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Join us at the
Fourth of July Parade!

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FROM THE MAYOR

The City of Margate is gearing up for an exciting summer filled with events for the entire family to enjoy. From the much-anticipated Sounds at Sundown concert series to the dazzling Fourth of July parade and fireworks display, along with the National Night Out Against Crime, our Margate is the place to be this summer.

The popular Sounds at Sundown has become a signature event that draws locals and visitors alike. Held the first Saturday of the month, the crowds return to enjoy the music and food trucks that allows you to unwind, socialize, and revel in the joys of summer. Don't miss the Saturday, September 2 concert at the Sports Complex Covered Field.

The Fourth of July extravaganza is

the highlight of the summer calendar. On Tuesday, July 4, join us for the morning parade featuring colorful vehicles and floats traveling along Margate Boulevard. Come splash at Calypso Cove in the afternoon for a pool party with fun activities. Later at night, join us at the corner of Margate Boulevard and State Road 7 for live music, food trucks, and breathtaking fireworks illuminating the night sky, creating a truly unforgettable experience.

I also invite you to National Night Out Against Crime, an event that showcases Margate's commitment to community safety. To be held on August 1, this event promotes positive relationships between our community and law enforcement, fostering a sense



of security and camaraderie among Margate residents.

Please join us at any of these summer events. Whether it's to enjoy the music of Sounds of Sundown, the patriotic display of the Fourth of July parade and fireworks, or the empowering atmosphere of National Night Out, there's something for everyone to enjoy. So, please mark your calendars and prepare to enjoy these fantastic community events. Have a great summer!

Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano
acaggiano@margatefl.com

FROM THE VICE MAYOR



Mark your calendar for an unforgettable Fourth of July celebration in the City of Margate! Join us as we come together to honor our nation's independence with a morning parade, a refreshing pool party, and a fantastic concert with spectacular fireworks.

Like previous years, the parade along Margate Boulevard will be an awesome display of patriotism, featuring decorated vehicles and community floats. In the afternoon, you can beat the summer heat at Calypso Cove, where you can splash, swim,

and unwind with friends and family. Then at night, head over to Margate Boulevard and State Road 7 for a free concert and food trucks where talented musicians will give an incredible performance.

Don't miss out on this exciting event as we come together to celebrate our country's freedom in Margate style. God bless.

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano
truzzano@margatefl.com

Dear Neighbors:



As a father of a young child, I understand the risks associated with water activities. Water safety is of utmost importance and cannot be emphasized enough. Drowning incidents can occur swiftly and silently, making vigilance and knowledge of water safety principles essential.

Please register your children for any swimming lessons offered this summer at Calypso Cove. You will find program and schedule information inside the pages of this magazine. If you own a pool at home, make sure you supervise children at all times. Please take the time to learn swimming and lifesaving skills, ensuring everyone in your family is well-equipped to handle emergencies.

We can protect our kids' lives in Margate by fostering a water safety culture through awareness campaigns and community involvement. I commend the City of Margate for hosting a Sun & Safety Splash Bash recently at Calypso Cove, where they celebrated National Water Safety Month and featured swim safety tips, CPR, and lifeguard demonstrations, among other activities. Please stay informed, stay alert, and make water safety a priority for everyone.

Commissioner
Antonio V. Arserio
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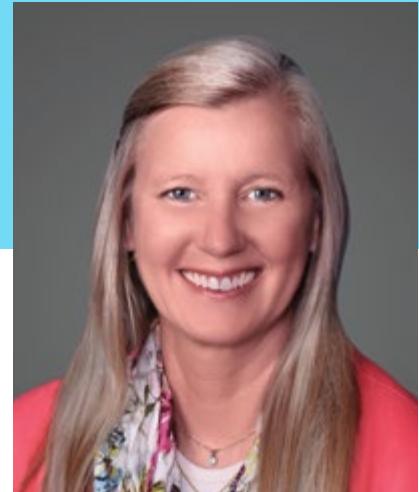


Greetings! Now that summer is here, the City's recreational calendar is packed with fun-filled days and nights. Whether it's watching the Fourth of July parade and spectacular evening fireworks, attending summer camp, taking advantage of our outstanding swim program, or visiting our newly renovated parks, there is something for everyone to enjoy in Margate.

Remember that summer also means that children are riding their bicycles, roller skating, and walking with their friends, mothers are pushing strollers, and adults with disabilities, who rely on wheelchairs and other adaptive equipment, are also using the sidewalks and enjoying a neighborhood walk. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed by President Bush in 1990, makes it illegal to block the sidewalk.

Please be aware of that when you park your car so that you don't force anyone into the roadway. Have a safe and healthy summer.

Commissioner
Arlene R. Schwartz
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The NW Focal Point Senior Center holds immense significance for our beloved seniors in Margate. It serves as a vital hub that fosters a sense of community, companionship, and support for our older residents. The center provides a wide array of programs and services tailored to meet the unique needs of seniors, including health and wellness activities, classes, social events, and much more.

The Center offers a space where our seniors can connect with peers, form new friendships, and engage in activities that enhance their quality of life. The NW Focal Point Senior Center is not just a building but a lifeline for our seniors, offering resources, assistance, and a nurturing environment where they are valued and celebrated.

Let us appreciate and support this essential facility and its dedicated staff, recognizing its immeasurable impact on the well-being and happiness of our senior community in Margate. For many seniors, the Center is their home away from home.

Commissioner
Joanne Simone
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2023 Event Calendar

July 4	Fourth of July Celebration
Aug 1	National Night Out Against Crime
Sept 2	Sounds at Sundown
Sept 16	Movies in the Park
Sept 23	Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics
Oct 7	Sounds at Sundown
Oct 28	Fall Festival
Nov 4	Sounds at Sundown
Nov 11	Veterans Day Ceremony
Nov 18	Movies in the Park
Dec 15	Winter Festival

For an updated calendar of events, visit www.margatefl.com.

City Wins Second Telly Award

The City of Margate and the Margate CRA have won their second Telly Award under the products and services category for the “What We are Thankful for in Our Margate” video series. This new video production series, which resulted in a Silver Telly, encouraged residents to shop local during the Thanksgiving holiday at Margate shops such as the Puzzlers Emporium, Perfectly Flawed, and 3-Step Therapy.



The Telly Awards is the world's largest honor for video and television content across all screens. The videos are produced by the City of Margate's Marketing and Business Development staff to position Margate and its MCRA as a worthy business destination in South Florida and beyond. To watch the award-winning series, check the What We Are Thankful For campaign playlist on the City's YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/cityofmargatefl/playlists.

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics

Saturday, September 23, 2023

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Document shredding is also available.

Oriole Park

7055 N.W. 1st Street

Must show proof of Margate residency.

Broward County

North Drop-off Station

2780 N. Powerline Road

Pompano Beach

Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Commissioner Arserio recognized with 2023 Home Rule Hero Award

The Florida League of Cities has recognized Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio with a 2023 Home Rule Hero Award for his hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2023 Legislative Session. Commissioner Arserio worked tirelessly throughout the session to promote local voices making local choices, protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities, and advance the League's legislative agenda.

"The League and its legislative team appreciate the individual advocacy efforts undertaken by municipal officials throughout the state," said FLC Chief of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook. "Home Rule Heroes are some of our biggest advocates for protecting local decision-making. They are League members who stand out for their high level of participation, knowledge, and effectiveness. This year's Home Rule Heroes continuously advocated for their communities throughout the 2023 Legislative Session."

Home Rule is the ability of a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and nonelected, who consistently responded to the League's request to reach out to members of the Legislature and help give a local perspective on an issue.

CITY OF MARGATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency: 911

City Hall: 954-972-6454

Building: 954-970-3004

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

Development Services: 954-979-6213

Code Enforcement: 954-972-1232

N.W. Focal Point Senior Center: 954-973-0300

Parks and Recreation: 954-972-6458

Police General Info/Staff: 954-972-7111

Police Non-Emergency: 954-764-4357

Public Works: 954-972-8126

Republic Services: 954-583-1830

Water Billing Customer Service: 954-884-3666

After Hours Water Reconnection: 954-972-0828

Temporary Conversion to Free Chlorine

To maintain high water quality in the City's water distribution system, the City of Margate Water Treatment Plant will temporarily change its treatment process to increase free chlorine disinfection from August 1 through August 21, 2023. This proactive measure prevents bacterial growth in the water mains and keeps the water safe for potable use. For more information, please call the Department of Environmental and Engineering Services at 954-972-0828.

Pay the Water Bill at Walmart MoneyCenter

You can now pay your Margate water bill at Walmart MoneyCenter for your convenience. To complete your payment in person, you'll need your account number, the amount, and either cash, a debit card, or your UnitedHealthcare Ucard. Payments will be electronically transmitted to the City through CheckFreePay; expect the payment to reflect in your water account within 2-3 business days. Credit cards are not accepted as a form of payment at Walmart MoneyCenter. A processing fee of \$1.50 will be charged.

The 2022 Water Quality Report is Now Online

The City of Margate's 2022 Water Quality Report is now available online at www.margatefl.com/CCR2022. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To have a report emailed or mailed to your home, visit www.margatefl.com/CCR2022 and complete a fillable form to submit your contact information, send an e-mail to deesadmin@margatefl.com with your name/address, or call 954-972-0828.

City Installs Life Rings to Prevent Drownings

The City of Margate has installed 12 Aden Perry Hero Life Rings in 11 local sites near bodies of water. The Rescue Rings were donated in memory of teen Aden Perry, who passed away trying to save a life in a canal crash. His mother, Sarah, has dedicated her life to keeping his legacy alive.

Rings have been installed at Veterans Memorial Park, Firefighters Dog Park, Kaye Stevens Park, Legacy Park, Lemon Tree Lake Park, Winfield

Park, two locations on Rock Island Road and 9th Court and 18th Street, two locations

on SW 11th Street, and State Road 7 and the C14 canal in Margate.



July

Fourth of July Extravaganza

Join us for this day filled with activities for the entire family to celebrate Independence Day in Our Margate.

Independence Day Parade

9 a.m.

Wear red, white, and blue to cheer the decorated vehicles and floats traveling east on Margate Boulevard from 76th Avenue to City Hall.

Calypso Cove Pool Party

1–4 p.m.

Enjoy a fantastic pool party with music and other fun activities.

6200 Royal Palm Boulevard

Fourth of July Extravaganza

5–9 p.m.

Come dance to the sounds of VAM Band, playing your favorite pop and R&B hits. Plus, more than 15 food trucks will be on-site to offer a variety of menu selections for purchase.

NW corner of Margate Boulevard and State Road 7.

Spectacular Fireworks

9 p.m.

NW corner of Margate Boulevard and State Road 7.



August

National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 1, 6–10 p.m.

Margate Sports Complex
1695 Banks Road

Bring the entire family to this free yearly community-building event. Learn about crime prevention tips surrounded by food, music, and activities for kids of all ages.

September

Sounds at Sundown

Saturday, September 2, 5–10 p.m.

Margate Sports Complex
1695 Banks Road

Sing, dance, and have a blast at this Saturday concert series featuring live music and food trucks serving delicious snacks, meals, and desserts for purchase. Bring your blankets and chairs. Admission and parking are free. Presented by the MCRA.

Movies in the Park

Saturday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.

Movie: To be announced
Margate Sports Complex
1695 Banks Road

Gather the family and bring your blankets and chairs to enjoy a free movie under the covered field of the Margate Sports Complex.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Archery

Andrews Field (Margate Middle School)
500 NW 65 Ave.

Learn archery, a sport where nearly everyone can be successful regardless of age, size, and physical ability. This all-inclusive sport is becoming one of the fastest-growing recreational activities among kids, teens, adults, and seniors. All equipment is provided, and reservations are required.

Saturdays and Sundays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Contact: Karen Ludwig
954-866-4935 (TEXT ONLY)
Goarchery.net@gmail.com

Hapkido

Charley Katz Community Center
6111 NW 10th Street

Hapkido is a non-sport mixed martial art focusing on physical and mental exercise, tactical defense, reactive responses, increased flexibility, self-confidence, and focus.

Kids Class:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Adult Class:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Mixed Age Class:

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Fees:

\$120 per month with
\$20 one-time registration fee
Family discounts available

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Hapkido (continued)

Contact:

Phil Barrett

954-917-0488

hapkidobear@gmail.com

Joy Deco (Dance and Gymnastics)

Leonard Weisinger Community Center
6199 NW 10th Street

This program is designed to introduce children to the beautiful world of dance, allowing your child to have fun while showing off their creative side.

Mondays: 5:45 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Gymnastics Basics, ages 4–7

6:30 p.m.–7:20 p.m.

Gymnastics Basics, ages 5–11

7:30 p.m.–8:20 p.m.

Gymnastics Level 1, ages 7–12

Tuesdays: 6 p.m.–6:45 p.m.

Dance & Cheer (Jazz ballet), ages 4–7

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.–6:20 p.m.

Gymnastics basics, ages 4–7

6:30 p.m.–7:20 p.m.,

Gymnastics level 1–2, ages 5–11

7:30 p.m.–8:20 p.m.,

Hip Hop and Jazz, ages 6–12

Fees:

\$55 per month, 1 class weekly

\$15 one-time registration fee

Attire:

Gymnastics: Leotard and shoes, bare feet

Tuesday Ballet & Cheer: Leotard, tights, and pink ballet shoes

Hip Hop/Jazz:

Comfortable clothes and sneakers or black jazz shoes

Contact:

Joy Deco Enterprises

954-971-9917

Register at

joydecoentreprises@gmail.com.



Tennis

Firefighters Park

2500 Rock Island Road

Get healthy and active by learning tennis taught by certified tennis instructors. Classes are available for all age groups and all skill levels. No experience is needed.

Monday through Friday: 4:30–8:30 p.m.

Fees: \$25 registration. Please contact the program for additional pricing info.

Contact: Coach Peter and Coach Csilla

954-496-6061, 954-825-1118

peter@gsm-tennis.com

Tribal Yoga

Leonard Weisinger Community Center
6199 NW 10th Street

Yoga for all levels, from fitness-based approach to Vinyasa style flow. No experience is necessary. Variations/modifications will be provided.

Mondays: 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Fees: Drop-In \$8.00

10 Classes: \$65.00

CALYPSO COVE



Contact:

Wanda Olcima, 954-282-9926
tribalyogainc@gmail.com

PLUS:

Youth Sports

For a list of times, schedules, and locations, please visit the City's website at www.margatefl.com.

Margate Baseball & Softball Leagues

To learn more about how to be a part of a baseball or softball league, email info@margatebaseball.com.

Spring season: March–May

Fall season: September–November

Margate Youth Soccer Association

To learn more about soccer league registration, contact 954-740-1680 or email marlonp02@gmail.com. Registration takes place in July, August, and September.

Seasons:

September–January (registration starts in July)
March–June (registration starts in February)

Summer and Fall

Operating Hours: Daily, June 10 to August 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekends only: August 21–September 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Swim Lessons

Mondays and Wednesdays:

Session 1: June 12 to July 5, Registration: May 27 to June 11

Session 2: July 10 to August 2, Registration: June 26 to July 9

Tuesdays and Thursdays:

Session 1: June 13 to July 7, Registration: May 27 to June 12

Session 2: July 11 to August 3, Registration: June 26 to July 10

Saturdays:

Session 1: June 10 to August 5, Registration: May 27 to June 9

Sundays:

Session 1: June 11 to August 6, Registration: May 27 to June 10

Times: 8:30 a.m. or 9 a.m.; each lesson is 25 minutes long

Cost Per Session:

Margate Residents: \$55

Non-Residents: \$75

Register online at: www.margatefl.com/registration





LIVE
WORK
& PLAY





older adults 60+

Northwest Focal Point Senior Center



2023

July 20, 11:00 a.m.

Crazy Hat Day
Ice Cream Social

August 18, 10:30 a.m.

Hawaiian Day
Celebration
(must sign up ahead of time)

September 8, 11:30 a.m.

Grandparents Day
Talent Show

September 15, 11:00 a.m.

International
Music Day

Activities are subject to change, and attendees must be registered members of the Senior Center to participate.



Live Music

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Additional live bands and entertainment are provided during special celebrations.

*“Be the change
you wish to see in the world”*

MAHATMA GANDHI

—
Your donation to the Senior Center
will make a difference!



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 website. Activities are subject to change.

CLASSES

Zumba Gold
Stretch & Balance
Line Dancing
Tai Chi
Chair Yoga
Spanish

ACTIVITIES

Arts and Crafts
Dominos
Cards
Wii Bowling
Billiards
Mah-Jong
Rummikub
Bingo

Services

SHINE

(Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elder) counselor to assist with Medicare and health insurance questions.

E HEAP

(Emergency Home Energy Assistance) is a program that provides assistance for home-energy emergencies to qualified, low-income households with at least one person 60 years of age or older.

Broward County Property Appraiser: At the 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. You can make an appointment for the Exemption Express service at web.bcpa.net or by calling 954-357-5579.

Counseling: Available for individuals or support groups. Caregiver Support Group is also available on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Adult Daycare: Provides care and companionship for older adults who need assistance or supervision during the day. The program offers relief to family members and caregivers, allowing them to go to work, handle personal business, or relax while knowing their relative is well cared for and safe.

Farmers Market: Every Thursday morning, the Center provides fresh produce and other food items donated by local stores.

JOIN NOW!

Northwest Focal Point Senior Center
6009 NW 10th Street, Margate, FL 33063
954-973-0300

www.margatefl.com/Government/SeniorCenter



NEW MARGATE BUSINESSES



Goldy's Deli and Market

6209 Margate Blvd.
954-960-2794

right: Goldy's Deli and Market



Juvie Kids Salon

5460 West Sample Road
JuvieKidsSalons.com

Orkin (North Broward Branch)

1700 Banks Road
Orkin.com

right: Orkin Grand Opening



Dos and Don'ts of Parking

- Vehicles cannot park over the sidewalk.
- Vehicles must park facing the correct flow of traffic.
- Per posted signs, vehicles cannot park in "No Parking" zones.
- Vehicles cannot park in the swale (grass area between sidewalk and street) where a curb is provided.
- When no curb exists along the street, vehicles must park with no more than 12 inches of vehicle protruding into the roadway.
- When a curb exists along the street, the right-hand wheels of the vehicle must park within 12 inches of the curb.
- All vehicles must have valid tags. Vehicles without proper tags are considered "improperly stored."
- Improperly stored vehicles parked on public property will be towed.
- All vehicles must be operable and able to drive.
- Inoperable vehicles parked on public property will be towed.
- Commercial vehicles cannot park on public property.
- Commercial vehicles are only permitted to park on commercial property when they are an accessory to a business on the property.
- Permitted commercial vehicles must park according to Sec. 26-3 of the City Code.
- Recreational vehicles/boats/trailers cannot park on public property.
- Recreational vehicles/boats/trailers must park according to Sec. 26-2 of the City Code.

No Tractor Trailer Parking

Tractor trailers are prohibited from parking in any residential area and public property in the City of Margate. There are no exceptions.

There are only two instances where a tractor-trailer is permitted to park in this city:

- When the tractor-trailer is a bona fide accessory to a business on the same property;
- When the tractor-trailer is parked at a storage facility approved by the City of Margate to store commercial vehicles.

Tractor trailers parked illegally on public property will be issued a parking ticket by the Police Department for each vehicle portion (tractor and trailer). Each ticket carries a \$150 fine and can be given every 24 hours that the violation occurs.

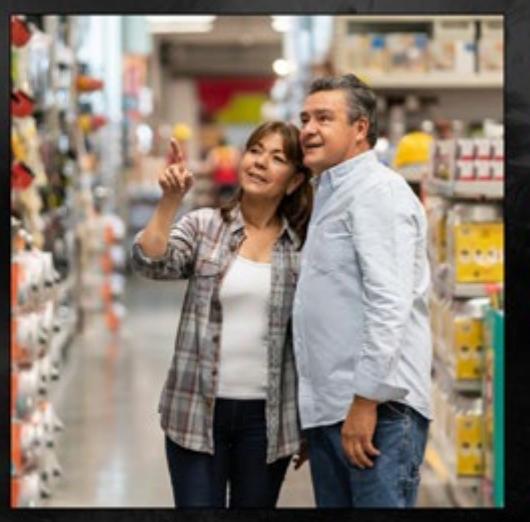
Tractor trailers parked illegally on private property will be issued a Notice of Hearing by Code Compliance to the property owner. The violation will be presented to the Special Magistrate, which can result in a fine to the property owner of \$5,000 per day for every day the violation occurs. A lien may be placed on the property.



HURRICANE GUIDELINES

1. Take Action Today

-  Determine your risk from water & wind
-  Begin preparing now, before a storm
-  Learn how to understand hurricane forecasts and alerts
-  Learn what to do before, during, and after a storm



2. Prepare Before Hurricane Season

-  Develop an evacuation plan
-  Assemble disaster supplies: food, water, batteries, charger, radio, cash
-  Get an insurance checkup and document your possessions
-  Create a communication plan with a hand-written list of contacts
-  Strengthen your home



3. Stay Protected During

-  Stay in your safe places from water & wind
-  Have a way to get weather alerts and forecast updates
-  Keep in mind that impacts can be felt far from the coast
-  Listen to local officials & avoid travel unless ordered to evacuate



4. Use Caution After Storms

-  If you evacuated, only return home when directed it's safe to do so
-  Remain vigilant, as hazards remain: heat, downed powerlines, floodwaters, & more
-  Clean up safely: don't push yourself, and check on neighbors
-  Only use generators outdoors, 20+ feet from your home
-  Prepare for the likelihood that help and communications may not be available



City of Margate
5790 Margate Boulevard
Margate FL 33063

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The City of Margate has several ways you can reach us and stay connected.

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www.margatefl.com

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[@CityofMargateFL](http://www.facebook.com/CityofMargateFL)

Follow Us on Twitter:

[@CityofMargateFL](http://www.twitter.com/CityofMargateFL)

Check Us Out on Instagram:

[@CityofMargateFL](http://www.instagram.com/CityofMargateFL)

Find Us On Nextdoor:

www.Nextdoor.com



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