

# MARGATE MATTERS



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## Be Informed, Plan Ahead and VOTE on November 6<sup>th</sup>

It's official – the 2018 Election season is underway! Voting is one of the most fundamental ways for citizens to have a voice in their government. Please make sure you are prepared for Election Day by taking advantage of the resources listed in this newsletter.

**The General and Municipal Elections** will take place on **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** and as in past elections, Margate's precincts will be active. City Commission Seat #3 and Seat #5 will be on the ballot for the City of Margate. For more information, please visit [margatefl.com/ElectionInformation](http://margatefl.com/ElectionInformation) or call the City Clerk's Office at **(954) 935-5326**.

To cast your ballot on Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling location. To know your polling location, visit [browardsoe.org](http://browardsoe.org) and click on "Where Do I Vote?" You will be directed to the Precinct Finder to enter your information.

### City of Margate Polling Locations

G001	Coral Bay Clubhouse	3101 S. Bay Drive
G002	Abundant Life Church	7955 Royal Palm Blvd.
G003	Coral Cay Plantation	6500 Colonial Drive
G004	Paradise Gardens Section #4 CH	7700 Margate Blvd.
G005	Oriole Golf & Tennis Phase 1 CH	7777 Golf Circle Drive
G006	Charley Katz Community Center	6111 NW 10th Street
G007	Atlantic West Elementary School	301 NW 69th Terrace
G008	Oakland Hills Social Center	800 SW 51st Avenue
G009	Atlantic West Elementary School	301 NW 69th Terrace
G010	Cokesbury United Methodist Church	1801 NW 65th Avenue
G011	Liberty Elementary School	2450 Banks Road
G012	Oriole Gardens Phase 1 Clubhouse	7400 NW 5th Court
G013	Oriole Gardens Phase 1 Clubhouse	7400 NW 5th Court
G014	Margate Middle School	500 NW 65th Avenue
G015	Oriole Golf & Tennis Phase 1 CH	7777 Golf Circle Drive
G016	Holiday Springs Village Auditorium	3131 Holiday Springs Blvd.

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# GENERAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

## Margate Residents to Consider Ballot Questions

The City of Margate will have four (4) referendum questions on the ballot for residents to consider. Here are the questions:

### Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds For Parks And Recreation Projects

May the City of Margate issue, in one or more series, not to exceed \$10,000,000 general obligation bonds bearing interest at not exceeding the maximum legal rate and maturing not later than thirty years after the date(s) of issuance, to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping, renovating, replacing and improving parks and recreation projects all to be located in the City of Margate?

**FOR BONDS      AGAINST BONDS**

### Charter Amendment Concerning Procurement Regulations

Should the City Charter be amended to remove sections 4.10 and 4.11 regarding the monetary thresholds for City Manager and City Commission administration and approval of procurement matters so that all procurement regulations, including the monetary thresholds for review, can be consolidated into the City Code of Ordinances and thereafter subject to amendment by ordinance?

**YES      NO**

### Charter Amendment-Unlimited Terms Of Office

Members of the City Commission are currently limited to serving no more than three consecutive four year terms in office. Shall section of Article III "Legislative" of the City Charter which reference or relate to term limitations be amended to eliminate term limits for Members of the City Commission?

**YES      NO**

### Charter Amendment Authority To Appoint, Suspend, Remove Police Chief, Fire Chief, Assistant City Manager

The Chiefs of the Police Department and Fire Rescue Department and Assistant City Manager are currently subject to appointment, suspension and removal by the City Manager. Shall Section (a) of Article IV the City Charter be amended to provide that the City Commission rather than the City Manager have authority to appoint, suspend and remove the Chief of the Police Department and the Chief of the Fire Rescue Department and Assistant City Manager?

**YES      NO**

## Recycle Right - When in Doubt, Throw it Out

Over the past few years, Margate residents have been placing more in their recycling carts than ever before. While this is great, there has also been an increase in the level of non-recyclable items, "contamination," placed in recycling carts. This increased level of contamination is a national and international issue. In response, China, the largest market for recyclables, has stopped accepting foreign waste. This has caused significant market disruption; reducing material values and pushing for higher quality materials.

In July 2018, the City of Margate entered into a new agreement for recyclables processing which penalizes contamination over 10%. The City's current contamination

level is around 30%. The good news is that if we all commit to "**Recycle Right,**" we can reduce or eliminate this additional cost.

In the coming weeks, the City will begin a new campaign to help re-educate and encourage residents to "Recycle Right."

Remember – **WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT.**

## What is a General Election?

It is an election in which all or most members of a given political body are chosen. Additionally, it is a regularly scheduled local, state, or national election in which voters elect office-holders.

## What is a Municipal Election?

It is an election where cities elect their local representatives. In the City of Margate, our Municipal Election is scheduled during even numbered years in the month of November.

## Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

In addition to voting in-person at the polls on Election Day, you may also choose to utilize the Early Voting options offered by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections. For more information, please visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections website at [browardsoe.org](http://browardsoe.org) or call (954) 357-7050.



# Upcoming Events



## Sounds at Sundown - November 3<sup>rd</sup>

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual **Sounds at Sundown** concert series continues on Saturday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** with the band, Orange Sunshine, playing hits from the 60s and 70s.

The free concert series takes place from **5 p.m. to 10 p.m.** at the corner of **Margate Boulevard and 441**. Enjoy live music and food trucks serving up delicious snacks, meals and desserts. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and plan to spend the evening dancing and singing under the stars.

Mark your calendar to join us again on **December 1<sup>st</sup>** for another fun night of Sounds at Sundown.

Free parking and admission. For more information, please visit [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com) or call the Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 972-6458**.

## movies in the park

JOIN US AT THE MARGATE SPORTS COMPLEX

OCTOBER 6TH



NOVEMBER 17TH



DECEMBER 1ST



JANUARY 26TH



FEBRUARY 23RD



Join us at the Margate Sports Complex, located on 1695 Banks Road, for a free family-friendly movie. All movies are rated PG. \*Movies are subject to change.

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs! Concessions are available for purchase.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 954-972-6458.



## Veterans Day Ceremony Set for Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

To honor our heroes, the City of Margate will host its annual Veterans Day ceremony on **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **10:30 a.m.** at **Veterans Memorial Park, located at 7044 N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.**



Join us as we honor all of our military veterans who have served in all United States military branches - Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard. This annual ceremony honors our veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to our country. We salute them for the sacrifices they have made for our nation's freedom.

Refreshments will be provided. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

For more information about the Veterans Day Ceremony, please contact the Margate Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 972-6458**.

## FALL Festival

Saturday, October 27th

6PM-11PM



Margate Sports Complex, 1695 Banks Road

### CONTESTS WITH PRIZES

Costume (all ages)  
Pumpkin Carving  
Scarecrow Building  
Chili Cook-Off

### FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Line Dancing  
Hay Rides  
Pony Rides  
Petting Zoo  
Haunted House

### LIVE MUSIC FEATURING : TOBACCO RD BAND

[www.tobaccordband.com](http://www.tobaccordband.com)

### CRAFT & FOOD VENDORS

Pre-registration required for all vendors and Chili/BBQ Cook-Off participants.

Margate Parks and Recreation Department

[www.margatefl.com/FallFestival](http://www.margatefl.com/FallFestival) | (954) 972-6458



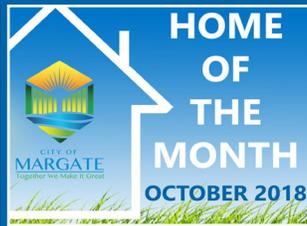
## Parking Across the Sidewalk is a No-No

Did you know it is illegal to park in such a way that blocks any part of the sidewalk? Blocking the sidewalk is a Code violation. It's also a safety hazard because if you block the sidewalk, you are forcing someone to walk around your car and possibly into the street.



According to F.S. Statute 316.1945, no part of the sidewalk can be blocked by a vehicle or it is a non-criminal traffic infraction as well as a city code violation (Sec. 33-69.52). A traffic citation for this violation will cost you \$110.00.

To report vehicles that are parked on sidewalks, please call the police non-emergency line at **(954) 764-HELP (4357)**.



## Home of the Month Winner

The City of Margate is pleased to announce the **Home of the Month** winner for October 2018. Congratulations to Will and Edna Holton, who live on the 6900 block of NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Mr. and Mrs. Holton have lived in this beautiful home for 35 years. Congrats, and keep up the good work!

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

## 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
Development Services	(954) 979-6213
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"

#### 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 Friday 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**.



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It's convenient, safe, and good for the environment

#### Sign up for eBilling Today!

Go Green! Sign up to receive your utility bill by e-mail at [margatefl.com/ebillsignup](http://margatefl.com/ebillsignup).

eBilling allows customers to receive their utility bills by e-mail 1-2 days sooner than mailed bills. It's secure, convenient, and helps reduce waste.

#### City Commission Meetings Broadcast Live on Comcast Cable Ch. 78 & Online at [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com)

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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