

# Let's work together to make our community a happier place to live



Neighborhood associations are carrying out various activities to contribute to the safety and security of the living environment. Join efforts to liven up your local neighborhood association!



For more information about your local neighborhood association, please contact the local citizen center in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood	Telephone	Neighborhood	Telephone
Tomisuhara	365-1136	Mie	331-3276
Tomida	365-1141	Agata	326-0001
Yasato	365-0259	Tokiwa	351-1751
Shimono	337-0001	Yogo	321-2021
Oyachi	364-8704	Oyamada	328-1001
Hobo	339-0001	Suizawa	329-2001
Hazu	331-4465	Hinaga	345-3197
Kaizo	331-3284	Utsube	345-3951
Kyohoku	331-3787	Shiohama	345-2403
Kawashima	321-3020	Kawarada	345-5020
Kanzaki	326-2751	Kusu	398-3111
Sakura	326-2051	Chubu	354-0336

## Ordinance to Encourage Participation in Neighborhood Associations and Promote Activities is enacted

Yokkaichi City's Ordinance to Encourage Participation in Neighborhood Associations and Promote Activities was put into effect on April 1, 2020. This ordinance defines the roles of local residents, neighborhood associations and companies and the responsibilities of the Yokkaichi municipal government related to the participation of local residents in neighborhood associations to energize the activities of these associations.

Though participation in a neighborhood association is not compulsory, we hope you will appreciate the significance of such activities, participate, and become an active member of the community.

### Roles of local residents

- To participate actively and voluntarily in a local neighborhood association and its activities as a member of the community



### Roles of neighborhood associations

- To take the initiative in local activities as a leader of the community
- To regularly provide information about the operation of the association, including its internal control, regulations, budget, and financial results
- To train future leaders of the community



### Roles of companies

- To help employees participate in the activities of their respective neighborhood associations
- To give information on local neighborhood associations to new residents (This applies to real estate/homebuilding companies.)



### Responsibilities of the municipal government

- To cooperate with neighborhood associations
- To reduce the workload of neighborhood associations through collaboration among municipal departments
- To provide financial support to neighborhood associations
- To promote publicity and awareness-raising activities to encourage participation in neighborhood associations



# Participate in your local neighborhood association!

**Neighborhood associations play an essential role** in solving problems that affect everyday life and creating a pleasant living environment.

- Maintenance of outdoor security lamps
- Management of garbage collection points
- Support for elderly neighbors
- Management of community circulars and bulletin boards
- Holding of various community events

**Note!** These are some of the activities of neighborhood associations.

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# Activities of neighborhood associations

## For safety and security

**Note!**

Neighborhood associations are working to protect the safety and security of communities by conducting disaster drills, going on security patrols, maintaining outdoor security lights, and securing road traffic safety.



"Can children walk to and from school without meeting a suspicious person or having to pass through any dark and dangerous place? I'm concerned about their safety."

## For a clean community

**Note!**

Neighborhood associations are working to create clean and comfortable community environments by managing garbage collection points, cleaning roads and parks, and gathering local residents' requests for infrastructure improvements.



"I want to keep my neighborhood litter-free."

Garbage bag

## For mutual support

**Note!**

Neighborhood associations are committed to building a mutual-support community where appropriate support is offered to children and elderly people to ensure all residents live well and safely.



"I want to stay healthy for a long time. What if something happens to me?"

Please participate in the activities of your local neighborhood association!



## For easy access to information for daily living

**Note!**

Neighborhood associations are providing various information related to daily living through community circulars and bulletin boards.



"We just moved here recently. Where can we get information about daily living?"

## For healthy and happy living

**Note!**

Neighborhood associations organize various community events such as athletic meets and cultural festivals to deepen relationships among local residents.



"We want to know more about our community and be more closely connected with it."

## Ask Konyudo-kun



"Do I have to participate in the neighborhood association?"

"Please do!"

**Q** Is participation in a neighborhood association compulsory?

**A** No. Residents do not have to participate in a neighborhood association or its activities. It is entirely up to each resident to decide. However, as contributing to neighborhood associations helps to create a safe and comfortable living environment, the municipal government strongly encourages residents to participate.

**Q** What are the advantages of joining a neighborhood association?

**A** Neighborhood association members have more opportunities to meet neighbors and build friendships with them, making life more fun and comfortable. Also, members can easily obtain information on government and community services and activities through community circulars, etc. Mutual support with neighbors is invaluable in a crisis such as disasters and also helps to prevent the spread of damage.