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This Week at Fleet Activities Yokosuka

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New Parking Structures Kick Off Multi-Year Quality-of-Life Transformation at Fleet Activities Yokosuka

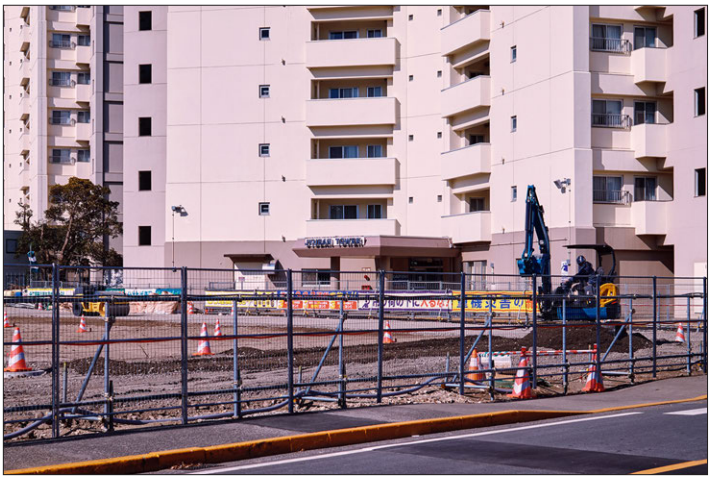
Story and photos by James Kimber CFAY Public Affairs

Construction is underway on two new multi-level parking structures at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY). This work signals the first phase of a broader multi-year installation development plan aimed at modernizing housing and community services across the installation.

The parking facilities are the leading edge of a series of interconnected projects, including "market-style" unaccompanied housing, a consolidated dining and recreation center, and other community support facility upgrades. Because construction laydown areas often occupy existing surface lots, leadership is prioritizing vertical parking to offset the footprint of future work sites.

"These parking structures are the linchpin that unlocks everything else," said Cmdr. Andrew Cotherman, CFAY's Public Works Officer. "Construction laydown areas directly impact available parking on the installation. By tackling that challenge first, we set the conditions to accelerate other projects that will directly benefit our Sailors and their families."

The increased parking capacity will support the eventual construction of four modern, market-style unaccompanied housing (UH) facilities. These buildings will add more than 860 rooms to the base inventory, replacing the legacy bachelor quarters with market-style modules. Each unit features two private bedrooms, two bathrooms, a shared living and dining area, a full kitchen, and in-unit laundry – a significant upgrade from legacy bachelor enlisted quarters.



Current work is focused on the first housing building near the Green Beach Pool on Clement Boulevard. Future sites include two buildings across from Kosano Park and a fourth is planned near the intersection of McCormick and Kincaid streets.

"The shift to market-style housing is a testament to the Navy's commitment to ensuring Sailors have access to comfortable, modern quarters while their ship is in port," said Esteban Abreu, CFAY's Navy Housing Director. "The goal is simple; give them the space to reconnect, rest, and recover before the next deployment."

Other upcoming developments include a new two-story facility at the intersection of C and Leahy streets. The building will house a new Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) bowling center and a Navy Exchange (NEX) food court, creating a centralized community hub for entertainment and dining.

Capt. Jonathan Hopkins, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, noted that the timing of these projects is a balancing act.

"We have the opportunity and the capability to move forward with all of these projects and more," said Hopkins. "But launching them all simultaneously would severely strain an already tight parking situation. By prioritizing the parking structures and staggering the remaining projects, we deliver improvements to the community as quickly as possible while minimizing the day-to-day impact."

The two structures will add more than 750 parking spaces

to the installation. The first, a four-level steel structure, will provide approximately 460 spaces for vehicles on the site of the former surface lot outside Kyuban and Jyuban towers.

"Today it looks like a big dirt lot, but the goal is to turn it into four decks of parking for the community," said Cotherman, noting construction has a targeted completion in 2027.

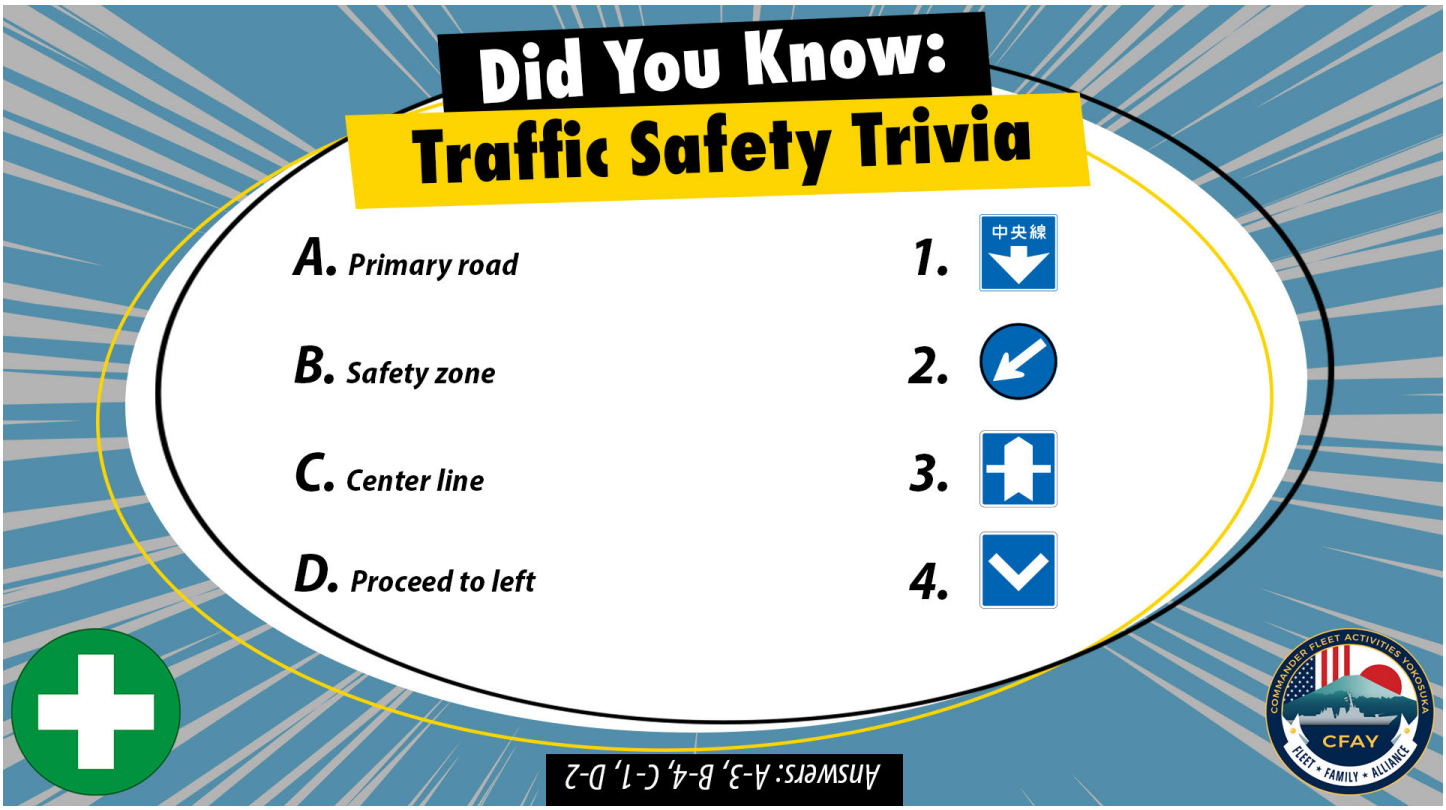
The second structure will add roughly 300 spaces in the triangular lot west of the main NEX building. Preparatory work, including the rerouting of high-voltage and steam utility lines, began last fall. This initial phase will clear the way for vertical construction to begin.

While leadership is sequencing construction to preserve access, some temporary parking closures are unavoidable. To mitigate the impact of construction laydown areas near the bowling alley and food court, CFAY has established two temporary stopping spots outside the parcel locker pickup area for quick package retrieval.

Community members can also play an active role in reducing parking pressure during the construction period by utilizing the Yoko-Pon shuttle, which runs approximately every 15 minutes and offers a convenient alternative to driving between facilities on base. Carpooling and ridesharing is another way to free up spaces in high demand lots.

For those who live off base, Japan's public transportation network provides a reliable and affordable option. Yokosuka-Chuo and Shioiri stations are within walking distance of the installation's main gates, and both Keikyu Railway and JR East lines connect the area to the broader Kanto region. CFAY's Public Affairs Office has published a public transportation guide as part of its #WelcomeAboardYokosuka campaign, available on the official CFAY website, to help community members navigate local routes.

For more than 80 years, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka has provided, maintained, and operated base facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward-deployed naval forces, tenant commands, and thousands of military and civilian personnel and their families.



American Red Cross Winter Classes

CPR Training, Basic Life Support, and Babysitting Basics

American Red Cross

All classes are blended learning classes. Classes may be added based on community need and instructor availability. Enroll today!

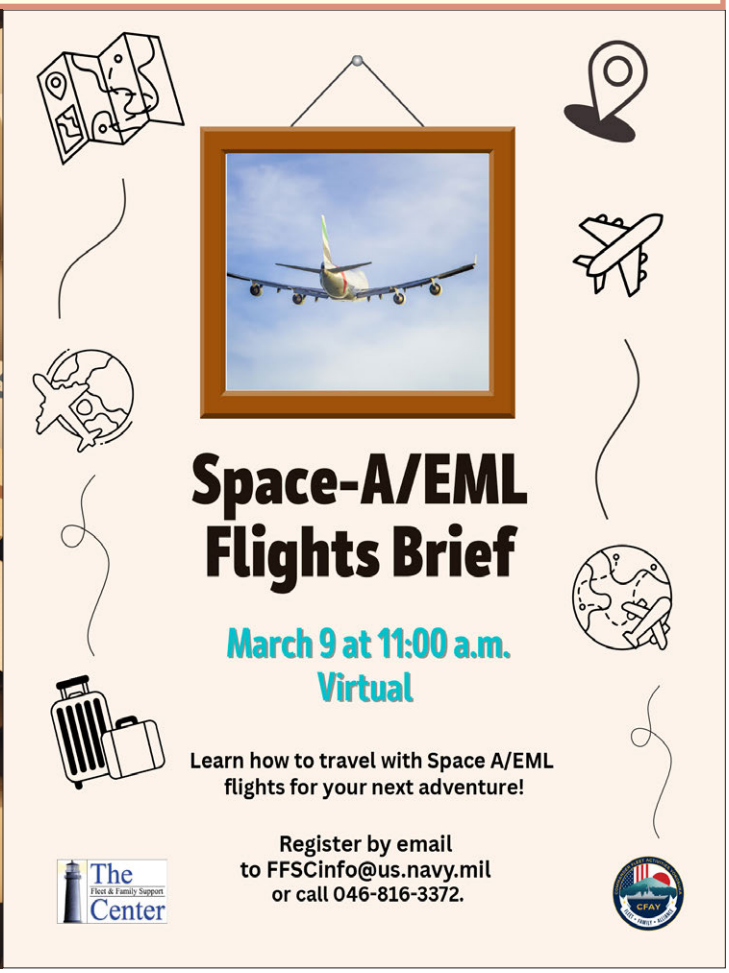
CPR/AED/First Aid Course ($18)

- Monday, March 2, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday, March 16, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 24, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Thuesday, March 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Babysitting Basics/Pediatric CPR ($18)

- Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Must attend both days.**

To register, email: Yokosuka@redcross.org with the class and preferred date/time. You will receive a payment link and be asked to send your receipt in order to guarantee a spot in the course.



YOUTH ICR

(INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS)

Moving to a new place can be overwhelming.
This class is designed to assist children transitioning to life in Japan by introducing them to the country's unique cultures and customs. It's a great opportunity for children to feel more comfortable and confident in their new environment.

CRC BLDG, 4th FL, RM. 443
Elementary
March 3rd at 2:30 P.M
Middle/High
March 10th at 2:30 P.M

The Fleet & Family Support Center

TO REGISTER: EMAIL FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil
OR CALL: 046-816-3372

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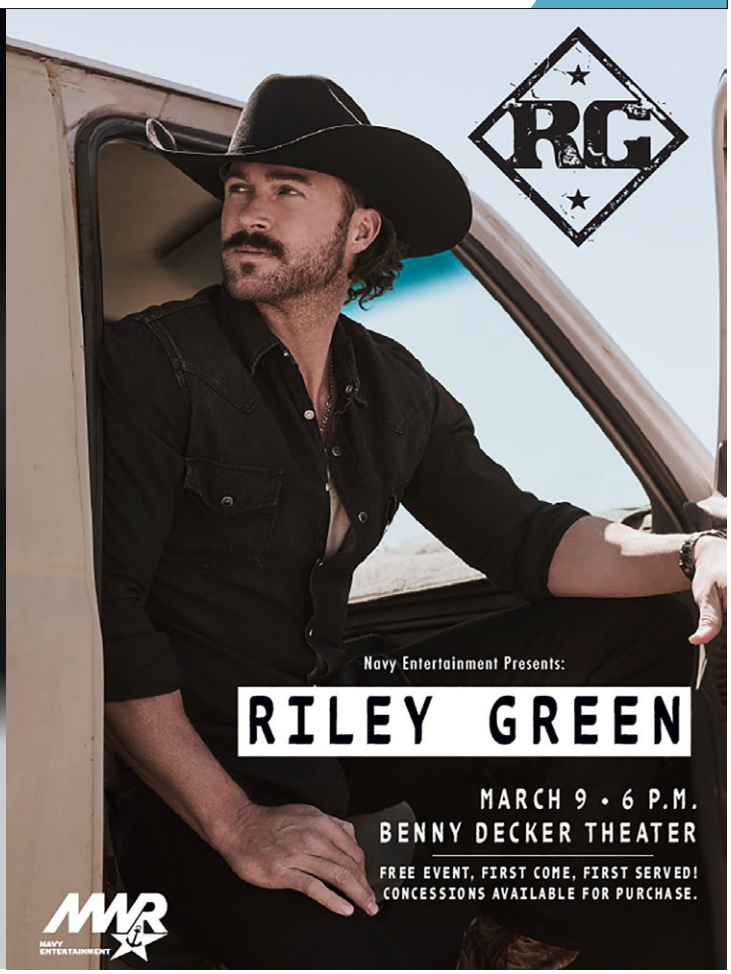


PROTESTANT COMMUNITY LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

18FEB - 1130

JEWISH CHAPEL AT CHAPEL OF HOPE

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

3APR - 1730

CHAPEL OF HOPE

EASTER SERVICE

5APR- 0930

BENNY DECKER THEATER

LENT and EASTER SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Catholic Community

Ash Wednesday Masses:	18 FEB @ 1200 and 1700
Fridays during Lent:	Mass @ 1700 and Stations of the Cross; Soup Suppers @ 1800
Holy Thursday:	Fellowship @ 1700; Washing of the Feet @ 1800; Mass @ 1900; Adoration @2000
Good Friday:	Service @ 1500; Stations of the Cross @ 1900; Tenabrae @ 1930
Easter Vigil Mass:	1900 - 2200
Easter Sunday:	Mass @ 0800 and 1110; Easter Picnic @ 1215

Adoration on Wednesdays

Confession on Saturdays

https://yokosukacatholic.org

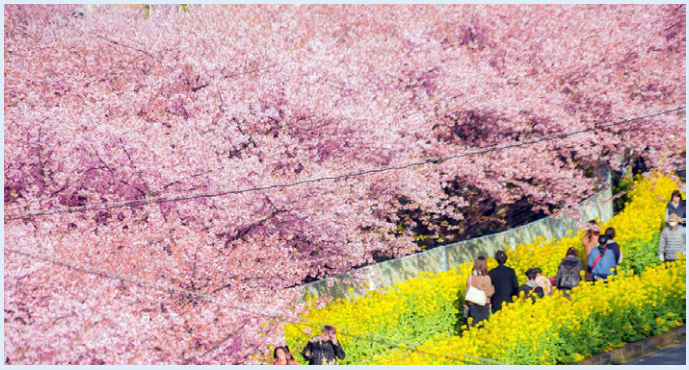
BEYOND THE GATE

Odawara Plum Festival

Until March 1 (Sunday)

Until 4 p.m. | Bessyo Plum Grove (15-minute walk from JR Gotenba Line Shimosoga Station, CB01)

Odawara Plum Blossom Festival is happening around Sōga Bessho Bairin, a grove of more than 35,000 plum trees. This famous festival gives visitors the chance to see the plum blossoms in full bloom. You can enjoy not only different types of plum blossoms, but also a clear view of Mt.Fuji. The other famous viewing spot in the surrounding area includes Odawara Castle (10-minute walk from JR Odawara Station, JT-16.

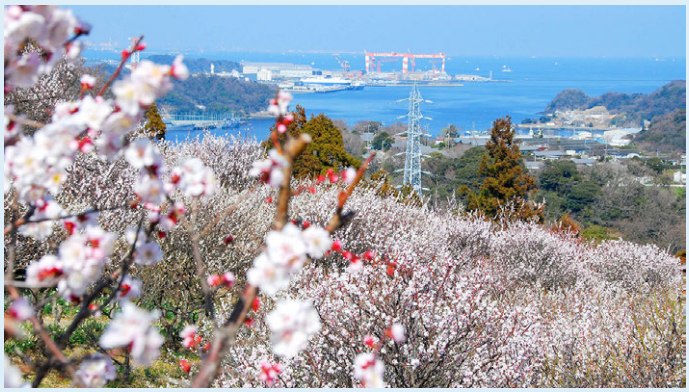


Miura Sakura Festival

Until March 3 (Tuesday)

Along the road from Keikyu Miurakaigan Station (KK-71) to Misakiguchi Station (KK-72).

Come see the Miurakaigan's Kawazu sakura trees. Enjoy Sakura Festival food such as cherry dorayaki (pancake-like confectionery), cherry rice cookies and radish shochu. The Kawazu cherry tree in front of the Miurakaigan Station is also illuminated.



Taura Plum Grove Festival

Until March 1 (Sunday)

Anytime | Taura Plum Grove, (25-minute walk from JR Taura Station, JO-04)

The Taura area wafts with the smell of blooming plum blossoms from mid-February to early March. Enjoy the hilltop scenery and view over Tokyo Bay. There will be various food booths on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at former Taura Elementary School (10-minute walk from JR Taura Station).

Strawberry Festival 2026

Until March 1 (Sunday)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse (15-minute walk from JR Kannai, JK-10 or Sakuragicho, JK11 Stations, 6-minute walk from Minatomirai Line Nihon Oodori, MM-05 or Bashamichi, MM-04 Stations)

The Yokohama Strawberry Festival showcases a wide range of ways to enjoy these delicious seasonal fruits. A number of vendors will be selling strawberry themed merchandise, including jewelry, key chains, umbrellas, and more. If that wasn't enough, the family-friendly event will also feature a strawberry shaped bounce house and playground for the kids. ¥500 for entry, but an additional fee applies.

https://www.yokohama-akarenga.jp/strawberryfes/

NEWS AND NOTICES

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS

Club Alliance is closed on Thursday, Feb. 26 in support of a command function. Normal hours of operation will resume on Friday, Feb. 27. Italian Gardens will remain closed until Monday, March 2.

PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Want to effect change and be a part of healthcare solutions that affect our Sailors and their families? Join the Patient and Family Partnership Council at U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka. Engage directly with hospital leadership in matters that concern the health and welfare of CFAY. Join us at the upcoming meetings.

- March 3 (Tuesday) from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the USNH Yokosuka Command Auditorium
- April 7 (Tuesday) from 4 to 5 p.m. in the library at the Community Resource Center

If there is a specialty or any medical personnel you are hoping to meet, please let us know so we can try our best to ensure attendance. You can also send in questions beforehand to our distro email: dha.yokosuka.yokosuka-nh.list.pfpc@health.mil

SHIPSHAPE 2026 8-WEEK WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Shipshape is a Healthy Lifestyle Change Program managed by USNH Yokosuka's Wellness Center.

Highlghts:

- Bodycomposition scans
- Nutrition and fitness coaching
- Expert-led classes
- SMART goal setting
- Supportive group environment

Dates for 2026 sessioons:

- April 17 - June 3
- July 8 - Aug. 26
- Sept. 16 - Nov. 4

Classes will be held Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. at Fleet Rec Center Room 323. Call 243-9776 or (046) 816-9776.

USNH YOKOSUKA PATIENT FAMILY INFLUENZA VACCINATION

USNH Yokosuka's Immunization Clinic will offer flu vaccines at the hospital during regular walk-in hours.

- All Eligible Patients (including Space A) Walk-In: From 8 to 10 a.m., Monday - Friday
- Active-Duty Only Walk-In: From 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday and Friday

VOLUNTEER WITH US

- Military Treatment Facility
- Disaster Team
- Special Events
- Office Support
- Youth Preparedness
- Youth Clubs

Email: yokosuka@redcross.org

ANIMAL VISITATION PROGRAM

If you have a dog, Red Cross Yokosuka needs you! For program requirements and questions, email: jacee.maldonado@redcross.org or yokosuka@redcross.org. All participating dogs must successfully complete the AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluation.

OFF BASE TRAFFIC CONTROL

- The roads between Miura Kaigan Intersection and Jyogashima Island (around Miura City) will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 1 due to Miura City International Marathon.
- The roads between Yokosuka City Hall Kitashitaura Branch and Kurihama Pier will be controled from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday, March 16 due to Kitashitaura Hometown Marathon.
- Significant traffic restrictions will be introduced in Shinjyuku, Chiyoda, Chuou, Taito, Sumida, Koutou, Minato and Bunkyo Wards whole day of March 1 due to Tokyo Marathon 2026.

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Yokosuka: Rickert Drive partial road closure to remove and install a new high voltage cable until March 31. Work will be conducted on the weekends to minimize impacts to the community.

- Radford Road partial road closure to remove and install a new high voltage cable until March 31.
- Gridley Tunnel closure. First closure (until February 2026) is for temporary high voltage power bypass. Second closure is for permanent high voltage power repairs. The second closure (from Feb. 1, 2026 to July 31, 2028) is only for vehicular traffic. Tunnel is open for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- The parking lot immediately in front of ATG is secured through 2027 in support of the NSST Shiphandling Trainer construction. Additionally, half of the 12-hour parking lot is also secured to support NSST construction material laydown and management.

Ikego: Imattumi Road partial closure for general excavation work until Dec. 30, 2026.

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