# Hakuba Newsletter December 2023 December 18





## Yakiimo Event at Shirouma Preschool

"Yakiimo," or roasted sweet potato, is the autumn's special treat in Japan. On November 15, a yakiimo event was held in the preschool yard. The children gathered branches from the woods behind the school, wrapped sweet potatoes in foil, and ate them together during snack time. When they lit the pile of branches on fire, the children excitedly shouted with laughter.

#### Winter Tentative Water Bill

For customers who are unable to receive meter readings during the winter (December to March) due to snow (\*Except for customers on an automated meter reading system.), water and sewer charges will be based on provisional water consumption from the January to April, and will be charged based on actual water consumption in the May after the winter.

## Tentative water amounts will be mailed to eligible customers in early December.

The provisional water volume can be changed. If you require a change, please fill out the enclosed return postcard with your requested water volume setting and return it to the Water and Sewer Division by December 27(Thu). If no change is needed, the reply is not required.

For inquiries: Water and Sewer Division TEL 0261-85-0766

# Moving-In Notification

It is time for many short-term staff to move in again this year. In order to avoid crowding at the counter, please have one person from your business office complete the transfer procedure at the Residents' Division counter as a representative of the new resident, instead of the new resident himself/herself. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of all business owners.

A person who has been issued a Residence Card need to register his/her address /place of residence (file moving-in notification) within 14 days after his/her residence has been determined.

To save time, please download the forms using the QR code and fill in before visiting.

For inquires: Resident Division TEL 0261-85-0715						
	Procedure	Necessary Document				
Overseas  Japan	Those whose resident cards written "Entry Permit" or "Permission for Change of Status of Residence", please fill in Moving-In Notification and National Health Insurance Enrollment Ouestionnaire. Please also complete the Power of Attorney if it necessary.	<ul> <li>Residence Card (Original) *Necessary to be filled in your new address by city office</li> <li>Passport *For confirming your entering day in japan)</li> <li>Letter of Proxy</li> <li>Move-in Notification Form</li> <li>Health Insurance Tax Questionnaires</li> <li>Representative's I.D (For the family whose move in the whole households Marriage certificate/Birth certificate etc.)</li> </ul>				
Other municipal within Japan • • Hakuba Village	Please fill in Moving-In Notification and National Health Insurance Enrollment Questionnaire.  [Note] Moving-out Certificate will be required when you move in from other municipals within japan. However, this certificate is not issued when the procedure has been done with My Number Card. Please bring your My Number Card when proceeding.	<ul> <li>Residence Card (Original) *Necessary to be filled in your new address by city office</li> <li>My Number Card *if you have</li> <li>Move out Certificate</li> <li>Letter of Proxy</li> <li>Move-in Notification Form</li> <li>Health Insurance Tax Questionnaires</li> <li>Representative's I.D (For the family whose move in the whole households Marriage certificate/Birth certificate etc.</li> </ul>				

# Net Zero Energy House



To reduce CO2 emissions resulting from home use of electricity and gas, the government is promoting the spread of Net-Zero-Energy Housing (ZEH).

Hakuba Village will subsidize up to 300,000 yen per unit for "ZEH New Construction" or "ZEH renovation" that meet the following requirements, utilizing subsidy programs provided by the government and Nagano Prefecture.

Eligible government or prefectural projects

Eligible Projects	subsidiary organization
IZEH SUDDORT DROJECT	Ministry of the Environment
Housing Supply-Demand Integrated Subsidy for Energy Investment Promotion Project	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Kodomo Eco Sumai (Subsidies for child rearing household etc)	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
Shinshu Kenko Zero Ene Housing Subsidies	Nagano Prefecture

# **Street Snowplow**

The village makes every effort to ensure that streets are as safe and accessible as possible with current staffing and funding. In order to ensure that the Village's snow plows work efficiently, we have an important notice for all Village residents.

#### ① No on-street Parking

Do not park your car on streets during in a way that interferes with snow removal. Snow plow truck is clearing snow away on winter road.

Roadways are usually plowed between through night to early morning, when conditions warrant.



Even though snow piles up on your driveway or properties, the public drive way is no place to put any object, including snow. Shoveling or plowing snow onto the road or the shoulder creates a hazard to other drivers and snow plow operators. The chunks of snow and ice create an uneven road surface that can take drivers by surprise.

#### 3 Display signs warning of falling roof snow

If roof snow has fallen onto the streets, please remove it as soon as possible.

It is very dangerous for pedestrians when roof snow is falling. Please take measures such as putting up warning signs if necessary.

#### Trimming trees that interfere with snow removal operations

We may cut any branches off growing into the streets that may interfere with snow removal work.

#### **5** Do not remove snow poles

Please do not pull out the bamboo poles set up on the sidewalk. There are for snow removal works operate safe and smooth.

#### 6 Anti-Freezer

We salt the roadways for anti-icing, de-icing, or melting on winter roads twice a day in the morning and evening before commuting to work and school. Hakuba Village uses environmentally friendly anti-freeze in consideration of its impact on crops.

#### Snow Removal in private areas

Please be responsible for removal snow from the boundary between the streets and your properties. Hakuba Village asks for your cooperation with your neighbors so that there will be no troubles about who clear the snow and where put if off. Also, we also would like to ask your understanding with our plow trucks as they push snow onto your properties, which may be left behind while they are in the process of pushing snow.

#### 8 Snow Disposal Place

In recent years, it has been very difficult to find places to dispose the snow for snow removal work.

In order to ensure efficient and smooth snow removal, Hakuba Village asks for the cooperation of these who own lands beside the roads in providing snow disposal sites.

#### Prohibition of skiing and snowboarding on the road

Skiing or snowboarding on the streets puts you, other pedestrians and drivers at risk and thus it is prohibited.

This year is the same as last year, with 15cm of snowfall, and we will be working on snow removal. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation of snow plow operation.







# Forest Environment Tax will be introduced in April 2024

Starting in June 2024, each person who reside in Japan will be required to pay 1,000 yen per year addition to the fixed and flat part of the residential tax as a forest environment tax to fund forest maintenance and its promotion.

The following are specific projects where the funds will be utilized: forest maintenance, human resource development, and promotion and utilization of timber. This Forest Environment Tax is introduced to secure financial resources to improve the forest environment and is projected to bring in around 60 billion yen (\$487million) in additional annual income to the government.



Tourist Division TEL: 0261-85-0722

Agriculture Division TEL 0261-85-0766/Taxation Division TEL 0261-85-0712

# Hot Spring – 温泉 Onsen -

Hakuba Village is also famous for having interesting hot springs with six different sources such as Hakuba Shionomichi Onsen which was confined in fossa magna for over 25 million years and has water that changes into dark brown when exposed to air, and the Hakuba Happo Onsen which is a natural hydrogen hot spring. Visiting different hot springs will surely wash away your everyday fatigue.





Find your favorite onsen in Hakubal

## What is bathing tax?

#### -Article 701 of the local Tax Act



The bathing tax is an earmarked tax that is used to

Cover expenditures for environmental sanitation facilities; the protection and management facilities for the sources of mineral springs; maintenance of fire-fighting facilities; and promotion of the tourism.

**Taxpayer** -Article 141 of the Hakuba Tax Act

Persons who took a bath in a mineral spring facility (Including hot and cold spring)

**Non-taxpayer** -Article 142 of the Hakuba Tax Act Bathing tax is not levied on the persons listed as follows.

- ① Children under 12 years old
- ② Users of non-profit mineral spring public bath facilities
- Students come for a school eventEg. School excursion until Senior High School)
- ④ Players, executive members or the press who come for an international contest which is organized by Hakuba Village; and is nominated by Hakuba Mayor.

**Tax Amount** -Article 143 of the Hakuba Tax Act

A day tripper: \$50 /person

A overnight guests:  $\frac{150}{\text{person a night}}$ 

#### Settlement of bathing taxes

The amount of the bath tax account settlement for FY2022 was 43,423 thousand yen, which was applied as shown in the table below.

			Source of Revenue			
Category	Contents	Total Cost	Gerenal	Share/		
			<b>Bathing Tax</b>	Other	Others	
Environmental Sanitation	Contributions	194.673	20.800	128,858	45,015	
Facilities Maintenance Expenses	for dust and human waste disposal facilities, etc.	174,073	20,800			
Maintenance Expenses	Maintenance of fire prevention facilities	5 156	5,156 <b>3,500</b>		1,000	
of fire prevention facilities	such as installation of fire hydrants, etc.	3,130	3,300	<b>3,500</b> 656	1,000	
Maintenance Expenses of Tourist Facilities	Maintenance of tourist facilities	12,465	7,417	88	4,960	
Promotion Expenses	Promotion and advertising of mountain tourism, etc.	82,339	11,706	38,123	32,510	
	294,633	43,423	167,725	83,485		

# ■ Payment Schedule of This Month

	Payment	Account	Payment Method				
	due date	transfer :Kouza Furikae	Cash	Account Transfer	Credit card	Payment App.	
7th of 10 payments National Health Insurance Tax	December	December	0	0	0	0	
3 <sup>rd</sup> of 4 Payment Fixed Assets Tax	25(Mon)	25(Mon)	0	0	0	0	
4 <sup>TH</sup> of 8 payments Medical Insurance For Elderly			0	0	500	0 <del>7-1</del> 6	
Water &Sewer Bills	December 25(Mon)	December 25(Mon)	0	32-8	<u> </u>	0	

	Payment Method
Cash	Account Counter at Village Office Bank institutions Convenience stores
Bank Withdrawal	JA Bank Dai-Hoku, 82 Bank, Nagano Bank, Matsumoto Credit Union (Shin-Kin Bank), Japan Post Bank
Credit card	VISA DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY O
Payment App	PayPay Edy Pay

Water and Sewer Division TEL 0261-85-0766 Taxation Division 0261-85-0712

## Sunrise Kids Preschool opened on December 1

Sunrise Kids Preschool opened as a second small-scale licensed childcare facility in Hakuba Village. 16 children have already enrolled in the preschool this year.

Number of Children 19 〈Ages〉 6: 0 year-old / 6: 1 year-old / 7: 2 year-old					
Age	*0 – 2 year-old (*The first day of following the month after 6 months of age)				
Hours	Monday - Saturday 7:30 – 18:30 (Standard Hours)				
	8:30 – 16:30 (Short Hours)				
Extended Hour	Monday - Saturday 7:00 - 7:30 / 18:30 - 19:00				
Temporary Hour	N/A				
Closing Data	Sundays, Public Holidays, Year End Holiday				





Venue: Fureai Center 1F

#### ■Kosodate Shien Room

 Notices/Information from Kosodate Shien Room is posted on the Hakuba Village office official website and Hakuba Village Maternal and Child Health Handbook App "Ohisama Memories by BO-SHI-MO:母子モ".









Child-Raising Support Division TEL: 0261-85-8101

# ■Child Check-up

Date		Event	Eligible Child			
Dec	18 (Mon)	Physical Development Consultation	Appointment needed			
	21 (Thu)	Health Checkup for 3-year-old	Born in October - December 15th,2020			
	26 (Tue)	Health check-up for 2-month-old	Born in October, 2023			
Jan	9 (Tue)	Childcare/Breastfeeding Consultation	Appointment needed			
	10 (Wed)	Health check-up for infant	Born in August, 2023			
		Health check-up for toddler	Born in February, 2023			
	11 (Thu)	Health Checkup for 2-year-old	Born in October 2021 - January 11th,2022			
	19 (Fri)	Baby Food Consultation	Born in May - July, 2023			
	23 (Tue)	Health check-up for 2-month-old	Born in November, 2023			
	29 (Mon)	Physical Development Consultation	Appointment needed			

# ■Clinics, Hospitals and Pharmacy's open during holidays

			Opening Hours:	9 A.M. ~ 5 P.M.		Reception Hours: 9A.M. ~ 11A.M. (Please call before coming over)			Pharmacy		
		Day	Clinic On Duty						On Duty		
M	D	of week	Northern District (Hakuba • Otari)	Omachi City	Southern District (Ikeda• Matsukawa)	Dental	in Hakuba				
er	29	FRI	Otarimura Clinic			Maruyama Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261- 62-0648	7		
December	30	SAT	Kurita Clinic	Ito Clinic	Serizawa Clinic	Yokosawa Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261- 22-1343	Please our		
De	31	SUN	Shintani Clinic	Ishizone Clinic	Yoshimura Clinic	Ito Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261- 62-8880	1 . 60		
	1	MON	Hakuba Clinic	Kakishita Clinic	Azumi Hospital	NikoNiko Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261- 23-5612	confirm official Schedu		
	2	TUE	Kamishiro Clinic	Endo Internal Medicine Clinic	Midori Clinic	Azumi Hospital	Omachi	0261- 22-1343			
	3	WED	Yokosawa Clinic	Nomura Clinic	Herb-no-sato Clinic	Hirabayashi Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261- 22-1149	N O O		
January	7	SUN	Otarimura Clinic	Omachi Municipal General Hospital	Wakabayashi Clinic	Kirari Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261- 62-0005	e schedule or Annual Sheet		
Janı	8	MON	Hakuba Clinic	Mogami Orthopaedic Clinic	Kondo Clinic	Miyashita Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261- 22-0297	dule		
	14	SUN	Kurita Clinic	Kikuchi Clinic	Azumi Hospital	Morooka Dental Clinic	Ikeda	0261- 62-9781	- i on		
	21	SUN	Yokosawa Clinic	Nomura Clinic	Nishimori Orthopedic Clinic	Sunada Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261- 22-0648	Fujinoya Pharmacy		
	28	SUN	Kamishiro Clinic	Ito Clinic	Ota Clinic	Okae Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261- 62-9888	Fujinoya Pharmacy		

For emergency cases of pediatrics and internal diseases on weekday nights, please go to "North Alps Weekday Night **Emergency Center for** Pediatrics & Internal Medicine". TEL: 0261-26-6199 Please do not request for the ambulance service for minor injury and illness or it will be overloaded when there is an emergency.

For inquiries: Health and Welfare Division 0261-85-8101