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## Bring Shopping Bags with You!

Komaki City promotes programs to reduce use of plastic shopping bags in order to reduce waste and fight global warming.

To achieve 100% elimination of plastic shopping bags, the Plastic Shopping Bags Reduction Council is promoting campaigns encouraging to bring shopping bags or such by reducing the amount of plastic shopping bags and charging for it.

According to the council's research on 2015, the percentage of the persons who brought their own shopping bags was 91.0%, which has increased significantly compared to 27.2%, the result of the research on February 2008.

Let's aim the 100% elimination of plastic shopping bags together with your cooperation.

See also: The changes of the elimination percentage of plastic shopping bags by charging.

	Scope of Research	Percentage of the plastic shopping bag elimination	Amount of the plastic shopping bag	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions
If the plastic shopping bag was kept free.	The current data with the percentage of the plastic shopping bag elimination before it was charged (27.2%) applied.	27.2%	7,210,818 bags	439,85 kg
When the plastic shopping bag was charged.	Shops where there was a charge for plastic shopping bags (12 companies and 15 shops in the city)	91.0%	1,169,495 bags	71,339 kg

Bring your shopping bag when you go shopping.  
Say "I have my own bag" at the register.



Rejibukuro  
Nai-nai-kun

**Inquiries** Environment Policy Department TEL.0568-76-1181



## The 3rd Term Japanese Classes

**Date/time** **Sunday** (Total 12 lessons from Jan 8 to Apr 16, 2017)

**Venue** **Komaki Civic Hall 4F Chess Room** **Eligibility** Foreigners

**Fee** 1,000 yen (KIA annual membership fee of 2,000 yen also required for non-members)

**Applications** Please come to the Komaki International Association (KIA) Administration Office directly.



※Choose a class based on your level.

Class	Beginner				Lower Intermediate			Intermediate	Advanced
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G Supports JLPT3	H Supports JLPT2	I Supports JLPT1
Time	13:00 ~15:00	15:10 ~17:10	15:10 ~17:10	13:00 ~15:00	10:30 ~12:30	8:30 ~10:30	10:30 ~12:30	8:30 ~10:30	17:20 ~19:20
Teacher	Asakura	Matsuoka	Asakura	Matsuoka	Matsuoka	Matsuoka	Asakura	Asakura	Asakura
Schedule	① Jan 8 ⑦ Mar 12		② Jan 22 ⑧ Mar 19		③ Jan 29 ⑨ Mar 26		④ Feb 12 ⑩ Apr 2		⑤ Feb 19 ⑪ Apr 9 ⑥ Feb 26 ⑫ April 16

**Inquiries** Komaki International Association (KIA) TEL.0568-76-0905 FAX.0568-71-8396 E-mail: [kia@ma.ccnw.ne.jp](mailto:kia@ma.ccnw.ne.jp)

## Exhibition in Civic Facility (Civic Hall)

Venue	Name and content of the exhibition	Type and number of works	Schedule
<b>4F Lobby, Komaki Civic Hall</b>	Komaki Japanese Painting Club New Year's Chinese Zodiac Exhibition	Japanese Painting 16 works	<b>Jan 10 (Tue) to Jan 24 (Tue), 2017</b>

**Inquiries** Komanavi Salon TEL.0568-77-8269

## Exhibition in Civic Facility (Ajioka)

Venue	Name and content of the exhibition	Type and number of works	Schedule
<b>Ajioka Community Center</b>	Watercolor painting Ai no Kai	Watercolor painting 23 works	<b>Jan 17 (Tue) to Jan 28 (Sat), 2017</b>

**Inquiries** Ajioka Community Center TEL.0568-76-7000



## Starlight Night Concert



From Felice with Love

Felice means happy in Italian.

Enjoy the happy moment with sky full of stars and beautiful music.

It's a little early Valentine present from the Planetarium.

**Featuring** Felice Sanae Ito: Flute / Noriko Ito: Soprano / Kyoko Inuma: Piano

**Date/time** **Feb 11th (Sat)** 11:00 to 20:00

(Reception starts at 18:30. The dome doors will open at 18:45.  
Times may shift depending on conditions.)

**Venue** **Komaki Central Civic Hall Planetarium** (5-253 Komaki, Komaki City)

**Eligibility** No age limit. However, junior high school students and younger needs to be accompanied by their guardian.

**Number of participants** 80 people (In order of application)

**Fee** Free

**Applications** Applications received from Jan 15 (Sun) 9:00.  
Apply by phone or at the counter at the first floor of the Komaki Central Civic Hall.

**Inquiries** Komaki Central Civic Hall TEL.0568-75-1861





## Planetarium at Night



Winter constellation commentary and “Yo-kai Watch Planetarium wa Hoshi to Yo-kai ga Ippai!” The famous characters are coming back to the planetarium. Let's find many Yo-kai in the Planetarium!

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| <b>Date/time</b>   | <b>Jan 4 (Wed) and Jan 5 (Thu)</b> from 17:00 (Approx. 45 minutes)   |  |
| <b>Venue</b>       | <b>Komaki Central Civic Hall Planetarium</b> (5-253 Komaki, Komaki City)   |  |
| <b>Eligibility</b> | Open to all <b>Number of participants</b> 80 people  |  |
| <b>Fee</b>         | 100 yen (*Junior high students and under free on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays) <b>Applications</b> Not required |  |

## Friday Planetarium



### Soreike! Anpanman: Hoshi no Iro to Sora

The program is features Anpanman so that children can enjoy it.

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| <b>Date/time</b>   | <b>Jan 6, 13, 20 and 27 Fri</b> from 10:30 (Approx. 30 min)              |  |
| <b>Venue</b>       | <b>Komaki Central Civic Hall Planetarium</b> (5-253 Komaki, Komaki City) |  |
| <b>Eligibility</b> | Open to all <b>Number of participants</b> 80 people                      |  |
| <b>Fee</b>         | 3 years old or older 100 yen <b>Applications</b> Not required            |  |

## Saturday Night Planetarium

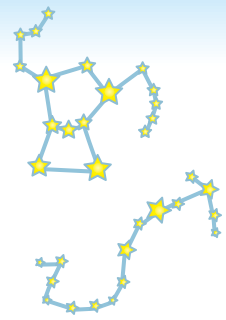


### With the Stars

This Planetarium Program is created based on the stories related to the stars and the earthquake collected from the victims, by the Sendai Astronomical Observatory after the Tohoku earthquake in 2012. A marvelous sky full of stars was above the damaged area in the massive blackout, at night after the Tohoku earthquake. What did they see in the starlight?

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| <b>Date/time</b>   | <b>Every first Saturday of the month from Jan 7 from 19:00</b> (Approx. 45 minutes) |  |
| <b>Venue</b>       | <b>Komaki Central Civic Hall Planetarium</b> (5-253 Komaki, Komaki City)            |  |
| <b>Eligibility</b> | Open to all <b>Number of participants</b> 80 people                                 |  |
| <b>Fee</b>         | Free <b>Applications</b> Not required   |  |

## Enjoy Planetarium as a Family



### Winter constellations and the legends of gemini and orion

※Please enjoy the guide to constellations and the movie shown in the planetarium.

※We are going to have an astronomy quiz show at the end of the program!

The prize of the quiz is a Constellation Can Badge!!

**Date/time** Jan 14 (Sat) from 10 :30 (Approx. 40 minutes)

**Venue** Komaki Central Civic Hall Planetarium (5-253 Komaki, Komaki City)

**Eligibility** Open to all **Number of participants** 80 people **Fee** 100 yen (\*Junior high students and under free on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)

### Winter constellations and “Buying Mittens”

※ Please enjoy the guide to constellations and the planetarium program.

**Date/time** Jan 28 (Sat) from 10 :30 (Approx. 40 minutes)

**Venue** Komaki Central Civic Hall Planetarium (5-253 Komaki, Komaki City)

**Eligibility** Open to all **Number of participants** 80 people **Fee** 100 yen (\*Junior high students and under free on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)

## Planetarium for Adults



### Stars Born, Stars that Vanish: A Life of a Star

Commentary of the program will be performed by the Star Guide.

Please enjoy the planetarium with explanation for adults.

**Date/time** Jan 21 (Sat) from 19:00 (Approx. 45 minutes)

**Venue** Komaki Central Civic Hall Planetarium (5-253 Komaki, Komaki City)

**Eligibility** High school students and older **Number of participants** 80 people

**Fee** 100 yen **Applications** Not required

## Star Watching



### God of War and Goddess of the Beauty Are Dating? Watch Mars and Venus coming into alignment, at the west sky.

We will use a telescope to view the planets or the constellations of the season.

※Junior high school students and younger needs to be accompanied with their guardian. We have an astronomical telescope participants are free to operate.

Smoking in the venue is prohibited. Please come with warm outfit. It will be cold at night.

We will have an astronomical quiz in case of cloudy weather. \* Canceled in case of rain (To be determined by 17:30)

**Date/time** Jan 29 (Sun) 18:30 to 19:30

**Venue** Komaki Labor Center Parking SpaceD (2233-2 Kamisue, Komaki City)

**Fee** Free **Applications** Not required. Come directly to the venue.



**Inquiries** Komaki Central Civic Hall TEL.0568-75-1861



## International Friendship Festival

Let's enjoy dances and foods from all over the world!



- Content** Dances, lotteries, tea ceremony, wearing kimono, international food carts, Friendship world cafe
- Date/time** **Jan 22 (Sun)** From 12:00 to 16:00
- Venue** **Lecture hall and lobby, Komaki Civic Hall**
- Eligibility** People who wants international friendship. Let's enjoy dances and foods from all over the world!
- Entrance** No fee required (Please purchase a food ticket to eat at the food stalls)
- Food tickets** Available at the KIA office from Jan 4 (Wed).  
500 yen/ticket (Foods of five countries, one drink, and a lottery ticket)



## International Exchange with Japanese Food



- Content** Let's cook Makunouchi Bento together!
- Date/time** **Feb 4 (Sat)** 10:00 to 13:30 **Instructor** Ms. Ryuko Kurachi
- Venue** **Komaki Civic Hall 3F Cooking Room**
- Eligibility** Persons living, working or studying in Komaki or foreigner KIA members, 4th grade in elementary or older (elementary students needs to participate with their parents).
- Number of participants** 20 people (in order of application) **Participation fees** KIA members 200 yen, General 500 yen
- What to bring** Apron, towel, something to write
- Applications** **Jan 4 (Wed) to Jan 21 (Sat)**  
Please come to the Komaki International Association (KIA) Administration Office directly with the fee.



Example image.

### Inquiries

**Komaki International Association (KIA) TEL.0568-76-0905 FAX.0568-71-8396 E-mail: [kia@ma.ccnw.ne.jp](mailto:kia@ma.ccnw.ne.jp)**  
**Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00 to 17:00 (Closed at 12:00 to 13:00, Sunday and Monday as well as Dec 28, 2016 to Jan 3, 2017)**

## Introducing Center Mall (Jan)

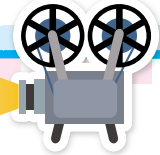
**Venue** **Komaki Manabi Sozo Hall 5F Center Mall**

Schedule	Name	Content
Jan 4 to Jan 12	Toyokai Eto Exhibition	18 works will be exhibited.
Jan 7 to Jan 15	Chunichi Photo Association Komaki branch Autumn Photo Session Exhibition (Photography)	60 photos will be exhibited.
Jan 13 to Jan 21	Ami-ami Club Knitting Exhibition	60 works such as knitting or accessories will be exhibited.
Jan 16 to Jan 24	Shyako Club Photo Exhibition	45 photos will be exhibited.
Jan 25 to Jan 29	Komaki Calligraphy Federation The 67th New Year Calligraphy Contest Prize Winners Exhibition	Works of the New Year Calligraphy Contest participants 1,300 works will be exhibited.

**Inquiries** **Manabi Sozo Hall TEL.0568-71-9848**

## New Year's Kids Cinema

Film: Penguins



**Date/time** Jan 8 (Sun) Start 13:30

**Venue** Komaki Asahi Hall, Manabi Sozo Hall (5F)

**Eligibility** Open to all

**Number of participants** 300 people

**Fee** Free

**Application** First come first served

**Inquiries** Library TEL.0568-73-9951

## Next tax payment deadline: January 31 (Tue)

- ☐ Municipal and prefectural taxes (4th term)
- ☐ National Health Insurance Tax (8th term)
- ☐ Nursing Care Insurance Fees (7th term)
- ☐ Late-Term Medical Insurance for the Elderly (6th term)

**Submit your payments promptly!**

Avoid missed payments by setting up direct debit payments from your bank account. If you have already set up direct debit payments for your taxes, be sure that your account has sufficient funds available by the day before payment is due.

If you are too busy during the day on weekdays to make your payment...

- The main building's second floor will be open to answer tax-payment related questions and accept payments.

**Time: Jan 8th (Sun) and Jan 22th (Sun) From 8:30 to 17:15**

- Tax payments can be paid every day at the Komaki Station Branch Office. Please stop by at your convenience.

**8:30 to 17:15** ※ Closed during year-end/New Years (During Dec 29 (Thu) to Jan 3 (Tue)).

- You can pay for payment notices with bar codes at convenience stores.

※ Only effective during the payment period.

**Inquiries** Tax Collection Division TEL.0568-76-1117

## Payment notices for national health insurance, nursing insurance and late-term medical insurance for the elderly

Payment notices will be sent January 23 (Thu) so you can check the amount paid from January 1 to December 31, 2016 for national health insurance, nursing insurance and late term medical insurance for the elderly.

**Inquiries** Tax Collection Division TEL.0568-76-1117 Nursing Care Insurance Division TEL.0568-76-1197 Health Insurance & Pension Division TEL.0568-76-1128

## Notice regarding counseling for Foreigners

**Portuguese: Monday through Friday**

**Civic Safety Division, Main Government Office Bldg 2F,  
City Hall 9:00 to 17:00** (Closed 12:00 to 13:00)

**Spanish & English: Mon/Tues/Thurs**

In addition, the Health Insurance and Pension Division and Childcare Division have staff available to help in Portuguese (9:00 to 17:00), the Welfare Administration Division in Portuguese (9:30 to 16:30) and Chinese (9:00 to 16:30).

**Inquiries** Civic Safety Division TEL.0568-76-1120(Direct consultation)

## Medical checkup information


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### ✿ Mother/child Health Examination Calendar

※Make sure to bring your Maternal and Child Health Handbook.

Content	Date	Venue	Hours	Eligibility/Description/Application/etc.
Health examinations for 4-month-old infants, dental examinations for mothers	Jan 17 (Tue)	Health Center	13:05 to 13:55	Born Sep 1 to 8, 2016
	Jan 24 (Tue)			Born Sep 9 to 17, 2016
	Jan 31 (Tue)			Born Sep 18 to 23, 2016
	Feb 7 (Tue)			Born Sep 24 to 30, 2016
Health examinations for 18-month-old infants	Jan 6 (Fri)	Health Center	13:05 to 14:15	Born Jul 1 to 12, 2015
	Jan 13 (Fri)			Born Jul 13 to 21, 2015
	Jan 20 (Fri)			Born Jul 22 to 31, 2015
Dental examinations for children aged 2 years, 3 months	Jan 12 (Thu)	Health Center	9:00 to 10:10	Born Oct 1 to 15, 2014
	Jan 26 (Thu)			Born Oct 16 to 31, 2014
Health examinations for 3-year-old children	Jan 11 (Wed)	Health Center	13:05 to 14:15	Born Jan 1 to 10, 2014
	Jan 18 (Wed)			Born Jan 11 to 21, 2014
	Jan 25 (Wed)			Born Jan 22 to 31, 2014
BCG Vaccination	Jan 12 (Thu)	Health Center	13:45 to 14:30	From 5 months old to under 1 year old (Standardized vaccination period is from 5 months old to under 8 months old)
	Jan 26 (Thu)			
	Jan 30 (Mon)			

※You will be sent a letter in advance if it applies to you. Please check the reception time details on the letter.

※Please receive your checkup. If you are unable to attend for some reason, please contact the Health Center.

Baby food class (Initial Gokkun (swallowing) class)	Jan 11 (Wed)	Health Center	10:00 to 11:00	427 guardians of children 4 months or older (babies can participate too) ●Fees: Free ●Application: Health Center	Reservation required
Baby food class (Later kami-kami (biting) class)	Jan 20 (Fri)	Health Center	10:00 to 11:00	21 sets of parents and children 9 months old ●Fees: Free ●Application: Health Center	Reservation required
Class for new moms and dads	Jan 15 (Sun)	Health Center	10:00 to 12:00	30 Komaki resident pregnant women and their husbands (woman can also participate alone)	Reservation required
	●Description: Information about life with a baby, the role of the father, nutrition during pregnancy, dental health and parenting in Komaki, practice holding babies and pregnancy experience ●What to bring: Parent-child (maternal and child) health handbook ●Application: Health Center				
Nursing counseling	Jan 10 (Tue)	Health Center	10:00 to 12:00	●Fees: Free●Application: Health Center	Reservation required
	Jan 17 (Tue)				
	Jan 24 (Tue)		13:00 to 16:00		
	Jan 30 (Mon)				
	Jan 31 (Tue)				
Parenting, pregnancy, and giving birth health counseling	Jan 13 (Fri)	Kitasato Jidokan	10:00 to 11:15	●Content: Consultation regarding worries/concerns for raising children, body measurements, blood pressure measurement, urine inspection (optional)	
	Jan 20 (Fri)	Oshiro Jidokan			
	Jan 27 (Fri)	Ajioka Jidokan			
Niko niko cavity prevention class	Jan 13 (Fri)	Kitasato Jidokan	10:00 to 11:15	Nursing children (especially about one-year-old)	Applications not required
	●Content: Consultation regarding worries/concerns about brushing teeth, teeth alignment or raising children, What to bring ●Parent and child (maternal and child) health handbook, toothbrush ●Fees: free				
Baby visit	About 2 or 3 months after birth, a health contact and veteran health contact will come visit your home with a few gifts to congratulate you on the birth of your baby. (You will be contacted in advance to set a convenient time.)				
Low-weight Infant Notice	Please submit a Low-weight Infant Notice if your child's birth weight is under 2,500g. Send to: Health Center or Health Insurance & Pension Division				

**Inquiries** Health Center TEL.0568-75-6471 FAX.0568-75-8545

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※Please see the relevant service counter for more details regarding any of the items contained herein.