

MARGATE MATTERS



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As a Reminder...

In last month's newsletter, we mentioned events and happenings that will take place in the City of Margate this month. Here's a quick reminder:

- **Earth Day is April 22nd.** Pick up your planter, courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Department, at City Hall while supplies last.
- **Calypso Cove is open** Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through June 5th. Admission to the water park is \$4 for residents ages 4 and older and \$1 for children ages 3 and younger. For more information, go to margatefl.com/prec.
- **The Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Campaign** is in the enforcement phase. Margate Police will be issuing citations to violators of the bicycle and pedestrian laws. For more information, go to AlertTodayFlorida.com.
- Don't forget to pick up your free **Yellow Dot** at City Hall, the Senior Center or at the Library. This Broward County initiative provides emergency responders essential information that may save your life in an emergency.

Margate Community College Starts Soon; Apply Now

The City of Margate is inviting residents to participate in Margate Community College (MCC), an eight-week interactive program designed to help residents get an up-close look at local government. Applications are available for the next session, which begins on **Tuesday, May 10th**.

Margate Community College is free and open to residents and business owners 18 years of age and older. Classes will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at various City facilities. A light dinner will be served at 6 p.m.



MCC Spring 2015 graduates

Attending MCC will help residents become more knowledgeable, engaged citizens. Students will graduate with an increased understanding of the City's organizational structure and the operations of the various City departments that impact the quality of life in Margate. MCC is sponsored by the City Commission and coordinated by the City Manager's Office.

Interested residents should submit an application to the City Manager's Office at Margate City Hall, 5790 Margate Boulevard, no later than Monday, May 2nd. Applications are available at City Hall or online at margatefl.com/MCC. Class size is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call **(954) 935-5300**.

Secure Your Pool to Ensure Safety

Many homes in South Florida have backyard pools, and in Margate it's no different. As a matter of fact, in the last year, the City's Building Department processed eight residential and three commercial applications for new pool construction.

If you have a pool in your backyard, the City of Margate reminds you to:

- **Never leave a child unsupervised** in or around a swimming pool.
- **Install barriers** to physically block children from entering the pool area. Barriers include child-proof locks on all doors, a pool fence with self-latching and self-closing gates, and door and pool alarms.
- **Learn CPR** - this can make a difference in a life or death situation.

Pools must also be maintained according to the City of Margate's Code requirements. For more information, visit margatefl.com/SaferBy4.

Learn to Swim lessons are offered at Calypso Cove. Call **(954) 974-4566** or go to margatefl.com/prec for information. Lessons are offered year-round.

Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics Disposal and Document Shredding on Saturday, April 30th at Oriole Park

Spring is here, and now is a great time to clean out your storage room, garage, office, closets and file cabinets. The City of Margate, in partnership with Broward County and Waste Management, is offering residents a safe and convenient way to dispose of unwanted Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), recycle electronics and shred documents.

The **Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Day** will take place on **Saturday, April 30th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oriole Park**, located at 7055 NW 1st Street. Margate residents can drop off items such as household chemicals, cleaning solutions, aerosols, paint, oil, pesticides, herbicides, vehicle fluids, pool chemicals, propane tanks, mercury thermometers, fire extinguishers, fluorescent tubes, CFLs, TVs, computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, cell phones, home phones, wire, DVD players, rechargeable batteries, and tires (limit 4).

Items NOT accepted include: Explosives, flares, ammunition, bio-hazardous waste, medical waste, appliances, microwaves, shavers, sewing machines, garbage, bulk waste, and business or commercial generated waste.

Secure document shredding will also be available during the event. Margate residents may bring up to three (3) standard letter size boxes of documents for shredding. There will be a minimal charge for shredding additional documents. For more information, please contact the Department of Environmental and Engineering Services, at **(954) 972-0828**.



Congrats to...

The Margate Police Department (MPD) recently announced its **2015 Officer and Civilian of the Year Award** recipients.

The **Officer of the Year Award** was presented to Master Police Officer (MPO) **Jasen Pellegrino**, a nine-year veteran of the Department, who was selected to assist with a county-wide program



to educate all 235 public schools in Broward County on how to better prepare for an Active Killer incident. Working with MPD's School

Resource Officers, Pellegrino ensured that every teacher in every public school in Margate took part in the training early in the program. In addition, he provided Active Killer training to all 400 non-sworn City of Margate employees.

The **2015 Civilian of the Year Award** was presented to Victim Advocate **Tara Nussenblatt**,

who demonstrates exceptional commitment, care, and dedication to victims of crime in the City of Margate. Nussenblatt provides victims with needed social services and follows up with them often. She even sits with victims during interviews providing the needed support. **Congratulations to MPO Pellegrino and VA Nussenblatt!**



Want a Free Ride? Catch Margate Inner-City Transit

The Margate City Commission recently voted to eliminate the bus fare charged to ride the City's community bus. Effective immediately, this shuttle service is **FREE** for all riders.

The **Margate Inner-City Transit**, which is sponsored by Broward County, is a convenient way to get around town.



With Margate Inner-City Transit, commuters, students and visitors have easy access to NW Medical Center, Coral Square Mall, Peppertree Plaza, and restaurants, shops, schools and other destinations along the City's main corridors. Margate Inner-City Transit operates Monday to Friday from 7:20 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For routes, schedules and more information, go to margatefl.com/resident/transportation.

Help us rename our community bus, currently called "Margate Inner-City Transit." Send your suggestions to Alison Saffold by email at asaffold@margatefl.com or call (954) 935-5306.

Prescription Drug Take-Back on April 30th

On **Saturday, April 30th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** bring unused or unwanted medications to CVS Pharmacy, 7210 West Atlantic Blvd. (Palm Lakes Plaza), where the Margate Police Department and Drug Enforcement Agency will be hosting a **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day**.

Prescription drug abuse is now at epidemic levels across the nation. With one in four teens having misused or abused prescription drugs, and the majority getting them from the medicine cabinet of family and friends. It is imperative that we support actions to remove unused prescription medications from the community.

Upcoming Events

Register Your Kids Now for Summer Camp

Registration is now open for the **City of Margate Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Program**. The program runs from **Monday, June 13th to Friday, August 5th** and operates from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Leonard Weisinger Community Center, 6199 N.W. 10th Street.



In addition to twice weekly trips to Calypso Cove, the City's own water park, there will be Friday field trips to popular attractions in the South Florida area.

Children will participate in daily "Fun Zone" activities which include arts and crafts, camp news, cooking, health and fitness, science, sports, music, and drama.

The City's Summer Camp Program is open to Margate children ages 6 through 12.

Registration is now open for:

Session A	\$340.00	June 13 th – July 8 th
Session B	\$340.00	July 11 th – August 5 th
Full Program	\$650.00	June 13 th – August 5 th

Field trips are included in the price of the program, however children are to bring their own lunch. Space is limited to 200 children and is filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration forms are available online at margatefl.com/prec or in the Parks and Recreation Office at 6199 N.W. 10th Street. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Dept. at **(954) 972-6458**.



Fitness Park Now Open!

Check out the City's first fitness park! The park is located at the corner of Rock Island Road and N.W. 6th Court (south of Fire Station 58).

The fitness park features 10 pieces of equipment – three of which are ADA accessible - that will work every muscle group. The outdoor fitness park is free and open from sunrise to sunset. The Parks and Recreation Department will install a covering that will allow users to enjoy a great workout year-round without being exposed to the sun or rain.

In the Biz Tuesdays

Hosted by the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency, **In the Biz Tuesdays** is a new series of FREE VIP events that provide unique opportunities to meet the businesses that make Margate great. Join us on **April 26th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at Natural Hair Solutions, 1328 N. State Road 7. For more information, visit margatefl.com or call **(772) 708-0230**.



The **Sounds at Sundown** concert series continues **Saturday, May 7th from 5-10 p.m.** at the N.W. corner of Margate Boulevard and 441. This free event features music by the Tom Jackson Band, food trucks, pop-up shops, activities for all ages and free parking.

Memorial Day Ceremony

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 30th at 9 a.m.** at Veterans Memorial Park, located at 7044 N.W. 1st Street. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at **(954) 972-6458**.



Be a CERT Volunteer; Class Begins May 14th



During natural disasters and other catastrophic events, we know that our local emergency personnel may not be able to respond to every call for assistance for hours and sometimes even days. Each year, the Margate-Coconut Creek Fire Rescue Department offers its **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** training for residents and business owners who are interested in helping the community in the time of need.

The five-week training class, which begins on **Saturday, May 14th**, is free and open to the public. Classes will take place every Saturday from May 14th through June 18th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety, located at 4180 N.W. 120th Avenue, in Coral Springs. There will be no class on May 28th.

CERT training (hands-on and classroom) is designed to provide volunteers with the basic skills they need to assist others during a disaster. In addition, certified CERT members are encouraged to assist the Fire Department by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects. Topics include: Disaster Preparedness, Search and Rescue, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations (including triage, hygiene, and basic first aid), Disaster Psychology, Damage Assessment, and Anti-Terrorism.



To register, please call Deputy Program Chief Eddie DeCristofaro at **(954) 461-7967** or go to margatecert.us.

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"

Monthly Digital Photo Contest

Help us showcase "Our Margate" by capturing the City's beauty in photos. Amateur or professional, residents are encouraged to snap photos around town and enter them in the monthly Digital Photography Contest at margatefl.com/photocontest.

Water Quality Report Coming Soon

COMING SOON! Beginning June 9th, the City of Margate's 2015 Water Quality Report will be available online at margatefl.com/ccr2015. 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 and address to the Dept. of Environmental & Engineering Services via:

Web: margatefl.com/ccr2015
Email: dees@margatefl.com
Phone: (954) 972-0828
Fax: (954) 978-7349
Mail: 901 NW 66th Ave., Margate, FL 33063

Clean Energy Financing Program

Margate homeowners have the opportunity to participate in Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs that would assist with financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to their homes. PACE programs allow homeowners to make certain improvements to their property with financing that places a special assessment on the property's tax roll. The property owner then pays off the special assessment over time, together with the property taxes. To learn more about PACE, go to margatefl.com/pace.

City Offices Closed on Memorial Day

The City of Margate will observe **Memorial Day** on **Monday, May 30th**. Margate City Hall and most municipal offices will be closed. As a reminder, City Hall and most offices are closed on Fridays.

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