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Building: 954-970-3004

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

Development Services: 954-979-6213

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YOUR MARGATE GOVERNMENT

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FROM THE MAYOR

Margate is well known as a family-friendly, vibrant city filled with caring residents and outstanding employees who ensure that everything in the City runs smoothly. We take pride in our city amenities such as our covered sports complex and the special fun-filled activities we sponsor such as Sounds at Sundown, the International Day Festival and the award-winning National Night Out to name just a few.

Now, as the school year draws to a close, we thank our dedicated teachers for their tireless efforts to challenge and empower students. The City of Margate is extremely proud of the students, teachers, staff and administration of each of our schools and their amazing commitment to excellence! Congratulations to the staff, teachers and students of Margate Middle School, for earning the prestigious Magnet School of Excellence Award.

Learning doesn't just stop during summer break; rather, it takes on a different shape and form. While students, parents, and guardians often find themselves navigating a whirlwind of emotions —

excitement, pride, and a touch of nostalgia at the school year's end, this moment is also a great time to "unplug," venture outdoors to explore, play, and connect with nature and the world around them.

As we transition into summer, the Parks and Recreation staff takes great pride in offering a wide variety of fun-filled camps with an assortment of exciting adventures, from sports and arts and crafts to outdoor exploration, ensuring that every child can find something to spark his or her curiosity. Our camps not only foster creativity and skill development, but also provide great opportunities to build lasting friendships in a safe, supportive environment where children can discover their passions, reinforce confidence, and make cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Let's not forget that summer also ushers in hurricane season. As a reminder to a very important segment of Margate's population, our senior citizens, now is a good time to go over your checklist to make sure you're prepared for whatever mother nature has in



store. This includes gathering all important medical records, registering yourself with Broward County's Vulnerable Population Registry, and organizing all emergency contacts. This edition of **Our Margate** has valuable information to help you get ready.

I wish you and your loved one's joy, good health and happiness this summer. I value your trust, encourage your suggestions and input and look forward to continuing to serve you. **Together, We Make Our City Great!**

Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz
aschwartz@margatefl.com

FROM THE VICE MAYOR



We are pleased to announce the opening of an exciting new play area and splash bucket at Calypso Cove. Keep the fun going at this year's International Day Festival, which will take place on Saturday, April 5, from 4 PM to 9 PM at the Margate Sports Complex. The festival will offer a variety of hands-on activities suitable for all ages, including cultural dance lessons, live music performances, arts and crafts stations, and a selection of delicious international food available for purchase.

Coming up on May 26, we invite the community to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, where we will honor the brave men and women who lost their lives while serving in the military. This annual ceremony aims to instill a deeper understanding of the significance of this day of remembrance for our local heroes.

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

DEAR NEIGHBORS:



Small businesses play a vital role in our community, and it brings me joy to see them thrive in our city. Each new ribbon-cutting ceremony is an exciting opportunity to welcome and celebrate businesses reaching their five, ten, and fifteen-year milestones and beyond.

As storm season approaches, it's essential for business owners in Margate to take proactive steps to prepare. Consider reviewing your insurance policies, securing important financial documents, and creating a plan to protect your property. These actions can make a significant difference.

By safeguarding your peace of mind and your families, you contribute to the protection of our community. Together, we will remain resilient!

Commissioner
Anthony N. Caggiano
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Spring is here and right now is the perfect time to get outside and stay active! In this edition, we've put together a great list of programs for you to join—there's something for everyone, from baseball and tennis to archery, swimming, hapkido, and plenty of other sports to try out.

I'm also thrilled to share some exciting news for soccer fans! Southeast Park, located at 655 SW 50th Ave, is getting some amazing upgrades. The conversion of two grass fields into astroturf is underway. You can also look forward to new walkways and beautiful landscaping. Getting involved in spring sports is such a fantastic way to meet new people and make lasting friendships.

God bless!

Commissioner
Tommy Ruzzano
truzzano@margatefl.com



For parents who need a well-deserved break, check out Parents Night Out, a new program hosted by our Parks & Recreation Department on select Friday nights. Your children will be taken care of by our staff and entertained with a night of fun while you enjoy a little time for yourself. You can learn more at margatefl.com/Parents.

It's also important to keep in mind the four-legged members of our family to ensure their safety in the event of a hurricane as pets are also impacted by the tremendous stresses of a storm. A kit with food, water, any medication, and other supplies is essential, as is knowing what shelters are pet-friendly should evacuation be necessary. Plan ahead to keep them safe!

Commissioner
Joanne Simone
jsimone@margatefl.com

#BeReadyMargate

June 1 marks the start of hurricane season. Below are some resources to help you prepare for whatever comes our way, from high winds to heavy rains. Hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 30, so let's #BeReadyMargate!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Preparing your emergency kit: You will want to keep a kit for each member of your family, including your four-legged members, that includes at least three days worth of food, water, and medications. Store important documents in secure pouches when organizing and traveling with them.

Keep flashlights, spare batteries, and even a portable charger on hand to make sure you're ready for anything!



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES

Keeping trees storm strong: Properly maintained trees are less likely to drop large branches that can turn into hazards with high winds. Before you begin, make sure to follow local regulations:

- **Broward County** requires businesses & agencies that perform tree trimming to possess a Broward County Tree Trimmer License.
- **The City of Margate** requires pruning to be done in accordance with both the American National Standards Institute, ANSI A-300 and Broward County standards, according to Sec. 40.355 & Sec. 40.704 of the City Code.

As a storm approaches, you should avoid placing bulk waste, including trimmed trees and vegetation, at the curb. This loose debris can also become dangerous projectiles in high winds, or clog storm drains which can worsen flooding risks.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Shutter removal: In the event of a storm, any device (including wood or approved hurricane shutters) used for the securing of a property during a declared hurricane or tropical storm shall be removed no later than ten (10) days after the lifting of any hurricane or tropical storm warning or watch, in accordance with Sec. 40.355 of the City Code.



Learn more!

To be in the know about hurricane preparation in Margate, visit our website at margatefl.com/Hurricane or by scanning this QR Code, and find shelter information, guides, checklists, and other local resources!

CITY POLICE CRUISERS GET HIGH-VISIBILITY MAKEOVER

Residents may notice a striking new look on our City's police cruisers. The updated, high-visibility design is the latest step in enhancing public safety, by way of ensuring officers are easily recognizable while patrolling the community.



"These updated cruisers make our officers more visible as they are out protecting our community," said Police Chief Palma. "It's a simple but important way to reinforce our professional and present policing approach."

The design features sleek graphics and reflective elements, improving visibility day & night. Whether on routine patrols or responding to calls, these cruisers stand out, ensuring officers are seen when it matters most!

Interested in joining the Margate Police Department? See available openings by visiting margatefl.com/Careers!



FIRE SAFETY 101: SMOKE DETECTOR & HOME SAFETY TIPS

Smoke alarms play a vital role in keeping your home and family safe. In a fire, smoke spreads rapidly, and a working alarm provides the early warning you need to escape in time. About three out of five fire deaths occur in homes without functional smoke alarms. Regular testing and maintenance can make all the difference in an emergency. Follow these home safety tips to be safe:



Placement matters:
Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on every level of your home.

at least 10 feet

Position them correctly:
Mount alarms on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep them at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove to prevent false alarms.



Safety for all:
Special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers are available for those who are hard of hearing or deaf.

Connect for full protection:
Interconnected alarms ensure that when one sounds, they all do, giving everyone in your home early warning.

Stay up to date:
Some modern alarms use advanced technology, like multi-sensing units that combine smoke & carbon monoxide detection.

Test your alarms:
Check smoke alarms at least once per month by pressing the test button to make sure they're working properly.



Replace old alarms:
Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years to ensure reliability and effectiveness.

city news

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Coral Gate Park • 5650 NW 29th Street

There will soon be fresh resurfacing for Coral Gate Park's basketball courts, providing for a fresher and safer play area for visitors to enjoy.

Kaye Stevens Park • 5825 Royal Palm Blvd

Lake shore restorations will be made at Kaye Stevens Park as part of City-wide erosion control projects.

Southeast Park • 655 SW 50th Avenue

Field renovations are underway as we convert two grass fields to artificial turf and improve landscaping and walkways.

2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT COMING SOON

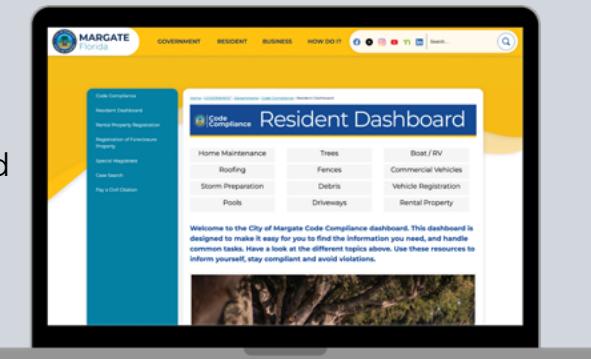
Starting June 30, 2025, you will be able to access the City of Margate's 2024 Water Quality Report online by visiting

margatefl.com/CCR2024. This report contains important information about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

Receive a copy of this report by email or by postal mail by completing the provided form at margatefl.com/CCR2024. Alternatively, you can email deesadmin@margatefl.com with your name and address, or call 954-972-0828.

NEW CODE COMPLIANCE DASHBOARD

The City of Margate is excited to unveil a new online tool to make life easier for residents. The Building Department just launched an all-new Resident Dashboard at margatefl.com/Code. Director of Building and Code Services Richard Nixon says the new tool is intended to centralize everyday tasks related to code enforcement, as well as educate residents about topics the department is commonly asked about.



MARGATE CRA SELECTS BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES AS PARTNER IN CITY CENTER REDEVELOPMENT

The Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (MCRA) is proud to announce the selection of Brookfield Properties as our development partner for the Margate City Center project. Together, we are embarking on an exciting journey to transform the heart of our city into a vibrant, dynamic destination. As we move forward, the MCRA is committed to engaging our community every step of the way. We will be offering a variety of opportunities for you to share your ideas, feedback, and vision. Your input will help shape the framework of this public-private partnership and ensure the City Center becomes a place future generations of Margate residents can enjoy and take pride in.

Note: Highlighted areas in blue represent MCRA-owned property, and does not indicate scope of development.



International Day Festival

April 5, 2025 | Margate Sports Complex

Performances:

4:00 - 5:00 PM

DJ Ivan
International Music

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Big Harvest
Reggae Band

6:00 - 6:20 PM

Fushu Daiko
Japanese Drummers

6:30 - 6:40 PM

Champa Chameli Dance Academy
Local Bollywood Dance Group

6:50 - 7:10 PM

FAU Ballroom Dance Group
Salsa & Bachata Demonstration

7:15 - 7:30 PM

FKA Martial Arts
Martial Arts Demonstration

7:40 - 7:55 PM

Capo Rocks
Capoeira Demonstration

8:00 - 9:00 PM

El Ritmo Latino
Latin/Cuban Band



Cultural Arts & Crafts:

- **Dessert Passport Adventure (\$):** Savor delicious desserts from 7 countries with this event passport, available for purchase!
- **Interactive Dance Lessons**
- **Take home treasured art that you create**

Delicious food from all corners of the globe will be available for purchase!



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You can learn about events taking place here in the City of Margate at [margatefl.com/Events!](http://margatefl.com/Events)

SPRINGTIME EGG HUNT

April 19 • 9 – 11 AM
Margate Sports Complex
1695 Banks Road

Thousands of eggs filled with candy and prizes will be scattered across three fields, for kids 8 and under to enjoy. Families with special needs will have a designated area. Don't forget your basket and camera for a photo with Peter Rabbit! This event is free and open to the public.

Find more details:
margatefl.com/EggHunt

MARGATE TREE GIVEAWAY

April 26 • 8 AM – 12 PM
Northwest corner of
441 and Margate Boulevard

Residents can choose from the following trees* while supplies last, limited to one total per residential address:

- Yellow Tab
- Crape Maple
- Live Oak
- Citrus (lemon, grapefruit, or orange)

Bring a photo ID & proof of residency.

*List is subject to change.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

May 26 • 9 AM
Veterans Memorial Park
7044 NW 1st Street

Join us for a ceremony to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. This ceremony is free and open to the public.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

REMEMBER & HONOR

SOUNDS AT SUNDOWN

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 & chairs. Admission and parking are free. Presented by the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency. Learn more at margatefl.com/Sounds.



DATE	BAND	TIME
MAY 3RD	Smokin' Renegade	6 – 10 PM
JUNE 7TH	The ReaXtion Band	6 – 10 PM



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:

6:00 – 6:45 PM • Ballet & Jazz, Ages 4 – 7

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 joydecoentreprises.com



SUMMER CAMPS

MARGATE YOUTH CAMP

Leonard Weisinger Community Center
6199 NW 10th Street

Campers will participate in arts and crafts, science experiments, and outdoor play. All campers will visit Calypso Cove twice a week, and there will be lots of educational and recreational field trips to enjoy each week.

Participants:

Ages 5 (must have completed kindergarten) to 12

Dates:

8 weeks (June 9 – August 2)

Please note, there will be no camp on July 4

Times:

8 AM – 4 PM, Monday through Friday

Fees:

\$650 for residents; \$920 for non-residents

MARGATE AQUATICS ADVENTURE CAMP

Calypso Cove • 6200 Royal Palm Boulevard

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

Themed Weeks Include:

1. Under the Sea
2. Pirates & Mermaids
3. Water Scientists
4. Party in the USA *Pool Edition*
5. Splashtastic!
6. Water Sports and Games
7. Cardboard Regatta
8. Wacky Water

Participants:

Ages 5 (must have completed kindergarten) to 12

Dates:

8 weeks (June 9 – August 1)

Please note, there will be no camp on July 4

Times:

8 AM – 5 PM, Monday through Friday

Fees:

\$125 per camper, per week

ATHLETICS

The City of Margate offers youth athletic programs in the Fall and Spring, including baseball, softball, basketball & soccer! The Spring season has already begun, and registration for Fall Season will begin in May.

YOUTH BASEBALL

- **Ages:** 3 – 13
- **Registration:** May
- **Season:** October – December

YOUTH BASKETBALL

- **Ages:** 5 – 13
- **Registration:** May
- **Season:** October – December

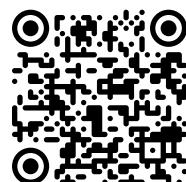
YOUTH SOCCER

- **Ages:** 3 – 14
- **Registration:** May
- **Season:** October – December

YOUTH SOFTBALL

- **Ages:** 6 – 15
- **Registration:** May
- **Season:** September – November

**READY FOR THE FUN?
SCAN TO WATCH
THIS YEAR'S SPRING
SPORTS OPENING
CEREMONY!**



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

CALYPSO COVE

Swim Lessons

Mondays and Wednesdays:

Session 1: June 9 – July 2
Registration: May 5 – June 9

Session 2: July 7 – July 30

Registration: June 23rd – July 7

Tuesdays and Thursdays:

Session 1: June 10 – July 3
Registration: May 5 – June 10

Session 2: July 8 – July 31

Registration: June 23 – July 8

Saturdays:

Session 1: June 10 – August 5
Registration: May 27 – June 9

Sundays:

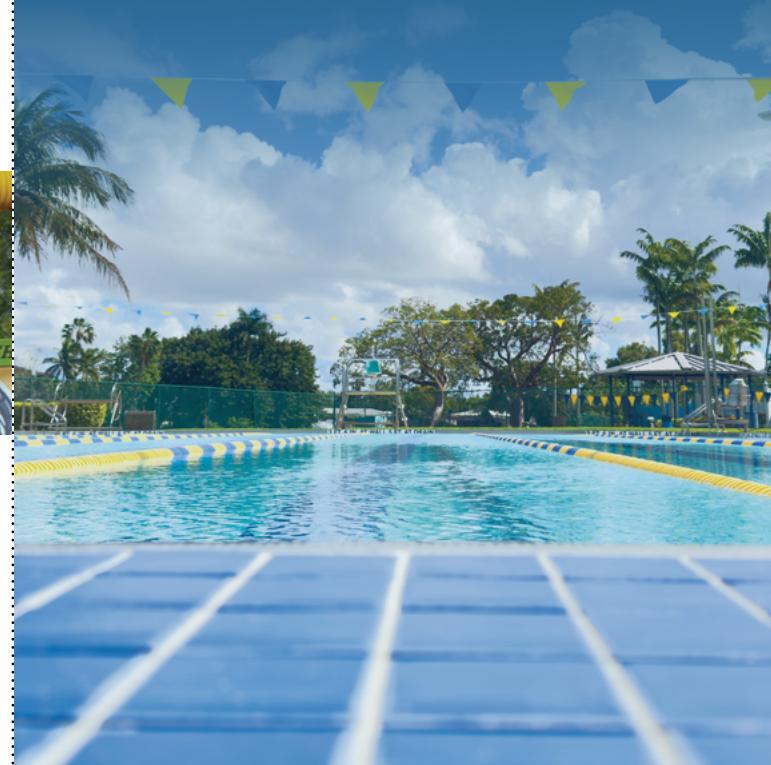
Session 1: June 11 – August 6
Registration: May 27 – June 10

Times: 8:30 AM or 9:00 AM.
Each lesson is 25 minutes long.

Cost Per Session:

Margate Residents: \$55
Non-Residents: \$75

Register at margatefl.com/Registration.



CALYPSO COVE REOPENS WITH ALL-NEW PLAY AREA

Calypso Cove is back with exciting new upgrades just in time for the season. While Spring Break might be over, the fun is just getting started with brand-new features that both young adventurers and leisure enthusiasts.

At the center of the improvements, you will find the newly upgraded play area, which now features a massive splash bucket that families will enjoy as they are cooled off with **120 gallons of water** every **45 seconds**! The vibrant colors of the new area emphasize its playful, upbeat, and family-friendly atmosphere.

You will also find new dynamic features, offering visual & interactive entertainment for visitors, and new slides for younger children to enjoy.

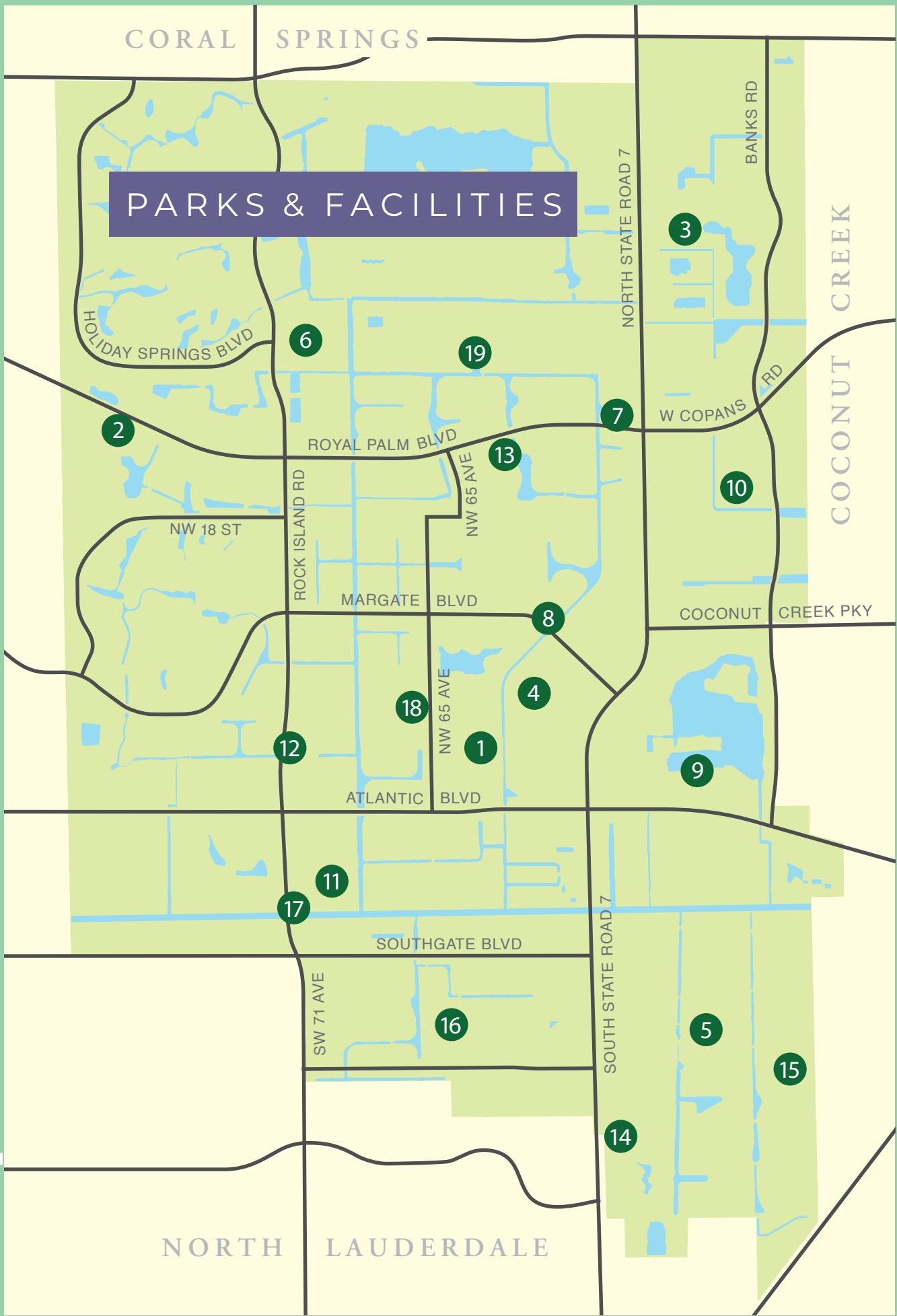
The aquatic facility's existing plunge slides and lap pool have also received updates, providing a better space for swimming and fitness, just in time for the return of warmer weather.

"We're over the moon about being able to welcome back Margate families to Calypso Cove," said Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jones. "These new features will be a huge hit and will keep bringing visitors to Margate from neighboring cities and beyond."

Whether you're visiting for the new play area, our two awesome water slides, or swimming laps, Calypso Cove has something to offer for everyone. We can't wait to see you there! For more information about operating hours and admission, visit margatefl.com/CalypsoCove.



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 GREENWALD 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 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 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.

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SENIORS GO FOR GOLD IN 2025 SENIOR GAMES

The City of Margate recently held its annual Senior Games from March 3 to March 7, with athletes ages 60 and up engaging in friendly competition across 13 different sports and 4 different venues in Margate.

Following its 46th year of competition, with our seniors never failing to impress, the City held the event's awards ceremony on March 10 at the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center, honoring and celebrating all of the participants that joined us this year.

Among this group of vibrant athletes was 97-year-old Miriam Bek Klein, our most senior participant in this year's Games, who scored gold in rummikub during a game at the Senior Center.

During this year's golf putting competition, resident Diana Mayor chose to compete against the men's group and after 18 holes of play, struck gold as the winner for the outing at the Oriole Golf Club.

At the Senior Games awards ceremony on March 10, Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz emphasized that the seniors participating "will take your breath away with their athletic efforts and spirit."

Above all, we want to thank the 126 competitors from this year's Games! If you or someone you know is interested in competing next year, please visit margatefl.com/SeniorGames to find more information.



Miriam Bek Klein contemplates her next move in the tabletop rummikub match.



Diana Mayor, third from the left, and other golfers watch closely as a fellow putter takes his shot.



point senior center

SENIOR SERVICES

SHINE

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

E HEAP

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

Broward County Property Appraiser

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

CLASSES AND 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!

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

and many more!

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.

WHY WASN'T MY BULK PICKED UP? HOW YOU CAN AVOID MISSING OUT ON YOUR COLLECTION DAY!

Making sure your bulk waste is collected on time starts with following a few key steps. If your items weren't picked up, it may be due to one of these common reasons:

Staging: Bulk items must be placed at least three feet away from mailboxes, fences, cars, trees, and trash/recycling carts. Items placed under low-hanging branches or utility wires will not be collected!

Late Setout: You must place bulk & yard waste curbside **no later than 7 AM** on your collection day. If your items are set out after the service truck has passed, you'll have to wait until the next scheduled pickup. You are not allowed to leave bulk items out between collection days, so mark your calendars!



RECYCLE RIGHT

Recycling helps keep Margate clean and reduces waste, but placing non-recyclable items in your blue carts can slow the process and contaminate materials. Some examples include:



NOT ACCEPTED:

Bagged waste & recyclables, yard or food waste, hazardous materials, clothing, plastic bags.

ACCEPTED:

Magazines, officer paper, flattened cardboard no larger than 3' x 3', milk & juice cartons, plastic bottles and jugs with their caps removed, metal food & beverage cans.

Learn more about how to recycle right at margatefl.com/Recycle.

Unacceptable Items: Certain materials cannot be collected with bulk waste. This includes paint, tires, garbage in bags, construction & demolition material, and electronics. For a full list of prohibited items, visit margatefl.com/Bulk.



Need to dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW)? The City of Margate offers convenient options to properly dispose of HHW free of charge at Broward County drop-off locations, or City-hosted events.

Find these disposal locations & see upcoming HHW collection event dates at margatefl.com/HHW.



DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Margate has a recycling drop-off location to serve Margate residents! It is located in the parking lot of **Oriole Park** at 7055 NW 1st Street.

The drop-off site is open during daylight hours sunrise to sunset, seven days a week!

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: CURBSIDE MANNERS

Clear sidewalks, proper parking, and tidy driveways are some things that Margate requires to have a clean and safe city. Here are some key tips to help you keep our neighborhoods safe and looking great.

DO: Park boats and RVs no longer than 35 feet in length only in back or side yards, ensuring they do not extend past the front of the property.

City Code, Sec. 26-3



DO: Park your vehicle in a way that keeps your sidewalk clear! It's *illegal* to block a sidewalk with a vehicle, as access for those in wheelchairs, postal workers, and other pedestrians is crucial.

DON'T: Garbage, landscaping debris, or construction material may not accumulate on sidewalks. Waste items should not be put out for collection earlier than 3 days before scheduled pickup. This can cause an unsafe & unsightly scene, and attract rodents or pests. Also, landscapers & contractors must haul away their own debris, as it won't be collected by waste services.

City Code:
Sec. 19-8, 33-29, 40.355



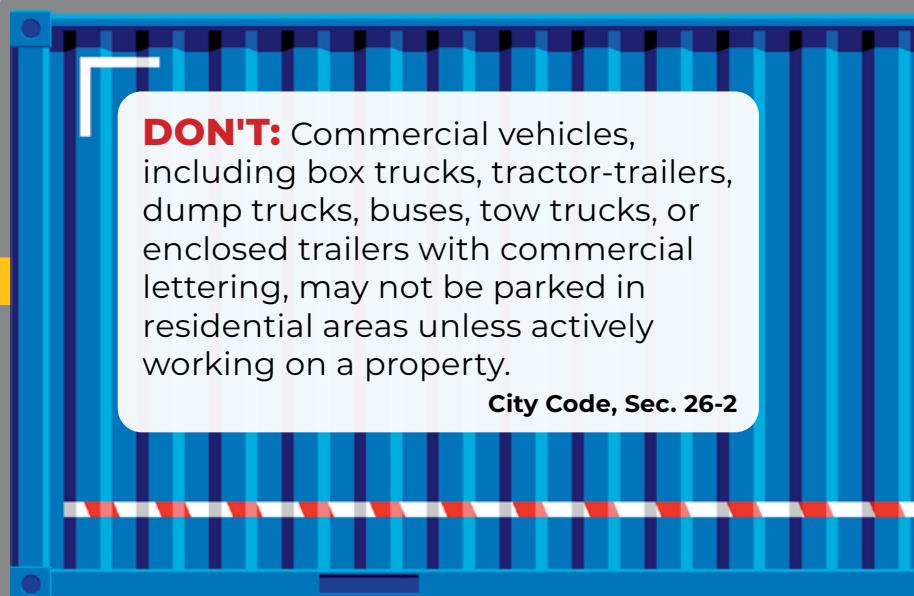
DON'T: Don't park boats or RVs on public property or in a way that obstructs sidewalks or streets.

City Code, Sec. 26-3

Let's work together to keep our community tidy and accessible! Find more on code compliance in the City of Margate at margatefl.com/Code!

DON'T: Commercial vehicles, including box trucks, tractor-trailers, dump trucks, buses, tow trucks, or enclosed trailers with commercial lettering, may not be parked in residential areas unless actively working on a property.

City Code, Sec. 26-2





Kaye Stevens Park
5825 Royal Palm Blvd

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