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## YOUR MARGATE GOVERNMENT

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ON THE COVER: LOCAL MARGATE VENDORS SELLING THEIR BEAUTIFUL JEWELRY AT OUR INTERNATIONAL DAY FESTIVAL.

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# FROM THE MAYOR

I am excited to announce the following events lined up for the upcoming months of April, May, and June. These gatherings celebrate our traditions and will create lasting memories for our residents.

The much-anticipated Tree Giveaway is kicking off our series of events on April 27. Come early in the morning to receive one tree per family to enhance our neighborhoods and contribute to the green canopy that defines our city's landscape. Among the trees to be distributed are Yellow Tab, Crape Myrtle, Live Oak, and citrus trees (lemon, grapefruit, and orange). Remember, trees are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

In May and June, mark your calendars for the popular Sounds of Sundown,

which is offered on the first Saturday of the month at the Margate Sports Complex. Bring your chairs, blankets, and loved ones for a fun evening of live music and plenty of food trucks to choose from.

As we approach the solemn occasion of Memorial Day on May 27, let us come together to honor and remember the courageous souls who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. Join us at Veterans Memorial Park for a Memorial Day Ceremony, where we'll pay tribute to our fallen heroes, reflect on their valor, and express our profound gratitude for their selfless devotion to duty.

These upcoming events are more than just dates on the calendar; they are shared experiences that create a sense of place for our hometown.



I invite each and every one of you to participate in these Margate celebrations. I hope to see you there.

God Bless.

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

# FROM THE VICE MAYOR



The City of Margate is putting the brakes on illegal speeding through our City and especially on neighborhood streets. We have witnessed far too many accidents recently due to drivers not obeying the speed limits. The Traffic Unit of the Police Department will be visible in the community to ensure drivers know that our roadways are not racetracks.

Speeding is not only dangerous, but also reckless. Each turn, each pedestrian crossing, and each intersection holds potential risks that

escalate with excessive speeding. Our streets are pathways shared by families, children, as well as elderly residents.

Let's prioritize life and safety over foolish recklessness – please slow down while driving through Margate and everywhere else. Remember, arriving a few minutes earlier isn't worth the potential life-altering consequences of speeding. Please choose safety over haste, making our roads places where everyone can travel peacefully.

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

# Dear Neighbors:



Get ready for the second annual International Day Festival on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event promises a spectacular celebration of diversity and culture filled with captivating performers and an array of international vendors showcasing unique crafts and treasures from around the world. You can taste international cuisine from 10 different food trucks. Eventgoers can also win raffle prizes such as smart TVs, sound bars, and other gifts.

Last year, we created this event to celebrate various cultures and embrace unity, diversity, and our community spirit. This year, we invite you again to come together under the covered field of the Margate Sports Complex to enjoy a Mariachi band, salsa dance demonstration, and a Polynesian show.

So please mark your calendars, and don't miss out on this extraordinary cultural exchange in Our Margate. I hope to see you there.

**Commissioner**  
**Antonio V. Arserio, FRA-RP**  
aarserio@margatefl.com



June is the start of the hurricane season, a critical time for all residents of Margate to bolster their preparedness efforts. The time is now to take timely preventive measures, such as assembling emergency kits, staying informed about evacuation routes, or making arrangements to look after our pets.

Margate residents who are disabled, frail, or have health issues must register in advance with Broward County's Vulnerable Population Registry by calling 3-1-1 or 954-831-4000. This registry enables emergency workers to better respond in a recovery effort. If you are dependent on electricity for your medical needs or have a medical condition that cannot be supported at a general shelter, we recommend you pre-register for the Broward County Special Needs Emergency Sheltering and Transportation Program by calling 954-831-3902.

By proactively planning, Margate residents can navigate the hurricane season with greater confidence and resilience.

**Commissioner**  
**Anthony N. Caggiano**  
acaggiano@margatefl.com



To facilitate better engagement and connection with Spanish-speaking residents, Our Margate quarterly magazine offers a digital version in Spanish available at this link: [www.margatefl.com/785/Our-Margate](http://www.margatefl.com/785/Our-Margate). This bilingual initiative implemented in 2021 provides valuable information and celebrates the linguistic and cultural richness of our Margate community.

Following our social media channels, you can stay informed about upcoming events and programs in Margate. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Nextdoor, and YouTube. More than 42,000 social media eyes are already engaged with everything Margate has to offer.

Be among the first to know what is happening in your community by signing up to receive Our Margate e-News, our official digital publication. Visit the city's website at [www.margatefl.com](http://www.margatefl.com) and click "Sign Up for Notifications." Let's stay connected, learn about local projects, and contribute to the community dialogue.

**Commissioner**  
**Joanne Simone**  
jsimone@margatefl.com



## City of Margate Honored with Prestigious Financial Awards



## Water Quality Report Coming Soon

**Beginning June 30, 2024,** you can view the City of Margate's 2023 Water Quality Report online at [www.margatefl.com/ccr2023](http://www.margatefl.com/ccr2023). This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To have a report emailed or mailed to your home, click on the link [www.margatefl.com/ccr2023](http://www.margatefl.com/ccr2023) and complete a fillable form to submit your contact information, e-mail [deesadmin@margatefl.com](mailto:deesadmin@margatefl.com) with your name/address, or call 954-972-0828.

Congratulations to the **City of Margate's Finance Department** for receiving this year's Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, an honor they have received for 35 consecutive years. In addition, this talented team received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, an accomplishment they have received for the last six years.



## New LED Lighting Coming to Firefighters Park

The City of Margate is investing approximately \$475,000 to install LED lighting in Firefighters Park's tennis, basketball, pickleball, and soccer areas. The sports lighting system will have a remote dimming control, which prevents glare from impacting the area around the fields. It also has performance monitoring with 24/7 customer support to report lighting outages.



## Donation of Trees to Beautify Margate Sports Complex

Thanks to a generous donation from the Fields family, 29 Sylvester Palm Trees have been planted at the Margate Sports Complex. The 20-25-foot tall specimens that enhance the aesthetic appeal of this popular facility are the latest gift made by the Fields family to the City of Margate. Previously, the family donated trees, hedges, and ornamental landscapes to beautify Firefighters Dog Park and Margate Fire Station 18. At a recent Commission meeting, the Margate Community Redevelopment Board and City Commission recognized the family with a plaque.



# Protect Your Property with Owner Alert

Property Owners can register to receive text notifications through the Broward County Property Appraiser's Owner Alert to be notified if there is a fraudulent attempt to change the deed of their property. This program helps stop scams by notifying you if a document is received by BCPA changing the ownership of your property.

**To register, visit <https://web.bcpa.net/owneralert> and provide your name, Property ID #, and email address. There is no fee for this service, and you can unsubscribe at any time.**

## Do You Need a Ride to the Grocery Store?



If you're a senior 60+ living in Margate, we can take you to do your groceries, banking and more!

*Shopping services are for registered members only*

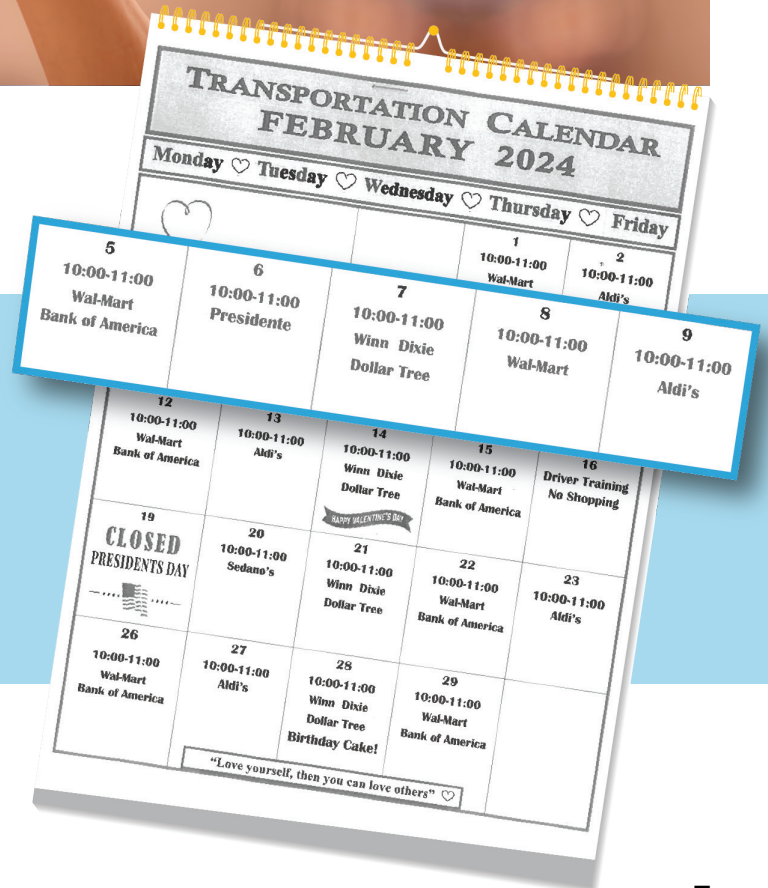
### Daily Shopping Services

*\*Sample calendar (changes monthly)*

Meet at the Senior Center, go shopping between 10 and 11 a.m., return to the Senior Center for lunch, and return home at around 12:30 p.m. If you need it, transportation can be arranged to bring you to the center. Call us for more information.

### Join Now!

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





**April 13<sup>TH</sup> | 2024**

**11 A.M. to 3 P.M.**

**1695 Banks Road  
Margate Sports Complex**

## Performers:

**11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

DJ Angelo pumps up the volume with international music

**11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Salsa Dance demonstration and salsa lessons for the audience

**12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

Filipino Martial Arts Demonstration

**1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

Tama Leao Polynesian Show

**1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Joy Deco Dance

**2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

Voces de America Mariachi Band

## Raffle prizes:

- Two smart televisions
- Two soundbars
- Portable karaoke machine
- Video ring light

## Plus more!

Look for the raffle table to enter your name and contact information.

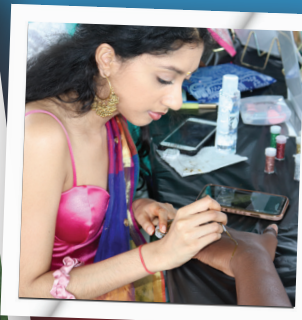
## Food trucks:

- CrepStick - *Brazil*
- Four Corners Café - *America*
- Gimme Grillin - *Argentina*
- Kona Ice - *Global*
- La Guarida Cubana - *Cuba*
- Larry's Ice Cream & Café - *Global*
- Toasted Food Truck - *Latin*
- UFO Burgers - *Korea*
- World's best NY Gyro - *Puerto Rico*

## Presented by:



## Sponsored by:







## Tree Giveaway

### Saturday, April 27

Beginning at 8 a.m., while supplies last  
NW corner of State Road 7 and Margate Blvd.

Exclusively for Margate residents (proof of residency is required). There is a limit of one tree per residential address, while supplies last on a first-come, first-served basis. Vehicles can enter on Seton Drive; no walk-ups are allowed. Once you come to a complete stop in your vehicle, we ask that you pop your trunk open, and City staff will put the selected tree inside your trunk.



## Sounds at Sundown

### Saturday, May 4, & June 1

5-9 p.m.  
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.



## Memorial Day Ceremony

### Monday, May 27

9 a.m.  
Veterans Memorial Park  
7044 NW 1st Street

A ceremony to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. Free and open to the public.

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**CEREMONY**

# ONGOING PROGRAMS

## Sunset Strings Academy

Firefighters Park  
2500 Rock Island Road

Sunset Strings Academy sets the foundation for young students to begin learning stringed instruments and acapella singing in a fun, age-appropriate way.

### **Mondays (Guitar):**

4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Grades K-2

5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Grades 3-5

6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Grades 6-8

### **Wednesdays (Violin):**

4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Grades K-2

5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Grades 3-5

6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Grades 6-8

### **Fridays (Acapella):**

4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Grades 3-5

5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Grades 6-8

6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Grades 9-12

### **Contact:**

For pricing information and any other questions, contact Sunset Strings Academy at 561-600-2554.

## Archery

Andrews Field (Behind 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

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

### **Contact:**

Phil Barrett

954-917-0488

hapkidobear@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 - 8:30 p.m.

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

### **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; 10 Classes: \$65.00

**Contact:**

Wanda Olcima  
954-282-9926  
tribalyogainc@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, cheerleading, and gymnastics, 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:** 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cheerleading & Cartwheels, ages 5-9

6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Dance & Cheer

(Jazz ballet), ages 4-7

6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Hip Hop/Jazz, ages 6-12

**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

**Fees:** \$60 per month, 1 class weekly  
\$15 one-time registration fee

**Contact:**

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



## Margate Youth Camp

Leonard Weisinger Community Center  
6199 NW 10th Street

Campers will participate in arts and crafts, science experiments, cooking activities, and more. All campers will visit the pool twice a week, and there will be weekly field trips and exciting incoming specials!

**Participants:** Ages 5 (must have completed kindergarten) to 12

**Dates:** 7 weeks (June 17– August 2)

*\*Please note, there will be no camp on July 4th*

**Times:** 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday

**Fees: Residents:** \$750 **Non-Residents:** \$920

## Margate Aquatics Adventure Camp

Calypso Cove  
6200 Royal Palm Blvd.

Campers will have one swim lesson per day and two free swim sessions per day. In addition, campers will participate in craft activities, playground time, and theme weeks!

**Theme Weeks Include:**

1. Water Olympics
2. Pirates & Mermaids
3. Water Sports & Games
4. Shark Week
5. Splashtastic!
6. Carboard Regatta
7. Under the Sea

**Participants:** Ages 5 (must have completed kindergarten) to 12

**Dates:** 7 weeks (June 17 – August 2)

*\*Please note there will be no camp on July 4th*

**Times:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

**Fees:** \$125 per camper, per week





## CALYPSO COVE



### Swim lessons

#### Mondays and Wednesdays:

##### **Session 1:**

June 17 – July 10

##### **Registration:**

May 27 – June 16

##### **Session 2:**

July 15 – August 7

##### **Registration:**

June 24 – July 15

#### Tuesdays and Thursdays:

##### **Session 1:**

June 18 – July 11

##### **Registration:**

May 27 – June 17

##### **Session 2:**

July 16 – August 8

##### **Registration:**

June 24 – July 15

#### Saturdays:

**Session 1:** June 15 – August 3

**Registration:** May 27 – June 14

#### Sundays:

**Session 1:** June 16 – August 4

**Registration:** May 27 – June 15

**Times:** 8:30 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. Each lesson is 25 minutes long.

#### **Cost Per Session**

**Margate Residents:** \$55

**Non-Residents:** \$75

**Register online at:**

**[www.margatefl.com/registration](http://www.margatefl.com/registration)**







# older adults 60+

## Northwest Focal Point Senior Center

### SENIOR 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](http://web.bcpa.net) or by calling 954-357-5579.

#### Counseling

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

954-973-0300 | 6009 NW 10th Street, Margate, FL 33063

14 [www.margatefl.com/Government/SeniorCenter](http://www.margatefl.com/Government/SeniorCenter)

#### 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  
Zumba Gold  
Stretch & Balance  
Dance with Me  
Tai Chi  
Chair Yoga  
Spanish

#### ACTIVITIES

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

*Membership is required to participate in any activities at the Senior Center.*







## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 13, 11:30 a.m.** - Mother's Day celebration

**June 12, 9:30 a.m.** - Domino Tournament  
*(sign up ahead of time is required)*

**June 14, 11:30 a.m.** - Fathers Day BBQ  
*(sign up ahead of time is required)*

**June 19, 9 a.m.** - Summer Boom Health Fair





## New Office: Elite Corporate Solutions

100 North State Road 7, Suite 106  
954-247-9467  
[www.elite-corporatesolutions.com](http://www.elite-corporatesolutions.com)



## History Barber & Co.

3250 NW 62 Avenue.  
954-953-7968  
[www.Historybarber.com](http://www.Historybarber.com)

## TBT Training

1041 N. State Road 7  
954-488-2323  
[www.tbtraining.com](http://www.tbtraining.com)



## Happy 2nd Year Anniversary! Zoe Ladies Kitchen

5634 W. Sample Road  
954-953-8747  
[www.zoeladieskitchen.com](http://www.zoeladieskitchen.com)





## Water Main Replacement Project is Underway

The City is replacing all undersized and aged water distribution mains in the area bounded by Margate Boulevard to the north, Atlantic Boulevard to the South, SR 7 to the East, and East River Drive to the West. The project is set to improve the reliability of the City's water distribution system and will replace about 12,000 linear feet of water mains, associated valves, fire hydrants, and service connections.



**Phase 1A** was completed last year and included NW 18th Street and NW 65th Avenue. The City Commission approved the contract award for **Phase 2A** in January. Work is expected to start on the intersection of Margate Boulevard and East River Drive and continue to Park Drive. Project completion is expected by February of next year.



**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

# IS THE START OF HURRICANE SEASON

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

STRENGTHENING YOUR HOME





- 1

Keep trees around your home trimmed well before a storm to prevent damage from broken branches


- 2

Have the proper materials in advance to board up your windows to protect them from flying debris.


- 3

Bring loose outdoor items such as patio furniture inside. They can blow around and cause damage to homes.


- 4

Secure all doors on your property. Remember that the garage door is usually the most vulnerable.


- 5

Move your car inside a garage or to another secure location.





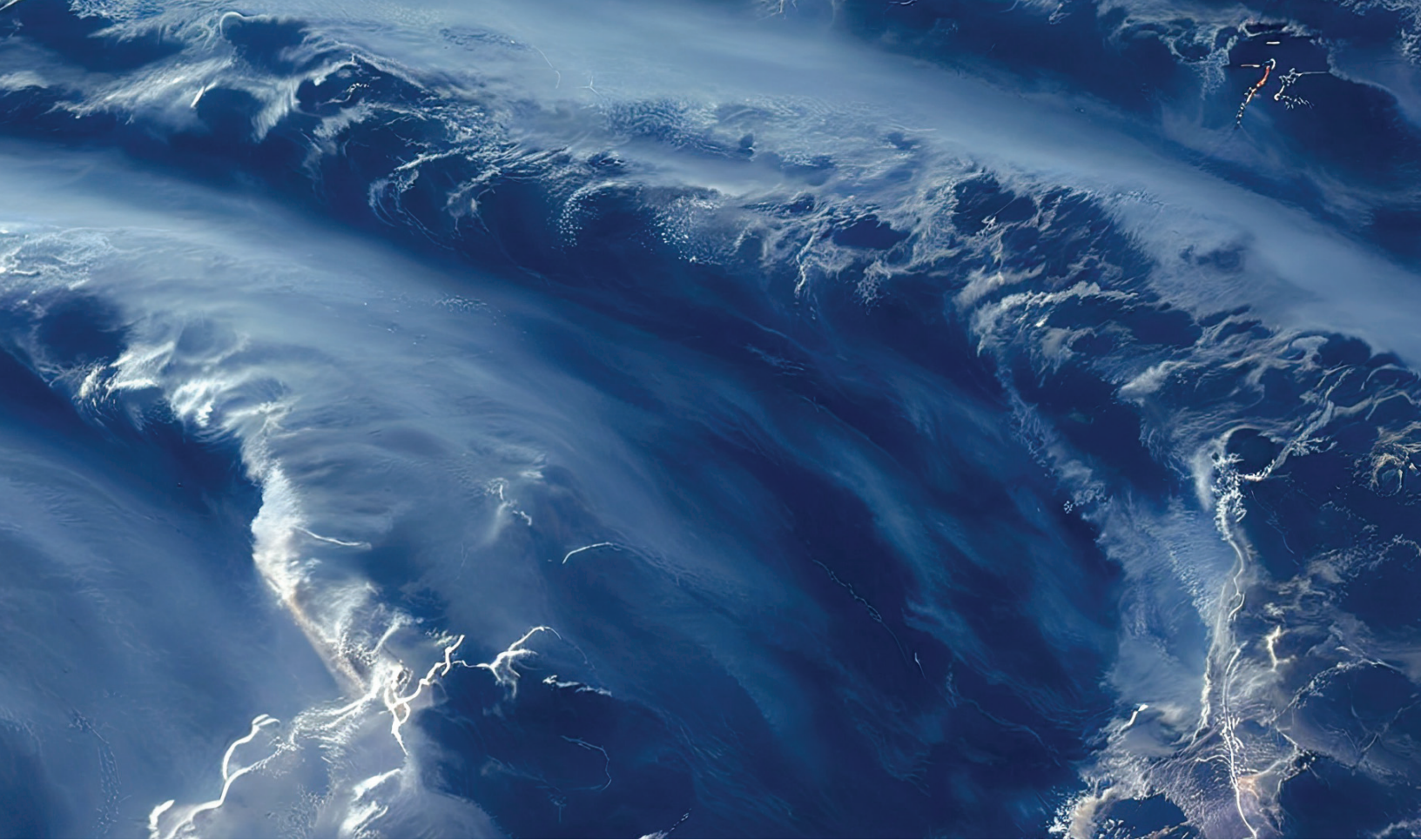
For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit [weather.gov/hurricanesafety](https://www.weather.gov/hurricanesafety)

The best time to prepare for a hurricane is before hurricane season begins on June 1. Understanding your home's vulnerability to storm surges, flooding, and wind is vital. Now is also the time to assemble an emergency kit with supplies such as flashlights, generators, and storm shutters. Here are a few things to consider before hurricane season begins.

**Scan the QR Code below to access the official Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide.**







THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

UPDATING YOUR INSURANCE

- 1

Check your insurance policies well ahead of the storm to see what is covered.
- 2

Make sure you have flood insurance. Flooding is the leading cause of damage from tropical systems.
- 3

Visit [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) to learn about your flood risk and flood insurance options for your area.
- 4

Prepare your home and vehicles according to your specific insurance policies to ensure damages are covered.
- 5

Know where your insurance documents and contact information are located. Take them with you if you evacuate.

For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit [weather.gov/hurricanesafety](http://weather.gov/hurricanesafety)

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

HURRICANE HAZARD RISKS

- 1

Storm surge is water pushed onshore by the tropical system. It causes the most damage of any of the hurricane hazards.
- 2

Wind from a hurricane can top 200 mph and cause massive damage to buildings in its path.
- 3

Inland flooding caused by heavy rain damages homes and can wash out roadways well away from the coast.
- 4

Tornadoes are common as a hurricane moves ashore. They are not typically long-lived, but they can cause plenty of damage.
- 5

Rip currents and rough seas are common both before and after a hurricane, making swimming or surfing very dangerous.

For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit [weather.gov/hurricanesafety](http://weather.gov/hurricanesafety)

City of Margate  
5790 Margate Boulevard  
Margate FL 33063

## STAY CONNECTED!

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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](http://www.margatefl.com)

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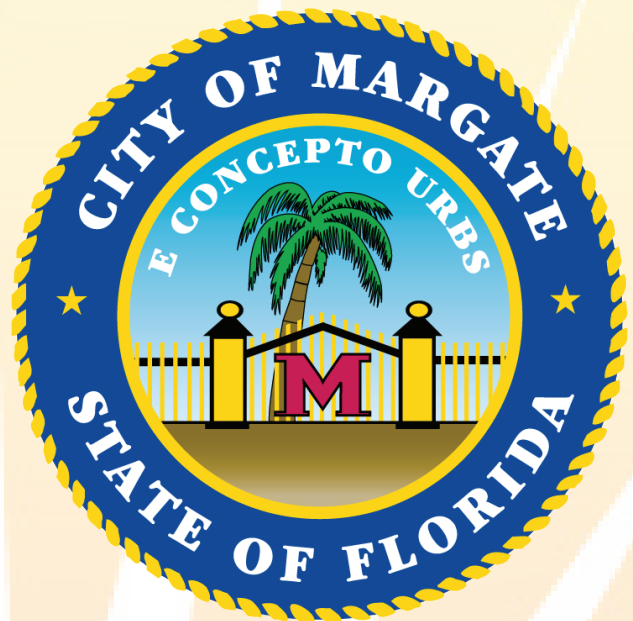
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