

Chiisai Shinbun 2020-2Q

A quarterly newsletter of the Japan-America Society of Vermont

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This newsletter is usually to let you know about the JASV events accomplished during the 2nd quarter (April, May and June) of 2020, but most of them were canceled this quarter.

We hope all of you are well. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, all of us have been forced to be under the social distance order and having financial, physical and emotional stress.

The JASV's activities are mostly based on social interaction. The social distance order is impacting our activities very badly. Once again, almost all the activities are canceled during the second quarter.

1. Japanese Class for Adults

The classes started from 2/17, but we stopped the classes from 3/17 after we had 4 classes. And then continued from 6/15. We owe 6 classes until 7/20. These classes are being driven in accordance with SMC directions. Since we have only 3 students in a classroom, social distance guideline is kept.

2. Japanese Class for Children

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic problem the Japanese Class for children was canceled this semester.

3. Cherry Tree Planting

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic problem, we canceled the cherry tree planting event at the Veteran's Memorial Park at South Burlington.

4. Manga Club (First Saturday of the Month)

As long as the social distance guideline order is active, we cannot have Manga Club in our office. All of the planned classes were canceled this quarter. (We may be able to start next quarter by renting a room at SMC.)

5. Summer Potluck Party and Annual JASV Meeting

This was scheduled at later June, but canceled due to the Social Distance guideline order.

6. One Day Library

We prepared the library to open up “One Day Library” at our new office, but we canceled it this quarter due to the Coronavirus pandemic problem. We may be able to open next quarter, but we should control the number of people in the office, probably a few people at a time. We are still working on how to run things regarding the guideline, which is a big challenge for us.

7. July 3rd Parade Participation in Montpelier

This was canceled. There was no parade at Montpelier this year.

8. Next Matsuri

Next Matsuri is planned for 3/28/2021 at Saint Michael's College. We hope that a vaccine will be ready by that time.

We think that all of you are suffering from the painful time of “Stay Home Order Guideline”. However, it is a good opportunity to do or accomplish what you always wanted to do if you have time, such as writing a book, painting, drawing Manga, practicing to sing songs, playing musical instruments, learn your second or 3rd languages, etc.

At the next Matsuri, we will let you display your accomplishments and let you perform on stage. Please utilize your precious and valuable time for possible way. Let's make this painful time productive, or let us know if you have other good ideas.

Best Regards

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