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OKINAWA CITY Newsletter

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Okinawa-shi Yakusho Bunka Geino Ka 2F) 26-1 Nakasone-Cho, Okinawa City, Okinawa 904-8501



▸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 November 11th (Wed) around 11:00a.m.
Back up day on Nov 25th (Wed), 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 +

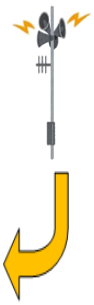
This is a test of J-Alert

" KOREWA J-ARATO NO TESUTO DESU" X 3

This is Okinawa City Hall Disaster Prevention Division.

"KOCHIRA WA BOSAI OKINAWA SHIYAKUSYO DESU"

+ Chime



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

[Contact]Disaster Prevention Section (防災危機管理担当) Ext 2046, 2048

▶Autumn Nation-wide Fire Prevention Campaign 秋季全国火災予防運動



As we enter the drier season when fires are more likely to occur, we are launching the Autumn Nation-wide Fire Prevention Campaign.

Residential fire alarms should generally be replaced every 10 years. Inspect yours and if any malfunctions or signs of wear and tear are found, please make sure to replace it immediately.

Campaign Period: November 9 (Mon) – 15 (Sun)

【Contact】Prevention Division, Okinawa City Fire Department TEL: 098-929-0901

▸Okinawa City Disaster Preparedness Drill Being Held on Thursday, November 5

11月5日(木)は沖縄市防災訓練です

Please be careful not to mistake this for a real emergency!

During the drill, sirens and alarm sounds will be activated as part of the emergency alert system and public disaster prevention radio broadcasts. Please be careful not to mistake this for an actual disaster.

In addition, some participating groups, such as schools and daycare facilities, will actually evacuate to designated shelters. To prevent accidents, please drive safely during the drill.

If you are participating as a family or as an individual, you do not need to register for the drill.

【Contact】Disaster Prevention Management Section 防災危機管理担当(Ext.5601)



Okinawa City Hall will be closed for Japanese holiday in:
Nov 3rd (Tue) Cultural Day
Nov 23rd (Mon) Labor Thanksgiving Day

Total Population: 141,469 [Japanese Population] Male: 67,062 Female: 71,644
[Foreign Population (67Countries)] Male: 1,628 Female: 1,135

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.lg.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/

▸ **Please Note:** **November** is the payment deadline for the following taxes:
Long-term care insurance premium 介護保険料(6th term)/ **National health insurance premium 国民健康保険料**(5th term)/**Medical care for the elderly insurance premium後期高齢者医療保険料**(5th term).
If you use automatic bank transfers, payments will be withdrawn on **Nov 30 (Monday)**
Please make sure you have enough money in your bank account the day before.

▶Flu (Influenza) and COVID-19 Vaccinations

インフルエンザ・新型コロナワクチン予防接種

Here is information on medical facilities where you can receive vaccinations. We have mailed postcards to those eligible for vaccination. If you wish to be vaccinated, please do so within the vaccination period.

Eligibilities are limited to those who are registered as Okinawa City citizen (including alien registration) at the day of vaccination.

Vaccination Deadline: Through February 28, 2027

Steps for Getting Vaccinated:

① Make an appointment at a medical facility.
② Bring your informational postcard and visit the medical facility on your appointment date.
③ Fill out the pre-vaccination questionnaire at the medical facility and receive the vaccination.

Influenza COVID-19

インフルエンザ 新型コロナ

Please note that the Residence Card is essential at the medical facility when vaccinated.

List of Medical Facilities Administering Vaccinations (as of September 14, 2026)

Aisei Clinic、Adachi Clinic、Awase Daiichi Clinic、Okinawa Anshin Clinic、Okinawa Rehabilitation Center Hospital、Kishimoto Internal Medicine Clinic、Keiwa Clinic、Shiohira Hospital、Shonan Hospital、Sophia Clinic、Takara Primary Care Clinic、Chubu Kyodo Hospital、Tobu Clinic・Chibana Clinic、Nakasone Clinic、Nakamine New Clinic、Noborikawa Neuropathic Internal Medicine Clinic、Matsumoto Gastrointestinal & Orthopedics Clinic、Marin Homecare Clinic、Momoyama Clinic、Yan Herb Clinic、Lifestyle Clinic Lokahi

Available only for the flu (Influenza)

Akira Orthopedic Clinic、Isa Orthopedic Clinic、Uchima Internal Medicine Clinic、Kakazu Clinic、Shiohira Internal Medicine & Kidney Clinic、JINEN Pediatric Clinic、Nakagami Hospital、Nakamura Naika Onaka Clinic、Noborikawa Clinic、Hata Internal Medicine Clinic、Higa Internal Medicine Clinic、Funakoshi Clinic、Machida Urology Clinic、Misato Women's Clinic、Misato Otolaryngology Clinic、Misato Dermatology Clinic、Yamazato Orthopedic Clinic、YUI Clinic

- For medical facilities outside the city, please check the city's official website or call us.
- Please make sure to have resident card with you at medical facility.

【Contact】Child Consultation-Health Division**こども相談・健康課**(Ext.2232・2233)

▶Disaster Preparedness Tips: Even Just 30 cm Is Dangerous! Driving During Heavy Rain
防災まめ知識　わずか30cmでも危険！大雨時の車移動

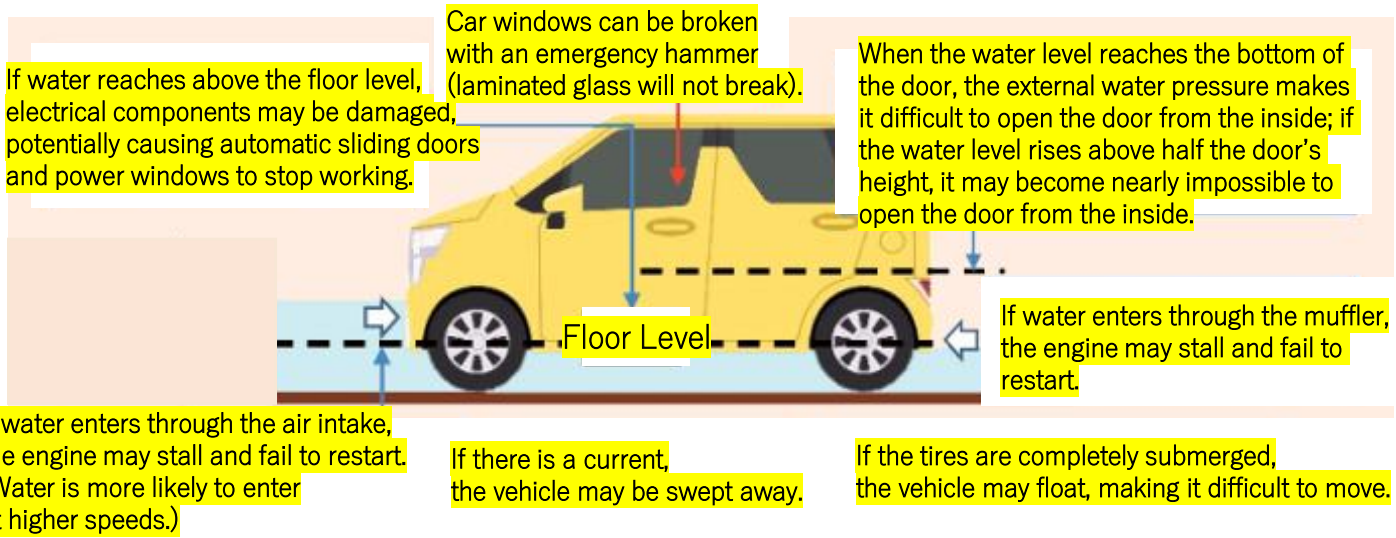
When heavy rain falls or a “Level 5 Special Heavy Rain Warning**レベル5大雨特別警報**” is issued, driving is extremely dangerous. If flooding is a concern, refrain from driving and prioritize your safety above all else.

大雨や「レベル5大雨特別警報」が発表された際、車での移動は大変危険です。
浸水が懸念されるときは運転を控え、安全を最優先に行動しましょう。

When a warning is issued, try to evacuate on foot or as early as possible. If you must use a car, avoid flooded roads. It is important to check evacuation routes and hazardous areas on disaster prevention maps on a regular basis.

Risks of Vehicle Flooding and Precautions
! Even just 30 cm of floodwater can render a vehicle immobile
Even in water about halfway up the tires (approximately 30 cm), there is a risk that the engine will stall or the vehicle will become immobilized due to water pressure.
! Doors and windows may not open due to water pressure or mechanical failure!
In case you become trapped, keep an “emergency escape hammer” in a place where you can reach it immediately.

The Risks of Driving in Heavy Rain



Be sure to check for hazardous areas in advance.
Okinawa City Disaster Prevention Map

沖縄市
防災マップ

【Contact】Disaster Prevention Management Office防災危機管理室（Ext. 5602）

▶ Information: Group Health Screenings for Citizens 集団健診の案内

The municipal group health screenings are by appointment only and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close once all available slots are filled, so please apply as soon as possible.
How to Make a Reservation: Online, by phone, or in person
*The Central District Medical Association Health Screening Center (**中部地区医師会検診センター**) will mail a packet of materials (including a reservation slip, urine and stool collection containers, etc.) in advance to those who have made a reservation.

Okinawa City Health Checkups
沖縄市の けんしん

Group Health Checkup Appointments
集団健診 Web 予約

Health Screening Schedule	Venue	Reservation Deadline
December 17 (Thu) December 18 (Fri)	City Gymnasium	November 18 (Wed)
January 20 (Wed)	Health Consultation Center	December 17 (Thu)
January 30 (Sat) January 31 (Sun)	City Hall	December 24 (Thu)

【Contact】City Residents Health Division**市民健康課**(Ext.2245/2246)

▸Revision of General Business Waste Disposal Fees 事業系一般廃棄物処理手数料改定

Effective April 1, 2027, the disposal fees for general business waste will be revised as follows. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.
Business Waste: ¥100/10 kg →¥130/10 kg
Human Waste: ¥4/10 kg → ¥10 /10 kg
* Please check with your licensed contractor regarding contract rates effective April 1, 2027.
Check here for details

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【Contact】Kurahama Sanitary Facilities Association
倉浜衛生施設組合
TEL: 098-921-0883

▶Limitation of Issuance Services at Convenience Stores

コンビニ交付サービスの休止

Due to the maintenance, you are not able to get following documents issued at convenience stores:
-Any documents/certifications issued by Okinawa City Hall

Dates: Nov 13 (Fri) 11:00pm ~ Nov16(Mon) 06:30am
Nov 20 (Fri) 06:00pm ~ Nov 22 (Sun) 07:00pm



【Contact】Residential Division **市民課** (Ext. 3121)

▶ November 30 is “The Pension Day”

11月30日は「年金の日」

November 30 is “The Pension Day.” Why not take this opportunity to check your pension records and estimated pension benefits, and think about planning for your future?

On “Nenkin Net (**ねんきんネット**),” you can use the following features anytime from your smartphone or other devices:

●Check your pension records
●Estimate your future projected pension amount
●View the electronic version of the “Nenkin Teikibin**ねんきん定期便**” (Pension Statement) and various notifications regarding benefits
●Check the number of months and amount of National Pension premiums you can pay, etc.

Additionally, by linking your account to Myna Portal, you can submit electronic applications—such as requests for direct debit of National Pension premiums—and obtain electronic data, such as deduction certificates, for use in filing your tax return via e-Tax.
Check here for details

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【Contact】Koza Branch, Japan Pension Service**コザ年金事務所** TEL: 098-933-2267
National Pension Plan Administration Section, City Residential Division
市民課 国民年金担当(Ext. 2133・2134)

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▸Applications for Pre-Enrollment Payment of New School Supplies Expenses

新入学用品費の入学前支給受付

Eligibility: Parents or guardians of students entering public elementary or junior high schools in April of 2027 who meet the eligibility requirements for School Expense Subsidies (就学援助).
* Excludes households receiving public assistance and students entering special education schools
* For incoming 1st grade of Junior High School: Those who were certified for School Expense Subsidies in 2026

Application Period: Monday, November 2 – Sunday, December 20

How to Apply: Submit via the application form/ in person at the Educational Affairs Division counter

* Online applications only on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays
* For details, please contact us or check the city's official website.

For SOFA status holders, W2 for 2025 is also required at application.

【Contact】Educational Affairs Division学務課（Ext. 2276）/Your child's school office

▸Enrollment Open for the College Preparation Support Program (Free)

進学支援教室（無料）生徒募集

Applications are open for a free college preparation support program, which is designed for high school students who are unable to attend cram schools due to financial difficulties.

Eligibility: High school students (1st–3rd graders) aiming to enter college who meet any of the following criteria:
①Households receiving Child Rearing Allowance
②Households exempt from resident tax (including those subject only to the per capita tax
③Students currently residing in a children's home or placed with foster parents
④Households receiving public assistance

Please scan the QR code for details on the support provided and how to apply.
Check here for details

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【Contact】Shogakuin Educational Corporation 学校法人 尚学院 TEL: 098-867-3518



School Expense Subsidies: Online Application Guide

就学援助 オンライン申込編

I heard there's financial assistance available for pre-enrollment expenses (new school supplies). What should I do to apply?

It's really tough financially to prepare for school.

To apply for the subsidy, send a message saying "就学援助(Shugaku Enjo)-School Assistance-" via the city's official LINE account.

Once you apply for the subsidy and are approved, you'll receive the funds. (Income verification is required.)

Current 6th graders who haven't applied yet can also receive it if they are approved for this school year.

Using the city's official LINE account makes the process even more convenient.
Complete your application online!
You'll receive the approval results from your school.

友だち登録

Add as a Friend

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“Behind the Scenes” Activates Okinawa City Enjoy “Everyday” Work in a “Special” Place

沖縄市を動かす「まちの舞台裏」「いつも」の仕事を「特別」な場所で

The “Okinawa City IT Work Plaza” is located right next to the eastern seaside area of Okinawa City. Originally established as a public facility focused on information and communications, employment initiatives, and human resource development, it underwent a major renovation in 2023 to create an “environment where people can concentrate on their work.”

What immediately catches the eye are the high-spec gaming PCs and ergonomic gaming chairs designed to reduce fatigue. You might wonder, “Why in a public facility?” but there’s a reason for this. The goal is to create an environment where citizens can familiarize themselves with advanced digital technologies—such as esports, video editing, and programming—and to support their new challenges and ways of working.

The facility features a coworking space and focus booths that are easy to use, starting at ¥250 per hour (¥1,000 per day), as well as conference rooms equipped with wired LAN. Another unique charm of this place is that when you get tired from working, you can refresh yourself with the ocean views right in front of you.

If you’re looking to “focus in a different environment than usual” or “study in peace,” please feel free to stop by and experience this comfortable space for yourself.



or details about the IT Work Plaza or to make a reservation, please send “**ワークプラザ**(Work Plaza)” via the city’s official LINE account.

市公式LINE



【Contact】Okinawa City IT Work Plaza　沖縄市ITワークプラザTEL: 098-929-0339

▸Advanced Care Planning AKA ACP The Preplanning Notebook Giveaway

Life Meeting Day on 30th November.　　**11月３０日は，「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 a “Life Meeting”. During this process, you and your loved ones, such as partners and family members, discuss what your likes, dislikes, 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.

Email: 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 (Ext 3086)



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

English Edition is ready to pick it up for free at Basement 2nd Floor.

▸Heartful Fukushi Fair (Welfare Fair) ハートフル福祉フェア

This fair will be held in conjunction with “Disability Awareness Month” and “Mental Health and Welfare Month.” Its purpose is to promote understanding of disabilities and foster a spirit of mutual support. It is an opportunity to all citizens, regardless of disability status, can freely interact with one another.

A treasure trove of unique works and hand-made products

Date & Time：

[Exhibition]Introduction of businesses, activities and their products

Tuesday, November 24 – Friday, December 4

8:30-17:15　※Weekdays only

[Product Fair]Hand-made Products for sale

Monday, December 7 – Friday, December 11 10:00-15:00

Venue: Okinawa City Hall 1F

Contact: Disabilities Welfare Division (Ext. 3159)



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▸Autumn Thanksgiving Festival in Okinawa Zoo and Museum **沖縄こどもの国　秋の感謝祭**
November 1 (Sun) – 30 (Mon),
2026 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays during the event period
NIGHT ZOO
Half-price admission after 5:00 PM *Limited to same-day tickets purchased at the ticket counter. This discount cannot be combined with other discount offers.
★Monday, November 23 (Labor Thanks Giving Day)Free Admission Day for Okinawa City Residents
*Please present proof of address at the ticket window.
Guest Appreciation Events Day
★Every day during the event “Arigato (Means Thank you)” Quiz Rally
Scan the QR codes at quiz stations located throughout the park to take on the challenges!
Participate in the quiz and win prizes!!
★ Every day during the event Special Traveling Exhibition: MIRAI-Bit
Venue: Wonder Museum
The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation’s “MIRAI-Bit” is coming! A special hands-on experience where you can discover hints for the future!
★Character Festival
Venue: Water and Green Plaza (Main Stage)　Venue: Large Stage /Water & Green Square **(水とみどりの広場)**
★O-Megaphone & Gavan Infinity Show
Goju Wolf and Goju Polar from “Number One Sentai Gozyuger” will be on stage!
Sunday, November 1　① 11:00 a.m.② 2:00 p.m.[Free admission]
★Kamen Rider MY-TH Show
The newest hero makes his debut! A special photo session will be held after the show.
Sunday, November 8
① 11:00 a.m.② 2:00 p.m.[Free admission]
Tuesday, November 3 (Culture Day)
★Culture Day Special Event: “Furusato-en Festival”
●The Singing Chicken “Chaan” Recital
●Exhibition of Traditional Livestock and Feeding Experience
●The Ryukyu Kingdom Edition of The Game of Life “Shi-ji-Agaru” Experience
●Island Goat Naming Ceremony, and more



★Sunday, November 15
The Festival of Life: Connecting as One
A place for moms to find healing and enjoy connecting with others
Organized by: Okinawa mama& baby
★November 22 (Sun)November 23 (Mon) *<Labor Thanksgiving Day>*
2nd Annual Event: Organized by the Okinawa Prefecture Okinawa Soba Masters Association
Okinawa Soba Grand Prix
A Grand Prix featuring 16 specialty Okinawa soba restaurants!!
Featuring Okinawa soba-making workshops, stage performances, and more—this is a comprehensive event celebrating Okinawa soba.

There are plenty of other events planned as well! Please check the official website for details. Please note that events are subject to change or cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances.

【Contact】Okinawa Zoo and Museum　**沖縄こどもの国**
Address: 5-7-1 Goya, Okinawa City　TEL: 098-933-4190
Hours: Weekdays 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. /
Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays 9:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. (Last admission one hour before closing)
Closed: Tuesdays (or the following weekday if Tuesday is a holiday); Year-end and New Year’s holidays (Dec. 30–Jan. 1)

The Okinawa Disaster management Information Portal "ハイサイ！防災で一びる (Haisai! Bosai Debiru)" offers information regarding disaster management and updates in Okinawa Prefecture in Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean. Disaster Management Information Email Distribution Service

ハイサイ！防災でーびる

県内の災害情報や各市町村の避難情報などを記載、
メール配信している県のサイトです。
多言語にも対応しているので、
外国人の方も活用できます。

Select Language English （On the right above）
https://bousai-okinawa.my.salesforce-sites.com/?

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「広報おきなわ」デジタル版



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- 文字の拡大や、音声読み上げ機能も簡単。
- This public relations magazine is available in 10 languages.

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Prince Ice World
THE REVUE ON IC E: Okinawa Performance
プリンスアイスワールド
THE REVUE ON ICE 沖縄公演

January 16 (Sat)/ 17 (Sun), 2027, Okinawa Suntory Arena

Prince Ice World Team
Nobunari Oda, Kana Muramoto & Daisuke Takahashi, Kaori Sakamoto, Rio Tanaka, Wakaba Higuchi, Gold Medalist: Sizuka Arakawa,
4 performances over 2 days
① Doors open at 10:15 AM, Show starts at 11:30 AM
② Doors open at 2:45 PM; Show starts at 4:00 PM

Pre-sale tickets are now available on the Prince Ice World Okinawa Performance special website‼

[Concept & Direction] Komei Sugano
Stay tuned for additional guest appearances by top stars‼

Organized by: Okinawa Arena Co., Ltd./ PM Agency Co., Ltd./ Ryukyu Broadcasting Co., Ltd./Okinawa Times Co., Ltd.
Supported by: Okinawa Prefecture/ Okinawa City/ Japan Skating Federation/ Okinawa Prefecture Skating Federation
Planning and Production: Seibu Media Communications Co., Ltd. / GAKUON Unity Face Co., Ltd.
【Contact/Ticket】GAKUON Unity Face
TEL:0985-20-7111 (Weekdays 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

Flea Market Event フリーマーケット開催

The 21st Kariyushi-en Community Flea Market
Date and Time: Sunday, November 22, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
*Cancelled in case of rain
Venue: Kariyushi-en, The Senior Welfare Center Multipurpose Field (Gateball Court)
Organizer: Yushi Planning, a Specified Nonprofit Corporation
主催：特定非営利活動法人友志企画
【Contact】Kariyushi-en**かりゆし園** TEL:098-938-1250
(9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. / Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays)

Okinawa City Library

沖縄市立図書館 OKINAWA CITY LIBRARY

Hours: Tue-Fri 9:30-20:00 Sat-Sun 9:30-18:00 TEL 098-929-4919
★Story time: Nov 14(Sat),21(Sat),28 (Sat) Start Time: 15:00 pm
★Book Start : Nov 8, (Sun) 9:30 to 12:30
We will Open on 3rd November for special events adult story time
Visit our website for updated library schedule:

https://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/k064-001/kosodate/shakaikyouiku/library/lib/index.html



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*Closed on Sundays and Japanese holidays.

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