

## VILLAGE OF PINECREST



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### Meet Your Staff



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## E-News

*January 2009*

### From the desk of Mayor Lerner



Happy New Year!

We begin the year 2009 with plenty of opportunity for you to get involved, and make a difference in your community. New committees are forming: the Education Advisory Council to address our five public schools and how we can help strengthen them; a Youth Advisory Council to identify how the Village can provide more enriching, cultural arts, and educational, programs for them; a Greening of Pinecrest Committee, and a Community Center Advisory Board. In addition, we will have a workshop to solicit input on a transit plan, and have the State of the Village reception on **January 31** at Pinecrest Gardens.

At the last Council meeting we voted to approve the funding for live Internet streaming of our Council meetings, which should be effective for our February meeting. Not only can you connect to our website and listen in to our meetings from the comfort of your home, you will find that any issue discussed will be far easier to research in the archives and locate just that particular portion to listen to. Once you listen in, I hope you will find our discussions informative and begin to see how important it is to participate in local decision making, by sharing your experience with us. I will also ask our Village Manager to provide us with an update on the pending capital projects, and this month it will be the Water Project. Then we will hear updates from the Parks Department on the Community Center and Pinecrest Gardens.

Please contact me if you have any comments or questions at [clerner@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:clerner@pinecrest-fl.gov).

Cindy Lerner  
Mayor

### Issue of the Month

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### *Transit Plans for Pinecrest*

The Village will be hosting a community workshop to seek resident input on the use of tax dollars allocated to Pinecrest for transit projects. It will be held on **January 27, 2009** at 7:00 p.m. at Greer Park. We will have the Director of the CITT transportation program present on the options available to us. Then we want to hear from you. That's right, let me repeat, we want to hear from you before we come up with any plan, we must listen and learn from our residents what they feel is needed in the Village. Based on your input, we will prioritize needs and develop a plan. The Village receives funds from the CITT half cent sales tax levied in Miami-Dade County of which 20% is to be used for public transit projects. The Village has been the recipient of a yearly allocation, as every other municipality has, since the tax was approved in 2002. This revenue has been sitting in a reserve fund and has yet to be expended on any project that would benefit the people of Pinecrest. This is the fund out of which the infamous "Park and Ride" parking lot was to be built. Unfortunately, a plan has never been developed for any transit projects, nor has the Village gone out to the community to ask its residents what they felt was needed. In the past few months the county has actually taken a sizable portion of our retained revenue back, claiming we had not used it, so we would lose it. I am seeking assistance of our county commissioners, Gimenez and Sorenson, to attempt to recover that money. However, we must have a transit plan in order to seek the return of our allocated revenue. It can be spent on any number of projects, such as a trolley, which has been done in Coral Gables, Aventura, South Miami and Hialeah, or on transportation studies, a traffic calming analysis or project, and bus shelters, to name a few of the things other municipalities have spent their revenue on. I encourage you to go to the Miami-Dade County web site and the page on CITT for more information prior to the workshop at [www.miamidade.gov/citt/](http://www.miamidade.gov/citt/). Then attend the workshop with your thoughts and suggestions, and help us build a plan for our Village.

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### **State of the Village**

You are cordially invited to our "Welcome to Your Village" community reception at the Pinecrest Gardens terrace overlooking the beautiful Swan Lake on **January 31, 2009** from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. We will present the "State of the Village" by your mayor and council, and in addition, you can meet and socialize with your neighbors in a beautiful setting with delicious refreshments and tour our magnificent gardens as well as our new community center and library.

Then, let us know how you would like to be involved in your community.

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### **Coming Soon to the Community Center**

Suzy Stone, of Hip Hop Kidz, will be offering classes at our own community center. Learn the latest and coolest hip hop choreography from shows like "So You Think You Can Dance" and "America's Best Dance Crew" in a fun, creative, easy to learn atmosphere. Taught by the nationally acclaimed dance program Hip Hop Kidz, your child will make new friends, learn to work as a team, and attain a heightened sense of self-esteem and body awareness. Students will learn an exciting new video dance routine and present a show at the end of each session. For boys and girls ages 5 - 12. Do not miss out on a great dance education for your child where it is all about fun! For more information, please call 305-284-0900.

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## Community Calendar

### LIBRARY

Computer Basics  
January 12, 2009, 10:00 a.m.  
Pinecrest Branch Library - 5835 SW 111 Street  
305-668-4571

[Other Programs at the Library](#)

### VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
January 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m.  
Pinecrest Municipal Center - 12645 Pinecrest Parkway  
305-234-2121

[www.pinecrest-fl.gov/agendas.html](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/agendas.html)

Transit Workshop  
January 27, 2009, 7:00 p.m.  
Evelyn Greer Park - 8200 SW 124th Street  
305-234-2121

[www.pinecrest-fl.gov](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov)

State of the Village  
January 31, 2009, 3:00 p.m.  
Pinecrest Gardens - 11000 Red Road  
305-234-2121

[www.pinecrest-fl.gov](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov)

Education Advisory Council  
February 3, 2009, 9:30 a.m.  
Pinecrest Community Center - 5855 SW 111th Street  
305-234-2121

[www.pinecrest-fl.gov](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov)

### ARTS

Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Show  
January 17-18, 2009  
Pinecrest Gardens - 11000 Red Road  
305-284-0900

[www.pinecrestgardens.com](http://www.pinecrestgardens.com)

### BENEFITS

Spring Garden Soiree

February 27, 2009

Pinecrest Gardens - 11000 Red Road

305-661-7488

<http://garden.ticketanimal.com>

If you are a non-profit or civic organization holding meetings or events in Pinecrest and wish to be included in this listing, please send an e-mail to [communitycalendar@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:communitycalendar@pinecrest-fl.gov). Please include complete event information such as name of organization, date, time, place, and contact information.



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