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"Greetings and Welcome to the first edition of Our Margate 2025! I am honored to write this column as your newly appointed Mayor. 2025 is a year for celebrating! In the near future you will hear a great deal more about plans for the long-awaited City Center project and your input will be invaluable. As in the past, the City of Margate has an exciting lineup of amazing events and activities planned by our incredible staff to highlight our family-friendly, fun loving city. I encourage you to grab a chair and join us for Margate's fantastic live concert series, Sounds at Sundown, or watch Movies in the Park, declutter or snag a special treasure at the Spring Cleanup and Garage Sale.

In addition to celebrating our monthly events and our dedicated City employees, we also have a wonderful tradition of honoring awesome students and outstanding teachers. As a former Broward County Public School

teacher and administrator, I understand the genuine dedication required to inspire young minds to become engaged, informed citizens, thoughtful decision-makers, and future leaders. Children flourish in supportive school environments. Let's join together to express our gratitude to every school staff member—from administrators to custodians—who make a daily impact on our children's lives and education. Their efforts should not go unnoticed. The Margate City Commission, alongside our local school administrators from each of our schools, recognize and honor the student who exhibits outstanding character and a positive outlook, as well as an exceptional teacher who embodies the joy and excitement of learning. Please get involved and let your voices be heard—your input and opinions do matter to us.

If you're interested in volunteering or serving on one of our City Boards or Committees, please contact the City Clerk's Office to inquire about board vacancies and apply.

I wish you and your loved one's joy, good health and happiness in the new year. I value your trust, encourage your suggestions and input and look forward to continuing to serve you. Together, we make our city Great!"

Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz
aschwartz@margatefl.com



FROM THE VICE MAYOR

"Exciting things are happening in Margate in 2025! Families are at the heart of our community. We offer programs for kids, opportunities for seniors, and events that help neighbors connect and build friendships. This spring, we are thrilled to unveil new updates at Calypso Cove, just in time for Spring Break! With a brand new splash pad and significant improvements to our aquatic facility, we are ready to provide families in our area with unforgettable experiences.



Are you looking to declutter your home? Now is an ideal time to clean out your closets, garage, and other spaces where unused items may be stored. Consider participating in the Margate Spring Clean-Up and Garage Sale, where you can sell these items and earn extra cash. This event will take place on Saturday, March 8th, from 7:00 a.m. to noon. To reserve your space, visit MargateFL.com."

Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio, FRA-RP
aarserio@margatefl.com

DEAR NEIGHBORS:



"If you are at least 60 years old and young at heart, it's never too late to aim for gold! The Margate Senior Games are just around the corner.

From March 3rd to March 7th, we will host an exciting array of events throughout the city. This year's activities include tournaments in dominoes, Wii bowling, bocce, and pickleball. Seniors can also take part in basketball free throws, and tennis matches at our local parks. We invite you to join in and seize the opportunity!

I hope to see you there as we celebrate and support our golden residents at this exciting event."

Commissioner
Anthony N. Caggiano
acaggiano@margatefl.com



"Happy Valentine's Day! I hope this day brings you joy, love, and kindness. As we enter 2025, the City of Margate is making great strides thanks to our dedicated departments. The Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) has been recognized as the 2024 Utility of the Year by the Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association for their exceptional water and wastewater services.

Additionally, the Building and Code Department has enhanced accessibility with mobile-friendly online permitting. Our Communications Team has won several national awards for raising community awareness. We look forward to continued success for all our departments! God bless!"

Commissioner
Tommy Ruzzano
truzzano@margatefl.com



"I hope this year brings you peace and joy and the blessings of good health! It's the best time of year in Margate, as the weather is just perfect for enjoying the beautiful outdoors while visiting our green spaces.

Be sure to check out our parks guide on page 12 to see all the fantastic amenities available. Whether you're interested in nature walks, fun fitness activities, or enjoying the fresh air with your furry friend at our spacious dog park, there's something for everyone right outside your door. Let's embrace the New Year together—visit our parks and take some time to relax!"

Commissioner
Joanne Simone
jsimone@margatefl.com

BOND REFERENDUM

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Margate residents voted to approve a \$120 million bond for water and wastewater improvements. This bond referendum is intended to finance essential upgrades to aging utility systems in the City of Margate. The current water and wastewater rates will be used to fund these improvements, which means there will be no increase in property taxes.

This year, \$60 million will be allocated for upgrades to the water and wastewater treatment plants and for replacing aging water lines. In 2027, \$30 million will be designated to meet new EPA regulations, including requirements related to PFAS/PFOA in drinking water and biosolids management in wastewater. In 2031, another \$30 million will be used to fulfill anticipated regulatory requirements from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and the Florida Legislature, as well as the completion of previous projects.

For more information, please visit Margatefl.com or contact DEES at 954-972-0828.

SPRING CLEAN UP & GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH • 7AM-12PM



Oriole Park

7055 NW 1st Street
Margate, FL 33063



Vendor Information

Margate Residents: \$10.00 per space
Non-Residents: \$30.00 Fee per space

- No Wholesalers/Retailers
- No adult or obscene material
- No food or beverage
- Spaces are 15'x20'



Limited Space Available! Advance Registration Required!

REGISTER AT:
margatefl.com
Margate Parks & Recreation
6199 NW 10th Street
(954) 972-6458
parksrec@margatefl.com

SPRING
CLEAN UP
& GARAGE SALE

CALYPSO COVE GRAND RE-OPENING

The City of Margate is thrilled to share the exciting news that Calypso Cove Aquatic Park will be reopening just in time for Spring Break!

Get ready for some fun, because families are going to love all the amazing upgrades! We've added a fantastic new slide area and made improvements to the lap pool. We can't wait to see you there!



MARGATE CRA WINS GOLD

The Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) recently received a 2024 Gold W3 Award for Marketing Effectiveness for their content series titled "This is Our Margate." This series showcased local Margate businesses, highlighting their passion and uniqueness. The W3 statuette represents excellence in various areas, including websites, advertising and marketing, mobile sites and apps, video, social media, podcasts, and emerging technology.



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
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

PROGRAMS

ARCHERY

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

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.

All equipment is provided. Reservations are required.

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

Website: www.goarchery.net

SPRING BREAK CAMP

March 20-24
Charley Katz Community Center
6111 NW 10th Street
Fees: \$175 for the full week
\$50 daily

Activities include music, dance parties, gymnastics, crafts, sports, theater, and more! Wednesday and Friday pizza party.

TENNIS

Monday-Friday 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Firefighters Park
2500 Rock Island Road

Fees: \$25 Registration

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

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

Fees:
Drop-In: \$8.00
10 Classes \$65.00

Contact: Wanda Olcima
954-282-9926
tribalorgainc@gmail.com

MARTIAL ARTS

Charley Katz Community Center
6111 NW 10th Street

Fees:
\$120 Per Month, \$20 one-time registration fee. Family discounts available.

Contact: Phil Barrett 954-917-0488
hapkidobear@gmail.com



Lifeguard Course



Register Now

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION

Calypso Cove
6200 Royal Palm Blvd.

Fees: \$100

Participants must be 15 by conclusion of course

Session 1: January 3 – 5
Session 2: January 17-19
Session 3: February 7-9
Session 4: February 21-23

Participants must attend all 3 days of their registered session

Register online at: www.margatefl.com/registration

ATHLETICS

The City of Margate offers youth baseball, softball, basketball and soccer twice a year. (Fall and Spring seasons.) Spring season has already begun and registration for Fall Season will begin in May.





SPECIAL EVENTS

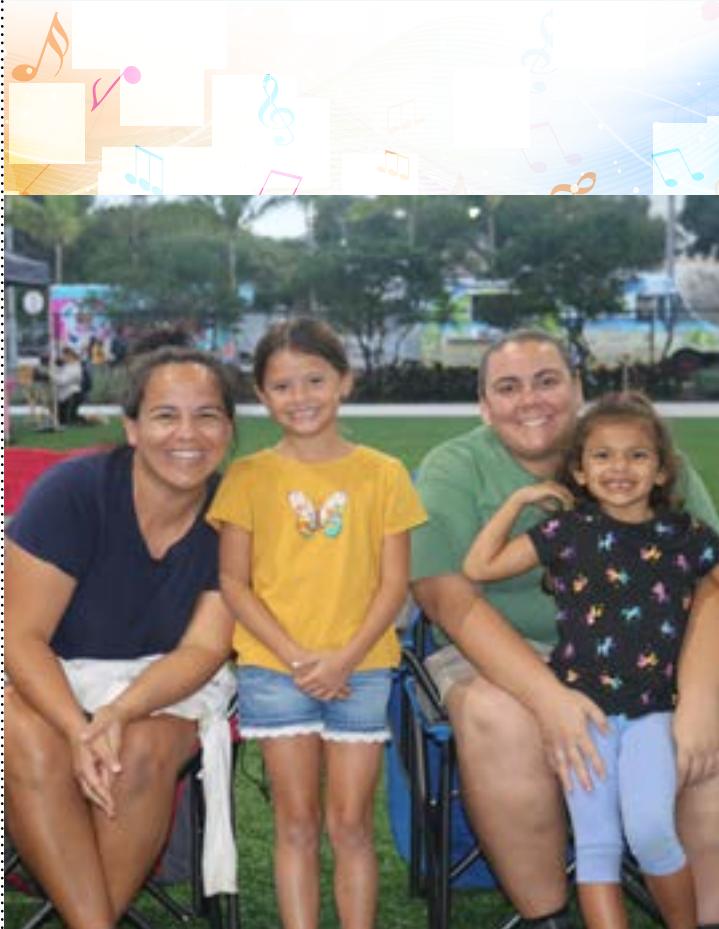
SOUNDS AT SUNDOWN

Where: Margate Sports Complex
1695 Banks Road

Be prepared to 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.



DATE	BAND	TIME
JAN. 4TH	Cachet	6-10 p.m.
FEB. 1ST	Solid Brass	6-10 p.m.
MAR. 1ST	Classic Rock Therapy	6-10 p.m.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

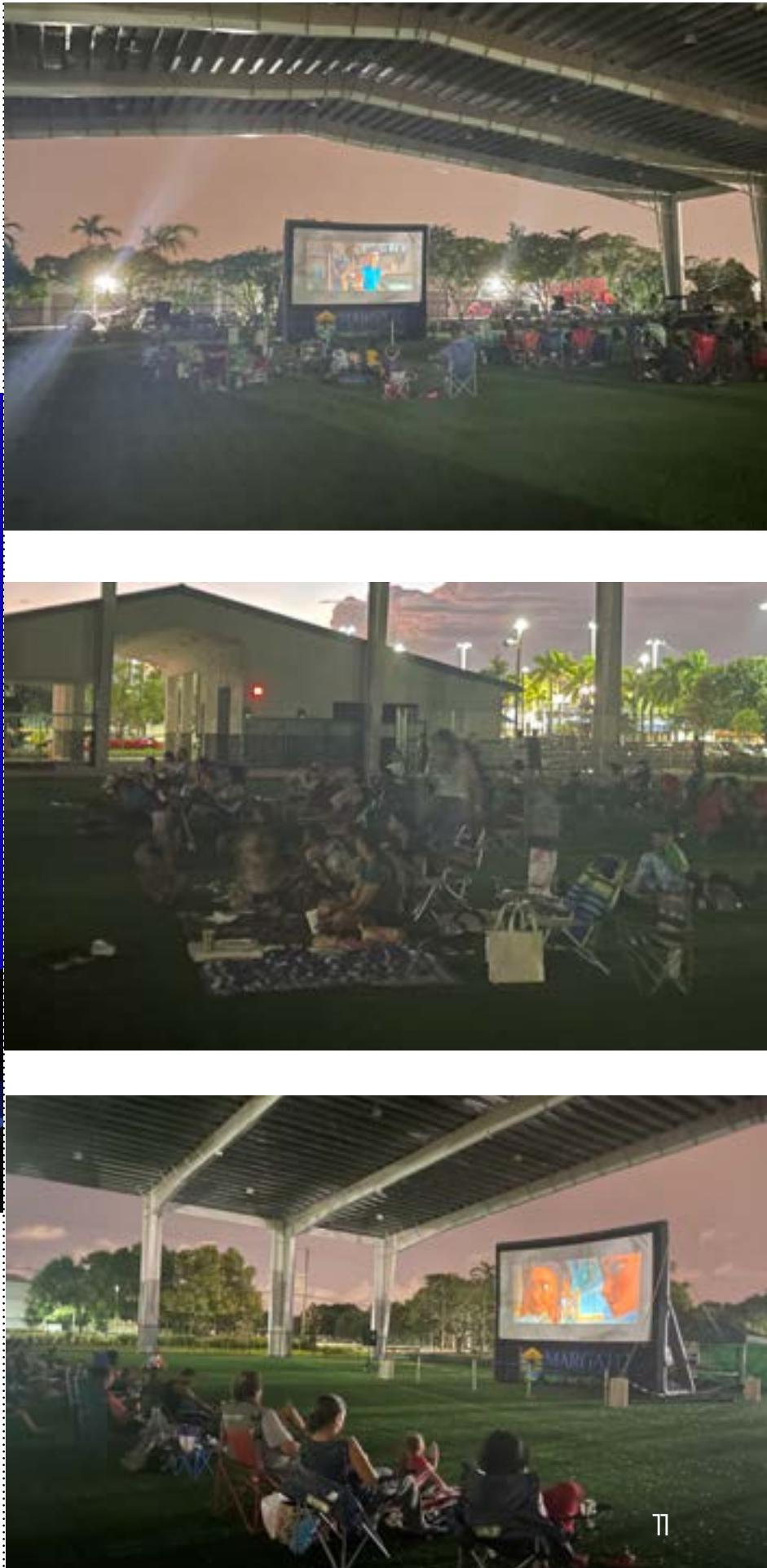
Where: Margate Sports Complex
1695 Banks Road

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

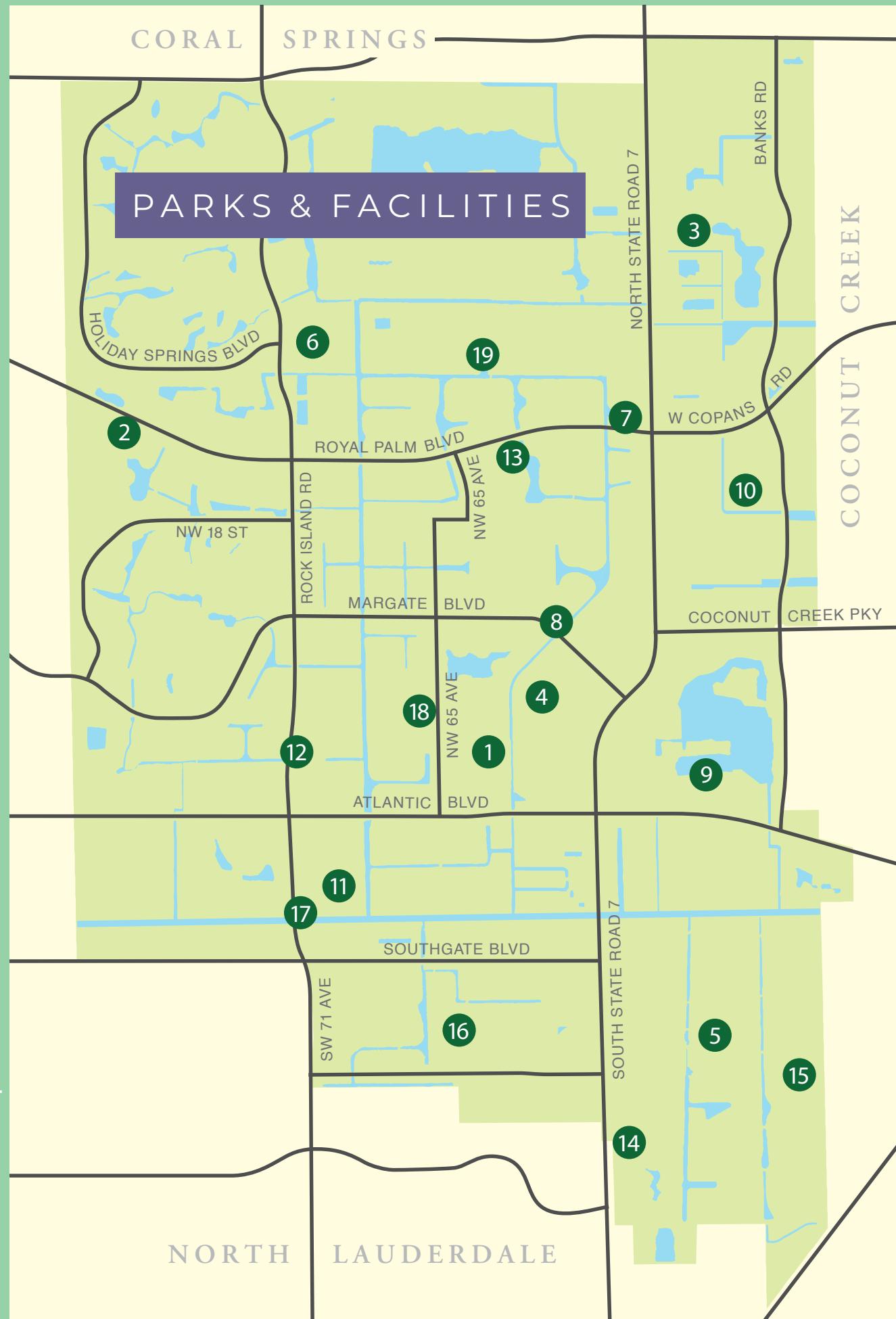
DATE	MOVIE	TIME
JAN. 18TH	IF	6:30 p.m.
FEB. 15TH	Despicable Me 4	6:30 p.m.



movies
in the **park**



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.

SENIOR CENTER

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.

Zumba Gold
Languages
Computer
Line Dancing
AARP Defensive Driving
Stretch & Balance
Excursions
Seminars
Bingo & Dominos
Live Music
Wii Bowling
Billiards
Trivia & Card Games
Discussion Groups
Arts & Crafts
Social Groups
Counseling



3 REASONS TO JOIN

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

Free Transportation

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 Northwest Focal Point Senior 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



2025 MARGATE SENIOR GAMES

March 3rd-7th | Various Locations

If you're at least 60 years of age and still young at heart, sign up for the City of Margate's Senior Games to show off your competitive spirit at any of the following games:

Individual games:

- Horseshoes • Billiards • Shuffleboard
- Rummikub • Dominoes • Golf Putting
- Basketball (free-throw shooting)
- Wii bowling

Team games:

- Petanque • Bocce • Pickleball
- Pinochle • Mixed Doubles tennis

Free event. Registration can be completed online at www.margatefl.com/registration or hard copies of applications can be found at the Senior Center or the Parks and Recreation Office.

Do's and Don'ts of Recycling

Use the **blue** cart for recycling. Recycling is collected once each week.

Do's

Items to place in your recycling cart (clean, dry, and loose):



Paper and cardboard*

- Magazines
- Office paper/newspaper
- Milk and juice cartons
- Flattened cardboard

*Cardboard should be broken down no larger than 3'x3'



Plastic**

- Water bottles
- Laundry detergent jugs
- Soda bottles

**Please remove caps



Metal

- Food cans
- Beverage cans

Don'ts

- Items not accepted in your recycling cart:
- Bagged waste
- Bagged recyclables
- Yard waste
- Food waste
- Clothing
- Hazardous materials
- Electronics
- Styrofoam
- Building debris
- Medical waste and pharmaceuticals
- Miscellaneous plastics (toys, plasticware, etc.)

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Visit RepublicServices.com and click on See Schedule. You can also visit RepublicServices.com/customersupport for more information.

Do's and Don'ts of Garbage



Have your cart and/or bulk items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

- Place carts immediately behind the curb line and at least 3 feet away from other objects.
- All recycling and trash must be in the cart with the lid closed. Anything outside of or on top of the cart will not be collected.
- Do not place bulk material out more than three days before your scheduled collection day.
- Do not place hazardous waste out for collection.
- If you want to replace a damaged cart, please contact RepublicServices.com or 954.583.1830.



Scan this QR Code
For More Information
about Hazardous
Waste





9:00 P.M. ROUTINE **LOCK IT OR LOSE IT**



- Remove all valuables from your vehicle.
- Lock and secure your vehicles.
- Lock and secure your house and garage.
- Turn on outside lights, cameras and security system.

ALWAYS REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

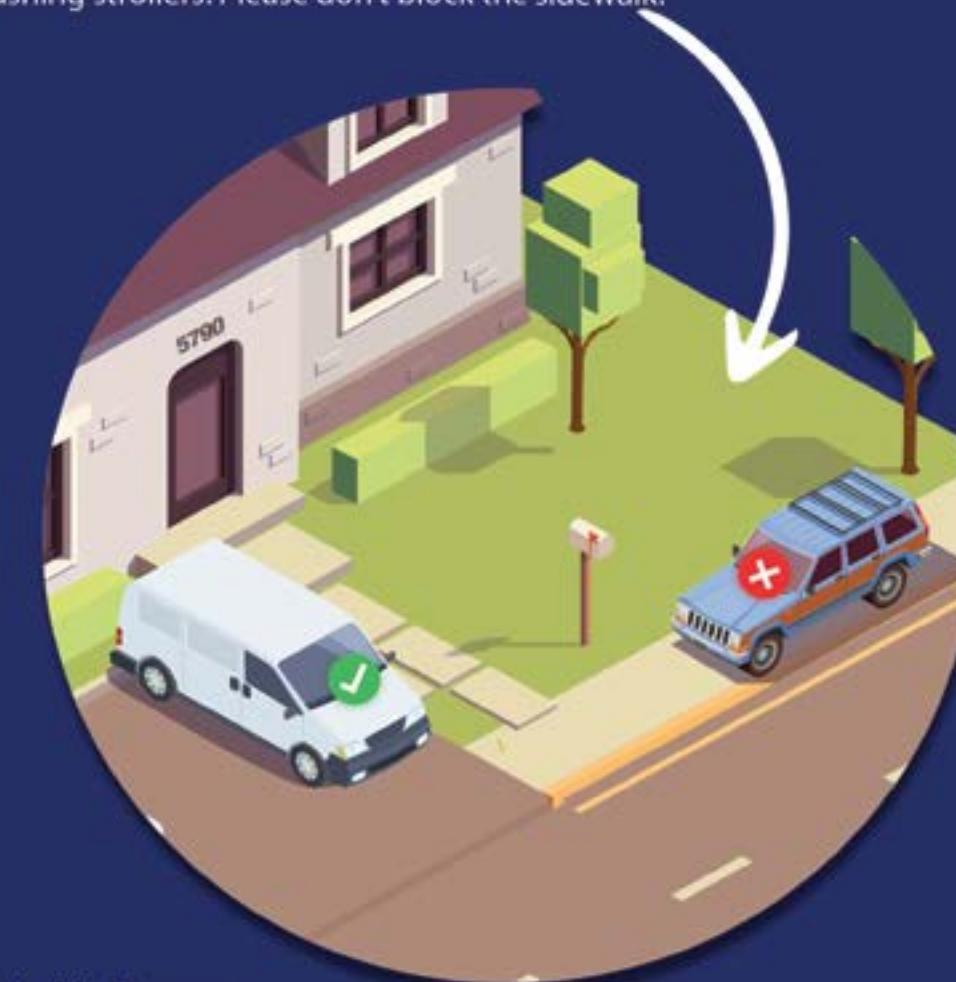
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING OUT OF PLACE,

18 CALL OUR NON-EMERGENCY LINE: 954-972-7111

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Don't Block the Sidewalks

Be a considerate neighbor, and don't park your vehicle blocking the sidewalks. It is unlawful to park a vehicle on a sidewalk. Sidewalk access is crucial for people in wheelchairs, postal workers, children on bikes, and parents pushing strollers. Please don't block the sidewalk.



Keep Good Curbside Manners

Help keep your neighborhood beautiful by keeping good curbside manners. Per City Code, don't place your bulk or yard waste items more than three days before your collection day. By leaving trash out too early, you'll invite rodents and make your block look untidy. Bulk and yard waste items must be placed immediately behind the curb or within the swale area, if there is no curb, by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. Please note that contractor-generated waste will not be collected.

