

1) Theft Incidents in November

"To begin today's program, we'd like to share some important safety information.

In November, there were a total of 41 bicycle thefts reported across Hiratsuka City. Incidents occurred in nearly every neighborhood, with six cases in Shinomiya, five in Beniyachō, four in Amanuma, and three each in Ogami and Yaezakichō.

Please be aware that bicycles have been stolen even when parked inside private property, and sometimes even when locked. To better protect your bicycle, we recommend using an additional wire lock, available at home improvement stores. There were also 10 motorcycle thefts reported, with three in Tamura and two in Yokouchi. When parking your motorcycle, please use not only the standard lock but also an anti-theft lock for extra security."

2) Firefighting Ceremony Announcement

"Next, here's an announcement about the upcoming Firefighting Ceremony.

On Saturday, January 10, the event will take place at Hiratsuka-no-harappa in the Hiratsuka Sogokoen Park, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Visitors will see fire engines, ladder trucks, and chemical fire trucks on display. Traditional performances such as kiyari chants, ladder stunts, and a parade of firefighting vehicles will also be featured.

The highlight of the ceremony will be a spectacular simultaneous water discharge, performed by ten portable pumps together with a ladder truck.

For inquiries, please contact the Hiratsuka City Fire Department at 0463-21-

9725."

3) Sports Classes at Banyū Fureai Park

"On Sunday, January 18, Banyū Fureai Park will host several sports classes.

From 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., the Sunlife Arena will hold a Rhythm Dance Class for up to 20 children in third grade or younger. Indoor sports shoes are required.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, there will be a Health Walking Class for up to 50 participants aged 50 and above. If you'd like to join, please check the conditions on the park's website and apply there."

4) Health Lecture

"On Saturday, January 31, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., a health lecture will be held at the Higashitoyoda Health Center. The topic will be respiratory diseases such as lung cancer.

The lecture is open to the first 80 participants. To register, please call the Hiratsuka Medical Association at 0463-52-0355."

5) Poster Exhibition on International Understanding

"From Tuesday, January 6, to Monday, January 12, the Hiratsuka Art Museum will display award-winning posters promoting international understanding and cooperation.

Opening hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. (starting at 1:00 p.m. on January 6, and closing at noon on January 12).

For inquiries, please contact the Cultural Exchange Division at 0463-25-2520."

6) Elementary School Enrollment Briefings

"Between January 13 and February 9, each elementary school in Hiratsuka will hold briefings for parents of children entering school next April.

No reservations are required. For schedules and locations, please contact each school directly or the City's Education Division at 0463-35-8118."

Please bring your own indoor sports shoes and equipment.

For inquiries, please call the Sports Division at 0463-31-3060."