

## Neighborhood Associations

Neighborhood associations (*chonaikai*) are voluntary associations of people of each community engaging in various activities to develop their community and improve welfare of residents.

They play a large role in community development and in order to encourage close contact between neighbors, mutual understanding, and mutual aid, they engage in the following activities:

- A. Environmental improvement and beautification  
Management of dumps, cleaning a street as one
- B. Safe community planning  
Disaster prevention, crime prevention, road safety
- C. Mutual understanding, recreation  
Festival, Sports days
- D. Social welfare  
Cooperation in various fundraising events
- E. Aid for various societies such as those organized for women, children and the elderly
- F. Contact and cooperation with government and municipal offices  
Delivery of PR brochures of the city /circulars and letters

It's optional for you to join the neighborhood self-governing association. The monthly membership fee differs for each association.

To join the association, ask your neighbors to introduce you to the local community leader.

**Inquires:** Neighborhood Security Division, Mishima City Hall Taisha-cho annex, 2F, 1-10 Taisha-cho, Mishima, 411-8666 (Phone: 983-2708)

Please bring along someone competent in Japanese.

