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greeted the crowd at the
Fourth of July Parade

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FROM THE MAYOR

As a former Broward County Public School teacher, I know that sometimes school assignments can be challenging for students. As parents get ready for the new school year beginning August 11th, I want to make sure that you are aware that there is free help available for your child.

The 'Homework Help' program offers free tutoring and skill-building for Broward County students grades K-12, including those taking introductory college-level courses. Topics include math such as algebra and trigonometry; science such as biology, physics and chemistry; social studies; English and writing. Tutoring is offered online only and accessible by computer or mobile phone (no phone calls) from 11:00 a.m. to 11:55 p.m. daily, and connects students with professional staff through the County's library website at Broward.org/Library/education. Students need access to their own library card or a parent's card. Sessions are unlimited in length.

The City of Margate is very proud of the learning gains made by our bright and educationally curious

students, their amazing teachers, school staff and administration. I wish everyone a fun-filled, successful 2025/2026 school year!

In addition, the City Commission recently revisited our strategic plan in order to better serve you. Among the priority goals I suggested was preserving community values. Our vision encapsulates plans for shopping, dining, and entertainment to be complemented by beautiful neighborhoods and exciting community events. Our core values outlined in our plan are integrity, collaboration, taking ownership of our decisions, and honoring our commitments, while always prioritizing the well-being of our residents. We are dedicated to preparing Margate for the future by maintaining and enhancing existing infrastructure and implementing strategies to improve the overall appearance of our City, while continuing to host a wide range of family-friendly, community-building events that reinforce the "small town feel of Margate."

City staff has also created a new online Code Compliance Dashboard tool to help residents



better understand City policies and avoid violations.

The website margatefl.com/Code provides valuable information regarding trees, pools, fences, and more, as well as the rules and regulations governing items like home maintenance and hurricane shutters.

The site lets you search case-specific properties for updates and request an inspection of your property to confirm compliance.

Let's keep Margate beautiful together!

Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz
aschwartz@margatefl.com

FROM THE VICE MAYOR



From children to seniors, the City is vigilant about everybody's needs. Our seniors can get the resources they need at the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center, including free transportation weekdays to the bank and supermarket. There are counseling services for individuals, and support groups. There are telephone calls for seniors who are homebound.

Door-to-door transportation for medical appointments through Doctor Taxi is available only for Margate senior residents, and there are so many free programs for members — and there is no cost for membership, though a \$25 donation to the Senior Center is requested! Here are some of the upcoming programs tentatively scheduled:

- July 15 is Crazy Hat Day and an ice cream social
- August 12 is a Pajama Party
- August 22 is Hawaiian Day (registration is required ahead of time)
- September 5 is the Grandparents Day Talent Show

Call 954-973-0300 for information.

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

DEAR NEIGHBORS:



It's crucial that we help families in need.

As we get into the heat of the summer, I want to make sure everyone knows about the resources available. The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County can assist Broward County residents who need help paying for their energy bills through the Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP).

The program is for seniors ages 60 and older who have received a past due, final, or disconnection notice. Call 954-745-9779 for information. The Agency assists seniors and adults with disabilities with meal assistance, health and wellness, and transportation services.

And please remember to remain alert and well-prepared for the hurricane season we are already in. Stay safe!

Commissioner
Anthony N. Caggiano
acaggiano@margatefl.com



Our kids love city sports — the competition, the skill-building, the camaraderie.

Registration for all fall youth sports (baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball) is now open through July 31. Evaluations take place in August, and practices start in September. The seasons for all fall sports run until December.

For baseball, the ages are 3 – 13; softball is ages 6 – 16; soccer is ages 3-14; and basketball is age 5-13.

To register, go online to margatefl.com/Registration or call 954-972-6458.

We're excited for this next season of childhood memories. Kids, try to smile for your parents' photos!

God bless!

Commissioner
Tommy Ruzzano
truzzano@margatefl.com



I'm proud to announce Margate is a BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™ certified city! It's an honor to be on this list.

Some local resources are UFAR Animals Rescue (ufarescue.org), which is a non-profit, no-kill pet rescue. There is also Cats Exclusive Inc. (catsexclusive.org), which is a no-kill rescue shelter dedicated to addressing the urgent needs of abused, neglected, abandoned, and homeless cats.

I would also like to share that we have recently added more benches and garbage cans to our dog park at Firefighters Park (2500 Rock Island Road), and we are making more improvements including landscaping and new umbrella shade coverings.

See you at the park!

Commissioner
Joanne Simone
jsimone@margatefl.com

city news

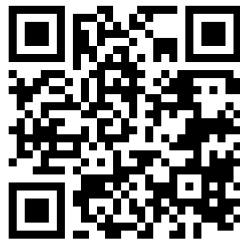
Water Quality Report for 2024 Now Available Online

The 2024 Water Quality Report is now available online at margatefl.com/ccr2024! It offers a clear look at where your water comes from and how it continues to meet high safety and quality standards.

To request a copy by email or mail, simply fill out the request form online, email deesadmin@margatefl.com with your name and address, or call 954-972-0828.



SCAN HERE FOR
THE REPORT!



Southgate Boulevard Blooms with New Landscaping

The Margate Community Redevelopment Agency is working on a beautification project along Southgate Boulevard, right near State Road 7, featuring new trees, flowers, and plants.

Irrigation and lighting improvements will also be coming to that stretch to improve the area for both residents and businesses.



Margate CRA Accepting Applications for Businesses To Improve Commercial Properties

Since 1997, the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (MCRA) has revitalized and made improvements to streets, medians and parks, and local businesses.

Businesses within the MCRA boundary, and have frontage on roads including Atlantic Boulevard, State Road 7, Banks Road, and Copans Road/Royal Palm Boulevard, can get a 50% grant up to \$750,000.

BEFORE



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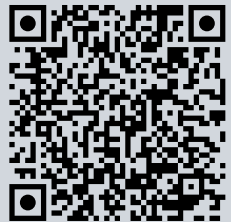


Matching grants can help draw customers to your business! These 50/50 matching grant funds can be used toward:

- Façade renovations
- Roof repair or replacement*
- Structural repair*
- Exterior painting
- Exterior lighting
- New signs/awnings/canopies
- Landscaping upgrades
- Parking lot improvements*
- Design and permit fees

To apply, call 954-935-5324 or email CRA@margatefl.com.

Learn more by visiting margatefl.com/CRA, or by scanning the QR Code!



**When part of a comprehensive exterior renovation*

public safety

Meet Margate Police Department's Newest Member

The Margate Police Department has a new and enthusiastic member of the force.

Meet Ezekiel, a German Shepherd born on August 10, 2023, and the newest police canine. He's partnering with Officer Joshua Marte, who has served as a police officer for four years. Officer Marte and Ezekiel will be the fourth K-9 team in the department.

Ezekiel replaces a canine named Bak, a Belgian Malinois, who retired after serving for more than six years.

Ezekiel was chosen in April from Metro Dade K-9 Services after comprehensive demonstrations and evaluations.



On April 29, Officer Marte and Ezekiel started their six-week K-9 training program.

Welcome to the team, Ezekiel!



Fire Department Adds New Medical Equipment To Rescue Trucks

In March 2025, *GlideScope Go2* medical devices were placed in all City of Margate rescue trucks, adding to the vital arsenal of safety equipment available to first responders arriving to calls.

The devices help aid intubating when a patient needs assistance to breathe by allowing rescue workers to see the tube as it is being placed. The purpose is to continue to provide exceptional patient care and save lives with "cutting-edge equipment," said Margate Fire Division Chief Vito Labriola.

The device is described as a user-friendly video laryngoscopy unit that offers a clear image for even difficult conditions. The device even allows for photos and video so hospital workers can review imagery of what was done and how.

Labriola said the devices have already been used on 911 calls including cardiac arrests and traumatic injuries, "with 100% success."

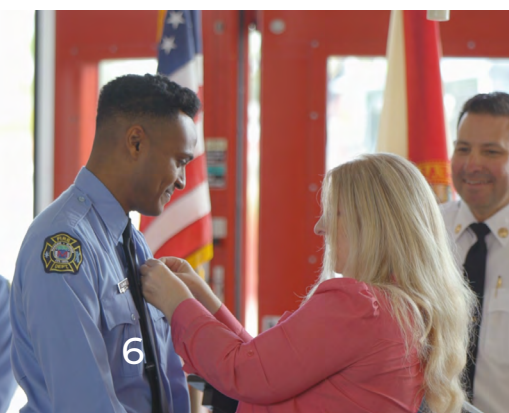
"This is amazing," he said. "It's a tremendous upgrade."



Class 24-01 Joins Ranks With Fire Pinning Ceremony

The Margate Fire Department recently held a badge pinning ceremony to officially welcome Fire Class 24-01. Surrounded by family, friends, and fellow firefighters, the new members were recognized for completing their training and beginning their service to the City.

"What a ride you've started," said Margate Fire Chief Roberto Lorenzo. "We're here to learn from each other and make sure that we're doing the best we can for our community," he said to the class at the April ceremony. Congratulations to all!



Hurricane Preparedness: Be Ready Margate!

The Florida Division of Emergency Management has a sign up for emergency alerts at floridadisaster.org/AlertFlorida.

Have a plan! This includes deciding in advance what your shelter plan is, your evacuation route, and your household communication plan.

Suggested Disaster Supply Kit with items include:



Seven days worth of food, water, baby food and formula



Battery-operated radio, flashlights, and extra batteries



A two-week supply of medication, and essential medical devices



Copies of important documents such as photo ID, birth certificates and Social Security cards



Seven days worth of pet food, and a carrier, pet medical records

Hurricane season lasts through November 30. Learn more about how you can prepare for potential storms at margatefl.com/Hurricane!

THINK BEFORE YOU PLANT

The grassy strip between the sidewalk and street, called a swale or utility strip, might seem like part of your yard, but it's not.

This public right-of-way contains underground lines for water, sewer, gas, electric, cable, and fiber optics. Planting trees or shrubs here can damage these systems and block access for repairs.

Only mailboxes and driveways are allowed in the swale. Help protect city infrastructure — please don't plant in the swale!



Garbage & Recycling Cart and Bulk/Yard Waste Placement Guidelines

To help keep our streets clean and collection efficient, please follow these simple placement tips:

Please park considerately to avoid blocking access for collection trucks and to ensure that items can be picked up efficiently!

All trash and recycling must be placed inside containers, with lids fully closed.

Place carts and bulk/yard waste immediately behind the curb and at least **3 feet** away from mailboxes, vehicles, trees, or other obstructions.

Items may not be collected if carts and bulk/yard waste are placed under trees or utility lines.



3 feet

3 feet

3 feet

Place carts and bulk items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Bulk waste should be placed out no more than 3 days prior to collection.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR



Get ready for a full day of patriotic fun, family-friendly activities, and a fireworks finale you won't want to miss! Here's your guide to all the action happening this Independence Day!

Independence Day Parade • 9 AM

Margate Boulevard between NW 76th Avenue and the Clock Tower

Line the street in your best red, white, and blue and cheer on the decorated displays. Don't miss the float competition! Awards will go to:

- Best Private Business Float
- Best Non-Profit Organization Float
- Best Margate Family Float

Calypso Cove Pool Party • 1 PM – 4 PM

6200 Royal Palm Boulevard

Enjoy a fantastic pool party at Calypso Cove! Splash, float, and chill with friends & family. Regular admission prices apply. Join us for:

- A live DJ providing your favorite patriotic and summer music
- Caricature artists to capture the afternoon
- Other fun activities for the family to enjoy

Fourth of July Extravaganza & Fireworks • 5 PM – 9 PM

Northwest Corner of Margate Boulevard and State Road 7

Rock the night away to the sounds of local band Solid Brass. There will be food trucks with a variety of flavors available for purchase, and bounce houses for the kids to enjoy. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and blankets! **The fireworks display will begin promptly at 9 PM!**

Road Closures

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM • Margate Boulevard (eastbound) from NW 76th Avenue to the Clock Tower

9:00 AM – 11:00 PM • Margate Boulevard (both directions) from the Clock Tower to State Road 7

7:30 PM – 10:30 PM • State Road 7 from Atlantic Boulevard to Coconut Creek Parkway

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 5 • 6 PM – 9 PM

Margate Sports Complex • 1695 Banks Road

Join us for Margate's 23rd Annual National Night Out Against Crime! This family-friendly, free event is one of the best ways to build the relationship between law enforcement and the community. You will be able to interact with local and state law enforcement officers, see live demonstrations, enjoy carnival-style games, bounce houses, live music, and more!



SOUNDS AT SUNDOWN

Saturday, September 6 • 5 PM – 9 PM

Margate Sports Complex • 1695 Banks Road

Sing and dance the night away at this Saturday concert series with live music from cover band *Bread Zeppelin*, taking the stage at 6 PM!

You will also find food trucks serving delicious snacks, meals, and desserts for purchase. Bring your blankets and chairs. Admission and parking are free. Presented by the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency. Learn more at margatefl.com/Sounds.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Saturday, September 20 • 7:30 PM

Margate Sports Complex • 1695 Banks Road

Gather the family and bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and favorite snacks as you enjoy a movie screening of *A Minecraft Movie (2025)* under the covered field of the Margate Sports Complex! Both admission and parking are free. Find more information at margatefl.com/Movies.

PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY

Thursday, September 11 • 9 AM

Firefighters Park • 2500 Rock Island Road

Join us for a Patriot Day Ceremony organized by the City of Margate and its Fire Department as we reflect on the tragic events of the morning of September 11, 2001.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL EVENT

Saturday, September 13 • 9 AM – 2 PM

Oriole Park • 7055 NW 1st Street

The City of Margate and its Department of Environmental & Engineering Services is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste disposal event to help you safely get rid of unwanted chemicals, paints, electronics, and more. Open to Margate residents only. **This event will include secure document shredding.**

Learn more and find a complete list of accepted items at margatefl.com/HHW.



PROGRAMS

ARCHERY

Andrews Field • 500 NW 65 Avenue
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. Reservations are required.

Saturdays and Sundays: 9 AM – 5 PM

Contact:

Karen Ludwig
954-866-4935 (TEXT ONLY)
goarchery.net@gmail.com
www.goarchery.net

MARTIAL ARTS

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 & Thursdays • 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Adult Class:

Tuesdays & Thursdays • 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Mixed Age Class:

Wednesdays • 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Fees:

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

Contact:

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



TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CLASSES

Firefighters Park
2500 Rock Island Road

GSM Tennis of Margate offers top-quality Junior and Adult Tennis & Pickleball Classes for all skill levels. Private and group lessons are available. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced player, their certified instructors provide expert coaching in a fun and engaging environment. Open to all ages and skill levels — no experience needed!

Monday through Friday:

Morning sessions • 9 AM, 10 AM

Evening sessions • 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM

Fee: \$25 registration fee. Contact GSM for full pricing details.

Contact:

Coach Csilla:
954-825-1118
csilla@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 necessary. Variation/modifications will be provided.

Mondays: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Fees:

Drop-in Classes • \$8

10 Classes • \$65

Contact:

Wanda Olcima
954-282-9926
tribalyogallc@gmail.com

JOY DECO (DANCE AND GYMNASTICS)

Leonard Weisinger Community Center
6199 NW 10th Street

This program is designed to introduce children to the wonderful world of Dance, Cheerleading and Gymnastics, allowing your child to have fun while showing off their creative side.

Mondays:

5:45 – 6:30 PM, Gymnastics Basics, Ages 4 – 7
6:30 – 7:20 PM, Gymnastics Basics, Ages 5 – 11
7:30 – 8:20 PM, Gymnastics Level 1, Ages 7 – 12

Tuesdays:

5:45 – 6:30 PM • Ballet & Jazz, Ages 4 – 7
6:30 – 7:15 PM • Cheerleading & Hip Hop, Ages 5 – 9

Wednesdays:

5:30 – 6:15 PM • Gymnastics Basics, Ages 4 – 7
6:20 – 7:05 PM • Gymnastics Level 1-2, Ages 5 – 11

Attire:

Gymnastics: Leotard and shorts, bare feet
Ballet & Jazz: Leotard, tights & pink ballet shoes
Cheerleading & Cartwheels: comfortable clothes and sneakers
Hip Hop/Jazz: Comfortable clothes and sneakers or black jazz shoes

Fees:

\$64 per month, one class per week
\$15 one-time registration fee

Contact:

Joy Deco Enterprises
954-971-9917
Register at joydecoenterprises.com



ATHLETICS

The City of Margate offers youth athletic programs in the Fall and Spring, including baseball, softball, basketball & soccer! Registration for the Fall Season runs through July 31, with practices beginning in September.



YOUTH BASEBALL

- **Ages:** 3 – 13
- **Registration:** Ends July 31
- **Season:** October – December

YOUTH BASKETBALL

- **Ages:** 5 – 13
- **Registration:** Ends July 31
- **Season:** October – December



YOUTH SOCCER

- **Ages:** 3 – 14
- **Registration:** Ends July 31
- **Season:** October – December

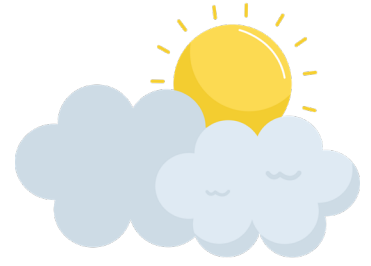
YOUTH SOFTBALL

- **Ages:** 6 – 15
- **Registration:** Ends July 31
- **Season:** September – November



For more information, contact Margate Athletics at 954-972-6459, or the Parks & Recreation Department at 954-972-6458 or by email at athletics@margatefl.com.

CALYPSO COVE AQUATIC FACILITY



PARK HOURS & DAYS

June 9 – August 10

Daily • 10 AM – 5 PM

August 11 – September 28

Weekends Only • 10 AM – 5 PM

PROGRAMS

Group Swim Lessons

Mondays and Wednesdays:

Session: July 7 – July 30

Registration: June 23 – July 7

Tuesdays and Thursdays:

Session: July 8 – July 31

Registration: June 23 – July 8

Times: 8:30 AM or 9:00 AM

Each lesson is 25 minutes.

Cost Per Session:

Margate Residents: \$55

Non-Residents: \$75

Register at margatefl.com/Registration.

ADMISSION FEES

Ages 5 and over:

\$6 (Resident), \$12 (Non-resident)

Ages 2 to 4:

\$2 (Resident), \$5 (Non-resident)

Under 2:

Free (Resident & Non-resident)

Tsunamis Swim Team

Tsunamis Swim Team is a year-round competitive USA Swimming program for swimmers **ages 4 and up**. All prospective swimmers must participate in a new swimmer evaluation by a member of coaching staff prior to registration.

Learn more: tsunamisswimteam.com

Calypso Cove

6200 Royal Palm Blvd

954-974-4566

ccove@margatefl.com

DO YOU KNOW MARGATE?

Calypso Cove's newly renovated splash area features a towering splash bucket, perfect for cooling off this summer. How much water does the bucket release on our guests when it tips over?

- A. 30 gallons
- B. 60 gallons
- C. 120 gallons

Answer: C. The 120 gallon splash bucket soaks park visitors every 45 seconds! The splash area at Calypso Cove has been recently renovated, featuring new dynamic water features, a bold and playful color scheme, and a family-friendly atmosphere for all attendees to enjoy.



Southeast Park Ready for Fun With All-New Fields

Two grass soccer fields at Southeast Park, located at 655 SW 50th Avenue, have been converted to artificial grass.

The four fields at the 10-acre park are used for youth and adult soccer, as well as the hosting site for football, kickball, and soccer tournaments. The idea: get more use out of the fields, which need their own rest time after Mother Nature's downpours. Grass can't be played on while soggy, but it's full steam ahead with turf.

"It's going to be a high-quality field at all times," said Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jones. "And it will always be playable."

"We can maximize programming," he said. And, "it looks better."

Several years ago, both the clay and grass areas at Vinson Park's baseball field were converted to turf. Next, the Margate Sports Complex is in the design phase for a future transformation.

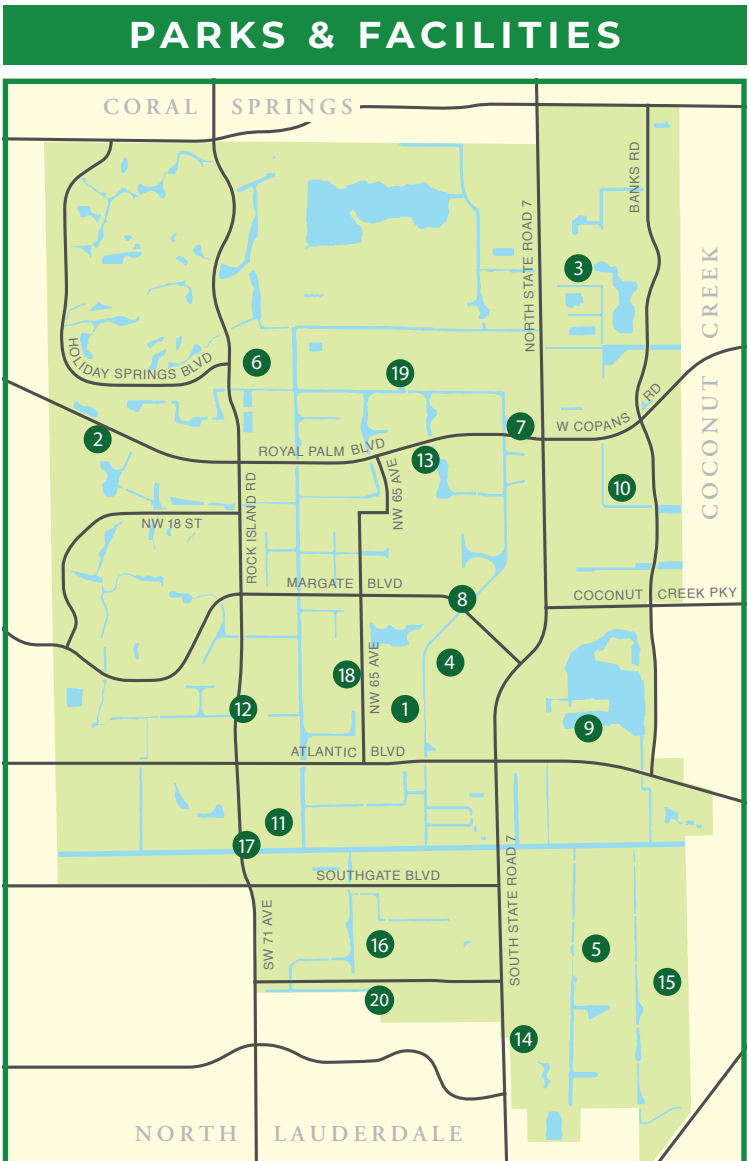
WE'LL SEE YOU OUT ON THE FIELDS!

RENT A FIELD!

Organizing a tournament, league, or special event? Our fields are available for rental year-round! For more details, visit margatefl.com/Rentals or contact 954-972-6459.

parks & recreation

- 1 Andrews Field at Margate Middle School**
500 NW 65th 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 29th Street**
Lighted tennis courts, pavilions, half basketball courts, playground, walking trail, and restrooms.
- 4 David Park and George Mudd Playground**
6199 NW 10th Street
Community center, senior center, library, playground, and lighted bocce courts.
- 5 Ed Greenwalk Park • 5235 SW 5th 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**
Covered field, lighted baseball/softball fields, playground, splash pad, pavilions, batting cages, and walking trail with fitness stations.
- 11 Oriole Park • 7055 NW 1st Street**
Lighted baseball/softball field and lighted football/soccer field.
- 12 Rock Island Fitness Park • 7100 NW 6th Court**
Outdoor exercise equipment, ADA accessible equipment, and lighted pavilion cover.
- 13 Royal Palm Park/Calypso Cove**
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 8th Court**
Playground, splash pad, walking trail, outdoor exercise equipment, pavilion, and open play area.



- 15 Southeast Park • 655 SW 50th Avenue**
Synthetic turf, pavilion, concession/restrooms, and playground.
- 16 Southgate Park • 425 SW 64th Avenue**
Full basketball court, exercise trail, playground, and open play area.
- 17 Veterans Memorial Park • 7044 NW 1st Street**
Boat launch, pavilion, and fishing dock.
- 18 Vinson Park • 955 NW 66th 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.
- 20 Herman and Dorothy Shooster Nature Preserve**
740 SW 64th Terrace
(Managed by Broward County Parks)

HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

WHERE FUN MEETS PURPOSE:

MEET JOANNA

Q: What's your name and how long have you worked for the City of Margate?

My name is Joanna Brighton and I have worked for the City of Margate for over six years.

Q: What do you do in your role with the City?

As the City's Recreation Superintendent, I oversee the hiring of summer camp counselors, run and organize special events, including Winter Festival and Fourth of July, and more, and oversee all youth athletic programs, including baseball, soccer, basketball, and softball.

Q: What inspired you to pursue a career in Parks & Recreation?

I grew up in parks & rec, I was always heavily involved, and it was a big part of my life and childhood. I wanted to do it for other people in the community.

Q: What do you feel Parks & Recreation brings to a community?

To me and to the people in the community, it fosters a sense of community to participate in events, to participate in sports with kids you grow up with. So much of my childhood was spent playing with kids in the community programs, it brings everybody closer together. This is where memories are created: *"Every year we go to Winter Festival and go down the snow slides,"* or *"Every year we go to Fall Festival and we do the Haunted House."*



If you have questions about youth sports, camps, or upcoming City events, don't hesitate to reach out! Call Joanna at **954-972-6458** or email jbrighton@margatefl.com!

northwest focal p

The Heart of the Center: Volunteers Honored for Their Service

The City's Northwest Focal Point Senior Center recently honored 23 volunteers during an annual luncheon to say thank you for their passion, skills, time, and devotion to Margate's seniors. The volunteers help run bingo, teach classes, and organize the morning Pledge of Allegiance, among other efforts.

"We couldn't do what we do without them," said Terry Lieberman, the center's director. "Volunteers are the heart of the center."

Denise Steele, the center's recreation coordinator, told the volunteers – who are seniors themselves – how loved and appreciated they are. They are the "greatest group of people on the earth," she told them. "We know the work you do."

Among the volunteers honored was Sandra Hophan, age 79, who runs a weekly variety group. That could include playing trivia games, making crafts, or leading a discussion group about how to talk to your doctor. She is also not shy about assigning homework to her participants, which could include a specific task such as reading a book, and writing down what it meant to them. "I'm a people person," said Ms. Hophan. And, "I'm a mother of three. I like to be needed, I like to be useful."

Tomas Cordero, 80, agrees. He was selected as "Volunteer of the Year" and during his three years as a volunteer, he has served the residents by translating important announcements into Spanish. The native of Puerto Rico said he ensures nobody is missing out. The Center, he said, "it's like my second home."

Mayor Arlene Schwartz and Commissioner Anthony Caggiano also came to help scoop out spaghetti to serve the volunteers who serve the Center. "I want to thank all of you for what you do," said Mayor Schwartz. "Nothing gets done by itself." Thank you, she said, "a thousand times."



oint senior center

SENIOR SERVICES

SHINE

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

EHEAP

(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

On the first Monday of the month from 10 AM to 12 PM, Margate residents can apply for Homestead Exemption and other tax-saving property exemptions at the Senior Center. 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 AM.

Adult Day Care

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. Appointment required for registration. Please call 954-973-0300 for an appointment or for more information.

JOIN NOW!

Northwest Focal Point Senior Center

6009 NW 10th Street, Margate, FL 33063

954-973-0300

margatefl.com/SeniorCenter

ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS

Are you a senior looking to keep active? Take a look at some available activities at the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center (6009 NW 10th Street)!

UPCOMING EVENTS-----

Crazy Hat Day & Ice Cream Social

July 15 at 11:30 AM

Pajama Party

August 12 at 11:30 AM

Hawaiian Day Celebration

August 22 at 11:30 AM

Reservations required

Grandparents Day Talent Show

September 5 at 11:30 AM

CLASSES -----

Zumba Gold

Mondays and Fridays
at 9:30 AM

Stretch & Balance Exercise Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays
at 9:30 AM

Tai Chi Class

Tuesdays at 12:00 PM

Line Dance Class

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Bingo

Wednesdays and Fridays
at 11:30 AM

Live Music

Thursdays and Fridays
at 1:30 PM

Contact the Senior Center for a monthly schedule or visit the City's website. Activities subject to change, and membership with the Center is required to participate in any and all activities. Must be 60 years old or older to join.

MARGATE THROUGH YOUR EYES

September 2018 Photo Contest Winner
Photographer: Kacey Puia
Title: Sunset at Lake Sunflower

Photo Contest Invites Residents to Capture Margate

Celebrate **#OurMargate** by capturing the City's beautiful environment and community in photos. Margate residents are encouraged to snap photos around town and enter them in a Digital Photo Contest.

The City of Margate-designated judges will consider originality, composition and artistic merit and choose a series of finalists. Residents will then vote for the winning shots.

All winning photos will be published on the City of Margate's magazine, e-Newsletter, social media platforms, Comcast Channel 78, and more!

HOW TO ENTER

To enter the Digital Photo Contest, all you need to do is snap a photo around Margate.

Next, email your select photo(s) to

pio@margatefl.com.

Submissions are limited to a maximum of 4 photos for entry!

DON'T MISS OUT

The deadline to enter is **August 18, 2025**. Learn more about the Digital Photo Contest by visiting **margatefl.com/PhotoContest!**



**PHOTOS
SUBMITTED**
AUGUST 2025



**FINALISTS
ANNOUNCED**
OCTOBER 2025



**WINNERS
ANNOUNCED**
JANUARY 2026



Upon submission, the photograph, and all of the copy and trademark rights associated with the photograph, becomes the property of the City of Margate. There will be no compensation for submitted or winning photos.

WHO TO CALL IN MARGATE!

Have a question about City services? Whether you're reporting an issue, signing up for a program, or looking for the right department, this guide will help you find exactly who to call quickly and easily.

Streetlight Outage
954-972-8126

Mosquito Spraying
954-972-8126



Apply for a Building Permit
954-970-3004

Apply for a Business License
954-979-6213



Apply for a Homestead
954-357-6830

Make a Code Violation Complaint
954-972-1232



Rent a Pavilion
954-972-6458



Report Park Maintenance
954-972-6458



Have Your Child Say the Pledge at a Public Meeting
954-935-5326



Youth Sports
954-972-6458



City Water/Sewer Issues, Water Meter Leaks
954-972-0828
954-605-9812 (After Hours)



Catherine Young Branch Library
954-357-7500



Northwest Focal Point Senior Center & Adult Day Care
954-973-0300



Missed Garbage Collection
954-583-1830



Request New Garbage or Recycling Cart
954-583-1830



Water Billing
954-884-3666



After-Hours Water Restoration
954-972-0828



Report a Pothole
954-972-8126



Report Flooding
954-972-8126



Non-Emergency Police Line
954-972-7111



Report a Stray or Missing Animal
954-972-7111

Broward School District
754-321-0000



Broward County Tax Collector
954-765-4697



Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce
954-941-2940



Free Smoke Detector and Installation
954-304-6660



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

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margatefl.com

Watch Us on Margate TV:

Comcast Channel 78

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margatefl.com/Newsletter

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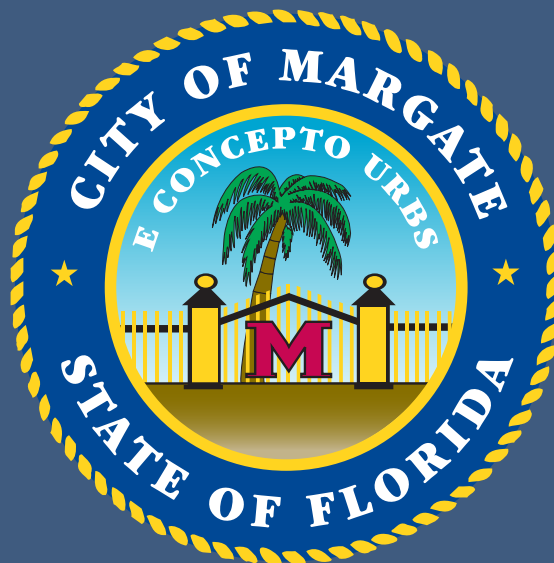
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