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ON THE COVER:
A young Margate resident is enjoying the new playground at Southgate Park.

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FROM THE MAYOR



I am so very excited to announce that after a year-long Covid-19 hiatus, the City of Margate's family-friendly events are returning this Fall. Please mark your calendars and join the entire City Commission to celebrate this special time of the year with outdoor concerts, movies and other special events created just for our Margate residents.

Grab your folding chairs, get comfortable and ready to listen to the great **Sounds at Sundown**, our returning Saturday evening concert series featuring live music, local vendors and food trucks. Join us at 5:00 pm, with music from 6:00-9:00 pm on September 4, October 2 and November 6 at the corner of Margate Blvd and State Road 7. In classic Margate style, be prepared to sing, dance, enjoy the food and have a great, relaxing time in the company of family and friends.

Gather the entire family and bring your blankets to enjoy **Movies in the Park** under the new covered addition to the **Margate Sports Complex** on Saturday,

September 18 and November 20. Then return once again to this location on Saturday, October 23, to celebrate at the **Fall Festival** and participate in the many fun-filled activities including line dancing, hayrides, pony rides, a visit to the petting zoo and of course, the scary haunted house, just to name a few. Don't forget to enter the fun contests open to all ages, from costume contest to pumpkin carving and scarecrow building.

Saturday, December 4 marks the new date for the return of a favorite Margate event that was postponed as the result of Covid-19. It's once again time to declutter your home and give your unused items a new lease on life at the **Winter Cleanup & Garage Sale at Oriole Park**. If you wish to sell your items, please register for a vendor's space by October 4. Admission and parking is free to shop for treasures from more than 150 vendors and neighbors.

Our last big event of the season, and one of the most popular, is the **Winter**



Fest, scheduled for Friday, December 17, at the corner of Margate Blvd. and State Road 7. Your family will enjoy authentic "Florida style" snow, rides for the kids, arts and crafts activities, local group performances and food vendors. Santa with his famous jovial Ho Ho Ho will be in town and available for photos, whether you've been naughty or nice.

I hope that the spirit of the holidays brings an abundance of joy, good health, happiness and goodwill to each and every one of you, your families and your loved ones. From my family to yours, Best Wishes and Happy Holidays!

Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz
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FROM THE VICE MAYOR



I am honored to have been appointed to the Florida League of Cities' Land Use and Economic Development Committee. In this role, I will serve along with other Florida municipal officials to address community redevelopment, economic development, growth management, and land use planning issues that will benefit our Margate community. As a real estate agent, I know how important it is to protect yourself and your investments when doing construction work at your home. The City's building inspectors are here

to ensure all the work at your home is done according to code and installed correctly. The City has published a Guide for Hiring Home Contractors and Getting City Permits, available online at www.margatefl.com. I encourage you to read these essential tips that will help you avoid costly mistakes. I wish you and your families a happy holiday season.

Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio
aarserio@margatefl.com

Dear Neighbors:



The City of Margate welcomes residents who want to volunteer their time to impact our community positively. If you love gardening and have a few hours to spare during the week, I invite you to join the Volunteer Gardening Club to help beautify the community garden located at 6111 N.W. 10th Street. Please get in touch with our Parks Department at 954-972-6458 for more information. The Northwest Focal Point Senior Center is also looking for volunteers interested in making a difference in people's lives. Please consider sharing your talent in arts and crafts, music, languages, or other enjoyable activity with our seniors. Please contact the Center at 954-973-0300 for details.

Giving in simple ways can fulfill your life — may your holidays be filled with joy and good cheer.

Commissioner
Anthony N. Caggiano
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I am excited to share that the City of Margate has a brand new facility where our sports enthusiasts can play without getting overheated or drenched by rain. The metal-covered Sports Complex with artificial turf is a much-awaited addition to the existing park amenities on Banks Road. We can't wait to showcase this new building as the site for all types of exciting special events where we can gather as a community. I promise you; you'll love it.

The upcoming renovation of Serino Park is currently in the design phase. The improvements will include constructing a restroom building, new playground equipment with surface renovations, fitness course, picnic pavilion, plus other enhancements. I look forward to seeing you there once finished.

God Bless and Happy Holidays!
Commissioner
Tommy Ruzzano
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The City of Margate is enhancing its public outreach to our multicultural community. With a population of approximately 59,000 residents, 29 percent of our residents are of Hispanic origin. If you prefer to read this magazine in Spanish, visit www.margatefl.com/ourmargate. In addition, residents can read every digital issue of Our Margate e-News in English or Spanish. Simply click on the "Lea en español" links to read a version in Spanish. To sign up to receive e-News via email, visit the City's website and register on the "Sign Up for Notifications" link.

As the holiday season comes near, I want to wish you and your family my warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very happy New Year!

Commissioner
Joanne Simone
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city news

Don't Wait - Vaccinate!



The COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be highly effective at preventing severe illness against the Delta variant, but anyone unvaccinated is at risk for infection by the new virus mutation.

All Floridians are now eligible to receive any COVID-19 vaccine as prescribed by the Food and Drug Administration, which is age 18+ for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, and age 12+ for Pfizer (as of this publishing). No appointment is required at any vaccination site run by the Florida Department of Health in Broward. Residents are encouraged to follow guidelines for protected measures issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC).

For a list of state and county-run vaccine locations, visit www.broward.org/Coronavirus



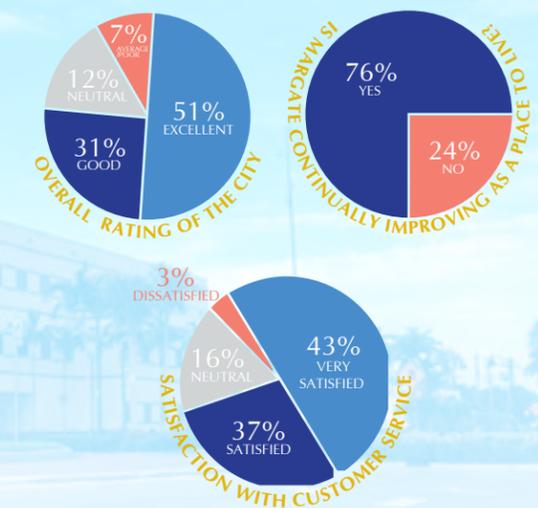
Stay Safe, Margate!

- Get Vaccinated
- Wear a Mask
- Keep Distance from Others
- Wash Your Hands Often

Help Stop the Spread of COVID

Our Margate is an Excellent Place to Live

The City of Margate conducted a Community Survey to assess resident satisfaction with the delivery of City services. Results from this scientific survey say, among other things, that most residents have a positive perception of the City of Margate, that our City is an "excellent" or "good" place to live, and that we're doing an excellent job in keeping most residents informed. The survey also indicated the top issues residents wanted Margate leaders to address. To view the full survey results, visit: www.margatefl.com/survey



Lea En Español



According to the latest Census estimates, 29% of the City of Margate’s population is of Hispanic origin. To increase the public outreach to this target audience, the City is offering a Spanish online version of this magazine and the digital issues of Our Margate e-News. To read this magazine en español, please visit www.margatefl.com/ourmargate.

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

Employee Spotlight

Pedro Stiasni is a well-respected engineer working at DEES; he is also quite a rugby expert.

“I started playing rugby when I was 17 years old while living in Australia,” says Pedro. “When I moved back to Venezuela, I continued playing the sport for a local French high school. During my time with the local team, I was selected to play for the Venezuelan National Rugby Team.”



Pedro & Fort Miami Team

After a couple of years with the national team, Pedro moved to Murray, KY, to attend college. He helped the university put together a new rugby team and was a player/coach until he graduated. Fast forward to today, Pedro is one of the coaches for a local women’s team called Fort Miami Women’s Rugby Club. They are South Florida’s premier women’s rugby club.

Pedro believes rugby is more than just a sport. “Rugby empowers you to be healthy and fit and develop a sportsmanlike, competitive spirit in a fun, social, and physically challenging environment.”

Preventing Blight in Rental Properties

Approximately 3,000 rental properties exist in the City of Margate, with most landlords currently living outside the City. That is why the City of Margate has partnered with Prochamps to institute a new program to protect property values and preserve the quality of neighborhoods with rental properties.

The Residential Rental Unit Registration Program requires all property owners, mortgagees, or trustees of long-term residential units to register and undergo annual property inspections to ensure proper maintenance and address any health or safety violations. This ordinance increases landlord accountability to prevent blight in the City. Late fees for late registration begin Oct. 1, and enforcement for non-compliant registrations starts on Jan. 1, 2022. For more information, visit www.margatefl.com/rentalregistration.

Protecting the Water Supply

Does your home or business have a Backflow Prevention Assembly (BPA) installed to protect the drinking water from contamination and pollution? If you do, the City of Margate

has a new customer-friendly program that helps commercial and multi-residential property owners deal with the ongoing maintenance of BPAs, thus protecting the public water supply.

A BPA Testing and Maintenance Program is available if the device requires repair or replacement. Water safety industry leader HydroCorp administers the program. Testing fees will be paid for by the City of Margate and then billed to the property owner annually as part of the water bill.

If the BPA requires repair or replacement, property owners will receive a Notice that will contain a list of qualified service providers that can complete the necessary work. Hiring contractors outside the recommended list is also an option. The property owner is responsible for fees related to the repair or replacement of BPAs and will pay the contractor directly for such services. If interested in participating in this program, contact Amy at HydroCorp at 1-844-493-7660 or 248-672-2153 (cell).

Know Your Flood Zone

Margate residents need to know their flood risks to protect their lives and property. To

find out in which flood zone your property is located, visit the City’s website at www.margatefl.com (click on “How Do I?”, then “Learn About Flood Information & Maps”). To find out if the area has had drainage problems or if flood insurance claims have been filed repeatedly in the vicinity, please call the City of Margate at 954-884-3633. City staff can also offer advice on how to help protect your property from flood damage and visit your site to give one-on-one floodproofing advice. Please call 954-972-0828 to request this free service.

No Dumping Into the Stormwater System

Only rainwater is allowed to drain into waterways and storm drains located in streets, curbs, roadways, swales, and other conveyances. Dumping, spilling, or discharging any non-stormwater material onto the open ground or directly into the stormwater management system is illegal. If you witness dumping into storm drains or waterways, please report the unlawful activity to Public Works at 954-972-8126.



REVITALIZING OUR MARGATE

The Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (MCRA) has proudly served our community since 1996. As you drive or walk through our neighborhoods, you can appreciate the MCRA's most significant projects, which include streetscape improvements such as the buffer walls on Atlantic Boulevard and the median landscaping on State Road 7, Atlantic Boulevard, and Margate Boulevard; the installation of bus shelters, Winfield Boulevard entrance sign, improvements to David Park, and most recently the construction of a brand new Sports Complex covered field. These projects and many others have positively transformed the appearance of our City and its primary roadways.

Did you know? The MCRA offers grants to commercial properties located within the district to improve their facades and landscaping and attract more customers. This funding assistance stimulates private investment to strengthen the local economy and increase property values in the redevelopment area, thus enhancing the quality of life of our Margate residents. To stay in the know of MCRA meetings and projects, follow us on social media @MargateCRA or visit www.margatefl.com/cra.

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

For the most up-to-date information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 954-972 6458 or parksrec@margatefl.com.

SEPTEMBER



Saturdays: Sept. 4 featuring Cachet band
Oct. 2 featuring Shadow Creek band
Nov. 6 featuring TBA
5-10 p.m.
Margate Blvd. & State Road 7

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



Saturday: Sept. 25 showing Raya and the Last Dragon at 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 20 showing Onward at 6:00 p.m.
Margate Sports Complex
1695 Banks Road

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

OCTOBER

Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 23
6-11 p.m.
Margate Sports Complex
1695 Banks Road



Celebrate the arrival of Fall with this fun event for all ages. There will be live music and family-friendly activities such as line dancing, hayrides, pony rides, a petting zoo, and a haunted house. Interactive activities include costume contests for all ages, carved pumpkin contest (bring your own, already-carved pumpkin), scarecrow building contest, interactive programs for young children, craft vendors, and food vendors. Contest winners will receive prizes.

NOVEMBER

Veteran's Day Ceremony

Thursday, Nov. 11
10:30 a.m.
Veterans Memorial Park
7044 NW 1st Street

Join us as we honor our military veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to our country. We'll salute all of the men and women who have fought for our country's freedom. The Veterans Day essay contest winners will read their essays and will be recognized during the ceremony. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.

DECEMBER

Winter Cleanup & Garage Sale

Saturday, Dec. 4
7 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Oriole Park
7055 NW 1st Street

Declutter your home and make some extra money in the process by selling your unused items at this event. Register as a vendor in advance, or just come shop for treasures from your neighbors. Each year, more than 150 vendors and hundreds of shoppers participate in this event. The registration cost to be a vendor is \$10 for residents; \$30 for non-residents. Vendor registration opens to Margate residents on Oct. 4; for non-residents on Nov. 1.

Winter Festival

Friday, Dec. 17
6-10 p.m.
Margate Blvd. & State Road 7

This free, family-friendly event will include real "Florida Style" snow, rides for the children, arts and crafts activities, local group performances, a craft fair, food vendors, and pictures with Santa (bring your camera). Food and craft vendors are welcome (advanced registration is required.) Presented by the MCRA.





PARKS & RECREATION
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.

Fridays: 6 - 9 p.m.

Sunday: 3 - 5 p.m.

Contact: Karen Ludwig 954-866-4935 or Goarchery.net@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 - Friday:

4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Contact: Coach Peter and Coach Csilla
954-496-6061, 954-825-1118
peter@gsm-tennis.com



Plus:

- Dance, Cheer & Gymnastic
- Classes by Joy Deco
- Hapkido (Martial Arts)
- Youth Sports
- Yoga
- Zumba

Please visit the City's website www.margatefl.com for a list of times, schedules and locations.



Calypso Cove

Fall Schedule:

Aug. 21 - Sept. 26

Open on weekends only
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost to enter (must bring proof of City residency) is \$4 for ages 4 and older for residents; \$7 for non-residents; \$1 for children 3 years and under for residents and non-residents.

For more information, call 954-974-4566 or email ccove@margatefl.com. (Closed to the public from Sept. 27 until the end of the year).

Get Six Free Swimming Lessons

Session 1: Aug. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

Session 2: Sept. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19

Register 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 Watersmartbroward.org.

Margate Motion Swim Team

Fall Tryouts: Aug. 28 - Sept. 11

Contact: Coach Kaitlin to schedule a tryout at margatemotion@margatefl.com.

8 & Under Swimmers: Must swim one lap of all 4 strokes

9 & Up Swimmers: Must swim two laps of all 4 strokes

Practices:

Monday - Thursday

First day of practice:

Monday, Sept. 13.

***Pre-Team:** 5:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.

1st Group: 5:15 p.m. - 6 p.m. (typical age group 5 - 8)

2nd Group: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (typical age group 8 - 12)

3rd Group: 5:15 p.m. - 7 p.m. (typical age group 11 - 18)

***Pre-Team:** 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. Practice consists of 30 minutes of hands-on in the water coaching and 15 minutes of fun/games.

Fees: \$120/season (resident) \$165/season (non-resident) \$20 cash only League Fee

Additional Uniform Fees:

- Competition suit: (\$55 female, \$40 male)
- Swim Cap: \$10
- Team Shirt: \$10 (also available for parents)
- Team hat: \$10 (optional)

Seasons:

Fall: September - December

Spring: February - Mid-April

Summer: May - July

Land & Water Fitness

A training methodology to improve overall fitness, increasing both strength and cardiovascular levels for people of all fitness abilities.

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (through September 26)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. (beginning October 3)

Cost: \$5 per class

Water Aerobics

A safe, fun, and energetic workout for all skill levels! Now - Sept. 25

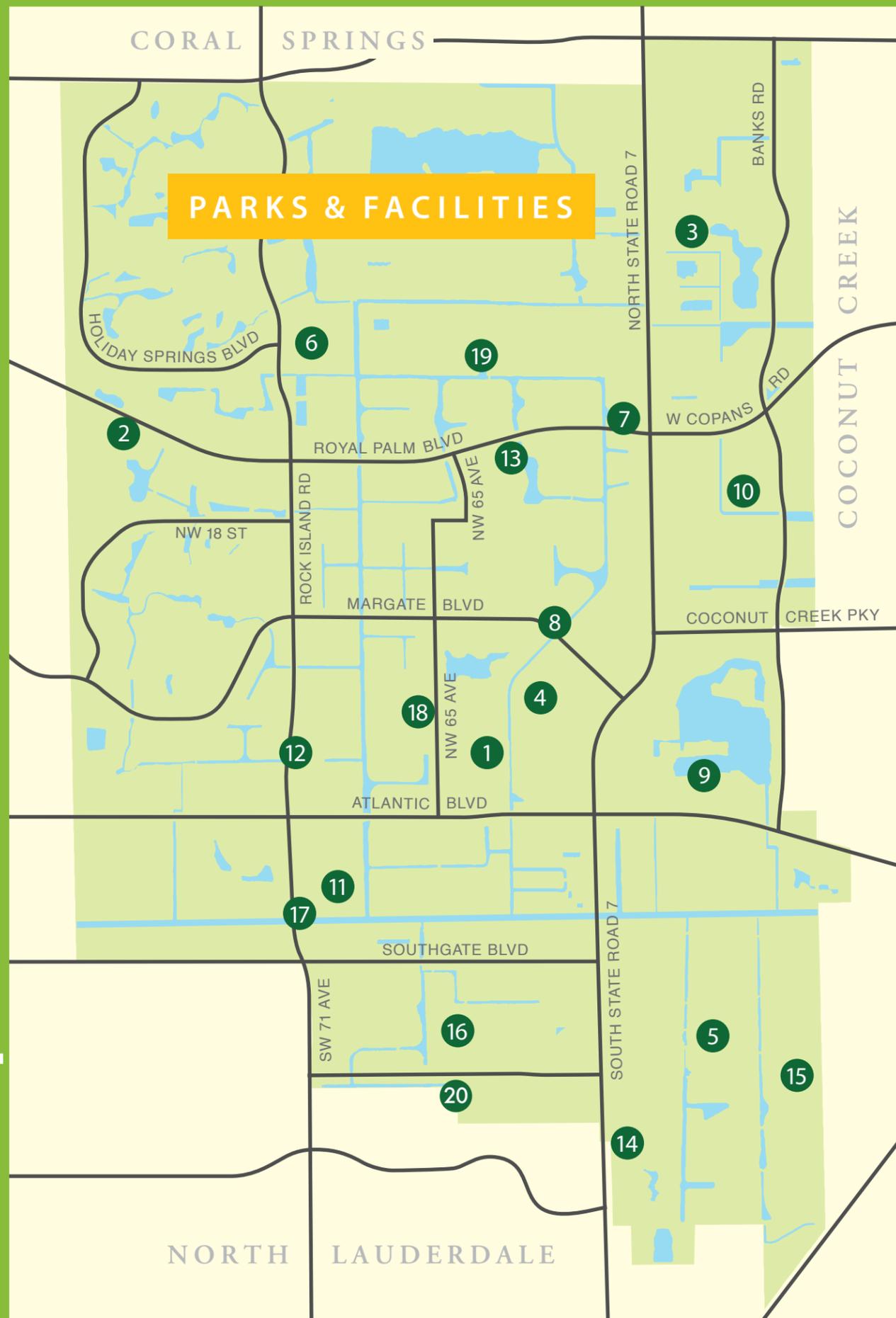
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Sept. 28 - Nov. 11

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9:15 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Cost: \$5 per class.

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 **FIREFIIGHTERS 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.
- 20 **HERMAN AND DOROTHY SHOOSTER NATURE PRESERVE**
(Managed by Broward County Parks)
740 SW 64 Terrace

Did you know?

The Northwest Focal Point Senior & Adult Day Care Center is the hub of many activities geared toward our senior population. After the pandemic restrictions, it reopened in early 2021, providing transportation services to more than 100 seniors to vaccination sites. It is now fully open, offering services such as transporting members to grocery stores in the area and offering low-impact exercise classes and other fun activities to keep seniors active and social during their golden years. In June, the Center held the Annual Domino Tournament, and in July, it hosted the Annual Wii Bowling Tournament (88-year old Esmie scored the highest with 2,576 points.) All services and activities are provided free of charge.

“BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD”

Mahatma Gandhi

Your donation to the Senior Center will make a difference.

2021 SEPTEMBER

Grandparent Day/Día de los Abuelos

Monday, Sept. 13,
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

National Fall Prevention Month

Throughout the month, health talks will raise awareness on improving balance and strength to reduce the risk of falls.

OCTOBER

Medicare Open Enrollment

Starts Oct. 15 – Dec. 7, 2021, for Medicare coverage in 2022. Several seminars will be available to learn more and be able to make informed decisions. A SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) counselor is available for one-on-one counseling to assist members with their Medicare, Medicaid, and other health insurance questions. SHINE services are free, unbiased, and confidential.

Folk Festival

Friday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Join us in this celebration of all countries with live music and fun.

NOVEMBER

Veterans Wii Bowling Tournament

Friday, Nov. 19,
9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

DECEMBER

Stay tuned to our upcoming Holiday Concerts and Special Bingo. Date/times to be announced.



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
Stretch & Balance
Line Dancing
Tai Chi

ACTIVITIES

Dominos
Cards
Wii Bowling
Billiards
Mah-Jong
Rummy Q
Bingo

LIVE MUSIC

Every Thursday, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Featuring: Jazz with the Paul Cohen Big Band and Swing with the Hall of Fame Band. *Additional live bands and entertainment are provided during special celebrations.*

SERVICES

SHINE

(Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elder) 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

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. The deadline to qualify for 2021 Tax Exemption is Sept. 20, 2021.

Counseling

Available for individuals or support groups. Caregiver Support Group is also available.

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..

JOIN NOW!

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

www.margatefl.com/Government/SeniorCenter



**YOUR TAX
DOLLARS
AT WORK**

**PROJECTS IN
THE CITY OF MARGATE**



BEFORE



COMING SOON



Fire Station 58 Construction Update

600 Rock Island Road

The existing fire station located at 600 Rock Island Road was reduced to its foundation in August to give room for constructing a new one-story building. The new Fire Station is expected to be completed in 2022.

Margate Sports Complex

1695 Banks Road

Take a look at the new open-air covered field of the Margate Sports Complex. The MCRA-owned property, almost an acre in size, has an artificial turf surface, bleachers, and a concession building set to become the hub of future sports and community events in the City of Margate and its surroundings.

At an approximate cost of \$3.6 million, the project is part of the MCRA's initiatives to revitalize the area along State Road 7/US 441 as a focal point for commercial and recreational activities.



Vinson Park Renovation

955 NW 66th Ave

In June, City leaders broke ground on the \$1.9 million project to upgrade the baseball fields at Vinson Park with artificial turf and renovate the batting cages. When completed, this park will also have a new playground and splash pad.

IT'S MARGATE DELISH

When you think of Margate's family-run restaurants, you know it's yummy, delicioso, bon gou, or simply delish! The City of Margate is helping promote the mom & pop and family-run restaurants in the City, especially those located in the MCRA district.

Beginning this October, look out for Margate Delish, a promotional campaign that will help put Margate on the map as a foodie destination in Broward County. The City will showcase the many delectable flavors you'll find in the more than 100 restaurants that call Margate home through videos and social media.

To learn more about this campaign and how you can participate, please get in touch with Erick Cuesta, MCRA Multimedia Specialist, at ecuesta@margatefl.com or 954-935-3331.



Sign Up Today for Margate Cares Alerts

The City of Margate wants to make sure you know about emergencies and other incidents as they happen. A citizen notification system, Margate Cares Alert, will inform you via text or phone calls of road closures, emergency/severe weather information, and other important news. Sign up online today by visiting www.margatefl.com/MargateCaresAlerts. For assistance with the registration process, please email margatecaresalert@margatefl.com or contact the Police Department at 954-972-7111.

Out of Town? Request a Special Watch by MPD

The Margate Police Department (MPD) will keep an extra watch on your home or business while you're away on vacation. You can request this free Special Watch service by calling MPD at 954-972-7111. A police officer will routinely check the location while you're out of town to ensure the premises are secure and keep an eye on any suspicious activities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES UPDATE

Beginning Oct. 1, 2021, the Margate Fire Department will no longer service the residents of Coconut Creek. The men and women serving our Margate residents from Fire Station #18, #58, and #98 will continue to provide the highest EMS and fire protection level as before.

Fire Prevention Holiday Safety Tips

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together and a time for more significant risks for fire. Please follow these simple tips to ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights, so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

The City of Margate wishes you **Happy Holidays!**

'TIS THE SEASON FOR SAFETY & GOOD CHEER

The holiday season is always a time of joy and good cheer — and unfortunately, it's also when criminals look for opportunities to take advantage of vulnerable people. Please enjoy a safe holiday season by following these essential safety tips:

Shopping Safety Tips

- Avoid driving alone or at night.
- Keep all car doors locked, and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. It creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Be sure to locate your keys before going to your car.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag, and parcels. Please do not put them down or on top of the car to open the door.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

Beware of Strangers at Your Door

- Be aware that criminals may pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- Criminals take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for fake charitable causes.
- Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.
- Donate to a recognized charitable organization.

Home Safety Tips

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail. Contact MPD at 954-972-7111 for a special watch.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- When setting up a holiday tree or other display, make sure doors, and passageways are clear inside your home.
- Make sure your holiday tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons, or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.
- Make sure the wiring on the lights of your holiday tree is not damaged or frayed to prevent fires.
- Place your holiday tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.



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