

# MARGATE MATTERS



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### **As a Reminder...**

Last month, we mentioned events that will take place in the City this month. Here's a quick reminder:

#### **Movies in the Park**

When: **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 p.m.

Movie: **Despicable Me 3** (PG)

Where: Margate Sports Complex  
1695 Banks Road

Other: Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

#### **City Surplus Auction**

When: **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 a.m.

Where: Public Works Facility  
102 Rock Island Road

Other: A \$100 refundable cash deposit is required to bid. Go to [bidera.com](http://bidera.com) for more information.

### **Register Now for the City's Annual Senior Games**

Registration is open for the City's **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Margate Senior Games**, which is hosted by the Margate Parks and Recreation Department and the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center. The Senior Games will be held from **March 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**, at various locations throughout the City.

Endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the Margate Senior Games boasts hundreds of older adults participating in this popular program annually. The five-day competition features a variety of individual and team sports planned to appeal to everyone's area of interest. Outdoor events include horseshoes, shuffleboard, golf putting, pickleball, Pinochle, mixed doubles tennis, basketball free throw, petanque and bocce. The Games will also feature indoor events such as Wii Bowling, Wii Table Tennis, billiards, poker, dominoes and bowling.



Anyone 60 years of age or older may participate. Download the entry application, which includes a full schedule of events, at [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com), or pick it up at the Parks and Recreation Department located at 6199 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street, or the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center at 6009 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to winners at an awards ceremony on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center. For more information about the Senior Games, please visit [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com) or call (954) 972-6458.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Scholarship Program

The City of Margate, in partnership with Waste Management, presents the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Margate Academic Scholarship Program** for high school students who live within the City limits. This scholarship honors one male and one female student for their academic excellence and helps them achieve their dreams of attending college with less financial burden.

Started in 2012, the Margate Academic Scholarship Program was created to foster the educational opportunities for City of Margate students and encourage them to pursue paths that support government and civic endeavors. Graduating high school or college-enrolled students who are interested in applying for this one-time **\$2,500 scholarship**, should download, complete and submit the 2018 scholarship application no later than **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** to the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at 6199 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street. To download the application, go to [margatefl.com/scholarship](http://margatefl.com/scholarship).

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Current Margate resident
2. Core weighted GPA of 3.50 (minimum)
3. Community Service (minimum 40 hours)
4. Education or professional path of government or non-profit service

### Award Criteria - including but not limited to:

1. Community Service
2. Personal Essay (no more than 600 words)
3. Weighted GPA
4. Financial Need

For more scholarship information, please go to [margatefl.com/scholarship](http://margatefl.com/scholarship) or contact the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 972-6458**.

## 2017 Scholarship Recipients



**Brandon Fogelman** graduated from Pompano Beach High School's Advanced Program and is a Freshman at Florida Gulf Coast University pursuing a career in the medical field.



**Payton Mulkey** graduated from Pompano Beach High School and is attending the University of Florida. She is pursuing a degree in biology. Her goal is to become a pediatrician.



## Join the Neighbors Meeting Neighbors Gardening Club

Join your neighbors and help grow the Community Garden located at 6111 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The Gardening Club was started after a Neighbors Meeting Neighbors workshop that taught residents how to create a butterfly garden.

**The Club will meet at 10 a.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your own gardening tools and supplies.**

The goal of the Neighbors Meeting Neighbors program is to help build connections among Margate neighbors and spark discussion through common interests. For more information about the Gardening Club, please call **(954) 935-6993** or email [larainelw@gmail.com](mailto:larainelw@gmail.com).

## Broward Water Partnership Launches "Royal Flush" Campaign

If you're considering making a change to your royal throne, we hope you'll consider letting us help pay for it. As part of the Broward Water Partnership, we are committed to helping you conserve water. Replacing a toilet is a thing that you can do and forget about, because it keeps saving water for as long as it's in your home, business, or nonprofit. And, we'll give you up to \$100 per toilet to swap out your old toilet for a WaterSense® high efficiency model.

Got two royal thrones? Double your benefit. Now that is a royal flush!

Less water down the drain means lower water bills and a healthier environment.

Customers of the City of Margate are eligible. Just visit [ConservationPays.com](http://ConservationPays.com) for pre-approval for the rebate. If you're a business or nonprofit, have more than 2 toilets, and you need more rebates, call **800.270.9794** or email [ConservationPays@broward.org](mailto:ConservationPays@broward.org).



# Upcoming Events

## Spring Clean and Make Some Cash at the City's Garage Sale

It's that time of year again! Spring cleaning is upon us, so why not clean out your garage, gather clothes you haven't worn in months, de-clutter your home and turn all of that unwanted "stuff" into cash! How you ask? By selling your trash at the City's annual **Spring Clean Up and Garage Sale**.



The Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, **March 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. until noon at Oriole Park**, located at 7055 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street (NE corner of NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street / Rock Island Road). Preregistration is required for VENDORS at a price of \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents per space.

Each year, more than 150 vendors and hundreds of shoppers participate in the event. The Spring Clean Up is a great way to de-clutter your home, and make some extra money in the process. The registration deadline is Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> or until full. For more information, please go to [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com) or call (954) 972-6458.



## Springtime Egg Hunt Set for March 24<sup>th</sup>

Spring is here, and for the City of Margate, that means the annual **Springtime Egg Hunt** is near. Thousands of eggs are being filled with fun prizes or delicious candy for children to enjoy.

On **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, children eight years old and younger are invited to the City of Margate's Springtime Egg Hunt. **The festivities begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Margate Sports Complex, 1695 Banks Road. Arrive early!**



The **Sounds at Sundown** concert series, hosted by the Margate Parks and Recreation Department and the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency, continues on **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5 to 10 p.m. at the corner of Margate Boulevard and 441**. Choose to eat from a variety of food trucks, shop at pop-up shops and dance the night away with live music by the **Wolfepack Band** playing Rock, Blues, Jazz and Funk. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Admission and parking are free. For more information, go to [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com) or call the Parks and Recreation Department at (954) 972-6458.



Nearly 9,000 brightly colored plastic eggs - each containing a treat will be scattered on three baseball fields. Some eggs will also contain a ticket redeemable for a special prize. Peter Rabbit will make a special guest appearance for family photographs. Please remember to bring your baskets and a camera.

This event is free and open to the public. Free parking will be available.

For more information, go to [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com), call Parks and Rec. at (954) 972-6458 or by email: [parksrec@margatefl.com](mailto:parksrec@margatefl.com).



*The Margate Sports Complex at 1695 Banks Road has a new and improved, baseball-themed playground. Stop by to play and have some fun.*



## Mark Your Calendar!

### Dive in Movie is March 24<sup>th</sup>

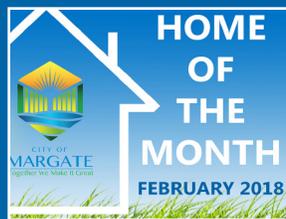
Hang out, relax or splash around in the lap pool while watching a movie. Join us for the **Dive in Movie** on **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10 p.m.** at Calypso Cove, 6200 Royal Palm Boulevard. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for purchase. Admission for residents is \$2/person ages 4 and older, \$1 for children 3 and under. For more information, please call (954) 974-4566.

## Recycling Drop Off Available 24/7

Margate residents who live in an apartment and want to recycle or anyone (including businesses) who might have extra recycling materials such as empty boxes can easily dispose of their recyclables at the **Recycling Drop Off** container. The City of Margate, in partnership with Waste Management, provides the container that's conveniently located in the parking lot at **Oriole Park, 7055 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street. It's accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**



All recyclable material can be commingled when placed in the container. Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** food waste, plastic bags or polystyrene foam cups and containers.



## Home of the Month Winner

The City of Margate is pleased to announce the **Home of the Month** winner for February 2018. Congratulations to Troy and Nilsa Riley, Margate residents who have lived in this beautiful home on Southwest 10th Place for more than five years.

To enter the Home of the Month Contest, visit [margatefl.com/homeofthemoth](http://margatefl.com/homeofthemoth).

## 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
After Hours Water Reconnection	(954) 972-0828

\*Department of Environmental and Engineering Services

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## Be in the Know!

### Get connected with "Our Margate"

#### **WARNING!** Don't Pay Your Water Bill Via doxo.com or other 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Websites

Some water customers are using online account organization services like doxo.com to pay their water bills. Please know that **the City of Margate has NOT contracted with this company or any other 3rd party websites to accept payments.** Payments made to these companies are not being forwarded to the City, and the City bears no responsibility for late or lost utility payments.

For your convenience, you may pay your City of Margate utility bill **FREE OF CHARGE** (no service, handling or processing fees) at [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com).

#### **FREE Showerheads and Faucet Aerators**

In an effort to save water, money and the environment, the City of Margate provides free, high-efficiency 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 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue. If you have any questions or need more information, please call **Aaron Tauber** at (954) 972-0828.

#### **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 Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the 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 "Agendas and Minutes," then "Watch Live". Can't watch live? Archived Meetings are available at [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com).

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