



# Join Your Neighborhood Association

## Welcome to Kumagaya City

Residents' organizations called "Neighborhood Associations" are found in municipalities throughout Japan.

For example, Kumagaya City has approximately 360 neighborhood associations.

Neighborhood associations are engaged in a variety of activities depending on the region. Broadly speaking, these can be divided into activities that (1) promote community interaction/cohesion, and (2) tackle local issues.



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### What is a Neighborhood Association?

A neighborhood association is an organization through which residents work together to realize common goals, such as "making our city a better place to live," "creating a safe environment for children to play and learn" and "keeping the city we live in clean."

### How Do I Join?

Ask people in your neighborhood or contact the Secretariat of the Kumagaya City Neighborhood Associations Federation.

Neighborhood associations are funded by membership fees. The fee amount and the way to join vary depending on the neighborhood association.

Contribute to a more beautiful and livable neighborhood by joining a neighborhood association.

Many Kumagaya citizens are members of their local neighborhood association. We encourage non-Japanese residents to join as well.

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# What Does a Neighborhood Association Do?

Neighborhood associations undertake the following activities to ensure the comfort and safety of our neighborhoods.

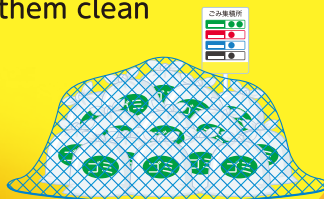
## Disaster Prevention

Drills to defend against natural disasters and fires



## Management/Establishment of Waste Collection Points

How to sort and dispose of waste, managing waste collection points and keeping them clean



## Crime Prevention

Neighborhood patrol and traffic safety guidance



## Environmental Beautification

Zero-waste initiatives and park clean-ups etc.



## Informing the Community

Mainly done through circular notices known as “kairanban” (a method of communication where a file containing newsletters and information about events etc. is passed along from neighbor to neighbor)



## Community Activities

Sport and cultural events such as festivals that promote social interaction among locals



※The activities of neighborhood associations vary depending on where you live. Some neighborhood associations may not offer the activities described here.

- Get acquainted with your neighbors to enable you to notice unfamiliar faces wandering around your area, leading to a safer and more secure neighborhood.
- Help each other out in disasters, accidents and emergencies.
- Get to know your local community by participating in activities together and cooperating to make the city a better place to live.

