

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:

- Join the City of Margate as we honor the men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our country. The City's annual **Memorial Day Ceremony** will take place on **Monday, May 29th at 9 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park**, located at 7044 N.W. 1st Street (S.E. corner of Rock Island Road and N.W. 1st Street). All are invited to attend. For more information please contact the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 972-6458**.

Firefighters Travel to DR to Donate Gear and Train

Representatives from the Margate-Coconut Creek Fire Department recently traveled to the Dominican Republic to donate gear and equipment collected from theirs and other local fire departments. Chief Luis Villar, Captain Manuel Sanchez and Firefighter Zaymi Pinkney delivered 125 bunker gear, hazmat suits, fire hoses, fire nozzles and medical gear to the La Vega Fire Department, which is comprised solely of volunteers. They also conducted training.

For nearly one week, the trio taught students firefighter operations, trauma/medical procedures and hazmat training alongside volunteers from two non-profit U.S. organizations, Angel Wings Inc. and Atlantic Ambulance Corporation. Together, they trained firefighters, fire academy students, and local doctors and nurses. Fortunately, all of the firefighters who were trained became certified in CPR and First Aid.

The visit took place during Firefighters Appreciation Week, when the City of La Vega recognizes all members of the fire department with celebrations and various trainings. The La Vega local band honored their American visitors by playing the Star Spangled Banner (it was noted that the band practiced for two months to ensure their performance was memorable). The week culminated with a formal ceremony, which was hosted by La Vega Mayor Kelvin Cruz, to celebrate the staff of the La Vega Fire Department and recognize our firefighters and the other American volunteers for their hard work and assistance during the week.



WARNING! Do Not Pay Your Water Bill Via doxo.com

It has been brought to the City's attention that some water customers are using an online account organization service called doxo (doxo.com) to pay their water bills. Please know that **the City of Margate has NOT contracted with this company to accept payments**, and payments made to this company are not being forwarded to the City.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For your convenience, City of Margate utility customers may pay their water bill online at margatefl.com, in person at **City Hall** (5790 Margate Boulevard) or at any **Amscot** location (in cash only and a \$2 service fee will be charged per transaction), or by using the **Night Drop Box** located in the City Hall parking lot.

Talking Trash: Garbage, Recycling and Bulk Waste

We haven't talked trash in a while, so let's get to it.

Taking out the garbage the night before our garbage collection day is such a habit now that we don't think twice about it. But the next time you take the garbage out, please be aware of the placement of your carts. When putting your garbage and recycling carts on the curb, please be sure the cart handle and wheels are closest to your home. Placing them on the curb incorrectly slows the garbage collection down.

Yard Waste

Yard waste is collected **separately** once a week, on the same day as your first garbage collection day. Yard waste includes but is not limited to: shrub and tree trimmings, grass clippings, palm fronds and tree branches.

Please don't put your yard waste in your City-issued green garbage cart. Leaves and clippings are to be placed in your own personal garbage can or in **CLEAR** plastic bags. Tree limbs do not have to be bagged, bundled or containerized but must be placed at the curb. **Do not put garbage, recyclables, bulk, etc. in your yard waste. Contaminated yard waste will not be collected.**

Bulk Waste

Bulk waste is collected monthly on your second garbage collection day during the first full week of each month. For example, if your garbage is collected on Monday and Thursday, your bulk will be collected on the Thursday of the first full week of the month. **Do not place yard waste out with bulky materials.**



As a courtesy to your neighbors, the City requests that you place your bulk items out no more than two days before your collection day.

For more information, please call **Waste Management** at **(954) 974-7500** or visit www.margatefl.com/wasteandrecycling.

Be a Good Neighbor and Pick Up After Your Dog

It's gross, it really is! And, besides being disgusting, it smells! Most importantly, it's hazardous to the health of children who may come in contact with it and dangerous to all of us if it makes its way into our water supply instead of being disposed of properly.

What is it, you ask? It's dog poop!

Maintaining our City in an attractive, clean and safe manner takes all of us working together. Do your part and bring a bag with you when you're headed out for a walk with your dog. Use the bag to pick up your dog's waste and dispose of it properly.



Being a good neighbor by cleaning up after your pet is not just a good idea, it's the law! As a reminder, **City Code Sec. 6-31 requires that you immediately pick up after your dog.**

The Code, Sec. 6-26, also requires that you walk your dog with a leash. Dogs are not permitted to be off-leash unless it is within the confines of your home or fenced yard.

Be a part of the solution! Help maintain the beauty of your neighborhood, and avoid violations and fines. For more information, please call the **Code Enforcement Division** at **(954) 972-1232**.

Ride Free Around Town on Margate Inner-City Transit

Have someplace to go but don't have a ride? Catch the **Margate Inner-City Transit**, a FREE and convenient community bus service that will take you where you want to go or very close to it. Sponsored by Broward County and the City of Margate, buses run Monday to Friday from 7:20 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are three routes that will take you to destinations along the City's main corridors. For routes and schedules, visit margatefl.com/resident/transportation.



Know the Code: No Parking on the Grass

To assist you in understanding some of the City's codes, we try to include answers in this publication to some of our frequently asked questions or violations we see quite often. One such violation is boats being parked on residential lawns.

Boats, recreational vehicles, trailers and other such vehicles are permitted to be parked in a residential neighborhood as long as they are parked in backyards, on the side of a house or in the driveway or any area constructed and permitted by the City of Margate's Building Department. These vehicles should not be parked on the grass, in the street, or on the sidewalk or right-of-way, including the street.

Have questions for our Code Enforcement Division? Please call **(954) 972-1232**.

Upcoming Events

Park Spotlight: New Covering at Rock Island Fitness Park Built to Protect Users

There's nothing like getting a good workout in while outside - especially if you don't have to worry about the dreaded heat, sun or rain. With a newly installed roof structure and a chilled water fountain, Margate's exercise enthusiasts can now enjoy their workout at the **Rock Island Fitness Park**.

Located at the corner of **Rock Island Road and N.W. 6th Court** (just south of Fire Station 58), Rock Island Fitness Park opened last year and is the City of Margate's first outdoor fitness park. The park features 10 pieces of equipment – three of which are ADA accessible - that will work every muscle group. The outdoor fitness park will provide a free alternative that will allow the Margate community to live a healthy and active lifestyle regardless of income, said Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jones.



Little Free Library Opens at Firefighters Park

Attention all young readers! The City of Margate is now home to a **Little Free Library** at Firefighters Park, 2500 Rock Island Road. Eight-year-old Margate Elementary School student Mridula Ram brought forward the idea of installing a little free library in Firefighters Park, and Margate City Commissioners turned this little girl's idea into a reality! Check it out today and borrow a book!



Fitness Classes for All

Incorporating a fitness routine into your schedule and your budget is not always easy, but the Parks and Recreation Department offers inexpensive classes that will help you shape up and get healthy.

Fitness classes are held at the Leonard Wesinger Community Center, 6199 N.W. 10th Street, throughout the week for adults and children as follows:



Adult Classes

Mommy and Me: Mondays, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Yoga: Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zumba: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Youth Classes

Karate: Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m., and Fridays, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Dance/Cheerleading/Jazz: Wednesdays, 5:30-7:15 p.m. (ballet/jazz begins at 5:30 p.m., Hip Hop begins at 6:15 p.m. and Gymnastics begins at 7 p.m.)

All Ages:

Tennis: Lessons are offered Monday through Saturday at Firefighters Park. For information, visit gsm-tennis.com.

For more information about these fitness classes, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 972-6458**.

Join Us For In The Biz Tuesdays

The Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (MCRA) has kicked off the 2017 **In the Biz Tuesdays** event series to promote awareness of Margate's unique and diverse small business community. These free events rotate among different local businesses located in the MCRA district, featuring refreshments, entertainment, and activities. Events take place the 4th Tuesday of the month through September. Attendees will receive a special VIP discount card that can be used at participating businesses every Tuesday through December.



The first event was held in April at Exclusiva Tu Boutique, 2147 North State Road 7, a chic boutique that offers trendy, fashionable, yet affordable clothing and accessories.

In The Biz Tuesdays will take place (all events are 6-8 p.m.):

- **May 23rd:** Frenchie's Bicycles, 2430 N. State Road 7
- **June 27th:** Zuccarelli Pizza, 7320 W. Atlantic Blvd.
- **July 25th:** The Keg King, 952 S. State Road 7
- **August 22nd:** Bay Bay's Chicken and Waffles, 1027 N. State Rd 7
- **Sept. 26th:** Stage Door Theatre, 8036 W. Sample Rd.

For more information, please contact Danielle Sabat with the Margate CRA at **(952) 826-9806**.

Margate Residents Can Get Discounts for Summer Camp Registration



Registration is open for **Youth Summer Camp**, and Margate residents who register early can get a discount on the registration fee, while funds last. Parents who register their children for the full summer session will get a \$50 discount, and for a half session, the discount is \$25 - per child. The discount is available on a first come, first

serve basis. Campers must be between 6 and 12 years old. Camp begins on Monday, June 12th.

To download the registration application, go to margatefl.com.

Home of the Month Winner

The City of Margate is pleased to announce the **Home of the Month** winner for May 2017. Congratulations to **Jill Lacerra** who lives in the Coral Lake Estates community. Ms. Lacerra has lived in the City of Margate for six years, and she does a fine job of maintaining her home.



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

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Scholarship Available - Deadline Soon!

The City of Margate, in partnership with Waste Management, presents the **6th Annual Margate Academic Scholarship Program** for graduating high school students who live within the City limits. This \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to one male and one female student for their academic excellence and helps them achieve their dreams of attending college with less financial burden. **The deadline to apply is Thursday, May 25th at 6 p.m.** Download the application at margatefl.com/scholarship.

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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