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**Foreign Mothers Meetup**

This group is for foreign mothers (including pregnant women) living in Oshu.

When？　March 27th (Tues) 10 AM – 11:45 AM

Where？　Central Child-rearing Support Center (Izumi Nursery School)

　☎　　 Mizusawa Health Center (23-4511)

**March 2018**

**Oshu City Newsletter**

**Sunday/Holiday Doctors**

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| **Mizusawa Ward** | | | | | | | | |
| Day | | |  | | | ☎ | | Address |
| Open Sundays, holidays 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Open nights every day 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. | | | Oshu Kanegasaki Holidays Clinic | | | 25-3935 | | 21-1 Taga Mizusawa |
| **Esashi Ward (Mornings, check times in advance by phone)** | | | | | | | | |
| Day |  | | | | ☎ | | Address | |
| March 4th | Tamazawa Rehab Orthop. Clinic | | | | 35-8801 | | 71-1 Nihongi Iwayado | |
| 11th | Hirata Surgery, Internal Med. Clinic | | | | 31-1331 | | 401-6 Kannondoki, Odaki | |
| 18th | Taniguchi ENT Clinic | | | | 35-2927 | | 5-22 Odori | |
| 21st | Ito Family Clinic | | | | 35-0035 | | 11-14 Nishi Odori | |
| 25th | Ito Internal Med. Clinic | | | | 35-4006 | | 3-12 Kawaramachi | |
| **Dentists (9:00 – 12:00)** | | | | | | | | |
| Day | |  | | ☎ | | Address | | |
| March 4th | | Yoshida Dental Clinic | | 35-1182 | | Nishiodori, Esashi | | |
| 11th | | Arakida Dental Clinic | | 47-3323 | | 23-93 Nakamachi, Mizusawa | | |
| 18th | | Takasaki Dental | | 47-4182 | | 188-1 Aza Takezawa, Maesawa | | |
| 25th | | Murakami Dental Clinic | | 23-5770 | | 7 Sanbongi, Mizusawa | | |
| ★Children Emergency Helpline (☎ 019-605-9000) Open daily 7 PM-11 PM | | | | | | | | |

**Senior Residents, Remember to Get Pneumococcal Vaccine**

There is a kind of disease called “Pneumococcal Pneumonia.” Between 25% and 40% of adult pneumonia patients contract this type of pneumonia. When elder people contract this disease, it can be a serious health risk. Getting vaccinated against it can prevent serious cases of pneumonia and is said to reduce fatality by 50%. Oshu city has sent notices by mail to eligible residents. Get vaccinated for 4000 yen by March 31st.

※Eligible residents: People who turned 65、70、75、80、85、90、95、or 100 in fiscal year 2017 and have never received the vaccine before.

※If you receive welfare benefits or did not need to pay municipal taxes in FY 2017, the vaccine is free of charge.

　☎　　 Mizusawa Health Center ( 23-4511)

**Free Law Consultation** Make appointment at Citizen Services Division. If you want to consult in a foreign language, please bring someone who can interpret for you. The lawyer can’t answer questions about status of residence (visas), but can about marriage, other issues.

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| Place | Time & Date |
| Main City Hall, Gen. Consultation Room | March 14th (Wed) 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| Esashi Gen. Branch Office, Resident Consultation Room | March 27th (Tues) 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |

**Taxes**

Have you forgotten to pay any taxes? Oshu city will contact people with tax payments more than a month late by calling from the city tax call center, for example.

　☎　 Tax Payment Division, Main City Hall (24-2111 ext. 341)

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**Hada-cho Kabosai (Fire Prevention Festival)**

At Oshu City’s earliest spring festival, see beautiful floats, taiko drum performances, and yakudoshi-ren group dances.

When? March 25th (Sunday) 9:00 AM – 4:30

Where? Hada-cho, Mizusawa

　☎ 　Hada-cho Kabosai Executive Committee Office (25-4133)

**Classes/Lectures**

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**Events**

**Oshu Space & Astronomy Museum Star-Gazing Event**

① Talk “All you ever wanted to know about Sirius!!”

② Star-gazing “Find Sirius, of the Canis Major constellation!”

When? March 10th (Saturday) 7:00 PM – 8:30

Where? Oshu Space & Astronomy Museum

Cost Free of charge

　☎ 　Oshu Space & Astronomy Museum（24-2020）

**Iwayado Tansu Festival**

At this festival, you can buy Iwayado Tansu chests of drawers, see traditional craftsmen demonstrate making Iwayado Tansu, try out making something yourself, and more. There will be a “rock, paper, scissors” contest on the 3rd and the 4th, both from 11:40 AM. Free caricature drawings on the 4th starting at 10:00 AM.

When? March 2nd (Friday) to March 5th (Monday) all from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Where? Esashi Fujiwara no Sato Park Resthouse, 2nd floor

　☎ 　Iwayado Tansu Production Cooperative

（35-0275）

**Short Movie Screening “Apple Pie”**

This short movie was filmed in Oshu city by a Taiwanese director. It’s a joint effort between Taiwanese people and Oshu city residents. Come to watch the movie itself and a “making of” documentary. There will also be a panel discussion.

When? March 3rd (Saturday) 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Where? Tanko Area Worker Education and Culture Center

Cost Free of charge

Parking Parking available at center or at Plaza Inn Mizusawa

　 ☎ 　　 Main City Hall Commerce and Sightseeing Division (24-2111 ext. 272, 273)

**Core Conditioning Tour in Morioka**

This lecture is by Yoshie Ariyoshi, head of the Japan Core Conditioning Association.

When？ March 10th (Saturday) 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Where？　Yupiasu Health Center, Morioka City

※We will travel by bus from Maesawa Iki Iki Sportsland.

Cost　6000 yen for instructors, 4000 yen for general public, and 7000 for parent-child participants

☎Questions, Applications Maesawa Iki Iki Sportsland

(56-7290)

　※Please apply by phone. Application deadline: March 5th (Monday).

**Working Youth Home:**

People 34 years old or younger who live or work in Oshu can join these classes.

**★Sports Care Class**

When？ March 12th and 19th, both Mondays (2 times total) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where？ Oyama Community Center

Class size 30 people

Cost 500 yen for both classes

※Application deadline: March 7th (Wednesday)

☎ Questions, applications

Oshu City Working Youth Home（24-2917）

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**Using General Consultation Rooms**

At city hall general consultation rooms, you can talk with someone about problems as a consumer (problems when you buy a product or a service). Consultants are licensed and will strictly protect your privacy. If you feel like something isn’t right, if you feel worried, please come talk to us. If you want to consult in a foreign language, please bring someone who can interpret for you.

**Consultation Times**

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| Main City Hall Gen. Consultation Room ☎ 24-2111 | Monday to Friday  9:00 AM to 5:00 PM |
| Esashi Gen. Branch Office Resident Consultation Room　☎ 35-2111 | Monday to Friday  9:00 AM to 3:45 PM |
| Maesawa Gen. Branch Office Citizien’s Environment Dept.　☎ 56-2111 | Every Tuesday  10:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Isawa Gen. Branch Office Citizien’s Environment Dept.　☎ 46-2111 | Every Thursday  10:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Koromogawa Insurance and Welfare Center ☎ 52-2111 | Every Friday  10:00 AM to 3:00 PM |

※For consultations in Maesawa, Isawa, and Koromogawa you need to make an appointment by the day before.

**April 1st is the light motor vehicle tax standard date**

You need to pay a tax for light motor vehicles if you own that kind of vehicle as of April 1st. If you’ve bought a light motor vehicle, if your address has changed, if the owner of a vehicle has changed, be sure to notify the relevant office within 15 days. If you get rid of a vehicle, be sure to notify the relevant office within 30 days.

**Kinds of Vehicle and Where to Go**

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| Motorized bicycles (Bikes/Scooters with engines less than 125 cc)  Small special motor vehicles (including agricultural vehicles with a seat) | Main City Hall Tax Division,  Esashi, Maesawa, Isawa, Koromogawa General Branch Offices Citizen’s Environment Division |
| Vehicles between 125 cc and 250 cc, vehicles with three or more wheels | Iwate Prefecture Light Motor Vehicle Assoc.  (019-639-8021)  Iwate Prefecture Private Automobile Assoc. Mizusawa Branch (24-3168) |
| Two-wheeled small size motor vehicles over 250cc | Tohoku Transport Bureau Iwate Office (050-5540-2010)  Iwate Prefecture Private Automobile Assoc. Mizusawa Branch (24-3168) |

　☎　 Main City Hall Tax Division Various Taxes Contact (24-2111 ext. 338)

**Notices**

**Taking Applications for City Housing**

Application period: February 22nd (Thursday) to March 7th (Thursday). Receive application forms from contact below.

　☎　 Questions, applications: Building and Housing Division, Housing Contact, Main City Hall (24-2111 ext. 542, 543)

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| Ward | Name of Housing | Address | Building Type/# Rooms | # apts available | Rent (yen) |
| Mizusawa | Matsudo | Aza Matsudo | Mid-rise 4 floors/3DK | 2 | 16,200 - 24,100 |
| Akatsuchida | Aza Akatsuchida | Mid-rise 4 floors/3DK | 1 | 15,000 - 22,300 |
| Hibarigaoka (1 apt wheelchair accessible) | Aza Kawabata | Mid-rise 3 floors/3DK  Mid-rise 4 floors/3DK | 4 | 17,300 - 28,800 |
| Kawabata | Aza Kawabata | Mid-rise 3 floors/3DK | 2 | 12,300 - 20,800 |
| Ishida | Aza Sakurakawa | Mid-rise 4 floors/3DK | 1 | 17,900 - 26,700 |
| Esashi | Shimonawa  shirosawa | Aza Shimonawashirosawa, Iwayado | Wooden 1 floor house/2LDK | 7 | 20,600 - 33,700 |
| Mukaiyama | Mukaiyama, Iwayado | Wooden 2 floors/2LDK | 2 | 15,900 - 23,700 |
| Mimitori | 3 Okotoishi | Wooden 1 floor house/3DK | 1 | 15,000 - 22,400 |
| Maesawa | Takezawa | Aza Takezawa | Wooden 2 floors/2LDK | 2 | 25,100 - 38,200 |
| Isawa | Yomigihira | Aza Yomogihira, Nasuta | Wooden 1 floor house/3DK | 2 | 18,500 - 27,500 |

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