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#### Collecting donation!

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The Misawa Art Project is looking for children willing to participate in planning a children's \* booth for the Tanabata festival. We are looking for donations of new or lightly used children's

💥 books, toys, or other memorabilia. Please drop off any donations at the Misawa International Association in Misawa International 💥 \* Center before July 30, Tuesday.

For more information please call Miyuki at: 080-6022-1349

\* Any money the children make with the booth will go towards another future activity decided on by the children during the plan-\* ning meeting.

#### \* Looking for Volunteer!

We are now looking for volunteers to help on Aug 21, Wednesday. Sister City Wenatchee Valley Delegation are coming to Misawa City and we will share Japanese culture with them.

#### **Survival Japanese**

start from Sep 13, Friday until Nov 1, Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Want to learn something new? Sign up now and experience Japanese language! It provide free childcare.



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#### **Japanese Intermediate Class**

Sep 17, Oct 1, 15, 29, Tuesdays, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Fee

#### \* Japanese Class for MIA member

★ Every Tuesday from 2 p.m. Please call to MIA (080-6022-1349) for sign up or more details.

#### \* Potluck Party

Sep 4, Wednesday at 10:30 Fee ¥100 for MIA member, ¥150 for Non member Bring your favorite dish and enjoy with Japanese friends!

For more information please contact at Misawa International Association Phone: 080-6022-1349 Email: kokusai@city.misawa.lg.jp



## Misawa International Center

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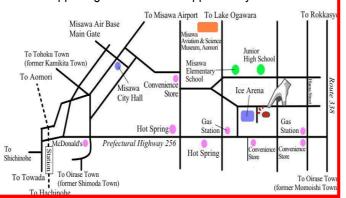


Come see our new message board! Located in Misawa International Center Lobby, near the International Exchange Lounge

(if you're standing in the entrance way, the board is off to the left). This is message board is for you!

Please post courteous messages or announcements of an intercultural nature such as English lessons, play dates, advice and more. We look forward to hearing from you!

Misawa City International Relations publishes the monthly free paper, "Misawa City News". We keep you informed of what is happening in Misawa. We appreciate your feedback!



# Misawa City News No. 101

### Star Festival

July 7th is the Tanabata or, "The Star Festival". This holiday originated from an ancient Chinese legend about two lovers: Princess Orihime (the North Star), who weaved the clouds, and Hikoboshi (the Altair star), a cowboy who watched the stars (which were like cows). Orihime and Hikoboshi used to be good workers. However after they got married, they stopped working. So Orihime's father, the Emperor-of the-Sky Tentei became angry and separated them. But Orihime's tears of sadness caused him to relent and once a year, he allowed them to cross the Heavenly River (the Milky Way), on the 7th of July.

In Japan, we celebrate Orihime's and Hikoboshi's meeting with a summer festival. Before, we used to pray for improving our sewing or our handwriting. Nowadays, people write their wishes on strips of colorful paper and hang them on bamboo branches.

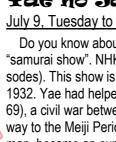
Misawa City will host its Misawa Tanabata Festival from July 26 – 28, along the Main Street in downtown and in American Village. If you want to venture further, the most popular Tanabata Festival is held in Sendai. This year, it will be held Aug 6 (Tues) to 8 (Thurs), with a kick-off fireworks show on August 5. The other two being the Nebuta Festival of Aomori City (Aug 2-7, with a kick-off fireworks show on Aug 1) and the Kanto Festival of Akita (Aug 3-6, 7-8:40 pm). If you're not able to attend these festivals, there are many other summer festivals all over Japan, from July and August. Look inside this issue and mark your calendar. Then get out and party!



#### Tanabata Light Down July 7, 8p.m. - 10 p.m.

This is a part of an environmental movement called "light down campaign" is being staged throughout Japan from June 21 to July 7, 2013. The event was initiated in 2003 by the Ministry of the Environment to promote energy saving and the prevention of global warming. The movement encourages people to turn off their lights from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on July 7, 2013. Major landmarks such as Tokyo Tower, Odaiba, Osaka Castle and Kobe tower were past participants.

Please cooperate with CO<sub>2</sub> reduction by turning off the lights and enjoy innumerable stars of the Milky Way in the sky.



#### Yae no Sakura Exhibition at Tonami Clan Park

July 9, Tuesday to 15, Monday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Do you know about Yae no Sakura, or Yae of the Cherry Blossoms? It's the 52<sup>nd</sup> NHK taiga (historical) drama [i.e., a "samurai show". NHK is the Japanese equivalent to PBS and BBC]. Taiga dramas are only 1 year long (about 52 episodes). This show is based on an actual woman, Yae (meaning, "multi-layered") Yamamoto Niijima who lived from 1845 – 1932. Yae had helped her hometown, the Aizu Domain, fight against the Imperial Troops during the Boshin War (1868 – 69), a civil war between the South (led by Satsuma & Choshu prefectures) and the Northern Alliance, which paved the way to the Meiji Period. Unfortunately, Yae was on the losing side. But her legacy was her modernity: she dressed like a man, became an expert gunslinger of the Spencer repeating rifle, and was known as the "Joan of Arc" of Japan.

This year's taiga drama is of special importance to the Tohoku region (northern part of Japan). Aizu Domain would later form part of Fukushima Prefecture, the site of the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011. Yae's story of loss and recovery was especially chosen to continue to inspire the Tohoku region in its economic recovery efforts.

At the Misawa Memorial Hall for Forerunners, a special exhibit of Yae no Sakura will be held, detailing the making of the TV show and information of the time period as well as displaying actual costumes and pieces. Best of all, it's free!

# Summer Festivals and Events

#### Lake Ogawara Festival July 21, Sunday from 9:15 at the Lake Ogawara Beach

Admission: free, Just need a beach mat, towel, and spending money.

This is the 1st summer festival in Misawa area and includes many fun events. The Lake Ogawara Queen winner will be announced and many performances will be held, including: Hula Dance, Hip Hop Dance show and the "Doki Doki Precure" Show (the latter-at 10:45 am and 1:15 pm). And free canoe school (9:30am to 2:30 pm) and Kids play area (9:30 am to 3 pm) will be provide. Be sure to wear clothes that you don't mind getting wet in and to bring a change of clothes and a towel.

#### Firefly Display July 20, Saturday, from 7:30p.m. at Misawa Park (near the Train station)

Come and see real fireflies fly and dance about! However, be sure to apply protection against bugs, when you come. If it rains it will be held on July 22, Monday.

#### Misawa Tanabata Festival

July 26, Friday to July 28, Sunday, from 1 - 9 p.m. on Main street and the American Park

Enjoy the beautiful Tanabata decorations as you peruse the many game and specialty food booths. Special events on Saturday and Sunday include a dance contest, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and bingo.

#### Shuji Teranama Museum Summer Festival

Aug 3, Saturday from 1 p.m. -3 p.m. Talk show, live music show and dance show Aug 4, Sunday from 11a.m.-9p.m. Terayama Music Museum Vol.4 local musician concert at outside

#### Farm Festa in Conami

August 4 (Sun), from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Tonami Clan Memorial Village

What is life like on a farm? Come and find out at this festival! Attractions include cow milking, live music and more!

#### Chuo-Koen Festival

August 11 (Sun), from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Chuo-koen (train park)

How do you want to enjoy summer? BBQ, listening live music show or enjoy yummy local foods? Come to the Chuo-Koen, you will experience all of them!

#### Become a Firework Sponsor!

Every year, for the past 28 years, the Misawa Fishing Port hosts a festival to end the summer festival season with a blast. While the Port has much progress since the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake, the economy has yet recover. The firework show has always been a highlight and the festival organizers would like to host it as always. To that end, they are looking for individuals and groups to help sponsor the fireworks. Not only will your support light up the sky, but you can also include a special message for your family, friend, or special someone!

¥3,000 for a Primary Sponsor. This pays for fireworks.

¥5,000 for a Message Sponsor. This pays for fireworks and allows you to include a message.

Please contact the Fisheries Promotion Division of Misawa City, before July 12, Friday, to become a part of this sponsorship and/or for further information. Be sure to include your name, telephone number, and message (if applicable). Tel: 0176-53-5111 Email: suisan@citv.misawa.lg.ip

#### Misawa City Indoor Heated Pool

10 a.m. - 9 p.m. It open everyday during summer vacation.

Admission: ¥500 for 16 yrs and older, ¥300 for 12-15 yrs and ¥100 for 11yrs and younger.

\*All are required to wear a swimming cap in the pool areas.

Children who 3rd grade and under must be accompanied by an

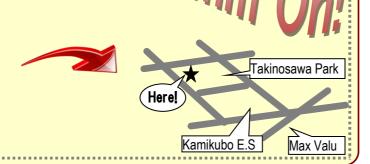
#### Takinosawa Public Pool

adult at all times.

Now to September 30, Monday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Admission: ¥100 for 16 yrs and older, Free for children 0-15 yrs. Notice: If the water temperature is below 21°C, the pool will close.

#### Misawa Veedol Beach

July 12, Friday to September 8, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.



# BE A SMART DOG OWNER!



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Pets are not allowed in most public park in Japan? For public health reasons, most parks are for people only. However, of late, there have been many complaints about dogs in Misawa Parks as well as their being a nuisance in residential areas. So we are asking you to be a smart dog owner!

Your dog's misbehavior is annoying to your neighbors. And also clean up after your dog is regulated under the prefectural ordinance; welfare and management of animals.

#### **HOW TO BE A SMART DOG OWNER?**

Please keep your dog on a leash, when you're out and about.

Please clean up your dog's waste. This is also a prefectural ruling.

Please use the 4 public parks listed below. They are designed with dog owners in mind, with all but one having dog runs!

#### ①MISAWA CITIZEN'S FORESTRY PARK (市民の森運動公園)

Located next to the Tennis Court and near Lake Ogawara.

Open Every Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Japanese national holidays, 9a.m. - 5 p.m. (Last admission: 3 pm). Now - Oct 30 (Thu) 2013, Fee:\(\frac{4}{3}\)300/hour

#### ②YOKAWAME FURUSATO HIROBA (@IIIBDog Run)

Open Now until the end December. Fee: FREE!

#### ③KASUGADAI SESERAGI PARK (春日台せせらぎ公園)

This park is pet friendly but does not have a dog run. Please observe dog etiquette and be considerate to other park visitors.

#### ④OOZORA HIROBA AT THE MISAWA AVIATION & SCIENCE MUSEUM(大空広場)

Same as Museum operation time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed on Mondays.

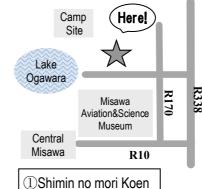
\* If a Japanese holiday falls on a Monday, then the museum will be open on that Monday but will be closed the following day. Check their website to see more details—http://www.kokukagaku.jp/09 skypark/dogrun.pdf

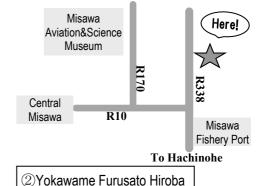
#### Rules & Etiquette for Misawa's Dog Runs & Public Parks

- Please Take full responsibility for your dog. The city is not liable for any negative actions (such as dog bites, injury, death or other) which occur in the dog run or other public spaces.
- · Please clean up after your dog.
- Dogs must have had 3 vaccines (including rabies), within the past year.
- Do not use the dog run while your dog is in heat.
- · No food, drinks or smoking are allowed inside the dog run.
- · Children, 15 years and under, must be accompanied by an adult, when in the dog run.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

Your gracious cooperation as a smart pet owner will make you a better goodwill ambassador!







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