



CITY OF MARGATE

Together We Make It Great

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Safety is Essential for a Happy Holiday

It's that time of year again. Shopping will be on most of our to-do lists for the next several weeks, and while we are looking for holiday gifts, criminals will be looking for easy targets. The Margate Police Department offers some basic tips to prevent or minimize the risk of being a victim.

- Before leaving your home, be sure to charge your cell phone and keep it on you - not in a bag.
- Keep all purses zipped and in your possession at all times.
- Do not leave a purse or a bag in a shopping cart and walk away from the cart (the primary way wallets are stolen, and how distraction thefts occur).
- Do not display large amounts of cash when paying for merchandise.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Don't let your guard down when you have to take a phone call or send a text message.
- When a vehicle is unattended, be sure to conceal valuables out of plain view and lock the vehicle.

Season's Greetings from the City Commission

On behalf of the Margate City Commission, we wish each and every one of you peace and joy throughout this holiday season. We hope you'll enjoy your favorite traditions and make lifelong memories as you spend quality time with your friends and family.

The City of Margate had an exciting year! We celebrated our 60th anniversary in May, made significant progress with our Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and, the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency hired a master developer to refine plans for and construct our City Center. With these achievements, we anticipate a monumental 2016 for our City and our Community!

As you hustle and bustle around town in preparation for the holidays, be sure to make some time to enjoy the season. We hope to see you at the City's Winter Festival, which will be held on Friday, December 18th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. along Margate Boulevard, between US 441/SR 7 and NW 58th Avenue.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and Happy New Year!



The Margate City Commission recently appointed a new Mayor and Vice Mayor. Pictured here from left to right: Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Vice Mayor Joyce W. Bryan, Mayor Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Joanne Simone and Commissioner Frank B. Talerico

Reminder: No Garbage or Recycling Collection on Dec. 25th

There will be no garbage and recycling collection on Friday, December 25th. If this is one of your scheduled collection days, please be sure to hold off on placing your garbage and recycling at the curb until your next scheduled collection day (Tuesday, December 29th for garbage and Friday, January 1st for recycling). December 25th is the only day of the year that garbage and recycling is not collected.

MLK, Jr./Together We Make it Great Day of Service - Jan. 18th

The City of Margate is inviting residents to participate in or lead a service project in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 18, 2016.

The City will be hosting a service project at Southgate Park, located at 425 SW 64th Avenue. Volunteers will assist with the creation of a butterfly garden at the south end of the park.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is:

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?"

MLK, JR./Together We Make it Great **DAY OF SERVICE**
JAN. 18, 2016



Outside of the City's hosted service project, interested parties are asked to register their own service project via the City website so that the City is aware of projects happening throughout the community. Leaders of community service projects will be asked to post pictures of their projects throughout the day on the City's Facebook page (facebook.com/CityofMargateFL) and tag the City. Leaders and participants of community service projects will be recognized for their actions at a future City Commission meeting. For more information about the MLK Day of Service, please call the City Manager's Office at (954) 935-5300 or go to margatefl.com/MLKDay.

Get Rewarded for Recycling with Big Blue

Get rewarded for recycling! The City, in partnership with Recyclebank, is offering residents an incentive for recycling with your "Big Blue" recycling cart.

With Recyclebank, you earn points for recycling that can be used to shop the online rewards catalog for deals and discounts on groceries, magazine subscriptions, gift cards, apparel, merchandise and more. Choose from hundreds of rewards from national retailers and brands like Ziploc®, Coca-Cola®, T-Mobile and local businesses in our community.



Recyclebank participation is easy and can help you save money. But, you'll have to sign up to be a part of it. Go to Recyclebank.com/wm and follow the Sign Up prompts. Then, enjoy your rewards! Sign up today!

Sign Up to Be an MVP!

Do you want to be a City of Margate volunteer? Do you have what it takes to be an M.V.P.?

The **Margate Volunteer Program (MVP)** provides the community with an opportunity to assist with special events, government functions, recreation programming, emergency operations, and other important services that impact the quality of life of Margate residents. By volunteering in the MVP, you can learn new skills, share your knowledge and experiences with others, meet new people, and give back to our community. Volunteering exemplifies what it means to say **"Together We Make It Great"**!

Volunteer options include Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Adopt-A-Street, Special Events, Athletic Programming Coaches, Summer Recreation Attendant, Senior Center, Tree/Landscaping Projects, Office/Clerical Support, Photography/Videography, and more.

For more information about the Margate Volunteer Program, please send an email to: volunteer@margatefl.com.

For the policy and application, go to margatefl.com/volunteer.

New WM Contract Updates Collection Service

The City Commission recently approved a new contract with Waste Management to continue providing garbage and recycling services in Margate.

With the new contract comes some updates to the collection services Waste Management provides, which will begin in February 2016. Residents will receive a flyer in the mail detailing all of the changes - please be on the lookout.



In January, residents who have curbside garbage service will be getting a new green garbage cart. In addition, some communities that previously did not have recycling carts, will receive new recycling carts in January. Residents who currently have the Big Blue recycling cart will be able to exchange it for a smaller recycling cart.

Upcoming Events

Margate's Forecast Calls for Snow on Dec. 18th

Let it snow! On Friday, December 18th, the City of Margate, in partnership with the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), will host its annual **Winter Festival** from 6 to 10 p.m. The event will be located along Margate Boulevard between US 441/SR 7 and NW 58th Avenue.



This free family-friendly 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 (please bring your own camera).

Food and craft vendors are welcome. Advanced registration is required.

To register as a vendor or for more information, please contact the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at (954) 972-6458 or email parksrec@margatefl.com (vendor registration fees apply).

Sounds at Sundown

Kicks Off Jan. 9th

The Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the City of Margate are kicking off the **2016 Sounds at Sundown Concert and Food Trucks Series** on Saturday, January 9th at US 441/SR7 and Margate Boulevard.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., a host of food trucks will be available to satisfy your every craving - from sandwiches, wraps and panini's to Bar-b-que, Cuban and Chinese cuisine. The concert will begin at 6 p.m.

Event-goers are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. Free parking will be available. For more information please contact the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at (954) 972-6458 or visit the City's website at margatefl.com.

NFL Flag Football Comes to Margate; Register Now

A new flag football league has come to Margate, and registrations are being accepted now for the eight week program that begins on April 10th.

Boys and girls, ages 4-14, are encouraged to participate. All games will be played on Sunday afternoons at Oriole Park, 7055 NW 1st Street. Practice takes place one hour before games, and there is an end of season tournament.

The registration fee is \$125 and includes an NFL Jersey, and flags and belts for all players to keep.

National Flag Football is the nation's largest flag football program.

For more information, please call (954) 248-2090. To register, please go to www.NationalFlagFootball.com.

MOVIES IN THE PARK 2015-2016 SCHEDULE

Saturday Nights!

Margate Sports Complex, 1695 Banks Road



December 12th
Alexander the
Terrible...

January 30th
Paddington

February 27th
Minions

Free Family Fun!
All Movies Rated PG

Bring lawn chairs and blankets!
Food and beverage available for purchase.



Make a New Year's resolution to save all the water you can and for a chance to win \$1000 in cash or a new water-conserving irrigation system. The City of Margate has teamed up with the Broward Water Partnership for the Neighborhood Water Challenge.

There are two categories in the Challenge. First, in the water conservation competition, teams of neighbors work together to save as much water as they can over a two-month period. In the Outreach and Education Challenge, a resident or family can sign up to create an outreach and education plan to help their neighbors understand that conservation and reuse is more than saving water. To enter or get more information about the Neighborhood Water Challenge, visit ConservationPays.com.

Margate Catharine Young Library Offers Free Programs for the Entire Family

At the Margate Catharine Young Library, located at 5810 Park Drive, free programs abound. Have a preschooler at home? Stop by the library for the weekly Preschool Storytime on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to noon. And, on Tuesdays, Family Storytime takes place from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please visit broward.org/library.

At Your Fingertips...

Emergency	911
City Hall	(954) 972-6454
Building	(954) 970-3004
Environmental & Engineering Services (DEES)	(954) 972-0828
Neighborhood Policing (Code)	(954) 972-1232
NW Focal Point Senior Center	(954) 973-0300
Parks and Recreation	(954) 972-6458
Police/Fire Non-Emergency Line	(954) 764-HELP (4357)
Public Works	(954) 972-8126
Water Billing Customer Service	(954) 972-6454

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Sign up for eBilling Today!
Go Green! To sign up to receive your utility bill by e-mail, City of Margate water customers should go to margatefl.com.

E-billing allows customers to receive their utility bills by e-mail 1-2 days sooner. Its secure, convenient, and helps the environment by conserving natural resources and reducing waste.

Margate's Local Access Cable Channel 78

For information about events, services and more, tune in to Channel 78 on Comcast Cable. Audio from City Commission Meetings is broadcast the first and third Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. (Meeting dates may change occasionally. Please check website for dates.)

To watch the meetings, live, simply log on to the City's website at the start of the meeting and click on "Commission Meeting LIVE Stream." Can't listen live? Video from City Commission Meetings will be archived and available for viewing at margatefl.com.

City Offices Closed

The City of Margate will observe the following upcoming holidays:

- Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 18

Margate City Hall and most municipal offices will be closed in observance of these holidays. As a reminder, City Hall and most offices are closed on Fridays.

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