

Join the Neighborhood Association

(a. k. a. *Chokai* or *Jichikai*)



What is "Chokai" or "Jichikai"?

Chokai and jichikai are voluntary community organizations that bring neighbors together to support and help each other. Members cooperate to promote the common good when it comes to security, disaster measures, environment cleanliness, and welfare, etc. through various activities within the neighborhood. Please do not hesitate to participate in your neighborhood association activities to help make a safe and comfortable community with your neighbors.

Examples of Annual Activities in *Chokai*/*Jichikai*

○ Crime and disaster prevention

Patrol your neighborhood to look out for crime and other suspicious activity. Organize voluntary disaster prevention measures and implement disaster prevention drills, so that everyone in the neighborhood can support each other smoothly when disasters (i.e. earthquake, flooding, and fire) strike.

○ Installing and maintaining anti-crime lights

Neighborhood associations take charge of installing and maintaining anti-crime lights in order to make streets safe even during nighttime.



○ Cleaning the neighborhood

Place and manage garbage stations, and clean parks and streets to provide the community a clean and comfortable neighborhood.



○ Welfare

Hold parties to celebrate the elderly, and cooperate in various fund-raising activities, etc., in order to support everyone in the community, including elderly people and those with disabilities, so that everyone can live a fulfilled life with

○ Other activities

Other various activities include distributing information from the local government ("Kairan-ban" circular notices, etc.) and partaking in support for the school events, etc., to create an atmosphere of mutual aid.

※ Contents of activities vary depending on each neighborhood association.

How to Join a Chokai/Jichikai



Please contact the neighborhood association in your area.

If you are unsure which organization you can join, please consult with the Citizen Autonomy Division of Matsudo City Hall, or your nearest City Branch Office.

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