

Fukui City Newsletter

March 25th Edition

Folk Dancing Class

When: Sun. April 15th, 9:50am – 4pm

*Sign-ups begin at 9:20am

Where: Fukuishi Gymnastics

Target: Persons living in Fukui City

Details: Local dances and fun folk dancing

Fee: 300 yen (insurance fee included)

Items to bring: Indoor shoes, uchiwa (fan), hand towel, lunch, and mat

Phone: 090-4687-1487

33rd Fukui Cherry Blossom Festival

- **Opening Ceremony and Cherry Blossom Light-up Ceremony**

We will start with a Fukui tradition - manju (buns) giveaway. The front of JR Fukui Station will also be lit up in cherry blossom colors. Please join us!

Date & Time: March 31st (Saturday)

6pm-7pm

Place: Happiterrace (Happiring)

● Town Tour by Bus

Dates of operation: Every Saturday, Sunday & holiday starting March 31st

*Will operate every day during the cherry blossom season

Hours of operation: 10am to 6pm, every 10 mins

Route: JR Fukui Station East Exit => Kitanosho Castle Ruins Park => the Foot of Mount Asuwa Park => Mount Asuwa => Atagozaka => Hamamachi => Katamachi => Courthouse => History Museum => Fukui Castle Ruins => Fukui Station East Exit

Fare: ¥200 flat fare

Inquiries & Homepage: Keifuku Bus

0776-54-5171



● Echizen Asakura Itozakura Matsuri (Weeping Cherry Blossom Festival)

At the Ichijodani Asakura Ruins, various events will be

held for both adults and children to enjoy. Starting on April 6th (Friday) the weeping cherry trees will be lit up.

Date: April 7th (Saturday)

Place: Ichijodani Asakura Ruins

*In case of rain, the festival will be held at the Ichijo Town Hall (Ichijo Furusato Koryukan)

Inquiries: Asakura Conservation Association

0776-41-2330

● **Asuwa River Cherry Blossom Row Light Up**

The cherry blossoms along Asuwa River will be beautifully illuminated. This year there will be sections that will be lit up in 3 colors.

Date & Time: March 31st (Saturday) through April 15th (Sunday)

6pm to 9:30pm

Place: Asuwa River, left bank (Kobashi to Shin Akaribashi)

*On April 14th (Saturday) & April 15th (Sunday), a special 2-day illumination event will be held at Tsukumobashi

● **Asuwa River Bonbori Monogatari (Lantern Storytelling)**

Dokurakugin (poetry about life's simple pleasures) written on lanterns by junior high school students will be hung along the Asuwa Riverbank.

Date & Time: March 31st (Saturday) through April 15th (Sunday)

5pm to 9pm

Place: Asuwa River, left bank (Kobashi to Tsukumobashi)

● **Mount Asuwa Hanami Bonbori (lanterns lit for cherry blossom viewing)**

Enjoy a fantastic night under the cherry blossoms lit by lanterns

Date & Time: March 31st (Saturday) through April 30th (Monday, holiday)

6pm to midnight

Place: Mount Asuwa

● Free Seedlings

Date: April 14th (Saturday)

Place: Happiterrace (Happiring)

Details: Rhododendron – 11 am, first 250 people

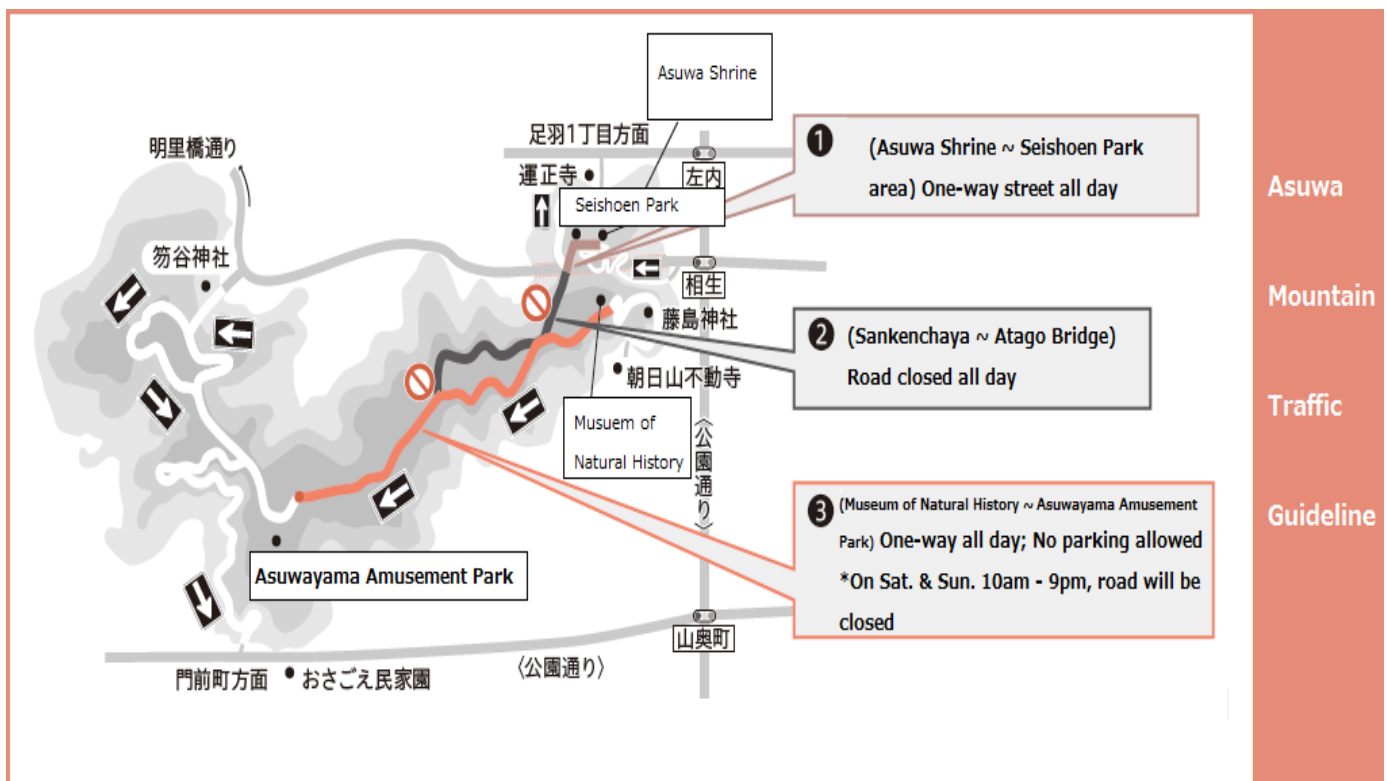
Camellia – 1:30pm, first 250 people

Inquiries: Forestry and Fisheries Department

0776-20-5430

Asuwa Mountain Traffic Guideline

From Sat. April 7th to Sun. April 15th, certain roads in Asuwa Mountain will be affected. For inquiries, call 0776-34-0621.



Echizen Historical Parade

Warriors and princesses from the Warring States Period will walk through Fukui Castle. This year, the stunning troop of women is a must-see. Also, keep an eye out for a lively group of Fukui City residents, who are marching in the parade for the first time.

Date & Time: April 14th (Saturday)
1pm to 5pm

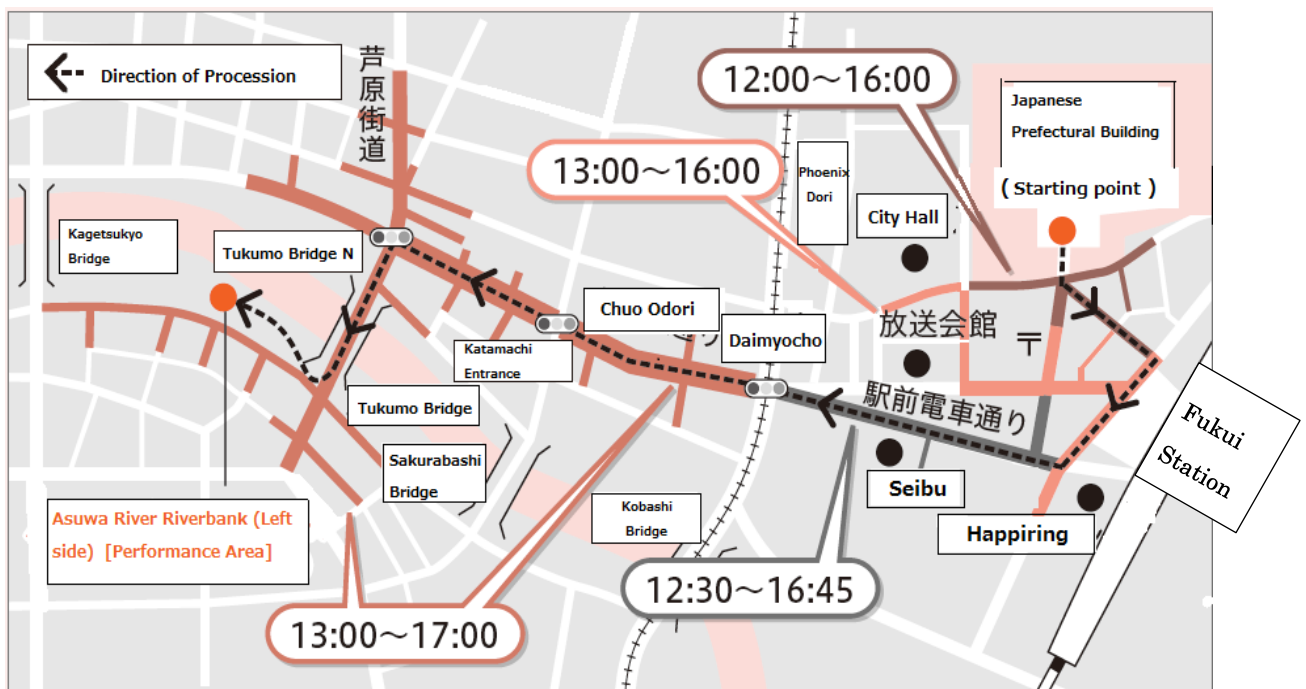
Route: Fukui Prefectural Building => Front of Happiring => Train Road (the street adjacent to Fukui Station with tram tracks that run towards Seibu) => Tsukumo Bridge => Asuwa Riverbanks (approx. 1.8km)

Special Appearances: **Kunihiro Shimizu** (Fukui native, volleyball player) as Shibata Katsuei; **Masako Shintani** (Fukui Representative to the 2018 Miss Universe Japan pageant) as Oichinokata.

Inquiries: Hospitality and Tourism Department
0776-20-5346



- ◆ Traffic regulations during the Echizen Historical Parade
Traffic will be regulated along the route and the surrounding areas. Since it will be extremely crowded, please use public transportation. Please note that on some routes, the Fukutetsu Tram, Fukutetsu Bus, Keifuku Bus and Community Bus Smile will operate on a different schedule. In addition, the prefectural office premises are closed to the public except for parade officials, staff & participants. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Atagozaka Illumination

Please enjoy springtime in Fukui City. Atagozaka will be lit up with 140 candle lamps

Date & Time: March 31st (Saturday) through April 15th (Sunday)

6:30pm to 9:30pm

Place: Atagozaka (Mount Asuwa, north side)

*Event may be canceled in case of inclement weather

Inquiries: Cultural Promotion Division

0776-20-5367

Events:

- **Atagozaka Hanami Rakugo (flower-viewing and comic storytelling)**

By the Tachibana Akemi Literature Memorial Museum's exhibit, "Writers and Cats", there will also be performances by cats.

Date & Time: April 8th (Sunday)

Day session: 2pm-3pm

Night session: 4pm-5pm

Fee: ¥100

- **2018 Atagozaka Cherry Blossom Concert with Hatao & Nami**

Date & Time: April 14th (Saturday)

5:30pm to 6:30pm

Target: Middle school students and older

Performances: Irish flute by Hatao

Irish harp by Nami

Fee: ¥500 (includes matcha)



General information for both events:

Place: Tachibana Akemi Literature Memorial Museum

Max. No. of Participants: 60 (first come, first served)

*Tickets are issued an hour before the shows

Inquiries: Tachibana Akemi Literature Memorial Museum

0776-35-1110

- **Spring Concert at the Fukui City Griffis Museum**

Schedule: Piano & Clarinet Performance – April 7th (Saturday), 4pm to 4:45pm

Soprano, Flute & Piano Performance – April 14th (Saturday), 4pm to 4:45pm

Place: Fukui City Griffis Museum

Max. No. of Participants: 20 seats (standing room available)

Inquiries: Fukui City Griffis Museum
0776-50-2911

Night Museum - Astronomical Observation Event

The museum will be open at night during the cherry blossom season. From the rooftop you can see the city lit up by the illuminated cherry blossoms. If the weather is clear, there will also be astronomical observations from the rooftop observatory.

Date and Time: April 7th (Saturday) & April 8th (Sunday)

6:30pm to 9pm

Location: Natural History Museum

Inquiries: Natural History Museum
0776-35-2844



Exhibit: Let's Go to the Moon

What difficulties or challenges are faced when traveling to the moon? Let's play Sugoroku-style game and set our sights on the moon.

Date: Until April 9th (Monday)

Holidays: Every Tuesday, every 2nd Wednesday, weekday after a holiday

Place: Seiren Plant (Happiring, 5th floor)

Entry fee: High school and college students - ¥300

General admission - ¥400

Middle school students and younger, those over 70 years of age, people with disabilities and their guardians - Free

Inquiries: Seiren Planet
0776-43-1622



Best Viewing of Venus: Astronomical Observation Event

It's the best time of the year to have a look at Venus, as well as the stars that shine brightly in the winter & spring.

Date & Time: April 5th (Thursday)

7pm to 8pm

(In the event of rain, the event will be canceled)

Place: JR Fukui Station West Exit, Dinosaur Area

*Please go directly to the venue

Inquiries: Seiren Planet

0776-43-1622

Music Hour at the Dome Theater: The World of Anime

Songs that will remind you of scenes from certain animated films will be played. Listen and let your imagination run wild.

Date & Time: Every Friday, Saturday & day before a holiday starting April 6th (Friday)

5:30pm to 6:15pm

Place: Seiren Planet

*There is an admission fee to the Dome Theater

Inquiries: Seiren Planet

0776-43-1622



Yokokan Garden's Spring Tea Ceremony

While viewing Yokokan Garden, why not enjoy some tea and Japanese sweets in the moon viewing room?

Dates: Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from April 7th (Saturday) through May 13th (Sunday)

*Excludes April 22nd (Sunday), May 6th (Sunday) & May 12th (Saturday).

*There will be days when matcha and/or sencha will be served.

Time: 10am to 4:30pm

*Tickets for the tea ceremony will be sold until 4pm

Place: Yokokan Garden

Fee: ¥500 (includes a pastry)

*Admission to the garden is separate

*On April 15th (Sunday) entry to the garden is free.

Inquiries: Cultural Promotion Division
0776-20-5367

Free Early Morning Admission to Yokokan Garden

Why not enjoy a refreshing early morning stroll around the garden?

Date & Time: April 1st (Sunday) through
September 30th (Sunday)
6am to 8:45am

Place: Yokokan Garden

*Only the east gate will be open. The building will be closed off. Only walking through the perimeter of the garden is permitted. An entry fee will be charged starting at 9am.

Inquiries: Cultural Promotion Division
0776-20-5367



Library Spring Break Events

- **Exciting Books for Spring Reading**

We will lend out sets of 2 books recommended and packaged by theme. They will be wrapped like fukubukuro (lucky bags), so please choose your favorite theme.

Date: April 1st (Sunday) through April 30th (Monday, holiday)

Place: Sakuragi Library

Target: 4 year olds to elementary school students

- **Children's Spring Break Movie Screening**

Date & Time: April 4th (Wednesday)

1:30pm to 3pm



Place: Miyama Library

Target: 5 year olds to elementary school students

Details: *Walking with Dinosaurs* will be shown

- **Let's Make It with Felt**

Make a four-leaf clover card and write a year's worth of goals and wishes. Books about the four-leaf clover will be introduced and read.

Date & Time: April 5th (Thursday)
2pm to 3pm

Place: Sakuragi Library

Target: 5 year olds to elementary school students

Max. no. of participants: 20 (first come, first served)

Inquiries

Sakuragi Library 0776-20-1530

Miyama Library 0776-90-1700

Spring Sports Classes

- **Invigorating Gymnastics Exercise Classes**

Date & Time: Every Tuesday from May 8th through July 10th (10 classes)
10am-11am

Max. no. of Participants: 200 (chosen by lottery)

- **Genki Up Gymnastics Classes - Increase Your Vigor**

Date & Time: Every Thursday from May 10th through July 19th (a total of 10 classes)
7:30pm to 8:30pm

Max. no. of participants: 100 (chosen by lottery)



General Information:

Place: City Gymnasium

Target: Fukui City residents and commuters
Students 18 years and older

Details: rhythmic gymnastics using big movements

Fee: ¥1500 (includes insurance premium)

Registration: Postcards or emails with your basic information and gender must arrive by April 5th (Thursday) the latest.

*If you registered by email, and you haven't received an email confirmation after a week, please contact us.

Inquiries & Registration: Fukui City Hall

Sports Division

910-8511

Telephone: 0776-20-5355

Email: sports@city.fukui.lg.jp

Target Bird Golf: Cherry Blossom Tournament

There will be individual and pair competitions.

Date & Time: April 15th (Sunday)

8am to 3pm

(In case of rain, the tournament will go on as planned. In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.)

Place: Fukuishi Sports Park (Yasuda-cho)

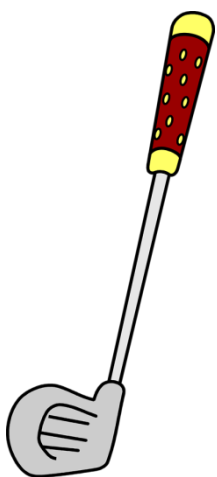
Target: Fukui City residents, commuters & students

Fee: ¥500 (includes insurance and lunch)

Items to bring: Pitching wedge, moving mat (You can also rent them)

Inquiries: Fukui City Bird Golf Association

090-2122-5517



Mallet Golf Lessons

Date & Time: Every Wednesday from May 9th through June 20th, June 28th (Thursday) [8 lessons]

9:30am to 12pm

Place: Fukuishi Sports Park (Yasuda-cho)

Target: Fukui City residents, commuters and students

Max. no. of Participants: 30 (chosen by lottery)

Fee: ¥3000 (includes insurance)

Registration: Postcards with your basic information and gender, must arrive by April 20th (Friday)

Registration and Inquiries: Fukui City Mallet Golf Association

Masayoshi Shingo
21-43 Nishitani-cho
Fukui City, Fukui 918-8022
Tel: 090-5685-9254



Boys' Festival & Yoroikizome Exhibit

On display will be the armor and helmet worn by Fukui's 11th feudal lord, Shigemasa Matsudaira, during *Yoroikizome* (ceremony in which a warrior wears his first armor); arts and crafts related to *Yoroikizome*, etc.

Date & Time: March 24th (Saturday) through May 6th (Sunday)

9am to 7pm (last entry at 6:30)

Holiday: April 16th (Monday)

Place: Fukui City History Museum

Admission fee: ¥210 (Middle school students and younger, those 70 years and older,

those with disabilities and their companions can enter for free)

Inquiries: Fukui City History Museum

0776-21-0489

Fukui Citizens Spring Orienteering Lesson and Tournament

Date & Time: April 15th (Sunday)

10am to 12pm (Reception from 9am-10am)

Place: Fukui Kenko no Mori (Makuri-cho)

Fee: Fukui City Residents ¥200

Non-residents ¥500

(Fee includes insurance; preschoolers can enter for free)

Registration: By phone

*Registrations will also be accepted the day of the event

*The orienteering lesson for beginners will start at 9:30am. Preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Inquiries & registration: Fukui City Orienteering Association (Suzuki Wakisaka) 0776-36-2790

