

MARGATE MATTERS



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As a Reminder..

Last month, we mentioned events and happenings that will take place in the City of Margate this month. Here's a quick reminder:



- **City's Learn-to-Swim Program Begins June 20th at Calypso Cove.** Taught by certified American Red Cross instructors, the summer Learn-to-Swim Program is offered in four, two-week sessions. Register early. Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. For information, go to margatefl.com/prec.

It's Hurricane Season; Are You Ready

We're officially in the 2016 hurricane season, which began on June 1st. Are you prepared? If you haven't made a hurricane plan for your family, gathered supplies, and you don't know what you'll do before, during and after a storm, then now is the time to fast-track your plan.

Before a storm threatens (now), you should develop your family's hurricane plan. A plan should include educating all members of the family about the dangers of a hurricane, creating a list of things that should be done before the storm, assessing your home for leaks or any vulnerable areas, deciding where you will go if you choose to evacuate, making plans for your pets, and gathering items for your family's hurricane kit. Here are items you should stock up on:

Hurricane Supply List (3-7 day supply minimum)

- Water – 1 gallon per person daily
- Food – non-perishable or canned. Include food for infants and elderly
- Toiletries – include hygiene items and moisture wipes
- Can opener – non-electric
- Paper plates and plastic utensils
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bag, clothing, rain gear, shoes
- First aid kit
- Snacks
- Prescription medicine – two weeks supply
- Special items for infants or the elderly
- Flashlight and radio (NOAA) with extra batteries
- Cash, keys, documents
- Toys, books, games
- Pet care items



To assist with hurricane preparedness, Broward County has released its comprehensive Hurricane Preparedness Guide. To review the Guide, go to Broward.org/Hurricane.

For more information, please visit margatefl.com/hurricaneprep.

Sign Up for CodeRED Emergency Notifications

The City of Margate uses CodeRED to send EMERGENCY notifications by phone, email, text and social media to keep citizens informed of evacuation notices, utility outages, water main breaks, fire or floods, or other emergency situations.

CODE RED

Keeping citizens informed.

The City may also activate CodeRED to send GENERAL notifications to registered subscribers to communicate non-life safety matters. There is no charge to register for or use CodeRED and your personal information will be kept confidential. Registering for CodeRED is quick and easy. Sign up at margatefl.com/codered.

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Mayor's First Fitness Challenge to be Held at Margate Elementary School

In an effort to promote fitness among our youth, City of Margate Mayor Tommy Ruzzano hosted the City's first ever **Mayor's Fitness Challenge** on Thursday, June 2nd at Margate Elementary School, located at 6300 NW 18th Street.

Third grade students, 176 in all, tested their physical fitness by competing in six different activities including jump rope, long and short runs, obstacle courses, and various races. According to Margate Elementary School Principal Thomas Schroeder, this Challenge tested the skills the students have been working on all school year in their physical education classes.

"This partnership with the City of Margate and Mayor Ruzzano is a wonderful one, and our goal is to encourage our children to be more in tune with their health and fitness levels," Schroeder said. "We're excited to have been a part of this inaugural Mayor's Fitness Challenge especially because the students have been working on their fitness all year and doing an in-depth study of the Olympics, so this just brings it home for them."



Mayor Tommy Ruzzano

Each participating student received a Mayor's Fitness Challenge t-shirt and a certificate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each event, girls and boys, received medals.

For Mayor Ruzzano, hosting this event was especially important because the rate of childhood obesity continues to increase. According to the Center for Disease Control, the percentage of obese children aged 6-11 years in America increased from 7 percent in 1980 to nearly 18 percent in 2012. Mayor Ruzzano wants his message to all Fitness Challenge participants to resonate well beyond the day of the event: **Live a healthier lifestyle by being physically fit.**

"I know this is our first, and it's a pilot program, but I'm going to do whatever I can to ensure physical fitness is an integral part of every child's life in Margate. We can't just sit around and allow these statistics to continue growing," Mayor Ruzzano said. "We need to provide more opportunities for our youth to be more active. Instead of watching TV and playing video games, maybe the family can go outside and play together. Our kids are our future, and we need to let them know we care about their well-being." **Stay tuned to the July issue of Margate Matters. We'll showcase event photos from the Mayor's Fitness Challenge.*

Know the Code! Permanent Landscape Irrigation Restrictions In Place

As a reminder to all residences and businesses, watering your lawn has restrictions that are permanently in place.



In order to conserve water, it is important to follow the restrictions and limit watering your lawn and landscapes to two days per week between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. based on your street address as follows:

- Odd addresses may water Wednesdays and/or Saturdays only.
- Even addresses may water Thursdays and/or Sundays only.

Do not apply more than one inch of water during each irrigation cycle. For newly planted landscapes (up to 90 days after planting), more days of watering is allowed but still only before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Hand watering and irrigating with reclaimed or captured rainwater (i.e. rain barrel) is also exempt from the restrictions. Please visit margatefl.com/waterrestrictions for more information.

Margate-Coconut Creek Firefighters Benevolent Scholarship Available; Apply Now

The Margate-Coconut Creek Firefighters Benevolent Association is offering a \$500 scholarship to an individual who is studying to become a firefighter, EMT or paramedic. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Friday, July 15th.

Offered twice a year, the Margate-Coconut Creek Firefighters Benevolent Scholarship Program was created to improve the fire service through the continuation of study in fire science and emergency medical services. Candidates who are interested in applying must be a Broward County resident, a high school graduate (or possess a G.E.D.), and have been accepted to an institution offering programs in Firefighting, EMT, or Paramedic.

To complete the brief online application, go to mfdba.org.



Congratulations are in order! The Margate Fire Explorers Team "A" recently won 1st place in the 16th Annual Fire Explorer competition in Coral Springs. They competed against 11 other teams.

Upcoming Events

City Set to Host a Spectacular 4th of July Celebration with Parade, Concert and Fireworks

In honor of Independence Day, the City of Margate and the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (MCRA) are hosting the annual Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks Celebration on Monday, July 4th. The celebration will begin at 9 a.m. with the City's popular parade followed by a post-parade picnic and an evening concert. The festivities culminate with a spectacular fireworks show at 9 p.m. at Margate Boulevard and 441.



4th of July Parade

With more than 70 parade entries each year, the City's 4th of July Parade is sure to be a huge hit! It's become an annual tradition for many families, who line the parade route dressed in patriotic colors and wave the American Flag.

Beginning at 9 a.m., decorated floats, marching bands, community groups, old-fashioned vehicles and much more will parade down Margate Boulevard eastbound from 76th Avenue to Margate City Hall. Awards will be given to a private business, non-profit organization and a Margate family. Immediately following the parade, the MCRA will provide post-parade refreshments and bounce houses at City Hall.

9 – 11:30 a.m.



Calypso Cove

Calypso Cove - the City's water park featuring a plunge pool, a swimming pool and a zero-depth activity pool and play structure – will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for Margate residents and \$7 for non-residents.

10 – 5 p.m.

4th of July Extravaganza

Come out early for the City's 4th of July Extravaganza. The festivities begin at 5 p.m. with food, bounce houses, and family-friendly activities at the corner of Margate Boulevard and 441 (northwest corner). The concert begins at 6 p.m. and the fireworks display will begin at 9 p.m.

5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Road closures

- 6 a.m. - 1 p.m.: The eastbound lanes of Margate Boulevard from 76th Avenue to Margate City Hall will be closed to vehicular traffic.
- 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.: Margate Boulevard, from the Clock Tower to State Road 7, will be closed.
- 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.: State Road 7 will be closed from Atlantic Boulevard to Coconut Creek Parkway.

For more information about the 4th of July celebration, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (954) 972-6458 or visit margatefl.com.

Register Now for Youth Dance/Cheerleading/Gymnastics

Now in its 10th year at the City of Margate's Leonard Weisinger Community Center, Joy Deco Enterprises offer a variety of dance classes year round for youth 4 to 12 years of age.

Registration is open for summer sessions, which begin July 6th. Ballet, Hip Hop/Jazz, Cheer and Gymnastics classes are designed to introduce children to the world of dance and teach them basic dance steps while having fun and showing off their creative side.

All classes take place Wednesday evenings with Ballet and Jazz from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., Hip Hop/Jazz and Cheerleading from 6:15 to 7 p.m., and Gymnastics from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Each session is four weeks and cost \$45/session. Registration is \$15.

To register or for more information, please visit joydecoenterprises.com or call (954) 971-9917.



SAVE THE DATES!

WE KNOW YOU'VE MISSED IT! MARGATE UNDER THE MOON WILL BE BACK, SOON. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER!

MARGATE UNDER THE MOON

- AUGUST 13TH
- SEPTEMBER 10TH
- OCTOBER 8TH
- NOVEMBER 12TH

FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING

LOCAL BUSINESSES, FOOD TRUCKS, THE MOON, LOCAL ARTISTS, DRINKS, ACTIVITIES

ON THE NW CORNER OF MARGATE BLVD & 441
MARGATEUNDERTHEMOON.COM

Important Chlorination Notice

To maintain high water quality in the City's water distribution system, the City of Margate Water Treatment Plant is changing its treatment process temporarily to increase the level of chlorine disinfection. Consumers may experience an unusual chlorine taste or odor in the tap water during this period, but these temporary conditions will not cause adverse health effects. This proactive measure prevents bacterial growth in the water mains and keeps the water safe for potable uses. We regret any inconvenience you may experience during this period.

THIS CHANGE IN TREATMENT WILL BEGIN JULY 28 AND CONTINUE THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2016.

Customers with special needs should be aware of potential problems with their equipment and systems (e.g., kidney dialysis machines) during this period. In addition, owners of aquariums and holding tanks for fish and shellfish should be aware that this temporary change in our disinfection process may be harmful to aquatic life if not properly addressed. Any such impacts will begin to diminish when the City reverts to the normal disinfection method on Friday, August 19, 2016. Users are encouraged to contact an appropriate professional for guidance on operating their equipment/systems/aquariums during this period.

If you pay water bills for a condominium or rental property, (residential and commercial), please notify your residents and/or tenants accordingly. To obtain additional flyers free of charge, or if you need more information about this temporary change in treatment process, please contact the City of Margate, Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES), at (954) 972-0828.

REDDY CHITEPU, P.E., DIRECTOR, DEES

At Your Fingertips...

Emergency	911
Police/Fire Non-Emergency Line	(954) 764-HELP (4357)
City Hall	(954) 972-6454
Building	(954) 970-3004
DEES*	(954) 972-0828
Neighborhood Policing (Code)	(954) 972-1232
NW Focal Point Senior Center	(954) 973-0300
Parks and Recreation	(954) 972-6458
Public Works	(954) 972-8126
Waste Management	(954) 974-7500
Water Billing Customer Service	(954) 972-6454

*Department of Environmental and Engineering Services

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Be in the Know!

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Fight the Bite!

Residents are encouraged to take every precaution against mosquitoes, as they potentially carry the West Nile and Zika viruses. To help prevent the breeding of these mosquitoes, drain any standing water in your yard - from garbage cans, pool covers, flower pots, or any container where sprinkler or rain water is collected.



The City's **Public Works Department** sprays for mosquitoes year round, however, should you experience a problem with the pesky pests, please call (954) 972-8126, ext. 14. City personnel, who are professionally trained and licensed by the Florida Department of Agriculture, will conduct a special spraying in your area.

Water Quality Report Coming Soon

COMING SOON! Beginning June 9th, the City of Margate's 2015 Water Quality Report will be available online at margatefl.com/ccr2015. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To have a report mailed to your home, submit your name and address to the **Dept. of Environmental & Engineering Services** via:

Web: margatefl.com/ccr2015
Email: dees@margatefl.com
Phone: (954) 972-0828
Fax: (954) 978-7349
Mail: 901 NW 66th Ave., Margate, FL 33063

Sexual Predator Database

Did you know you can search the Florida Department of Law Enforcement database to find out if a sexual offender or predator lives near you? Search and sign up for e-notifications at offender.fdle.state.fl.us.

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