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Population and No. of Households in Urayasu

Population: 171,335  
Male: 82,935  
Female: 88,400  
Households: 86,402  
Foreign Residents: 4,945  
(As of September 30, 2024)

Road Bicycle Race Festival

# Urayasu Criterium

The Urayasu Criterium will be held for the first time!  
Come watch or participate in this race that uses bicycles, which are familiar vehicles for everybody.

Date and time:

**November 30** (Sat.),  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location:

**Urayasu Beach Akemi and Hinode areas, Sogo Park**

Inquiries: Urayasu Criterium Executive Committee Office (within the Sports Section), Tel: 712-6819

Race categories

Class		Eligibility
General Division	Beginner	6 laps, 11.4 km
	Medium	8 laps, 15.2 km
	Challenge	10 laps, 19 km
JBCF Division	Y1 + Y2	JBCF registered riders for each class
	M	
	F	
	E1	20 laps, 38 km

Note: For more information about the skill levels required for each class, please visit the Urayasu Criterium website (<https://urayasu-criterium.com>).

Events at Sogo Park

- Balance bike experience
- Sale and maintenance of bicycle-related products
- Food trucks
- Race screening on a LED truck

Sogo Park

Start/  
Finish

Chicane

U-turn 1

U-turn 2

Memorial Park

Tokyo Bay

Race description

The event will have two divisions, the general division and Japan Bicycle Club Federation (JBCF) division. Participants will be further divided into classes such as Beginner and Challenge to compete. The criterium course, specially designed for this first event of its kind in the city, is a circuit that goes through Urayasu Beach Akemi and the Hinode areas. The course in about 1,900 meters per lap and has two U-turns and a chicane (serpentine curve). The chicane forces riders to slow down and show spectators their bicycle handling skills, their strategies for keeping the lead, and their powerful acceleration once they complete the turn. Come feel the sea breeze and watch the riders' exhilarating skills as they ride along the seawall.



Held at the same time

## Chari Festival

The aim of this event is to teach bicycle traffic rules, manners and safety in a fun and casual manner to participants and to decrease bicycle traffic accidents.



Inquiries: Citizens Safety Measures Section, Tel: 712-6590



# Tokyo Bay Urayasu City Marathon



**Date and time** February 2 (Sun.), 2025, 8 to 10:30 a.m.  
(junior high school students start at 8:15 a.m.; elementary school students start at 8:30 a.m.)

**Location** Around Sports Park

### Awards

- Commemorative keepsakes and medals for first- to sixth-place finishers in each category
- Commemorative items (original T-shirts and hand towels) for all participants
- Record certificate for everyone who completes the race

Checkpoint	Time limit
5km	40 minutes
Goal	80 minutes

**Applications:** Apply through the RUNNET website (<https://runnet.jp>) by November 24 (Sun.).

**Inquiries:** Sports Section, Tel: 712-6819

### ▶ 10-km route

**Eligibility:** Those who live, work or go to school in Urayasu City 15 years of age or older (excluding junior high school students) and who can complete the race within the time limit; 2,000 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Fee:** 3,500 yen (1,500 yen for high school students)

### ▶ 10-km route (Hometown Tax quota)

**Eligibility:** Those who do not live in Urayasu City but have donated 14,000 yen or more, who are 15 years of age or older (excluding junior high school students) and who can complete the race within the time limit; 200 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

### ▶ 3-km route

**Eligibility:** Those who live, work or go to school in Urayasu City who are 5th grade elementary school students or older; 1,100 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Fee:** 2,500 yen (1,000 yen for elementary, junior high school and high school students)

### Workshops for Using the Sports Park Gymnasium and Chuo Martial Arts Gymnasium Training Rooms

**Eligibility:** Those aged 15 and older (excluding junior high school students).

**Note:** Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the workshop if it is not at full capacity. For more information about the schedule, visit the city website.

**Inquiries:** Bardral Urayasu Arena, Tel: 355-1110; Chuo Martial Arts Gymnasium, Tel: 380-2100



### Wash Your Hands Properly to Prevent Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning

The city enacted a handwashing ordinance in December 2021, and designated the 15th of every month as Handwashing Day. In addition, October 15 is Global Handwashing Day, designated by UNICEF and other organizations. Handwashing is an effective way to prevent infectious diseases and food poisoning that anyone can easily practice. Use this opportunity to think about your usual handwashing habits and learn proper handwashing to prevent infectious diseases and food poisoning.

**Inquiries:** Health Promotion Section, Tel: 381-9001



### SDGs Walking and Street Cleaning

**Date and time:** November 10 (Sun.), 9:30 a.m. to noon

**Note:** Please come to Shin-Urayasu Station Front Plaza.

**Application:** Send an email with your company name, name of all participants, and the representative phone number to the Urayasu International Friendship Association (UIFA; email address: [uifa@uifa-urayasu.jp](mailto:uifa@uifa-urayasu.jp)) by November 5 (Tue.).

**Inquiries:** UIFA Office, Tel: 381-5931



### Nihongo Café

**Date and time:** November 17 (Sun.), 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** International Center (within Shin-Urayasu ILMare)

**Capacity:** 30 people on a first-come, first-served basis

**Application:** Apply at the International Center (Tel: 306-5181) in person, by phone, or on the International Center website (<https://urayasu-ic.jp/>) from 9 a.m. on November 1 (Fri.).

**Inquiries:** International Center (Local Activities Promotion Section)



### City Hall Lobby Concert

**Date and time:** November 14 (Thu.), 12:15 to 12:50 p.m.

**Location:** Urayasu City Hall 1F (Civic Hall)

**Eligibility:** 40 people on a first-come, first-served basis

**Inquiries:** J:COM Urayasu Concert Hall, Tel: 382-3035 (Lifelong Learning Section)

### Collection Day for Used Kitchen Oil and Used Clothes/Rags

**Date and time:** November 13 (Wed.), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Urayasu City Hall 1F (Civic Hall)

**Note:** Please wash all used clothes and rags, and place the dry items in a transparent bag.

**Inquiries:** Garbage-Free Section, Tel: 712-6485

## A Stroll with the Mayor

### Ryu-no-higemo



Sakaigawa River, which runs through the center of our city, is beloved as a symbol of our city by our residents.

Our River and City Development Plan, a project to utilize the space along the Sakaigawa River, was registered in August under the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism's River and City Development Support System. We will work

with the prefecture to receive national support and continue to develop the area as a place that enriches the lives of residents and a symbol of our lively town.

While Sakaigawa River is known as a place for relaxation and an important part of the city's flood control, it also plays a role in maintaining the ecosystem.

Have you ever heard of the aquatic plant *ryu-no-higemo*? Commonly known as the sago pondweed in English, this perennial aquatic plant grows completely underwater in fresh water or brackish water. Its Japanese name, *ryu-no-hige* (dragon's beard), describes the long, narrow leaves. It is a very rare plant that is designated as Near Threatened (NT) on the Ministry of the Environment's Red List, which means it is at risk of shifting to Endangered depending on changes in its living conditions. It is

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

also designated as a protected species (Rank C) on the Chiba Prefecture Red List. It has only been discovered in a few places in Chiba Prefecture, and one of these is the area between the East and West sluices of the Sakaigawa River.

The plant was first discovered in the area in 2005. In a survey conducted in 2022, it was found that the distribution of the plant in the area had expanded. Experts cited the non-concrete river bottom, relatively shallow depth that allows sunlight to easily reach the bottom, and the minimal sewage inflow, as factors that contributed to its growth. It was also pointed out that it is rare for the plant to thrive in rivers surrounded by residential areas.

We will think about ways to protect nature such as *ryu-no-higemo*, while also thinking about Sakaigawa River's functions in our society when developing and utilizing the waterfront areas.

## Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule

Collection Area	Bottles/Cans/PET plastic bottles	Newspapers/Magazines
Nekozane, Kitazakae, Todaijima	Every Tue.	Every Mon.
Horie, Higashino, Fujimi, Maihama, Tekkadori 3-chome	Every Wed.	Every Sat.
Kairaku, Mihama, Irifune, Hinode, Akemi	Every Thu.	Every Mon.
Tomioka, Imagawa, Benten, Takasu, Minato, Tekkadori 1- and 2-chome, Chidori	Every Fri.	Every Sat.

\* Please put out your garbage between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. It is against the rules to put it out earlier or later than this designated time as it could become a nuisance in your neighborhood.

\* Bulky items will be collected separately on request by phone. Call the Bulky Items Reception Center ☎ 305-4000. For inquiries, contact the Garbage-Free Section ☎ 712-6467.

### FOREIGN RESIDENTS' ASSISTANCE DESK

Urayasu City provides consultation services concerning daily life such as medical, educational or job-related matters.

**HOURS:** 10 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. weekdays

**LANGUAGES:** English, French, Chinese, Polish, Russian and Japanese

**PHONE NUMBER & LOCATION:** 712-6910

Urayasu City Hall Local Activities Promotion Section

### Foreign Residents Advisory Corner

**Hours:** Every Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Languages:** English and Japanese

**Phone Number & Location:** 306-5181, International Center