This newsletter is published for residents who are not familiar with Japanese language to introduce events designed for residents of Inzai City. Although most programs are basically conducted in Japanese, you are always welcome. Please join our events and enjoy your life in Inzai!

Note: The following programs are limited in principle to residents of Inzai City to participate.

Disaster Preparedness Week “Bosai Shukan”, August 30 to September 5

Raise Awareness about Disaster before It Occurs

Disaster Preparedness Day, “Bosai no hi”, was established in memory of the Great Kanto Earthquake, *Kanto Dai-Shinsai*, which took place on September 1 in 1923. A week from August 30 to September 5, which includes “Bosai no hi”, is called Disaster Prevention Week, “Bosai Shukan”.

The Great East Japan Earthquake, *Higashi Nihon Dai-Shinsai*, which happened on March 11, 2011, and the tsunami brought enormous damage to the area. Taking into account the lessons learned from this earthquake, once again each of us should think about possible disasters which could happen around us and prepare for them before they occur.

*When an Earthquake Occurs*

When you feel strong shaking all of sudden, protect yourself first depending on your situation.

- Go under a table and ensure your safety
- Don’t fight fire until the shaking stops if the fire is not close to you and the earthquake is strong.
- Watch out for shattered glass on the ground.
- Don’t rush out of your house
- Cover your head with pillows and blankets if an earthquake hits when you sleep.
- Protect your head with your belongings if the shaking hits when you are outside and go to a park or open space for evacuation

*What You Can Do Before an Earthquake Strikes*

An earthquake can happen anytime without warning. Have a meeting with your family and make multiple plans considering when an earthquake occurs, in the morning or in the night,
and who will stay at home then. Make sure what each family member should do in each plan. Check out following points considering your family members such as elderly people and young children.

- Try not to put furniture in bedrooms and rooms elderly people and children use
- Keep doors and exits clear
- Make safe space in your house for evacuation
- Install furniture fixing tools for preventing furniture from falling over
- Store emergency supply for at least three days

**Prepare for Typhoons and Heavy Rain**

Last year, Typhoon No.26 caused flooding and landslides in Inzai City. Other than typhoons, massive downpours called “guerilla gou” which exceed the capacity of rivers and sewer systems often happen in recent years and the rainstorms cause serious damages like flooding especially in urban areas.

Typhoon season is approaching. Torrential rain raises rivers and floods roads at an unexpectedly high speed. However, we can prepare for these disasters by knowing where the flood-prone area is in your neighborhood and paying attention to weather information provided by TV and radio in daily life as well as cleaning ditches to prevent street flooding.

As the same as you do against earthquakes, hold a family meeting and make sure where to evacuate, how to contact each other, and what to put in an emergency pack. It is important that each of us should make adequate preparedness for disaster.

**Inquiry:** Disaster Prevention Division, Bosai-ka (Ex.454)

**When it is Difficult to Return Home in Time of Disaster…**

When a massive disaster happens, public transportation system may stop and you may be in difficult situation to go back home. It is very dangerous to try to walk home without adequate information. When a disaster occurs, ensure your safety first, stay at the safest place around you, calm down and collect reliable information.

**Do You Know?**

**Return-Home Support Station in Time of Disaster, Saigaiji Kitaku-Shien Station**

Chiba prefecture and eight prefectures and cities in the capital region have concluded the agreement to support people walking home in the event of a disaster with convenience stores, family restaurants, gas stands and other facilities. These facilities are called Return-Home Support Station in Time of Disaster, Saigaiji Kitaku-Shien Station and people returning home on foot can use the services they offer including using water and toilet, collecting information, and taking a rest.
10 Tips for Preparing for Returning Home on Foot

- Make a map in advance
- Try to walk home to practice
- Hold a family meeting and decide how to communicate and where to meet after disaster
- Take along a portable radio in your pocket
- Keep a pair of sneakers in your locker as an emergency item
- Store chocolate and candy in your desk for emergency foods
- Prepare seasonal items to cool and warm your body such as rain coat, pocket warmer and towels
- Make sure how to contact your family and friends, and how to let them know your situation in an emergency: emergency messaging service, saigaiyo dengon dial
- Don’t panic, check your surroundings first
- Talk and discuss

Inquiry: Disaster Prevention Division, Bosai-ka (Ex.454)

Inzai City General Disaster Preparation Drill
“Inzai-shi Sogo Bosai Kunren” on Sunday, October 19

Inzai City conduct a general disaster preparation drill every year with its residents and its related organizations.

Based on the Inzai City Regional Disaster Prevention Plan, the drill is held by simulating an earthquake which occurs directly beneath Inzai City. The training aims at developing awareness to disaster prevention among residents and improving rescue capability in the community.

This year, the drill will be held at Motono Junior High School as follows.

Date & Time: Sunday, October 19, 8:00am to 12:00noon

Cancelled when the weather is bad or a disaster happens

Place: Motono junior high school (Kasagami)

※ Sign language interpreter will attend on the day of the event

Inquiry: Disaster Prevention Division, Bosai-ka (Ex.453)
Welfare

Have You Applied for *Jido Teate*?

Child Allowance, *Jido Teate*, is provided to families raising children of junior high school third graders and younger upon application. When you have a new baby or you move in Inzai City, don’t forget to apply for *Jido Teate* within 15 days after these events occurred. If you missed to apply within 15 days, the payment of *Jido Teate* will start from the next month of the month you submit the application.

**(Monthly Allowance)**

- Under Age 3 ￥15,000
- Age 3 to Elementary 6th Grader ￥10,000 (if he/she is the third child and more: ￥15,000)
- Junior High Students ￥10,000

※ Monthly allowance will be ￥5,000 if your income exceeds the limit.

Please note that you have to submit the current family status report called “*genkyotodoke*” in June every year for renewal procedure. If you missed to file *genkyotodoke*, your *Jido Teate* is suspended from June that year. If you haven’t submitted *genkyotodoke*, please submit to Nurturing Support Division, *Kosodate Shien-ka*, immediately.

※ For those who submitted *genkyotodoke* by the end of August, the allowance will be paid on Friday, October 10. The notice of payment will be mailed in early October. If you file the report in and after September, the allowance will be paid in and after November as needed.

※ For public officers, *komuin*, applying for and receiving *Jido Teate* should be at your workplace. Please inquire your workplace for more detail.

**Inquiry:** Nurturing Support Division, *Kosodate Shien-ka* (Ex.245&248)

Temporary Welfare Benefit and

Temporary Special Benefit for Families with Young Children

Application is required to receive temporary welfare benefit, *rinji fukushi kyufukin*, and temporary special benefit for families with young children, *kosodate setai rinji tokurei kyufukin*. Please file the application form by the due date, Friday, October 31. Please make sure required documents to be attached before application. Please contact if more than one month and half has passed since you submitted the application form, but you haven’t received the notice to let you know if you are qualified or not for the benefit.

**Inquiry:** Social Welfare Division, *Shakai Fukushi-ka* (Ex.209〜211)