



VILLAGE OF PINECREST
Press Release

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Pinecrest recognized as Playful City USA Community for 4th time

Pinecrest, Fla. – Pinecrest is being honored with a 2016 Playful City USA designation for the fourth time since 2012. KaBoom!’s national recognition program, celebrating its 10th year, honors municipalities across the country for making their communities more playable.

Pinecrest actively engages the community with initiatives that get families outdoors and exercising together. In 2016, events included the 7th Annual Bike Ride Day and the 5th Annual Fit Kids Day. Fit Kids Day and other community events are hosted in Evelyn Greer Park which is regularly recognized as one of the best parks in Miami-Dade County.

In addition, the Pinecrest Community Center and Coral Pine Park are in the midst of upgrades that will increase programming and enhance family play areas via \$5 million in capital improvements approved by the Village Council in 2015.

“We are excited to be part of the commitment to make the lives of children across our community and America more playful,” said Pinecrest Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano. “In Pinecrest we understand the value of providing top-quality recreation facilities and programs therefore we strive to create safe, interesting and accessible play spaces for Pinecrest families.”

Communities across the country are creating innovative ways to bring back play and attract residents through family friendly activities. Interactive sidewalk art, designated play

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spaces on trails and the transformation of schoolyards into active play areas are just a few examples of how cities are becoming more playful. “We are thrilled to recognize these communities that have invested their time and efforts to put kids first,” said KaBOOM! CEO James Siegal. “Balanced and active play is crucial to the well-being of kids and the communities that they thrive in. By integrating play into cities, the leaders of Playful Cities USA are working to attract and retain the thousands of families that want homes in close proximity to safe places to play.”

To learn more about these municipalities, see the full list of the 257 communities named 2016 Playful City USA honorees or to gather more information on the Playful City USA program, visit www.playfulcityusa.org.

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