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Mochi-tsuki  
rice cake making



# Have Fun at Events in Your Community

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Bon-odori

Summer is the season for festivals such as the Tanabata Star Festival and other fun events like *bon-odori* dances and fireworks exhibitions. Friendly exchanges with local people is one of the best qualities of community events. Why not join the fun and participate in local festivals and events?

## Each town council/community group\* conducts various events throughout the year

**Check your local bulletin board for information on upcoming community events!**

\* Town councils and community groups: These are organizations composed of local residents. There are about two hundred town councils and community groups in Shinjuku City alone, and they carry out volunteer activities, such as events, anti-crime patrols and cleanup programs.



For other information and the latest updates, please scan the QR codes



Foreign-language SNS



Shinjuku City website

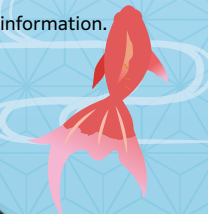
Besides information on events, you can also read announcements from the City Office and community information.

Anti-crime patrol



Cleanup program

Undokai sports festival



The next issue of *Shinjuku News* will be published in November 2023. *Shinjuku News* is available at various public facilities, including the Shinjuku City Office, Shinjuku Multicultural Plaza, Branch Offices and public libraries.



## Special Feature Community Events

The Shimo-Ochiai town council “Chikyukai,” based in Shimo-Ochiai of Shinjuku City, held a *bon-odori* dance festival last year with the cooperation of Sendagaya Japanese College. In this issue, we’ll spotlight scenes of that festival.

The festival was bustling with people



### Foreign students also joined in the fun

interview

#### Community Event Becomes an Opportunity for International Exchange

The *bon-odori* dance festival was an ideal opportunity for students looking for friendly exchanges with Japanese people and to speak in Japanese. Since most of the students live in Shinjuku City, I think it was also an excellent chance for people in the community to get to know them.



**Akaru Yamazaki**  
Instructor  
Sendagaya Japanese College



interview

#### Understanding Multiculturalism through *Bon-Odori* Dancing

We hosted a *bon-odori* dance festival last year for the first time in three years. Unlike previous festivals, we created a booth for Sendagaya Japanese College, and many foreign students came. The friendly exchanges between local people and the foreign students left a deep impression on me. I hope we can hold various activities that foreign residents will enjoy as well.



**Yoshihito Horiuchi**  
Chairperson  
Shimo-Ochiai town council  
“Chikyukai”

#### The popular *yakitori* (skewered chicken) corner



information



### Would You Like to Work at a Company in Shinjuku City?

Job-hunting support is available for everyone who lives, works or goes to school in Shinjuku City. There are also various events, such as seminars, joint corporation explanation gatherings and internship programs, as well as consultation services on job-hunting in various languages. For more information, please visit the Shinjuku City website.

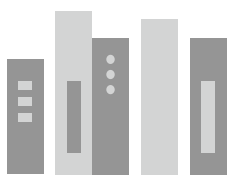
**Inquiries: Consumer Life and Employment Support Division**  
**Tel: 03-5273-3925** (in Japanese)



### Did You Know? Wearing a Helmet While Cycling Is Strongly Urged!

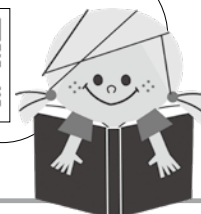
As of April 1, the amendment to the Road Traffic Act is strongly urging all bicycle riders to wear helmets. Head injuries are responsible for about 60 percent of all bicycle-related fatalities. To protect precious lives—yours and those you love—please use them.

# Check Out Your Local Library!



Shinjuku City has ten libraries. Did you know that anyone is free to use them? Those who are using a library for the first time may have questions like “How do I borrow a book?” or “What can you do at libraries?” In this issue, we’ll describe the basic services available, borrowing procedures, and library events that you can enjoy with children.

This article includes information from last year. Please scan the QR code for information on upcoming events.



## Main library services

### Borrowing service

You can borrow most of the books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and picture books on the library shelves.

#### POINT

You must have a library card to borrow books and other materials.

For more information, please scan the QR code



### Reservation service

If the item you are looking for is already on loan to someone else, you can make a reservation.

#### POINT

Making a reservation via the Internet is convenient. You can also use the search engine to locate books and magazines.

For more information, please scan the QR code



### Reference service

If there is item you want or if you are looking for other information, the library can help you.

#### POINT

Please ask the library staff at the service counter.

For more information, please scan the QR code



## Event information

Each library conducts event so that children can know the joy of reading. Participation is free. Come join the fun!

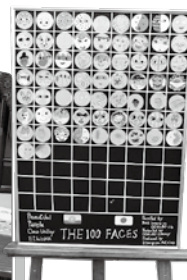
### Tsurumaki Library



◀ The library is decorated with colored strips of paper that have wishes written on them, as well as with *origami* decorations to celebrate the Tanabata Star Festival.

▶ An Event with storytelling in Arabic and an introduction to Egyptian culture

### Okubo Library



▲ An exhibit showing face-painting of minority ethnic groups of Ethiopia

### Nakamachi Library



◀▲ Storytelling in French

### Toyama Library



◀ Storytelling with singing and musical instruments



Popular gigantic slide



**1 Chibikko Hiroba Plaza**

Chibikko Hiroba Plaza reopened last year in September. You can play together with your kids here.



**2 Jabu-Jabu Ike (Splash Pond)**

Splash Pond is place for kids to splash around in water that is 30 cm deep. Targeted users: Preschoolers and children of the primary grades of elementary school  
Dates: Mid-July through early September

**3 Himawari (Sunflowers)**

From mid-July through early August is the best time to enjoy the sunflowers, and you can see them from Jabu-Jabu Ike and the lawn area.



**4 Chobo-no Mori (Scenic Forest)**

This is a comfortable spot where you can enjoy a view of Shinjuku's subcenter while surrounded by natural greenery.  
Hours: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

2023 Shinjuku's Attractive Qualities

# Shinjuku Chuo Park

Shinjuku Chuo Park is so rich in natural greenery that it is hard to believe you're in the middle of the city. Everyone from children to adults can enjoy this park.

In this issue, we'll describe the attractive qualities of Shinjuku Chuo Park section by section!

**6 Lawn Area**

This expansive spread of green grass is relaxing and inspires a sense of freedom. Please note that the lawn area is closed for maintenance purposes during the period noted below.  
Planned closure dates: From early June through mid-July, and from early September through late September.

**7 Multipurpose Sports Plaza**

You can play futsal and basketball in this plaza.

**Multicultural Futsal Club**

If you are interested in joining the club, please feel free to call the number below.  
Days and hours: first and third Wednesdays of the month, 4 to 6 p.m.  
Inquiries: Shinjuku Chuo Park Management Office  
Tel: 03-3342-4509 (in Japanese)



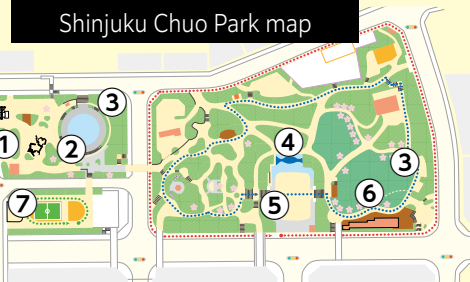
For more information on Shinjuku Chuo Park and events there, please visit the Shinjuku Chuo Park website or Instagram.



Website



Instagram



Location: 2-11 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku  
Access:  
- About ten-minute walk from Shinjuku Station on the JR, Odakyu, and Keio lines.  
- About five-minute walk from Nishi-Shinjuku Station on the Marunouchi Subway Line.  
- A one-minute walk from Tochomae Station on the Toei Oedo Line.

**5 Mizu-no Hiroba Plaza**

There are barbecues on holidays and a summer festival is being planned for August!

Now recruiting members!

Participation is free for foreign residents.

The participation fee for Japanese residents is ¥300.



At the 2022 summer festival