

# 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:

- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Electronics Collection, and Document Shredding Event on September 24<sup>th</sup>.** The City of Margate, in partnership with Waste Management, is offering residents a safe and convenient way to dispose of unwanted HHW and old electronics, and shred up to three standard letter size boxes of documents. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oriole Park, 7055 NW 1st Street.** Proof of Margate residency is required. For a list of acceptable items and more information, please visit [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com) or call **(954) 972-0828**.
- The second budget hearing for the proposed **FY 2017 Budget Hearing** will take place on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers** at City Hall. We encourage you to attend.

## Firefighters Deliver Dream Packs to Kids in Hospital

Members of the Margate-Coconut Creek Fire Department, in partnership with the Firefighters Benevolent Association, helped bring smiles to the faces of children at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. The firefighters teamed up with Dreammakers For Life, a local non-profit organization that works to "restore dreams to seriously ill children and their families", to build and deliver "Dream Packs" to children.



In July, the firefighters met and worked with Director Jan Rogers who showed them how to assemble the packs. She also gave them tips on how to interact with and help the kids put their dreams in their "Dream Pack".



Once they arrived, the firefighters donned their bunker gear and made their way through the hallways of the Children's Hospital to the playroom. They were greeted with lots of smiling faces and bright eyes.

"The kids were so excited to see us," said Captain Matt Whiteshield. "We talked with them about what they want to be when they grow up, where they'd love to travel to, and anything else they'd like to be doing at that moment instead of getting treatment.



We are so grateful to have spent this time with these beautiful little kids who tackle big challenges in their lives every day."

For more information about Dreammakers for Life, visit [dreamforlife.org](http://dreamforlife.org).

*Firefighters pictured are Captain Matthew Whiteshield, firefighter/paramedic Natalia Blanco, firefighter/paramedic Jackie Mauricio, firefighter/paramedic Trent Brady*  
Photo Credit: Jan Rogers

## Fire Rescue Explorers Recruitment BBQ on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

The Margate-Coconut Creek Fire Rescue Department's annual recruitment BBQ for the Explorer Program is **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon at 5395 NW 24<sup>th</sup> St.** Teens (14-18 yrs old) interested in being an Explorer must attend with a parent. An annual \$40 fee will cover the cost of uniforms and insurance. For more information, please call **(954) 971-7010** or **(954) 881-3420**.

## Margate Family Wins Neighborhood Water Challenge

Conserve water, it's a precious resource! We hear that all the time, but for the Guadalupe family of Margate, taking action to reduce their water usage recently paid off BIG - in the amount of \$1,000!

Earlier this year, Broward Water Partnership communities participated in a **Neighborhood Water Challenge** that focused on water conservation. The Guadalupe family entered and won in the **Most Water Saved** category. Commissioner Lesa "Le" Peerman surprised the family with an oversized check and other goodies from the Broward Water Partnership, WaterReuse Florida and WaterOptimizer.



The family reduced their 2016 April and May water bills by an average of 22 percent over 2015 bills during the same period. The family's per day consumption of water in April fell from 170 gallons a day in 2015 to only 107 gallons a day in 2016, a 37

percent reduction for the month.

"Saving water in our house has become a habit," said Joseph Guadalupe. "During the contest, if I heard water running, I'd go find out where it was coming from and turn it off."

Joseph said he and his family learned everything they know about water conservation from their 4-year-old, who passed on messages she received from watching Barney, the big purple dinosaur. He, his wife, his 9-year-old son and daughter live on Northwest 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

It was those tips that helped them win. They reduced their water usage by turning the water off when brushing their teeth, washing the dishes by hand instead of using the dishwasher, and taking shorter showers.

"We also went to water parks when we wanted to cool off and play in the water instead of using our sprinkler system at home," added Joseph.

The key to this family's success



was already having good water-saving habits in place. They practice not running water unnecessarily - especially during the summer when water bills are highest.

"We recognize that changing behavior is the best way to ensure we maximize savings across all of our communities," said Jennifer Jurado, Director and Chief Resiliency Officer of the Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division for Broward County. "Together we ensure that conservation is part of who we are in Broward County."

For water conservation tips, rebates on low-flow appliances and more, please visit [conservationpays.com](http://conservationpays.com).

## Separate Yard & Bulk Waste

**Please note:** Waste Management is now tagging piles of commingled yard and bulk waste. **Please DO NOT put garbage, recyclables, bulk, etc. in your yard waste.**



### Yard Waste

As a reminder, **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.

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.

### Bulk Waste

**Bulk waste** continues to be 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 your bulky materials.**

For more information please call Waste Management at **(954) 974-7500** or visit [margatefl.com/wasteandrecycling](http://margatefl.com/wasteandrecycling).

## Police Explorers Place 3<sup>rd</sup> in Competition

Kudos to our Margate Police Explorers! The team recently placed third in the Broward County Police Explorer Competition.

*Pictured from left to right: William Fix, William Love, Danielle Thomas, Danny Leone, and Sgt. Lee Edstrand*



# Upcoming Events

## Fall Festival Set for Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for the City's Annual **Fall Festival**, hosted by the Margate Parks and Recreation Department. The Fall Festival is set for **October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Margate Sports Complex, 1695 Banks Road.**

One of the City's popular events, the Fall Festival is a FREE family oriented event with loads of fun and activities for everyone. Kids and adults will enjoy a concert, a not-so-scary Haunted House created by the Margate Police and Fire Explorers, line dancing, hayrides, pony rides, a petting zoo, costume contests for all ages, pumpkin carving contests (bring your own carved pumpkin), scarecrow building contest, interactive programs for young children, arts and craft vendors and food vendors. There will surely be something for everyone at this jam-packed event.

**Calling all vendors! Preregistration is required for all food and craft vendors.** To register, please contact the City of Margate Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 972-6458**, or email [Parksrec@margatefl.com](mailto:Parksrec@margatefl.com).



## Movies In the Park Begins Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

The City of Margate Parks and Recreation Department kicks off the 2016-2017 **Movies in the Parks** series of family-fun films with **"Zootopia"** (Rated PG). The animated Disney movie will begin at **6 p.m. on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Margate Sports Complex, 1695 Banks Road.**

Movies in the Park features free outdoor movie screenings for the entire community. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. For more information, please visit [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com).

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- DRINK SPECIALS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- POP-UP SHOPS

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NEXT DATE: **OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>** **5-10 PM**

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**NW CORNER OF MARGATE BLVD & 441**

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## 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, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://amscot.com).

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## Protect Yourself & Others from Mosquitoes

According to the Florida Department of Health, more than two dozen people have been diagnosed with the Zika virus in South Florida. To prevent mosquito bites, use repellent on everyone including babies and dress children in clothing that covers their arms and legs. For a complete list of tips, go to [floridahealth.gov](http://floridahealth.gov).



## At Your Fingertips...

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
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"

#### Fight the Bite! DRAIN Standing Water

Remember that mosquitoes can breed in as little as a bottle cap of water. Drain standing water around your home and empty or throw away anything that can collect water like old tires, drums, bottles and cans, flower pots, birdbaths, toys, etc.



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

#### General & Municipal Elections in Nov.

It's almost election time, and voters across the country are preparing to cast their ballots in the November election. **The General Election and Municipal Elections will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2016**, and as in past elections, Margate's election precincts will be active.

We encourage all voters to stay informed about the upcoming elections, and prepare to vote BEFORE Election Day. Check your voter registration card and find out where your precinct is located. To avoid Election Day lines, you may vote by mail.



If you are not a registered voter, the voter registration deadline for the General and Municipal Elections is October 11<sup>th</sup>.

For information about registering to vote, absentee ballots, and Election Day Worker Information, please visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections website at [browardsoe.org](http://browardsoe.org) or call **(954)-357-7050**.

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