

MARGATE MATTERS



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As a Reminder...

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

- The next **In the Biz Tuesdays** event is **June 27th from 6-8 p.m. at Zuccarelli Pizza, located at 7320 W. Atlantic Blvd.** Hosted by the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency, this free event series promotes awareness of Margate's unique and diverse small business community.

On July 25th, the event features the Keg King at 952 S. SR 7.

For more info, call **(954) 826-9806**.

It's Hurricane Season. Make a Plan and Be Prepared.

Forecasters with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are predicting an above average hurricane season with the likelihood of 11 to 17 named storms, of which 5 to 9 could become hurricanes. The City of Margate encourages you to prepare your family and your home now.

Hurricane season began on June 1st. 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 (store important documents in a waterproof safe)
- Toys, books, games
- Pet care items

To assist with hurricane preparedness, review Broward County's comprehensive Hurricane Preparedness Guide at Broward.org/Hurricane.

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

Sign Up for **CODE RED** Emergency Notifications

Keeping citizens informed.

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.

The City may also activate CodeRED to send general notifications to registered subscribers to communicate non-life safety matters. This is a free service and personal information is kept confidential. Sign up at margatefl.com/codered.

Plan for a Busy Hurricane Season, But Hope for Less

We know it's inevitable. South Florida will be hit by another hurricane, but forecasters say it may not be this year. As a matter of fact, last year's Hurricane Matthew was a real threat to our area but we've been lucky since Hurricane Wilma hit in 2005.



Margate home damaged by Hurricane Wilma

Forecasters with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predict this year's Atlantic hurricane season, which runs through November 30th, to be an active one with possibly two to four major hurricanes.

The City is prepared and ready to respond in the event a storm develops. Residents are encouraged to be ready, as well. You should be stocking up on the necessary items (see Page 1 for a list), deciding whether you will leave or stay in your home, and making a plan for your pets. Here's some additional information to make note of:

- Upon activation, there are two **hurricane shelters** in neighboring Coconut Creek that serve our community: (1) Lyons Creek Middle School, located at 4333 Sol Press Boulevard; and (2) Monarch High School, located at 5050 Wiles Road.
- The **Vulnerable Population Registry** is available for residents who are at risk and elect to stay home in the event of a hurricane or other emergency. Residents can be at risk due to a disability, frailty or health issues, regardless of their age. The Registry is a partnership between Broward County and municipalities, including the City of Margate, to help emergency responders better plan for recoveries from hurricanes and other emergencies. Please note that registration does not guarantee assistance. To register, please call **311** or **(954) 831-4000**.
- For residents with special needs that require electricity for medical equipment, assistance to evacuate, or have a disability and needing sheltering assistance, you must register for a **Special Needs Shelter**. Call Broward County Human Services Department at **(954) 357-6385 (TTY 954-357-5608)**.

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

Know the Code! Water Lawn Twice a Week Only

Save water and money by following the water restrictions that are in place. According to the South Florida Water Management District, water used on our landscapes amounts to 50% of our household water usage.

In order to conserve water, limit watering your lawn and landscapes to two days per week before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. based on your street address as follows:

- Odd-numbered street addresses - Wednesdays and/or Saturdays only
- Even-numbered street addresses - 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. For more information, visit margatefl.com/waterrestrictions or sfwmd.gov.



Report Traffic Signal Issues

Have you noticed a School Zone traffic light that isn't flashing during school zone hours? What about a stop sign that has been knocked down? Most traffic lights and street signs within the City of Margate are maintained by Broward County Traffic Engineering Division (BCTED). Please report issues with traffic signals as follows:

Issue: School Zone light not working
Email: schoolflasherout@broward.org

Issue: Traffic Signal outage
Email: signalout@broward.org

Issue: Stop Sign down
Email: stopsigndown@broward.org

Issue: Street Light out
Email: streetlightout@broward.org

Issue: Graffiti on Traffic Device
Email: traffic-graffiti@broward.org

Issue: Traffic Issues Non-Violent
Email: traffic@broward.org

Streetlights on interior streets are maintained by FPL. To report issues, go to: fpl.com/support/streetlight-single

Illegal Fireworks Will Cost You \$1,000

Next month, we'll be celebrating our Nation's Independence, and for many of us, that means backyard BBQs during the day and fireworks at night. When planning your celebration, please remember it is illegal to buy, sell or use fireworks that explode or propel into the air.

Under Florida law, only novelty-type fireworks are legal for consumer usage. Anything that flies in the air or explodes is illegal. **Using illegal fireworks is a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. (Chapter 791, FS).**

Some **illegal** fireworks include: Firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, skyrockets, mortars, cherry bombs, sparkler bombs, torpedoes and roman candles.

Sparklers are legal. Sparklers are **handheld** or placed on the ground and emits sparks until it burns out.



Upcoming Events

Get Ready for a Spectacular 4th of July Celebration

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 Tuesday, July 4th. Here's the schedule of happenings:

4th of July Parade

9 – 11:30 a.m.

Beginning at 9 a.m., a sea of red, white and blue 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.



4th of July Extravaganza

5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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.



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**.



Park Spotlight: Cool off at Calypso Cove

Hot summer days are here! How do you plan on staying cool? Here's an idea: Spend some time with family and friends at the City's water park, Calypso Cove Aquatic Facility, which is located right here in your backyard at 6200 Royal Palm Boulevard.

Beginning June 10th, Calypso Cove is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$4 for Margate residents over 4 years old and \$1 for children under 4.



Calypso Cove features a six-lane lap pool; a zero-depth pool with a beach entry water playground; and two, 30-foot high winding slides - one with an enclosed flume and one open - that ends with a super splash into a plunge pool.

Swim lessons for all ages and water aerobics are offered year-round at the aquatic facility.



Located within Royal Palm Park, Calypso Cove offers concession sales, complimentary shade umbrellas and lounge chairs. The facility also has a party room available for rent. The park features two pavilions with picnic tables, three half-court basketball courts, and a refurbished and expanded fishing dock.

Visit Calypso Cove this summer - we promise you'll have a splashing good time! For more information, please visit **margatefl.com/prec** or call **(954) 974-4566**.

Do Your Part to Fight the Bite!

Residents are encouraged to take every precaution to prevent the spread of the Zika virus and other diseases from mosquitoes. To help prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, drain any standing water in and around your home. Fight the bite by using repellent with DEET or other effective substance, wear long pants and sleeves when outdoors, and repair broken screens on windows and doors.



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.



Home of the Month Winner

The City of Margate is pleased to announce the **Home of the Month** winner for June 2017. Congratulations to **Norma and Ralph Brandenburg**, who have been Margate residents for more than 20 years.

To enter your home in the Home of the Month Contest, visit margatefl.com/homeofthemoth.

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!

Get connected with "Our Margate"

FREE Showerheads and Faucet Aerators

In an effort to save water, money and the environment, the City of Margate provides free, high-efficiency water faucet aerators and showerheads to qualifying residential customers. You can pick up your water-conserving devices Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Department of Environmental & Engineering Services Administration Building located at 901 NW 66th Avenue. If you have any questions or need more information, please call **Aaron Tauber** at **(954) 972-0828**.



Water Quality Report Coming Soon

COMING SOON! Beginning June 29, 2017, you can view the City of Margate's **2016 Water Quality Report** on-line at margatefl.com/ccr2016. 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/address to: **City of Margate, Dept. of Environmental & Engineering Services** via:

Web: margatefl.com/ccr2016
 Email: dees@margatefl.com
 Phone: (954) 972-0828
 Fax: (954) 978-7349
 Mail: 901 NW 66th Ave., Margate, FL 33063

City Commission Meetings Broadcast Live on Comcast Cable Channel 78

City Commission Meetings are broadcast live on the City's local access channel, Comcast Channel 78. Meetings normally take place the first and third Wednesday of the month beginning at 7 p.m. (Meeting dates are occasionally different. Please check website for dates.)

For those who prefer to watch the meetings online, log on to the City's website and click on "Commission Meeting LIVE Stream." Can't listen live? Archived Meetings are available at margatefl.com.

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