

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:

- The **City's Annual Spring Clean Up and Garage Sale** will take place on **Saturday, March 18th**, from **7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Oriole Park, 7055 NW 1st Street**. Whether you're selling your wares or shopping for treasures, this is the event for you. Last year's event brought in more than 150 vendors and hundreds of shoppers. For more information go to margatefl.com or call **(954) 972-6458**.

- **Sounds at Sundown** continues on **Saturday, April 1st from 5 to 10 p.m. at the corner of Margate Boulevard and 441**. Choose to eat from a variety of food trucks, shop at several pop-up shops and dance the night away with live music by the Replay Band playing high energy dance music. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Admission and parking are free. For more information, go to margatefl.com.



Home of the Month Program to Recognize Residents

The City of Margate is excited to announce a new program that will recognize residents for their efforts to maintain the exterior of their home in good condition. The **Home of the Month** Program, which launched this month, was established to reward residential properties that contribute to the overall appearance of the City of Margate.



The criteria for this program is rather simple; the City is looking for a visually appealing facade and a well-maintained property to recognize each month. The age of the structure and how elaborate the landscaping or decorative features are, will not be considered. Other factors include but are not limited to:

- Healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged
- Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees
- Minimum weeds in flowerbeds
- Yard free of debris and clutter
- Driveway free of oil and other stains
- Buildings, fences, porches, windows and patios are in good repair
- House numbers are displayed attractively
- Overall aesthetic appeal
- Pleasing appearance making the property an asset to the community

Residents of single-family homes, duplexes, and townhomes within the City of Margate are eligible to submit an application. The winner will receive a specially designed "Home of the Month" sign to be placed in the front yard for the duration of the winning month. Each month, a picture of the winning home will be placed on the City's website, social media (Facebook and Twitter), Channel 78 on Comcast Cable and in the "Margate Matters" monthly publication. Winners will also receive a \$50 gift certificate to a local hardware store and be recognized at a City Commission meeting.

Residents must self-nominate by completing the application via the City website at margatefl.com/homeofthemoth.

Congratulations to Our First Home of the Month Winner!

The City of Margate is pleased to announce the first winner of the **Home of the Month** Program (March 2017). Congratulations to Derek and Jacqui Taylor, who live on NW 65th Avenue in this beautiful home.



6th Annual Academic Scholarship Program

The City of Margate, in partnership with Waste Management, presents the **6th Annual Margate Academic Scholarship Program** for high school students who live within the City limits. This scholarship honors one male and one female student for their academic excellence and helps them achieve their dreams of attending college with less financial burden.

Started in 2012, the Margate Academic Scholarship Program was created to foster the educational opportunities for City of Margate students and encourage them to pursue paths that support government and civic endeavors. Graduating high school or college-enrolled students who are interested in applying for this one-time \$2,500 scholarship, should download, complete and submit the scholarship application no later than Thursday, May 25th at 6 p.m. to the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at 6199 NW 10th Street. To download the application, go to margatefl.com/scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Current Margate resident
2. Core weighted GPA of 3.50 (minimum)
3. Community Service (minimum 40 hours)
4. Education or professional path of government or non-profit service

Award Criteria - including but not limited to:

1. Community Service
2. Personal Essay (no more than 600 words)
3. Weighted GPA
4. Financial Need

For more scholarship information, please go to www.margatefl.com/scholarship or contact the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at (954) 972-6458.

A \$100 Rebate is Good.

A \$100 Bonus is Better.

You can get up to \$100 back if you trade your water-guzzling toilet for a WaterSense® High Efficiency model. If you've already gotten your rebate* or if you're in the application process, you can win an extra \$100 by convincing just 5 friends to take advantage of the Program. All the rebates must be processed and completed by April 30th.



Here is what you need to know:

1. Submit yours, plus five other applications.
2. The application has a page that asks how they found out about the rebate* program. Make sure your friends write your name in their application so you get credit!
3. The first two people who get 5 friends or family to complete the rebate process win \$100 cash!

For more information about the contest, go to ConservationPays.com or call (800) 270-9794.

**Broward County Water & Wastewater Services and the City of Margate offer \$100 credits on the water bill instead of rebates.*

Farewell to City Manager Doug Smith; Sam May Promoted to Interim City Manager



After over three years serving our community, the City of Margate bids farewell to City Manager Douglas Smith (pictured left). Smith, who started working for the City as the Assistant City Manager in August of 2013, was promoted to City Manager in June 2014. While he was City Manager, the City launched its Facebook page and began distribution of this newsletter. Overseeing a \$113 million budget, Smith leaves the City in good hands with the City Commission naming Public Works Director Sam May as Interim City Manager. Smith will be moving on to a position with a different City; best wishes to Doug in his new position.

In January, the City Commission appointed Public Works Director Samuel A. May as the Interim City Manager. May, pictured below on the right, has been a dedicated City of Margate employee for nearly three decades. He was hired in 1988 as an Engineering Inspector. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to Public Works Superintendent in 2003, then to Public Works Director in 2009. He will serve as Interim City Manager for six months, at which time, he can decide to move back to being Public Works Director or become the permanent City Manager.

As Public Works Director, May successfully managed the Hurricane Wilma debris clean up and restoration project that costs more than \$10 million, and he was able to secure 100% FEMA reimbursement. In addition, he has completed a \$23 million road and drainage improvement project and obtained funding for and managed a \$3 million canal bank stabilization program sponsored by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

May, who is President-Elect of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Florida Chapter, holds a Master of Arts in Administrative Studies and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Barry University.



Upcoming Events

Springtime Egg Hunt Set for April 8th



Thousands of eggs filled with fun prizes or candy will cover the fields at the Margate Sports Complex (1695 Banks Road) for the **City's Annual Springtime Egg Hunt. On Saturday, April 8th beginning at 9 a.m.**, children eight years old and younger are invited to race across the field to collect as many plastic eggs as possible. Arrive early!



Nearly 9,000 brightly colored plastic eggs - each containing a treat will be scattered on three baseball fields. Some eggs will also contain a ticket redeemable for a special prize. Peter Rabbit will make a special guest appearance for family photographs. Please remember to bring your baskets and a camera.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 972-6458** or by email: parksrec@margatefl.com.

Swim Season is Near

Coming this month - weekends at **Calypso Cove!**

The City of Margate's Calypso Cove Water Park is set to open this March - just in time for spring breakers.



Beginning the weekend of March 18th, Calypso Cove will open on **Saturdays and Sundays only from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** To kick-off the "swim" season, a **Dive-in Movie** featuring "**Moana**" (PG) will be shown the evening of **Saturday, April 8th at 7 p.m.**

Spring Break Week (April 10th - 14th), the water park will open **Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** For just \$4 per person, residents can spend an entire day swimming, sliding and splashing around at the City's Caribbean-themed aquatic facility.

Calypso Cove features two water slides with a plunge pool; a zero-depth, beach entry pool with water sprayers, and a play structure; and a six-lane lap pool for family swimming. Complimentary shade umbrellas and lounge chairs are available. Food and drinks available for purchase.

Parks and Recreation to Distribute Planters for Earth Day

On April 22, 1970, 20 million people across the United States of America celebrated the first Earth Day. Today, Earth Day is celebrated in many different ways around the world, and in the City of Margate, we are commemorating this day of environmental awareness and action by distributing planters to our residents, on a first come, first serve basis.

Beginning the week of Earth Day, residents can stop by City Hall (5790 Margate Boulevard) or the Parks and Recreation Department (6199 NW 10th Street) to get a FREE planter with seeds to grow herbs or flowers. These planters - which come with a seed packet, soil disk and instructions - are a great way to get your children involved in the process of planting something of their own and watching it grow.



Here are some additional ideas to celebrate Earth Day, AND make Earth Day every day:

- Reduce, reuse and recycle using your blue recycling carts. Items to place in the cart include: Newspapers, magazines, junk mail and office paper; cardboard and paperboard boxes; milk and juice cartons; plastic cups & containers #1-7; glass bottles and jars; and aluminum and metal cans.
- Donate old books, clothes and household items to a non-profit organization, such as Goodwill or the Salvation Army.
- Reduce your water consumption by doing simple things like turning off your sprinklers when it rains.
- For automatic water savings, direct water from rain gutters and HVAC systems to your gardens and plants.
- Conserve energy by turning off the lights when you leave a room.
- Wash dishes and laundry with full loads, unplug charging stations or purchase smart power strips.
- Pick up your free faucet and showerhead aerators from the Department of Environmental and Engineering Services to save water in your home.

To learn more about the City's recycling program and for a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items that can be placed in your blue recycling cart, please visit the City's website at margatefl.com/wasteandrecycling.

Prescription Drug Take-Back on April 29th

The Margate Police Department, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), will host the annual **Prescription Drug Take-Back from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29th at CVS Pharmacy, 7210 West Atlantic Boulevard (Palm Lakes Plaza)**. Open to the public, this event allows participants to safely dispose of unused, expired and unwanted medications.



Last year, MPD collected 100+ lbs. of unwanted medication

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container with the prescription label removed. Acceptable medications include: Prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and pet medicine.

Needles, thermometers, chemotherapy or radioactive substances, oxygen containers, pressurized containers, inhalers, illicit drugs, and liquid medications are NOT ACCEPTED.

For more information, please contact Sergeant Michael Druz bik, Special Operations Unit, by email: mdruz bik@margatefl.com.

HHW, Electronics Disposal & Document Shredding Event on April 29th

The City of Margate will host a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection event on **Saturday, April 29th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oriole Park, 7055 NW 1st Street**. Secure document shredding will also be available during the event, and residents can bring up to three letter size boxes of documents.

Proof of Margate residency is required. For a list of acceptable and unacceptable items, please visit margatefl.com.

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"

Cookies & Milk With A Cop - March 18th

Take your kids to the Margate Catharine Young Library on **Saturday, March 18th from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** for **Cookies and Milk With a Cop**. Kids will meet and interact with Margate Police Officers in a fun and informative environment. In addition to enjoying delicious cookies, kids will be treated to storytime. The Library is located at 5810 Park Drive. Cookies and Milk With A Cop is sponsored by the Margate Police Department, Broward County Library and McDonald's (located at 5367 W. Atlantic Blvd).

Monthly Digital Photo Contest

Do you enjoy taking photos? Are your photos worthy of recognition? If so, then you should help us showcase "Our Margate" in pictures. Photograph the City's beauty then upload your pictures on our website to be entered in the Monthly Digital Photo Contest. Please do not submit photos of any individual person, business or any form of advertising. Photo submissions are due on the last Wednesday of each month. Each month's winner will be featured on the City's website, social media, Comcast Channel 78, and during City Commission Meetings.

To submit your photos and get more information, please visit margatefl.com/photocontest.

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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