

## MILESTONES OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST

*September 20, 1994*

More than 600 residents meet at Palmetto Middle School to discuss the incorporation of Pinecrest as advocated by incorporation leaders Evelyn Langlieb Greer and Gary Matzner.

*September 19, 1995*

Pinecrest-area voters choose city-hood (3,138 to 1,623) during a special election.

*November 21, 1995*

The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners creates and appoints the Pinecrest Charter Commission.

*March 12, 1996*

Pinecrest voters adopt the Village Charter and the Village of Pinecrest becomes Miami-Dade County's 29<sup>th</sup> municipality.

*May 1, 1996*

Evelyn Langlieb Greer was sworn-in as the first mayor and Cindie Blanck, Barry Blaxberg, Leslie Bowe, and Robert Hingston were sworn-in as the members of the first Village Council at a ceremony held at Pinecrest Elementary School.

*June 25, 1996*

The Village Council appoints Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr. to serve as the Village's first Village Clerk.

*July 30, 1996*

The Village Council appoints Peter G. Lombardi to serve as the Village's first Village Manager.

*November 19, 1996*

The Village Council adopts the Village Seal.

*May 28, 1997*

The Village Council dedicates the Village's first Village Hall and Police Station located at the Suniland Shopping Center.

*July 1, 1997*

The Pinecrest Police Department, under the leadership of Police Chief Bruce W. Davis, becomes operational and assumes patrol responsibilities from the Miami-Dade County Police Department.

*August 10, 1998*

The Village begins its first major capital project – A five-year program to re-surface all Village roadways.

*October 1, 1998*

Councilmembers Blanck and Hingston re-elected to the Village Council without opposition.

*February 9, 1999*

The Village Council adopts the Village's first Comprehensive Development Master Plan.

*June 11, 1999*

The Village Council dedicates the portion of South Dixie Highway (US 1) in Pinecrest as Pinecrest Parkway. The co-designation of the roadway was approved by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by former Pinecrest resident Governor Jeb Bush.

*July 6, 1999*

The Pinecrest Parks and Recreation Division assumes responsibility for Coral Pine Park, Suniland Park and Veterans Wayside Park as ownership of these parks is transferred by Miami-Dade County to the Village.

*July 8, 1999*

The Pinecrest Police Department assumes responsibility for 911 emergency functions.

*December 1, 1999*

John R. Hohensee is appointed the Village's second Police Chief.

*October 3, 2000*

Councilmembers Blaxberg, Bowe and Mayor Greer re-elected to the Village Council without opposition.

*November 27, 2000*

The Village Council adopts the Village's Land Development Regulations and repeals Miami-Dade County's Zoning Code.

*January 27, 2001*

The Village Council dedicates Pinecrest Park, the Village's fourth park, as construction of the facility is completed within one year of the ground-breaking ceremony held on January 25, 2000.

*March 10, 2001*

The Village celebrates its fifth anniversary with a parade and picnic at the new Pinecrest Park.

*May 15, 2001*

The Village Council dedicates a portion of Southwest 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue as "Jerry Dove Avenue" and "Benjamin Grogan Avenue" in honor of the two FBI agents killed in the line of duty in 1986.

*January 2002*

The Village's contractor completes installation of the Village's new street signs – the program is designed to establish a means of promoting a community identity and knowledge of Village boundaries.

*January 25, 2002*

The Village Council dedicates a portion of Southwest 111<sup>th</sup> Street as "Franz and Louise Scherr Street" in honor of the founders of the Parrot Jungle and Gardens.

*September 11, 2002*

The Village Council observes the first Patriot Day with a solemn ceremony at Pinecrest Park and dedicates a "September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Tree" commemorating the one year anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States.

*November 2002*

Councilmembers Blanck and Hingston re-elected to the Village Council without opposition.

*December 17, 2002*

The Village completes the purchase of the former site of the historic Parrot Jungle and Gardens and opens the property as a municipal park.

*March 8, 2003*

The Village Council dedicates Pinecrest Gardens, at the former site of the historic Parrot Jungle and Gardens, and celebrates the Village's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a community celebration at the new municipal park.

*September 9, 2003*

The Village Council and senior staff participate in a ground-breaking ceremony for the seat of government – the Pinecrest Municipal Center.

*July 31, 2004*

The Pinecrest Police Department is awarded international accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

*October 26, 2004*

The Village Council designates the Pinecrest Municipal Center as the official seat of government. The municipal center is dedicated four days later during a public ceremony and becomes the permanent home of the municipal government including Village Hall and the Police Department.

*November 3, 2004*

Former Mayor Evelyn Langlieb Greer administers the oath of office to the Village's second mayor – Gary C. Matzner. Nancy L. Harter and Gail D. Serota are also sworn-in to office. Matzner, Harter and Serota replace founding councilmembers Greer, Barry Blaxberg and Leslie Bowe who retire due to term limits.

*November 9, 2004*

The Village Council renames Pinecrest Park as the "Evelyn Langlieb Greer Park" in recognition of the contributions and accomplishments of the Village's first mayor.

*March 18, 2006*

Over 2,000 residents join the Village Council in celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Village's founding with a concert, featuring KC and the Sunshine Band, and fireworks spectacular at Evelyn Greer Park.

*November 8, 2006*

Joseph M. Corradino and Jeff Cutler are sworn-in as the newest members of the Village Council replacing the last two remaining founding councilmembers who retire due to term limits – Cindie Blanck and Robert Hingston.

*September 18, 2007*

The Village Council presides at the ground-breaking of the new Flagler Grove Park. The soccer park is completed within eight months and dedicated on May 10, 2008.

*May 31, 2008*

The Village Council dedicates the new Pinecrest Community Center at Pinecrest Gardens.

*October 29, 2008*

Miami-Dade County officials, together with Mayor Gary C. Matzner and the Pinecrest Village Council, dedicate the new Pinecrest Branch of the Miami-Dade Public Library System at Pinecrest Gardens.

*November 5, 2008*

Cindy Lerner is sworn-in as the Village's third mayor after her election on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Bob Ross joins her on the dais on November 19<sup>th</sup> after his November 18<sup>th</sup> runoff election victory.

*January 30, 2009*

The Village Council unveils a sign commemorating the Village's national status as a Tree City USA community bestowed in recognition of Pinecrest's commitment to community forestry and the planting of over 10,000 trees since 1997.

