

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:

- Join the City of Margate as we honor our military veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to our country. The City's **Veterans Day** ceremony will take place on **Friday, November 11th at 10:30 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, 7044 N.W. 1st Street.** We'll salute all of the men and women who have fought for our country's freedom.
- **Movies in the Park** continues on **Saturday, November 19th at 6 p.m.** with the animated hit movie, "Finding Dory." Enjoy this family-friendly summer blockbuster beneath the stars at the **Margate Sports Complex, 1695 Banks Road.** Don't forget to bring your blankets and lawn chairs!



City Bids Farewell to Commissioners Talerico and Bryan

The City of Margate wishes a fond farewell to two outgoing City Commissioners. After 22 years of public service, **Commissioner Frank B. Talerico** is retiring. Throughout the years, Comm. Talerico worked tirelessly for the residents of Margate. He has served as Mayor and Vice Mayor three times, and he has been an active member of numerous boards and committees.

Vice Mayor Joyce W. Bryan was elected to the City Commission in August 2014. We will miss her dedication, passion and love for her job. She was known for being everywhere and attending every event.

We wish Commissioner Talerico and Vice Mayor Bryan a very happy retirement!

~ From the Desk of Commissioner Frank B. Talerico ~

Dear Fellow Citizens,

As many of you know, I will be retiring as your City Commissioner in November of 2016. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served you for over 22 years.



I had the pleasure of meeting many of you over the years and will never forget you. I am very proud of our City and its citizens. We have been through many good times and a few bad times - especially with hurricanes. I will miss you all and only hope that future Commissioners serve you with the concern and respect I have shown you through the years.

I hope one day to see Margate grow into a vibrant, active city with the future development of our downtown area. I wish you all good health and happiness. May God Bless all of you and again thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Commissioner.

~ From the Desk of Vice Mayor Joyce W. Bryan ~

Dear Margate residents,

For the past two years, your livelihood and quality of life has been a priority of mine. I've taken this job seriously and have enjoyed working hard to make Margate a better place for all of us.



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this great community. I've made lasting friendships over the years, and while I will not be in office after the election, please know I'll still be working to improve our City. This has truly been an honor!

Middle Schoolers Learn about City Government During Student Government Day

The City of Margate's **2016 Student Government Day**, hosted by the City Clerk's Office, provided 31 students from Margate STEM Magnet Middle School with an opportunity to learn about the policy-making processes of City government, get an inside view of day-to-day operations, and take part in a mock City Commission meeting alongside the City's elected officials, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and Department Directors. Armed with knowledge and awareness of how City services impact their lives, these Student Council members are primed and one step closer to City leadership!



Help Protect our Water Resources; Dispose of Landscape Waste Properly

For many of us, mowing the lawn and clearing the clippings is a weekly chore. When you mow your lawn, it is important to be aware that blowing your clippings into the street or storm drains is hazardous to our water supply.

Never Sweep or Blow Debris into Water Bodies or Storm Drains

So what should you do with your clippings? You should recycle the clippings, which are rich in nutrients, back on the lawn. These nutrients will improve the health of your lawn, but when they end up

in the stormwater drains, they become pollutants to our bodies of water. For more information, please visit sfwmd.gov/browardbmps.

Fireworks Law: What's Legal, What's Not

The holidays are fast approaching, and many of us are already planning our New Year's Eve celebrations. City of Margate officials want to ensure a safe and fun holiday season for everyone, so earlier this year, an increased effort was made to further support and enforce fireworks laws in the City. 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).**

Fireworks Law:

What's Legal, and What's Not in Margate

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Earlier this year, the City of Margate increased its effort to further support laws by passing a resolution to enforce all code provisions, which were enacted long before the state's ban, concerning the use of fireworks in the City year-round. Using illegal fireworks is a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. (Chapter 791, Florida Statutes).

What's legal?

Sparklers, fireworks that emit sparks once lit, are legal. Sparklers do not explode or detonate, and they do not propel or become airborne. Sparklers are **handheld** or placed on the ground and emits sparks until it burns out.

These fireworks are legal:

- Snakes
- Glow Worms
- Smoke devices
- Trick noisemakers

Party poppers

- Booby traps
- Snappers
- Trick matches

Exploding fireworks are illegal!

It's illegal to buy, sell or use fireworks that explode or propel into the air.

These fireworks and explosive devices are illegal to use:

<p>Firecrackers Mortars Torpedoes</p>	<p>Bottle rockets Cherry Bombs Roman Candles</p>	<p>Missiles & skyrockets Sparkler Bombs Dago Bombs</p>
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Bottle rockets are illegal

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Margate Police Department
5790 Margate Boulevard
Non-Emergency: (954) 764-HELP (4357)

Upcoming Events

Margate's Winter Festival Set for Dec. 16th

The City of Margate, in partnership with the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), will host its annual **Winter Festival** on **Friday, December 16th** from **6 to 10 p.m.** The event will be located along **Margate Boulevard between US 441/SR 7 and NW 58th Avenue.**

This year's Winter Festival will have a little something extra as the Margate City Hall comes to life as a holiday winter wonderland. Slated to be one-of-kind in South Florida, the 3D Projection show is sure to delight all ages and will run at various times during the evening. In addition, this free event will include real "Florida Style" snow (for ages 11 and under), rides for the children, arts and crafts activities, a craft fair, food vendors, and pictures with Santa (bring your own camera).

Please be advised that Margate Boulevard (from US 441/SR 7 to NW 58th Avenue) will be closed from approximately 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. on December 16th.

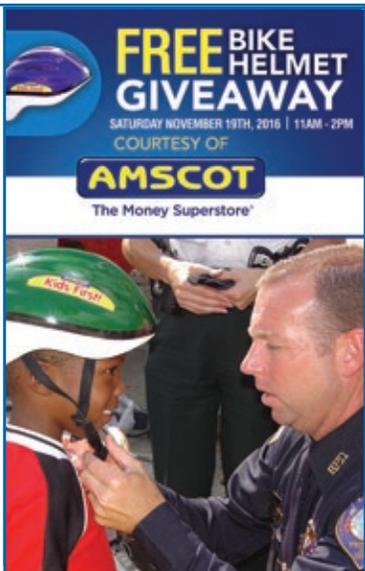
Food and craft vendors are welcome. Advanced registration is required. To register as a vendor please contact the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 972-6458** or email parksrec@margatefl.com (registration fees apply).



FREE Bike Helmets

Bike helmets help save lives. That's why Amscot and the Margate Police Department have teamed up to give away **FREE** bike helmets to pre-school and elementary school children.

Stop by **Amscot, 670 N SR 7 in Margate, on Saturday, Nov. 19th from 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.** to have your child fitted for a free bike helmet (while supplies last). For more information, please call **(813) 637-6277** or visit amscot.com.



Archery Wonderland - December 9th

Join us for the **Archery Wonderland on Friday, December 9th from 6 to 9 p.m. at Margate Middle School soccer field, 500 NW 65th Ave.** The cost is \$10, and all equipment is provided.

Learn the basics of archery in a fun, safe environment. Archery is for everyone - all ages, no experience required. For more information, please call **(954) 866-4935** or visit the Go Archery website at goarchery.net.



Rebates and Incentives To Conserve Water

The City of Margate is a member of the Broward Water Partnership (BWP), a collaboration of 19 municipalities and water utilities that have come together to help save water, money, and the environment.

\$100 Rebate Available

Through participation in the BWP, the City encourages residents to **start making water conservation a priority** in their daily routines. The BWP consists of many different initiatives, including one that offers rebates of up to \$100 for replacing old, high-flow toilets that use more than 1.6 gallons per flush with new, high-efficiency WaterSense® models. If your toilets were installed before 1994, they would likely be eligible for a rebate.



This program is open to single-family homes, multifamily homes and businesses. All applicants must be pre-approved before the new toilet may be purchased. To apply, go to conservationpays.com.

FREE Showerheads and Faucet Aerators for Residents

The City also provides free, low-flow 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.

In addition, for business owners, the City offers free, pre-rinse spray valves to qualifying commercial businesses. If you are a business owner interested in receiving a water-efficient pre-rinse spray valve, and for all other questions, please call **Aaron Tauber** at **(954) 972-0828**.

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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City Receives Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Congratulations are in order for Finance Director Mary Beazley and her team! The City of Margate was recently awarded the **Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting** by the Government Finance Officers Association for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment for the City of Margate.

City Commission Meetings Broadcast Live on Comcast Cable Channel 78

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

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

Library Now Open on Fridays

Did you know? The Margate Catharine Young Branch Library, located at 5810 Park Drive, is now open on Fridays. Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 8 p.m.; and closed on Sunday.

City Offices Closed on Thanksgiving Day

Margate City Hall and most municipal offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on **Thursday, November 24th**. As a reminder, City Hall and most offices are closed on Fridays.

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