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## The Status in Margate

Margate, FL, November 3, 2005, 3:00 p.m.– Margate City Hall reopened for normal business hours as of Wednesday November 2, 2005. The city curfew has now been lifted. City damage assessments are estimated at \$100 million dollars. With the possibility of schools opening on Monday November 7, 2005 the city asks residents to help keep sidewalks free and clear for school children who use them as their school route.

The following is a status list for various city departments along with updates from some frequently asked questions.

**Power:** At last estimate, 80% of the power has been restored to the city.

**Traffic:** Of the 35 traffic lights in the city, 10 are working, five are flashing, and the rest are not working. City officials urge residents to drive with care.

**Building:** At this time, there are 289 dwellings in Margate that have been labeled as unsafe structures. If you are an owner of an unsafe structure register with your insurance company, the Red Cross and FEMA. The Margate building department will be open Saturday November 5, 2005 from 8 a.m.-12:00 to help residents with their needs.

**Hurricane Debris Removal:** At this point, crews have picked up and removed 41,000 cubic yards of hurricane vegetative debris. If debris is mixed with other trash crews will not pick it up. Please separate trash into three groups: horticultural debris (trees, leaves, etc), regular household trash and damaged property (gutters, screens, etc). Damaged property is not currently being picked up. Place vegetative debris in piles (not in plastic bags).

**Water/Sewer:** NO boil water notice, as usual. FPL now powers 36 of the 54 city lift stations.

**Busses:** The Margate Intercity Transit (MIT) bus schedule is now running the normal schedule.

### **Parks:**

\*The Grand Finale 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will likely be RESCHEDULED. Stay tuned to [www.margatefl.com](http://www.margatefl.com) for dates, times and details.

\* There will be a Veterans Day Memorial on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Veterans Park and Margate Marina located at the corner of N.W. 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace and N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

\*Baseball registration will occur as scheduled for this weekend, November 5-6<sup>th</sup>.

\* Now that sidewalks are largely passable and roads are clear of debris crews are prepping for the *tentative* opening of city parks for public use. A *tentative* reopening date of some city parks is set for Monday November 7, 2005. Call 954-972-6458 for updates or changes.

\*League Activities are limited – The city is working with the League representatives on restoration of damage to light structures and infrastructure. Contact your League representative for detailed information.

\*Both Community Centers (Leonard Weisinger and Charley Katz) remain closed to the public. A *tentative* reopen date is set for the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup>. Check with Parks and Recreation 954-972-6458 for updates.

**Senior Center:** The N.W. Focal Point Senior Center in Margate will reopen to the public on Monday November 7, 2005.

**Cable:** Per Comcast cable, 47.32% of homes in Margate have access to cable.

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