaster Management Agency will conduct a

J-Alert System test. The announcement will be broadcast through the wireless "disaster prevention speakers" set throughout Okinawa City.



Announcement/ chime +

This is a test of J-Alert

"**korewa J-Arato no tesuto desu**" x 3

This is Okinawa City Hall Disaster Prevention Division

"**Kochira wa bosai Okinawa shiyakusho desu**" + chime

This system (J-Alert) enables us to receive instant information about earthquakes, tsunami, and other emergencies via satellite.

**Contact:**

**Bosai Ka (Disaster Prevention Division)**

**Ext. 2046, 2047**

### ► Individual Number Cards Will be Issued on the Weekend & Night Hours Shown Below

マイナンバーカードの休日及び平日夜間交付

In addition to weekdays, the City Residential Division will be open on the following date to issue individual number cards.

**Night Hours** **Nov 6,13,20,27 (Wed), 17:15-19:30**

**Weekends** **Nov 2 (Sat) Nov 24 (Sun) 9:00-11:30**

\*Available only in the morning.

**Where:** City Residential Division My-number counter, Okinawa City Hall 1F Ext.3128

### ► You can apply Individual Number Cards at your local community association.

マイナンバーカード出張申請受付

**(Please apply with Japanese speaker)**

You can apply for a My Number card at your local community association, etc.

\*City Hall is the place to receive your **My Number Card** after you have applied for it.

**Nov 9 (Sat) Misato Community Association**

(美里自治会・Misato Jichikai)

**Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Eligibility:**

**For residents of Okinawa who have never had their My Number Card made.**

**Citizens of Okinawa who have never had their My Number Card made.**

**City Residential Division My-number Project team, Ext.5202,5203**

**All services are provided in JAPANESE ONLY** (unless otherwise indicated). For postal and emailing services, or any inquiries in ENGLISH, please email: [kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp](mailto:kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp)

Okinawa-shi Yakusho Bunka Geino Ka (B1) 26-1 Nakasone-Cho, Okinawa City, Okinawa 904-8501



## ▶ Please note:

**November** is the payment deadline for the following taxes:

**Long-term care insurance premium** (6<sup>th</sup> term) / **National health insurance premium** (5<sup>th</sup> term)

**Medical care for the elderly insurance premium** (5<sup>th</sup> term).

If you use automatic bank transfers, payments will be withdrawn on **December 2 (Fri)**.

Make sure you have enough money in your bank account the day before.

## ▶ Advanced Care Planning AKA ACP The Ending Notebook Giveaway

11月30日は、いい看取り、看取られ、「人生会議の日」です。

Have you heard of **Advance Care Planning**?

It is a process where the patients, family, friends, and medical care team repeatedly discuss medical and care-related to prepare for future changes and support the patient's decision-making. This is also known as a **"Life Meeting"**. During this process, you and your loved ones, such as partners and family members, discuss what you like, dislike, and thoughts while you are still healthy. This ensures that you can live according to your wishes in your familiar community or environment until the end of your life.

**\*The Ending Notebook is available in Japanese, but you can complete it with Ms. Adams**

**(English assistance Office at City Hall B-1) the notebook will be handwritten.**

**Please make an appoint by email to set up the schedule.**

**Email: [kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp](mailto:kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp)**

**Ending Notebook** : FREE to take it at the location below.

Place: Okinawa City Hall Basement 2nd floor.

Contact : Kaigo Hoken Ka: Nursing Care Insurance Division 3086

**This book will be useful not only for the elderly but also for all foreigners living in Okinawa City.**

**(English assistance Office at City Hall Basement- 1)**  
**098-929-0261 Ext:3555**



## ▶ School Supply Support – The Cost for the New Elementary School & Jr H school students Supplies will be Issued in Advance of Entry.

新入学用品費の就学援助

**Eligibility:** Parents with children who will enter a public elementary/junior high school in April 2025 and also satisfy the requirements.



**Except public assistance family 生活保護世帯 and special education students 特別支援学校入学者を除く**

**Period:** Nov 1st (Fri) to Dec 20 th (Fri)

**Application deadline:** **December 20 (Fri)**.

\*Applicants for new junior high school also need to be certified for this support in FY 2024.

\*Please contact below for more information.

**Contact:** **Gakumu Ka** (Educational Affairs Division)

Ext.2724/2726 or each school office

## ▶ Livelihood Support Program for Households Raising Children

子育て世帯生活支援事業

Okinawa Prefecture will distribute coupons that can be exchanged for milk and diapers to eligible families this aims to help parents raise their children with peace of mind despite the rising cost of baby products.

**Eligibility: A.** tax-exempt household(非課税世帯) . Households receiving public assistance (生活保護世帯) . Households receiving child support allowance (児童扶養手当受給世帯) who were born between Sep 2nd 2020 to Sep 1st 2024.

**B.** Households receiving Medical Expense Grant System for Pediatric Chronic Illness.

Contact: Child-rearing household livelihood support entity

**Secretariat of Child Rearing Household  
Livelihood Support Reception 0120-025-125**

**Please contact with a Japanese Speaker.**



## ▶ Reserve Your Spot For group medical Health Checkup !

市民集団健診は予約制です。

**Do not miss this chance!**

The group public health check-up requires **Reservation.**

**Contact for Reservation:** **Shimin Kenko Ka**  
Ext 2246

Okinawa City Hall will be **Closed** on  
**November 4 (Mon)**

For a Culture Day as Japanese holiday.

**All services are provided in JAPANESE ONLY** (unless otherwise indicated). For postal and emailing services, or any inquiries in ENGLISH, please email: [kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp](mailto:kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp)

Okinawa-shi Yakusho Bunka Geino Ka (B1) 26-1 Nakasone-Cho, Okinawa City, Okinawa 904-8501

# Announcements

## Abolition of health insurance card 健康保険被保険者証の廃止

Due to the amendment of the law, the system has been changed to one where medical examinations are conducted using your **My Number Card**, which is registered for the use of an insurance card.  
Your current insurance card will be discontinued on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.  
After this date, new or reissued insurance cards will no longer be issued.

After December 2nd 2024

Person who fall under any of the following categories.

- ① Newly Qualified Persons (Those who move in, withdraw from social insurance, abolish public assistance or turn 75 years old and are in the late-stage seniors category)
- ② Those who have lost their insured person's card and need to have it reissued
- ③ People who make changes to their insured card. (e.g. Address or rate changes)
- ④ Those who fall under the category of elderly beneficiaries. (Over 70 years old)

YES

N/A

**A. You have a My Number Card.**

YES

NO

**B. You registered as a health insurance card user. ※1**

YES

NO

You will receive Notifications of Qualifications. 資格情報のお知らせを交付.

You will receive a letter of eligibility. 資格確認書を交付.

Please use your current insured card until the expiration date. ※2

※1: Late-stage seniors will receive a letter of eligibility confirmation between December 2nd 2024 to July 31st 2025.

※2: After the expiration date, the program will be divided into A-B eligibility categories. Eligibility notices and confirmation of eligibility will be mailed prior to expiration.

◆ After the expiration. (Okinawa City National Health Insurance)

2024, April 1st

Health Insurance card issued.

2024, December 2nd.  
Abolition of the health insurance card.

2025, August 1st.

You will receive a letter of eligibility or notification of qualifications.

2026, August 1st.

You will receive a letter of eligibility or notification of qualifications.

Notification of eligibility confirmation letter or eligibility information to National Health Insurance subscribers.

If you are not covered by the Okinawa City National Health Insurance or Okinawa City Medical Insurance for the Late-Stage Senior Citizens, please contact your insurance company.

Contact: National Health Insurance Administrative Division. Ext 2116  
Medical Care System for People Aged 75 and Over Division. Ext 2118/2101

## ☆Okinawa City Library News☆

★Story time: Nov 9 (Sat), Nov 16 (Sat), Start Time: 15:00 pm Place: Story Telling Room おはなしの部屋

★50 years anniversary of Okinawa City & 40 years anniversary of Okinawa City Library special exhibition.

Period: Oct 10 (Thu) to Nov 27 (Wed).

Quiz event for prizes. Period: Oct 22 (Tue) to Nov 22 (Fri)

Website: <https://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/lib/>

Address: 2-28-1 Chuo, Okinawa City B.C Koza (KORINZA) (1F) TEL: 098-929-4919



Would you like our newsletters emailed or mailed to you? Let us know! Visit our website NOW!

Email: [kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp](mailto:kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp)

You can also visit, call or fax us at:

Okinawa-shi Yakusho

Bunka Geino Ka

沖縄市役所 文化芸能課 (B1)

26-1 Nakasone-Cho, Okinawa City, Okinawa

Tel: (098) 929-0261 FAX: (098) 923-3485



## Koza International Plaza

4-1-3 Chuo, Nankai Product Building 1st

Floor Okinawa City

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.



**All services are provided in JAPANESE ONLY** (unless otherwise indicated). For postal and emailing services, or any inquiries in ENGLISH, please email: [kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp](mailto:kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp)

Okinawa-shi Yakusho Bunka Geino Ka (B1) 26-1 Nakasone-Cho, Okinawa City, Okinawa 904-8501