

# Our Margate

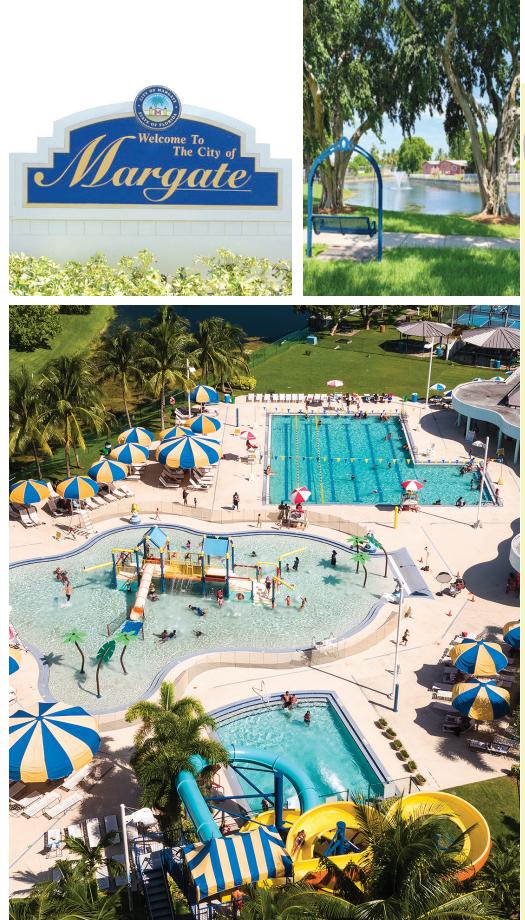
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## YOUR MARGATE GOVERNMENT

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ON THE COVER:  
Calypso Cove is open to the public for the summer.

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Let us know how we're doing! Please send us your feedback about this magazine at [PIO@margatefl.com](mailto:PIO@margatefl.com).

# FROM THE MAYOR

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Greetings and welcome to the inaugural issue of Our Margate, the City's new magazine and latest tool for celebrating Margate and communicating the great events and important news taking place in our City.

Our Margate will be published as the City's official quarterly magazine and our newest way to reach as many of our residents as possible. We will be covering a wide variety of important topics in a convenient format that each resident can easily refer to as often as necessary without the need for an electronic device.

Our Margate will offer something

for everyone, including important City information, upcoming events, business and school information, parks, recreation and summer program updates, Senior 60+ news, important homeowner information, as well as, public safety tips and upcoming City projects to name just a few of the anticipated topics. We will celebrate Margate's hometown "feel" by highlighting our award winning Homes of the Month, recognizing our amazing employees, athletes and ordinary citizens who quietly go above and beyond to give back to their community.



Most importantly, Our Margate will only be successful if we meet your needs, so I encourage each of you to send us your feedback, make suggestions and help us create a publication that is both valuable, interesting and worth reading.

**Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz**  
[aschwartz@margatefl.com](mailto:aschwartz@margatefl.com)

# FROM THE VICE MAYOR



Weather experts predict another busy hurricane season this year. It only takes one bad storm to make it a bad year, so I urge you to be proactive in your hurricane preparedness.

Please take the time to figure out what you and your family will do to prepare for a hurricane. Emergency services may differ from previous EOC activations because of the social distancing restrictions. I am confident that our Emergency Management personnel will be ready to get our City back on track, but you must do your

part to be prepared for any storm. Please sign up to receive emergency notifications from MargateCares Alerts, which you can do through the City's website. This new system will notify you of any weather-related information or evacuation orders. And follow the City's announcements on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Nextdoor. I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

**Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio**  
[aarserio@margatefl.com](mailto:aarserio@margatefl.com)

# Dear Neighbors:



Much attention is spent on Pre-K education, and rightly so. Just as critical to society are Post-60 programs, and Margate focuses on that through the Northwest Focal Point (NWFP) Senior Center. This Center is dedicated to improving the quality of life for seniors 60+. Whether attendees have physical or cognitive impairments, the Center offers vital recreational, educational, and social activities and treats everyone with the respect and dignity we would want for ourselves.

Equally important is that it allows caregivers to take a little time for themselves while knowing that their loved ones are receiving quality attention. Most services are free, including transportation. You owe it to yourself and your loved ones to visit the Center and see how it can help you.

**Commissioner**  
**Anthony N. Caggiano**  
[acaggiano@margatefl.com](mailto:acaggiano@margatefl.com)



Happy early Mother & Father's Day to all the great parents. I cannot wait to see the 4th of July festivities! Congratulations to our most recent Students of the Month: Isabelle Jarvis, Anaya Walters, Olivia North, Maya Galiano, Michael Cereste, Marvin Williams, Joana Rufino-Delima, and Zach Lasso; and our Teachers, Sarah Hennebery, Caryn Campbell, Alison Shapanka, Paulette Schluter-Paris, Barbara Kpassou, Claudia Lawerence-Junior, Jasmin Rahman, and Willaznard Harper. Also, kudos to the latest Athlete of the Month Austin Taylor. Lastly, welcome recently appointed board members! Planning & Zoning: Gail DeAngelis, Todd Angier, Richard Zucchini, Rob Reiner, Juli Van Der Meulen. Board of Adjustment: Howard Burke, Joao Brandao, Elsa Sanchez, Julie Jones. God Bless and Stay Safe!

**Commissioner**  
**Tommy Ruzzano**  
[truzzano@margatefl.com](mailto:truzzano@margatefl.com)



As an avid animal lover, I know how important it is to have outdoor recreational facilities in our community to spend time with our pets.

The new 1.5-acre dog park at Firefighters Park is just one of those unique places in Margate.

The park has two fenced-off areas for small and large dogs where your pups can get ample off-leash exercise. There are also shade shelters, pet drinking fountains, a wash area, and waste bag stations.

A life-size bronze statue of Rex, a German shepherd war canine, which served two tours in World War II, dutifully watches over the park.

If you haven't been there, I invite you to stop by and help Margate build a dog-friendly network of neighbors.

**Commissioner**  
**Joanne Simone**  
[jsimone@margatefl.com](mailto:jsimone@margatefl.com)

## Schedule Your COVID Vaccination Now!

The Northwest Focal Point Senior Center and the City of Margate are coordinating the registration and transportation to COVID-19 vaccine sites for Margate residents ages 60 and up. Residents can register by contacting the Senior Center Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 954-973-0300 or via email at [seniorcenter@margatefl.com](mailto:seniorcenter@margatefl.com).

Homebound Residents may request a vaccination at their residence by sending an email to [homeboundvaccine@em.myflorida.com](mailto:homeboundvaccine@em.myflorida.com).

For the latest COVID-19 updates, visit [www.Broward.org/Coronavirus](http://www.Broward.org/Coronavirus).

### Where to Get COVID Vaccines

**Florida Department of Health:**  
866-201-6313, 833-476-1526 (TTY), [myvaccine.fl.gov](http://myvaccine.fl.gov)

For a list of **state and county-run vaccine locations**, visit [www.broward.org/CoronaVirus](http://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus)

### Local Pharmacies and Retail Stores

- **Walmart and Sam's Club registration** [www.Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine](http://www.Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine) or [www.SamsClub.com/covid](http://www.SamsClub.com/covid)
- **Publix registration** [www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida](http://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida)
- **CVS registration** [www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine)
- **Winn-Dixie registration** [www.winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine](http://www.winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine)

**VACCINATIONS ARE FREE.**



## City Introduces Electronic Permit & Plan Review Service

In May, the City of Margate is launching an online service for customers wanting to request a City permit or plan review approval from the convenience of their home or office. This new platform replaces the paper-based process with an electronic-based integrated solution that allows the Building, Development Services or Environmental and Engineering Services departments to review plans and permits simultaneously for greater efficiency.

"The City of Margate will better serve its customers by introducing 21st Century technology that allows them to submit permit applications online from anywhere, at any time," said Building Department Director and Building Official Richard Nixon. "Once entered electronically, users can easily track down the progress of their applications and receive faster feedback on their submissions."

Contractors, homeowners, or design professionals can submit site plans, pay for permit applications, and supporting documents electronically through the ProjectDox platform by Avolve software, accessible on the City's website [www.margatefl.com](http://www.margatefl.com). Paper applications will no longer be accepted once the online service goes live.



## Learn About the Water Quality

Are you curious about the quality of the drinking water in Margate? Beginning June 30, 2021, you can view the City of Margate's 2020 Water Quality Report online at [www.margatefl.com/CCR2020](http://www.margatefl.com/CCR2020). The report contains essential information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To have a report mailed to your home, visit [www.margatefl.com/CCR2020](http://www.margatefl.com/CCR2020) and complete a fillable form to submit your contact information. You can also send an email to [deesadmin@margatefl.com](mailto:deesadmin@margatefl.com) with your name/address or call 954-972-0828 for assistance.



## CITY OF MARGATE CONTACT INFORMATION

**Emergency:** 911

**Police/Fire Non-Emergency:**

954-764-HELP ( 954-764-4357 )

**City Hall:** 954-972-6454

**Building:** 954-970-3004

**DEES ( Department of Environmental and Engineering Services ):** 954-972-0828

**Development Services:** 954-979-6213

**Neighborhood Policing (Code):** 954-972-1232

**N.W. 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

## Keeping It Up To Code

The City of Margate ensures that our homes and businesses comply with community standards through its Code Compliance Unit. Our Code Compliance Officers work very hard to gain voluntary compliance of various codes and ordinances that are put into place so that the City of Margate remains a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and visit.

Please do your part to help keep your properties up to Code. By following these rules, you can positively impact city-wide property values and enhance the community's image.

## Don't Park on Sidewalks

Section 26.3 of the City Code regulates the parking of any non-commercial vehicles in residential areas. Vehicles cannot be parked on any dedicated public street, sidewalk, or right-of-way, including any swale or parkway. Cars can be parked only in backyards or side yards such that no portion of the vehicle protrudes past or in front of facades of any residence.

Be a good neighbor and don't park on sidewalks. When you block a sidewalk, you obstruct

the pathway for pedestrians, bicyclists, mothers with strollers, and people who rely on motorized vehicles to get around.

## Maintain Fences in Good Conditions

Section 3.14 of the City Code regulates the construction of fences, walls, and hedges within the City of Margate. All walls, fences, barriers or barricades constructed or presently existing must be maintained by the property owner.

Be a good neighbor and maintain your fence in good condition, free of any breaks, discolorations, and graffiti.

## Make Your Home an Asset to the Community

Purchasing a home is the most significant investment anyone will make. Maintaining a home's exterior in top shape increases its value and gives homeowners a sense of pride and accomplishment. The City of Margate recognizes residents who go above and beyond to keep their homes' curb appeal and make their property an asset to the community. The "Home of the Month" coveted award goes to the best visually appealing residential property with a

well-maintained garden and landscape.

Residents of single-family homes, duplexes, and town-homes in Margate are eligible to apply for this recognition online at [www.margatefl.com/homeofthemonth](http://www.margatefl.com/homeofthemonth). Winners will receive a specially designed "Home of the Month" sign to be placed in the winning month's front yard and a \$50 gift certificate to a local hardware store. The proud homeowners will be acknowledged at a City Commission meeting and through the City's social media and other communications vehicles.

*below: previous Home of the Month winners*



## July is Parks and Recreation Month!

*Throughout July, the City of Margate will celebrate the importance of play and green spaces in our community by posting stories on our social media pages using the hashtag #WeAreParksAndRec. We invite you to share your best park stories with us. Please find us at @CityofMargateFL on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.*

### Youth Sports Sponsorship Available

The Margate City Commission has approved the expansion of the sponsorship program that allows kids to enroll in various sports for free from now until the end of September 2021. Children of Margate residents can get one voucher to waive up to \$150 in registration fees for one child to join a sports league, class, or session of their choice. Available programs that can utilize this free registration voucher include youth basketball, baseball, soccer, swim team, football and cheerleading, archery and tennis.

If you have already paid for registration, contact your league/class as it is up to each of them to issue refunds. Registration is closed for the Baseball league, and at this time, they will not issue registration refunds for the 2021 season.

### PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, events and programs are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 954-972-6458 or parksrec@margatefl.com.

#### MAY

##### **Memorial Day Ceremony**

Monday, May 31, 2021

9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Veterans Memorial Park

7044 NW 1st Street

A ceremony to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. Featured speakers include the City of Margate Mayor and a military keynote speaker. Also participating are the Memorial Day essay contest winners from local elementary schools, Margate Police Department and Fire Department Honor Guards, and local Boy and Girl Scout troops.

Free and open to the public.



## **Dance, Cheer & Gymnastic Classes by Joy Deco**

Classes held at David Park Pavilion  
6199 NW 10th Street  
Cost: \$55 monthly, plus \$15 registration fee.

### **Class Schedule:**

Mondays: Dance & Cheer (ages 6-12),  
6p.m.-6:50 p.m.  
Wednesdays: Dance, Cheer and Tumble Basics  
(ages 4-6), 4:30 p.m.-5:20 p.m.  
Gymnastics Basics (ages 5-11),  
5:30 p.m.- 6:20 p.m.  
Gymnastics Level 1 & 2 (ages 5-12),  
6:30 p.m.-7:20 p.m.

For information contact:  
[Joydecoenterprises.com](http://Joydecoenterprises.com), 954-971-9917.



## **Hapkido (Martial Arts)**

Classes held at David Park Pavilion  
6199 NW 10th Street  
Cost: \$110 monthly, plus \$20 registration fee.

### **Class Schedule:**

Tuesday and Thursdays:  
Youth Class: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Adult Class: 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Wednesday: Youth Class: 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Adult Class: 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

For information contact:  
[hapkidobear@gmail.com](mailto:hapkidobear@gmail.com), 954-917-0488.

## **JUNE**

### **Margate Youth Summer Camp**

June 14 – August 6, 2021  
Community Center  
6199 NW 10th Street

Ages: 5\*-12

Featuring arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, cooking and science activities, and exciting special activities and theme weeks!

\*With the completion of Kindergarten.

### **Margate Teen Camp**

June 14 – August 6, 2021  
Firefighters Park  
2500 Rock Island Road

Ages: 13-16

Featuring indoor and outdoor games, team building, competitions, crafts, and more!



## **JULY**

### **July 4th Celebration\***

Parade: 9 a.m.  
Along Margate Boulevard

Concert: 6 p.m.

Fireworks: 9 p.m.

Margate Boulevard and 441

\* Event may be postponed due to COVID.  
Please check our latest announcements before going to the event.

## CALYPSO COVE PROGRAMS



### **Calypso Cove is Open on Weekends**

It's time to make a splash at Calypso Cove Aquatic Facility. The popular facility is open on weekends only, with limited capacity, and exclusively for Margate residents through June 5. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost to enter (must bring proof of City residency) is \$4 for ages 4 years and older; \$1 for children 3 years and under. For more information, call 954-974-4566 or email [ccove@margatefl.com](mailto:ccove@margatefl.com).

### **Get Six Free Swimming Lessons**

Summer is the perfect opportunity for your child to take swimming lessons. A coupon valued at \$40, provided by the Children's Services Council of Broward County and SWIM Central, can be used toward the cost of swimming instruction at Calypso Cove Aquatic Facility. Children must be older than six months and younger than 5 years of age. One coupon per child can be used until Sept. 30, 2021. To apply online, visit [www.Watersmartbroward.org](http://www.Watersmartbroward.org).

### **Swimming Lessons**

American Red Cross-Certified Instructors

25-minute group lessons

9 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.

Session I: June 21 – July 2, 2021

Session II: July 5 – July 16, 2021

Session III: July 19 – July 30, 2021

Session IV: Aug. 2 – Aug. 13, 2021

#### **Cost per session:**

Margate Residents \$55

Non-Residents \$75

### **Private Swim Lessons**

American Red Cross-Certified Instructors

One-on-one lessons

#### **Cost for three lessons:**

Margate Residents: \$60

Non-Residents \$80

### **Margate Motion Swim Team**

The Margate Motion Swim Team is for swimmers ages 5 through 18 who are looking to learn and enhance their knowledge of the four competitive swim strokes and other swimming techniques (start, turns, finishes, etc.). Swimmers will learn the values

of teamwork, dedication, and hard work in a fun, low-pressure environment. The team is based at the Calypso Cove Aquatic Facility and is a long-standing member of the competitive South Florida Recreational Swim League.

**Tryouts:** Email Coach Kaitlin for an appointment at [margatemotion@margatefl.com](mailto:margatemotion@margatefl.com).  
8 & under: Must swim one lap freestyle/backstroke.  
9 & under: Must swim two laps freestyle/backstroke.

#### **PRACTICES:**

Monday through Thursday

##### **1st Group:**

5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
(Typical age group 5-8 )

##### **2nd Group:**

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
(Typical age group 8-12 )

##### **3rd Group:**

6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
(Typical age group 11-18 )

**Pre-Team:** Pre-Team is for 4-6 year olds who have the skill set to join the team but do not have the endurance to swim multiple laps during practice. They must be 100% independent in the water and proficient in freestyle and backstroke. They practice Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. in the teaching area (30 minutes of hands-on in the water coaching plus 15 minutes of fun/games).

#### **Fees:**

\$120/season(resident)  
\$150/season (non-resident)  
\$20 cash only League Fee per swimmer per season.  
League fee must be paid for swimmers to compete.

#### **Additional fees**

##### **for uniform include:**

- Competition suit (\$55 female, \$40 male)
- Swim cap \$10
- Team shirt \$10 (also available for parents)
- Team hat \$15 (optional)

#### **Seasons:**

There are 3-5 meets each season, usually on Saturdays.

Note: The season schedule is subject to change.

##### **Summer:** May – July.

Championship meet usually is last weekend in July.

##### **Fall:** September – December.

Championship meet usually is the first weekend of December.

#### **Land & Water Fitness**

The City of Margate Land & Water Fitness is a training methodology to improve overall fitness, increasing both strength and cardiovascular levels for people of all fitness

abilities. It is a full-body strength and conditioning program. We will focus on varied functional movements in and out of the water to improve overall fitness. All workouts are easily adjustable for all fitness levels and swimming experience. You do not have to be a seasoned swimmer to benefit from this program.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS PROGRAM:**

- A full and proper warm-up.
- A varied metabolic conditioning workout that is different for each class to improve fitness.
- Coaching from certified swim instructors and fitness coaches to teach you how to move properly and achieve your fitness goals.
- A positive environment to encourage you along the way! Whether you are a competitive athlete looking to improve your fitness through swimming or a beginner looking to start your fitness journey, this program is for you. Join us by building community, having some fun, and improving your overall fitness.

**Schedule:** Sundays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

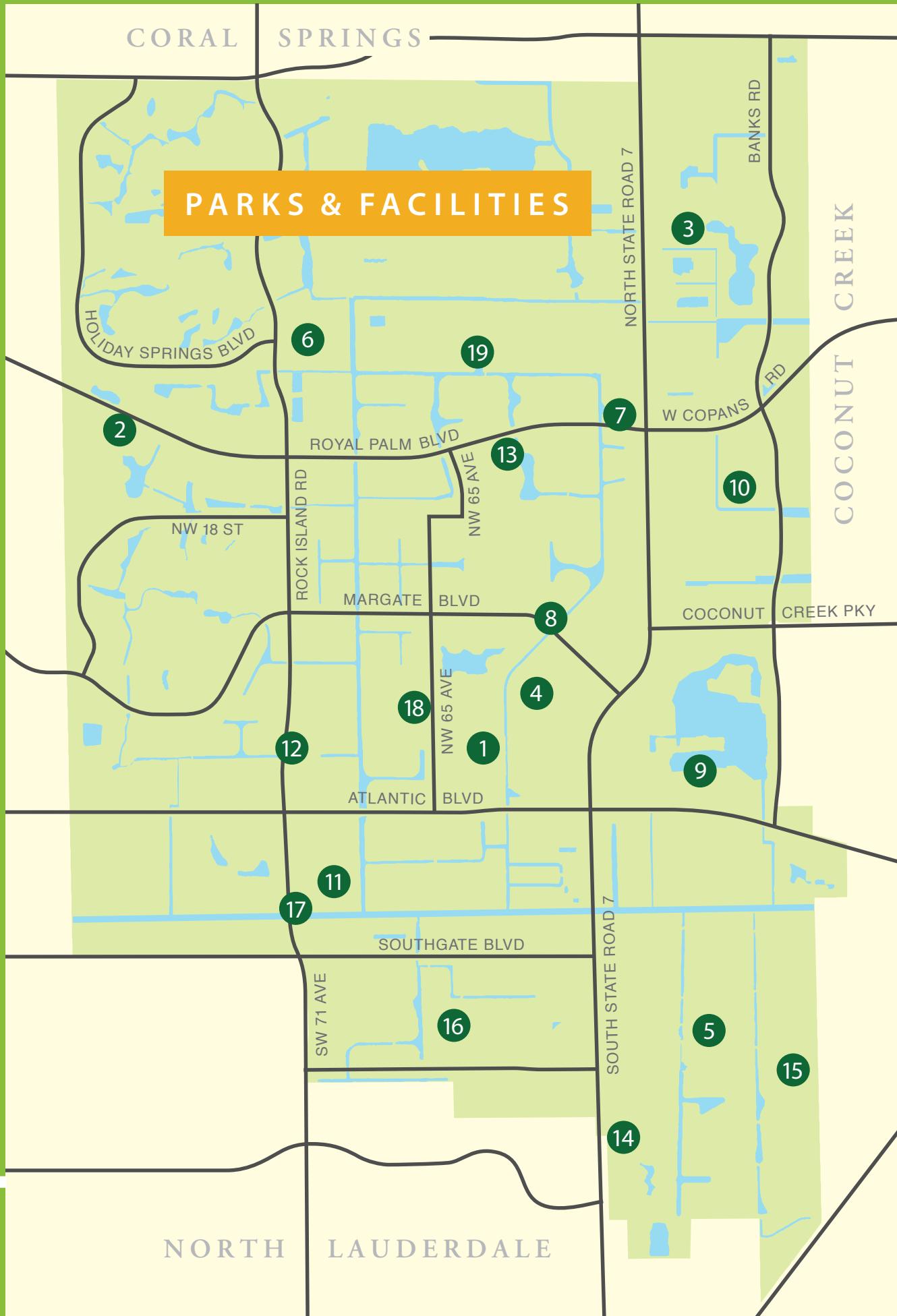
**Cost:** \$5 per class.

**Registration:** 15 minutes before each class.

Fees are subject to change.



# parks & recreation



**1 ANDREWS FIELD** at Margate Middle School  
500 NW 65 Avenue  
*Lighted baseball/softball field, cricket field, and soccer/football field.*

**2 CENTENNIAL PARK**  
7800 Royal Palm Boulevard  
*Playground, full basketball court, handicap accessible picnic area, and open play area.*

**3 CORAL GATE PARK**  
5650 NW 29 Street  
*Lighted tennis courts, pavilions, half basketball court, playground, walking trail, and restrooms.*

**4 DAVID PARK AND GEORGE MUDD PLAYGROUND**  
6199 NW 10 Street  
*Community center, senior center, library, playground and lighted bocce courts.*

**5 ED GREENWALD PARK**  
5235 SW 5 Street  
*Passive park and green space.*

**6 FIREFIGHTERS PARK**  
2500 Rock Island Road  
*Dog park (1.5 acre), lighted tennis courts, lighted full basketball courts, lighted pickleball courts, Safety Town, concession/restrooms, pavilions, playground, exercise trail, soccer rink, sand volleyball, and game room.*

**7 KAYE STEVENS PARK**  
5825 Royal Palm Boulevard  
*Picnic area, swinging benches, fishing area, and walking trail.*

**8 LEGACY PARK**  
1400 West River Drive  
*Boat launch, swinging benches, historical information, and gazebo.*

**9 LEMON TREE LAKE PARK**  
426 Lakeside Drive  
*Pavilion, swinging benches, and boat launch.*

**10 MARGATE SPORTS COMPLEX**  
1695 Banks Road  
*Lighted baseball/softball fields, playground, splash pad, pavilions, batting cages, and walking trail with fitness stations.*

**11 ORIOLE PARK**  
7055 NW 1 Street  
*Lighted baseball/softball field and lighted football/soccer field.*

**12 ROCK ISLAND FITNESS PARK**  
7100 NW 6 Court  
*Outdoor exercise equipment, ADA accessible equipment, and lighted pavilion cover.*

**13 ROYAL PALM PARK/CALYPSO COVE AQUATIC FACILITY**  
6200 Royal Palm Boulevard  
**Park:** *Half basketball courts, playground, pavilion, and fishing dock.*  
**Calypso Cove:** *Plunge pool, zero-entry pool water playground, lap pool, concessions, complimentary shade umbrellas/lounge chairs, community room for party rentals, group and individual swim lessons.*

**14 SERINO PARK**  
5600 SW 8 Court  
*Playground, walking trail, pavilion, open play area.*

**15 SOUTHEAST PARK**  
655 SW 50 Avenue  
*Synthetic turf sport fields, natural turf sport fields, pavilion, concession/restrooms, and playground.*

**16 SOUTHGATE PARK**  
425 SW 64 Avenue  
*Full basketball court, exercise trail, playground, and open play area.*

**17 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**  
7044 NW 1 Street  
*Boat launch, pavilion, and fishing dock.*

**18 VINSON PARK**  
955 NW 66 Avenue  
*Lighted baseball/softball fields, lighted batting cages, concession/restrooms, and playground.*

**19 WINFIELD PARK**  
6400 Winfield Boulevard  
*Boat launch, playground, swinging benches, half basketball court, and fishing area.*

# older adults 60+

## Did you know?

According to the 2019 Census population estimates, 22.5% of City of Margate residents are 65 years or older. That's approximately 13,229 residents who are living their golden years in the City of Margate. As a senior living in Margate, you are an essential part of our community.

## About the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center

The Northwest Focal Point Senior Center is the hub of many activities geared toward our senior population. Due to current CDC restrictions, it is open to limited capacity, and some programs may be held virtually.



## Father's Day Dominos Tournament

June 18

## Don't Miss the Wii Bowling Tournament

July 16

Details to be announced soon.

## Looking for Volunteers

The N.W. Focal Point Senior Center is looking for volunteers interested in socializing and helping others. Share your trades, arts and crafts, music, languages, or any other enjoyable activity with our seniors. We want to hear from you. Please contact the Center at 954-973-0300.

## Exemption Express Drive-Thru

Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar will be at the N.W. Focal Point Senior Center the first Monday of the month, 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Margate residents can apply for Homestead Exemption and other tax-saving property exemptions, including additional low-income senior, veterans disability, first responders, and other exemptions. You can make an appointment for the Exemption Express service at [web.bcpa.net](http://web.bcpa.net) or by calling 954-357-5579. The deadline to qualify for 2021 Tax Exemptions is Sept. 20, 2021.



# 3 REASONS TO JOIN

## Classes and Activities for Seniors

*Below is a list of regular classes and activities for older adults you can enjoy by registering with the N.W. Focal Point Senior Center. Contact the Senior Center for a monthly schedule or visit the City's website. Activities are subject to change.*

### CLASSES

Zumba Gold  
Languages  
Computer  
Line Dancing  
AARP Defensive Driving  
Stretch & Balance

### ACTIVITIES

Excursions  
Seminars  
Bingo & Dominos  
Live Music  
Wii Bowling  
Billiards  
Trivia & Card Games  
Discussion Groups  
Arts & Crafts  
Social Groups  
Counseling

The Northwest Focal Point Senior Center is currently open. All visitors will have their temperature checked at the entrance and must wear facemasks. Following CDC safety guidelines, events are being held at a limited capacity and maintaining social distancing.

**If you are a senior living in Margate, here are the top three reasons why you should join the Senior Center:**

### Free Transportation

Besides providing transportation to a COVID vaccine site, the Senior Center offers members free rides to the supermarket, bank, and other local merchants. Shopping trips are made Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. In addition, the Doctor Taxi program will provide door-to-door transportation for Margate seniors to their medical appointments.

### Free Social Activities

The many social activities and classes offered at the Senior Center will put a smile on your face. Come play bingo, take an exercise class, be part of the Book Club, or hang out in the Center garden with your friends. Be part of our family and enjoy your golden years in the company of friends.

### Adult Daycare & Counseling

If you are a caregiver of a senior 60 and older who is frail, you can arrange for adult daycare service Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., which includes lunch. The Center also provides counseling for seniors who need support when dealing with life's challenges.

## JOIN NOW!

**Northwest Focal Point Senior Center**  
6009 NW 10th Street, Margate, FL 33063  
954-973-0300  
[www.margatefl.com/Government/SeniorCenter](http://www.margatefl.com/Government/SeniorCenter)



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## PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF MARGATE

### Fire Station 58

600 Rock Island Road

The City of Margate broke ground recently on this new Fire Station, currently under construction. The one-story building will be Florida Green Building Coalition certified and is expected to be completed in 2022.

right: *The groundbreaking ceremony*

below: *A rendering of our new Fire Station 58*



## Sports Complex Covered Field

The much anticipated open-air covered sports field and concession/restroom building on Banks Road are almost complete.

right: *A rendering of our new covered Sports Complex*



## Southgate Park Improvements

The park has reopened to the public with a new playground, sand surfacing, basketball court, and fitness trail.

## New & Expanded Businesses

**NEW:**  
**Express Care Walk-in Clinic**  
1490 N. State Road 7, Suite B  
954-366-5182  
[www.expresscarewalkinclinic.com](http://www.expresscarewalkinclinic.com)



**EXPANSION:**  
**ACE Hardware**  
5843 Margate Blvd.  
954-972-1711



## Neighborhood Sign

The new entryway sign for Winfield Boulevard enhances the neighborhood's aesthetics.



## Sign Up for Margate Cares Alerts

The City of Margate has transitioned from using the Code Red system to a new and improved platform to keep our community safe and informed. Sign up now to receive the MargateCaresAlert emergency notifications such as real-time news about hurricane and weather updates, traffic incidents, city events, COVID-19 announcements, and much more. Register online at [www.margatefl.com/MargateCaresAlerts](http://www.margatefl.com/MargateCaresAlerts). For questions, please contact 954-972-7111 or [MargateCaresAlert@margatefl.com](mailto:MargateCaresAlert@margatefl.com).

## Free Car Seat Safety Checks

Did you know that three out of four car seats are not installed correctly? A correctly used child safety seat can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent. That is why the Margate Police Department provides free car seat safety inspections to Margate residents and surrounding areas year-round. Make an appointment today at [www.bit.ly/mpdcarseat](http://www.bit.ly/mpdcarseat).

## HOW TO GET OUR PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

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## Help Us Reduce Vehicle Burglaries

Don't be an easy target: help us fight off criminals from breaking into your car. As part of your nightly routine, make sure you remove all valuables from your vehicle, including your key and fob, roll the windows up, and lock the doors. Never leave a spare key anywhere in or on your car, no matter where you park it.

## Tips to Prevent Package Theft

Package thefts are often a crime of opportunity. It frequently happens during the day when homeowners are not home and unable to bring packages into their homes. Here are some tips to prevent package theft:

- Have your packages delivered elsewhere, such as your place of employment, P.O. Box, FedEx/UPS location, or an Amazon delivery site.
- Provide delivery instructions to prevent porch pirates from seeing your packages.
- Schedule packages to arrive when you are home, then track their progress.
- Require a signature.
- Install a front door security camera or video doorbell.
- Install a motion-activated spotlight.

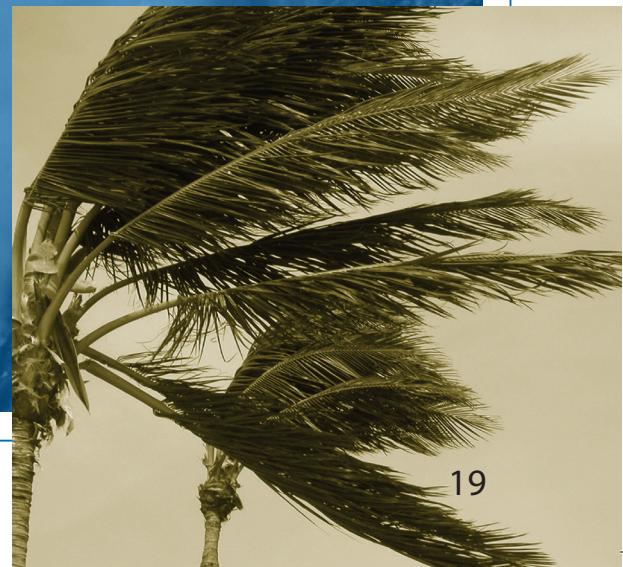


# Hurricane Preparation

June 1 is the official start of the Hurricane Season, which continues until the end of November. According to the National Weather Service, the best time to prepare for a hurricane is before hurricane season begins. It is vital to understand your home's vulnerability to storm surges, flooding, and wind. Here is a list of things you can do now to be ready for this upcoming hurricane season:

- **Know your Flood Zone:** View the current flood zones to understand your potential flood risk and take steps to protect against property damage and loss.
- **Have an Emergency Kit ready:** Assemble a list of essential items such as water, non-perishable food, battery-operated radio, flashlights, generators, first-aid kit, medicines, facemasks, and other must-have things. After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days.
- **Have a Family Emergency Plan:** Before an emergency happens, sit down with your family and close friends and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you and your pets will go, and how you will help your elderly or vulnerable relatives.
- **Review your insurance policies:** Ensure that you have adequate coverage for your home, business, and personal property.
- **Understand the difference:**  
Know the difference between a Hurricane Watch versus a Hurricane Warning.

For additional hurricane preparedness information, visit [www.margatefl.com/Hurricane](http://www.margatefl.com/Hurricane).



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