

# MARGATE MATTERS



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### A Message from Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz...

Congratulations to our Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners:

- **First Place** - Edward Deimling winner of a \$100 Visa Gift Card
- **Second Place** - Patricia and Juan Rodriguez winner of \$50 Visa Gift Card
- **Third Place** - Skip Vandelinde winner of \$25 Visa Gift Card

Thank you to everyone who entered and brightened up both your neighborhoods and the City with festive lights and amazing decorations

I'm pleased to report that our Police Department lobby is now open, operational and staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with staff able to directly assist residents and the public with a variety of services. On Monday January 11, 2021 the Margate Police Department's Communications Unit also officially expanded services. MPD now has a telecommunications operator monitoring all non-emergency calls coming into the Department, enabling us to better support our police officers as they respond to calls.



The City of Margate takes great pride in congratulating:

- **Police Chief Jonathan Shaw** for being named to the **Broward County Chiefs' of Police Association Executive Board, as their Sergeant-At-Arms**. Chief Shaw is recognized as a leader not only in our community, but also among the many amazing men and women, both sworn and civilian, who protect all of Broward County.
- **Battalion Chief Paul Phillips** - recipient of the **2020 Dave Foster Paramedic of the Year Award** for saving a woman who was choking at a restaurant at which he was eating.
- **Captain Carlos Pumariega** - recipient of the **2020 Elizabeth Jordan Educator of the Year Award** for his years of dedication and service to training and making an impact in the fire service.
- **Harold Pryor**, resident, who was sworn in as the new **Broward State Attorney** replacing Mike Satz who retired after 44 years of service. We wish him great success.

Special thanks to resident Grant O'Donnell who enabled Margate to receive a \$2500 Home Depot grant in the form of a donation of 192 Podocarpus shrubs and landscaping materials! With the help of Rick Riccardi and the members of the Fellowship Living, the plants now have a permanent home on the outer perimeter of the fence line by our dog park at Firefighters Park, 2500 Rock Island Road.

Many thanks to the Chabad of Coral Springs for sharing its food distribution with both Margate residents and the Margate/Coconut Creek Fire Department.

Finally, we know how frustrating and difficult it has been to make an online vaccination appointment. Please know that I, along with other members of your City Commission, am working diligently to ensure that every resident of Margate who wants a vaccine gets one. We are using all of our resources to partner with the Florida Department of Health to bring vaccination sites directly into our community.

Don't forget to hug a loved one on Valentine's Day, February 14th. The City will be closed on February 15th in observance of President's Day. Please remember to practice safe social distancing and continue to wear your masks. Stay Safe and Be Well!

LET'S GET SOCIAL MARGATE!

### CONNECT WITH US

- Website: [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com)
- Facebook: [@CityofMargateFL](https://www.facebook.com/CityofMargateFL)
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- Instagram: [@CityofMargateFL](https://www.instagram.com/CityofMargateFL)
- Nextdoor: [nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)
- Emergency Notifications: [margatefl.com/CodeRED](http://margatefl.com/CodeRED)
- Comcast Channel 78: Watch City Commission Meetings
- Facebook: [@MargateFLPolice](https://www.facebook.com/MargateFLPolice)
- Instagram: [@MargateFLPolice](https://www.instagram.com/MargateFLPolice)
- Twitter: [@MargateFLPolice](https://twitter.com/MargateFLPolice)
- Ring Neighbors App: Text **MargateFL** to **555888** to see what's going on in your neighborhood.
- Facebook: [@MargateCoconutCreekFireRescue](https://www.facebook.com/MargateCoconutCreekFireRescue)

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## Waste Wizard Makes Recycling Easy



The holidays are now over, but that doesn't necessarily mean the gift boxes or wrapping paper are gone! Not sure what you can recycle? We've got the answer!

Questions like these are easily answered using the Waste Wizard, an online search tool that allows residents to type in any keyword and get disposal tips. The Waste Wizard will help you recycle, reuse and properly dispose of hundreds of items. So, where is this waste wizard? Visit [margatefl.com/wastewizard](http://margatefl.com/wastewizard). Not sure what items go into the recycling cart or the garbage cart? Try our Waste Wizard and get smart choosing the right cart!

Recycle right! Please remember the following recycling tips:

- DO NOT bag your recyclables.
- DO NOT put bagged waste in your recycling cart.
- DO NOT put food waste in your recycling cart.
- DO NOT put bottles with liquids in your recycling cart.

We encourage you to focus on the basics: plastic bottles and jugs (remove caps, please), metal food and beverage cans, paper, and cardboard. When in doubt, throw it out.

## Vehicle Code Compliance

In general, every vehicle stopped or parked on a two-way roadway where parking is permitted should be parked with the right wheels within 12 inches of the right-hand curb.

- Where curbs are not provided, vehicles must be parked on the swale in a manner that they do not take up more than 12 inches of the paved portion of the roadway. Where curbs are provided, vehicles are not permitted to park on the swale.

For more information about Vehicle code compliance visit : <https://www.margatefl.com/452/Code-Compliance>

**CALYPSO COVE AQUATIC FACILITY**  
**SIX FREE PARENT TOT SWIM LESSONS**  
To request your voucher visit:  
[watersmartbroward.org/programs/kids-swim-coupon/](http://watersmartbroward.org/programs/kids-swim-coupon/)  
**AGES 6 MOS TO 4 YRS OLD**

## Register for 6 free swim lessons!

The Children's Services Council of Broward County has partnered with Broward County's Swim Central program to provide a voucher with a value of \$40 to help off-set the cost of swimming instruction for children and their families. The child must be between the ages of 6 months to 4 years. Request your swim voucher here: <https://watersmartbroward.org/programs/kids-swim-coupon/>

## Fire Rescue Safety Breifing



I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As a community, we braced the impact of the pandemic and met all the challenges head on. In 2021, we will undoubtedly be met with many hurdles, but we will overcome them. Most importantly, please keep you and your family safe as things move forward.

Vaccination sites throughout Broward County continue to open. It will be vital that everyone signing up adhere to the requirements. These will include filling out the proper paperwork and arriving there in a reasonable time prior to your appointment.

Please remember to social distance, wear masks, and use proper hygiene methods. More information is available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

## Message from NW Focal Point Senior Center



In celebration of the New Year, our seniors participated in a game of BINGO via conference call. May the New Year bring you health, gratitude for the good times, compassion towards those who are in need, peace to your hearts and lots of Love that moves the world in the right direction.

The NW Focal Point Senior and Adult Day Care continues to serve the community in many ways. Your donations are welcome and make a difference in many Seniors lives and their families. Soon we will launch a donation link on the website. For more information, call us at **954-973-0300**.

## MPD Nightly Routine

Do you know about Margate Police Department's MPD Nightly Routine? We hope you are completing this each night at 8:15pm! This concept is something that we came up with a few years ago in an effort to provide our residents a simple safety reminder.

If you don't know what it is, keep reading!

1. Remove your valuables from inside of your car each time you exit. A valuable is anything of value to you; car keys, wallet, tablet, iPad, purse, backpack, cash, coins.

This list could continue but our goal is for you to be sure that each and every night, all of your belongings are removed.

2. Lock your doors. Double check!

3. Complete this routine each night.

Let's work together to keep our community, neighborhood, families and property out of harm's way!



## **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Tribute**

February 14, 2018 is a date that will forever be etched in our hearts. We will never forget that day, as it unraveled before our eyes. On that day, 17 beautiful lives were taken, families were broken, and our community will never be the same again. Please Join us on Sunday February 14, 2021 as we release 17 lanterns in remembrance of the 17 beautiful lives lost during the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy. Vigil starts at 5:30pm at the Margate Sports Complex located at 1695 Banks Road, Margate, FL.

MARGATE PRESENTS

# *A day of love and remembrance*

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

*Sunday February 14, 2021*

*5:30p.m.*

**MSD STRONG**



## COVID-19 Information Hotline

**STATE OF FLORIDA CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION HOTLINE:**  
**(866) 779-6121** (FLDOH nurse 24/7).

**BROWARD COUNTY CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE:**  
**(954) 412-7300**  
[broward.org/coronavirus](http://broward.org/coronavirus)

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER SENIOR HELP LINE:** **(954) 745-9779**

## 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
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) 884-3666
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"

### Online Open Records Requests

The City of Margate is improving transparency by making government records easily accessible to the public. Requestors of public information can now submit Open Records Requests through an online form. While other methods for submitting requests are still available, the City of Margate is excited to be able to offer a more convenient option.



"The City of Margate chose JustFOIA to help streamline the open records request process for their citizens and improve efficiencies within," said City Clerk Joseph Kavanagh. "By implementing this solution, the City now has a smarter Public Records process that allows our organization to be more efficient and more transparent. Every year, the City Clerk's Office processes more than 800 public records requests, and this new process will substantially save staff time and allow our requestors to easily obtain government records."

To submit a request online or for more information, go to [margatefl.com/CityClerk](http://margatefl.com/CityClerk).

### City Commission Meetings Broadcast Live on Comcast Cable Ch. 78 & Online

With the COVID-19 pandemic, City Commission Meetings continue to broadcast live on the City's local access channel, Comcast Channel 78, and on the Zoom Platform. Meetings normally take place the first Wednesday of the month and the third Wednesday of the month. Please go to [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com) for dates, times and the agenda for each meeting.

For those who prefer to watch the meetings online, log on to the City's website and click on "Agendas and Minutes." There, you will find the link to access the meeting on Zoom. Can't watch live? Archived Meetings are available at [margatefl.com](http://margatefl.com).

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