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Let's Enjoy the Flowers of the Seasons!

This fiscal year, we will describe the attractive parks and other area of Shinagawa City with the theme "Oases of Shinagawa."

In this issue, we spotlight parks city residents love that have beautiful seasonal flowers.

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Shinagawa Flower Road Waterside Square and Samezu Irie Park

These are waterside squares created along the embankment of Katsushima Canal. At the flower beds stretching about two kilometers along the promenade, you can enjoy flowers of the season, such as *nanohana* (rapeseed) in spring and cosmos in autumn.

At Samezu Irie Park, you can enjoy about ten thousand lilies in bloom in late May. Neighborhood association members and elementary and junior high school students planted these lilies in early March.

Location 1-13 Higashi-Oi

Access

About a nine-minute walk from Tachiaigawa Station or about a five-minute walk from Samezu Station.



If you walk a little further...!

Sekigahara Park

The play equipment here was renovated in April, so please come visit this newly renovated park. The promenade from the park to Oimachi Station (Tachiai-doro Street) is perfect for a leisurely stroll.

Location 6-12 Higashi-Oi

Access About a seven-minute walk from Oimachi Station or about an eight-minute walk from Tachiaigawa Station.



Nemunoki-no-niwa Garden

Nemunoki-no-niwa Garden (Silk Tree Garden) is a municipal garden park developed on the former Shoda clan estate, where Empress Emerita Michiko was born and raised. The park is named after "Nemunoki Lullaby," a poem the Empress Emerita wrote while she was in high school.

The park features a silk tree, which is linked to the Empress Emerita, as well as white birch trees, and there are various flowers and greenery that flourish with each season. City residents love this park as an oasis where these plants can be enjoyed. Among the flowers, the vivid orange "Princess Michiko" rose is a popular bloom that visitors come to see. Why not visit Nemunoki-no-niwa Garden?

Princess Michiko

The United Kingdom presented this rose to Michiko while she was the Crown Princess as a symbol of the friendly ties between the UK and Japan.



What is a Nemunoki (Silk Tree)??

The tree is the symbol of this park. At night, its leaves slowly close.

You can view this tree from anywhere in the park.



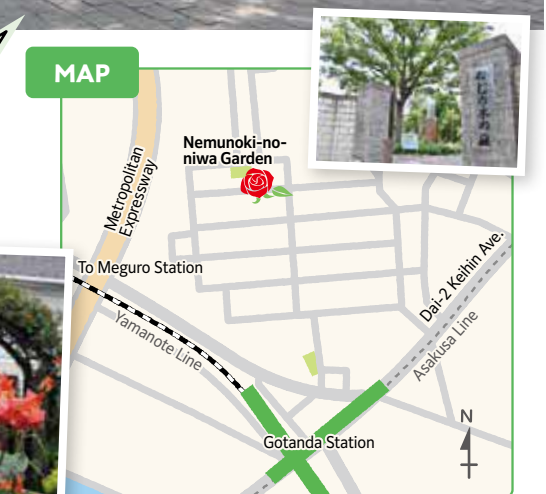
Location 5-19 Higashi-Gotanda

Admission Free

Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Access About a seven-minute walk from Gotanda Station

Closed From December 29 through January 3



From May 8, 2023, COVID-19 Downgraded to Class 5

● Change in Classification

COVID-19 has downgraded to Class 5 under the Infectious Disease Control Act, the same rank as seasonal influenza. National and prefectural government programs has changed accordingly.

After May 8, patient registration, health observation and restrictions on outings have lifted, and you have to pay medical costs. In addition, hospitalization and treatment are available at a wide range of medical facilities, which is a change from previous measures.

Although the classification has changed to Class 5, this does not mean that the virus's infection power and pathogenicity have changed. We would deeply appreciate your cooperation in continuing with the basic countermeasures, such as regularly washing and disinfecting your hands.

Inquiries:

Shinagawa COVID-19 Consultation Line (Tel: 03-5742-9108, Fax: 03-5742-9158)

May Is Bicycle Month

● Bicycle Safe-Use Tokyo Campaign

The Bicycle Safe-Use Tokyo campaign will be conducted throughout the Tokyo metropolitan area from May 1 to 31. Be sure to follow all traffic rules, such as the five safe-use rules for bicycles noted below, and be considerate of others.

Inquiries: Traffic Safety Subsection, Civil Engineering Administration Section
(Tel: 03-5742-6615, Fax: 03-5742-6887)

● Five safe-use rules for bicycles

Bicycles are considered vehicles, and it is extremely dangerous to ride without knowing the relevant traffic rules. Please learn the traffic rules and ride your bicycle safely.

1. As a rule, ride on the street; traffic flows on the left side of the street

Riding on the sidewalk is an exception; always give pedestrians the right of way

As a rule, bicycles should be ridden on the street on roads with a sidewalk. When riding on the street, you must ride on the left side.

When riding on the sidewalk, it is wise to ride at a speed that allows you to stop right away if necessary, and you should ride on the side closer to the street. When

necessary, you must make a complete stop and give priority to pedestrian traffic.

2. At intersections, obey all traffic signals and stop signs, and check for safety

At intersections with traffic lights, obey the signals; check for safety before moving forward.

If there is a stop sign, be sure to make a complete stop and check for safety before you proceed.

3. Use a headlight at night

At night, always use your bicycle light.

4. Riding under the influence of alcohol is prohibited

Riding under the influence of alcohol is prohibited for cyclists as well.

5. Wear a helmet

All cyclists should wear a helmet to reduce injuries in a cycling accident. Preschool and school children should wear helmets as well.

● Bicycle safe-riding instructors are raising awareness

Traffic accidents involving bicycles have been increasing year after year in Shinagawa City, and they now account for nearly half of all traffic accidents in the city. To prevent bicycle-related traffic accidents, we are assigning bicycle safe-riding instructors to instruct and

conduct awareness activities.

● Don't forget to complete bicycle registration procedures

Since bicycle registration to prevent theft is compulsory for those who own a bicycle, please complete the designated procedures at shops that display the "Bicycle Theft Prevention Registration Location" sign.

• For more information, please visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Bicycle Commerce Theft Prevention Cooperative website: <http://bouhan-net.com/>
Note: Website is in Japanese only.

Inquiries: Tokyo Metropolitan Bicycle Commerce Theft Prevention Cooperative (Tel: 03-3251-5621)

● The streets are for everyone

Do not leave bicycles or motorcycles on the street; use the bicycle/motorcycle parking lots.

Inquiries: Bicycle Controls Subsection, Civil Engineering Administration Section
(Tel: 03-5742-6786, Fax: 03-5742-6887)

Tokyo Multilingual Consultation Navi

Consultation services are available for any concerns regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus and its impact on lives.

Languages: Fifteen (plain Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepalese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Thai, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Hindi, Russian and Burmese)

Tel 03-6258-1227

Hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

Shinagawa City Website

You can view the Shinagawa City website in English, Chinese (simplified characters and traditional characters) and Korean using an automatic translation service.

Inquiries: Public Relations Section
Tel: 03-5742-6612, **Fax:** 03-5742-6870

Recruiting Participants for Japanese Culture Classes

This class allows foreign residents who live in the community to have fun learning about Japanese culture.

Date and time: Fridays from June 2 through 23, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (four sessions total)

Program: Ikebana (Flower Arrangement)

Note: English interpreter is available.

Eligibility and capacity: Foreign residents who live, work or go to school in Shinagawa City; twenty persons (decided by lottery)

Fee: ¥4,000

Location/application/inquiries: Please fill out the application form on Shinagawa-ku International Friendship Association's website, or apply in person by May 19 (Fri.). Give your name (with *furigana*), address, age, daytime telephone number, nationality and school or employer if you are a student or working in Shinagawa City.

(**Address:** Dai-san Chosha 4F, 2-1-36 Hiromachi, 140-0005, **Tel:** 03-5742-6517, **Fax:** 03-5742-6518, **Website:** <https://www.sifa.or.jp/>)

Note: This program may change depending on COVID-19 conditions. Please check the association website for details.

About COVID-19 Vaccinations

(information current as of April 25)

■ For Residents Sixty-Five Years of Age and Older and Residents with Underlying Conditions: New Immunization Program has begun on May 8.

You can receive the Omicron-specific vaccine if more than three months have passed since your last vaccination.

Eligibility and Vaccination Ticket Mailout

● Residents who are sixty-five years of age and older

Residents who have completed the fifth vaccination → Vaccination tickets for the sixth injection are mailed out.

Residents who have unused vaccination tickets → You can get vaccinated using the ticket you have.

● Residents between five and sixty-four years of age with underlying conditions or whom doctors recognize as having a high risk of developing complications, and healthcare workers

→ You can use unused vaccination tickets to get vaccinated if you have any. If you do not have a vaccination ticket, you must apply for one.

Notes:

1. Residents other than the eligible persons will not be able to get vaccinated.

2. Residents between six months of age and eleven years of age will remain eligible for vaccination.

Inquiries: Shinagawa Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center

Tel 03-6633-2433 **Fax** 03-6684-4845

Hours 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To find out about the updated information, please visit the Shinagawa City website. The contents on the website can be read in various languages (English, Chinese and Korean), using the automated translation function.



Shinagawa City website

((InterFM89.7MHz))

Shinagawa Info

Multilingual FM City News Broadcasts

The city government broadcasts *Shinagawa Info*, a 3-minute municipal news program, in several languages on InterFM897 (89.7 MHz) from 6:56 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The languages broadcast are as follows:

Mondays: Chinese and Japanese

Tuesdays: Korean and Japanese

Wednesdays: Tagalog and Japanese

Thursdays: English and Japanese

Fridays: English and Japanese

In addition to daily-living information, emergency information is broadcast during times of emergency. You can also check the broadcast content via the website.

Website: <https://www.interfm.co.jp/timetable/>