

VILLAGE OF PINECREST



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Meet Your Staff



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From the desk of Mayor Lerner



Youth Advisory Council Kickoff Event on Saturday, October 17th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Pinecrest Community Center - TV and news celebrities panel discussion on "The Media - Social and Otherwise, it Matters."

This month Florida celebrates City Government Week on October 19th-23rd. To recognize the importance of civic education and involvement, I will propose a resolution creating the Youth Advisory Council. Our middle and high school students are our leaders of tomorrow, so it is important to expose them to their local government at an early age. The Youth Advisory Council will provide opportunities for civics education, service learning projects, leadership skills building, and to increase their voices and communication with adults. Appointments would be made by councilmembers based on applications submitted by interested students who are residents of the Village. An application will be available online and linked to the local middle and high schools. In addition, there will be numerous opportunities for all youth to join in planning events and programs created by the Youth Advisory Council. A kick off event to publicize the opportunity to participate will be held on October 17th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the community center.

Pinecrest Continues Going Green

Starting this month, I will provide a useful tip on how you can begin to green your home and business. There are so many practical suggestions to get started. Many of them involve changing habits, others are simply actions you can take as you learn more about how to become energy efficient, and climate conscientious. In addition to our Going Green Advisory Council which meets monthly, we have joined the Mayors Green Challenge, which provides our entire Village an opportunity to

a patrolman in New York City before moving to South Florida. He is one of the original officers to join the department in 1997. He supervises and assists sworn and non-sworn personnel in carrying out assignments, tasks and functions of the various divisions within the department. He enjoys flying, computers, photography, and spending time with his family.

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Association**

www.pinecrestbusiness.com

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Baptist Health South Fla
www.baptisthealth.net

Police Tips



***The Importance of
Being Aware***

Throughout Miami-Dade County, property related crimes such as theft and burglary are on the rise. The Pinecrest PD Crime Prevention Unit encourages the citizens of Pinecrest to get involved in keeping their neighborhoods safer.

BE AWARE:

- When exiting your

participate in thinking green and living green - livinggreenfair.com.

Suggested reading to get started:

Simple changes that won't overwhelm

By ANNE M. HAMILTON

Green is everywhere. It's the "new black." It's a mantra heard from the grocery store to the gas pump to the automobile showroom. Given so much advice, where should we start? [Click here to read the entire article.](#)

[Pinecrest Gardens Master Planning on October 27th](#)

The next Committee of the Whole (Village Council) meeting will be completely dedicated to the enhancement of the Pinecrest Gardens complex - to create a true cultural arts center. We have many decisions to make. How do we enhance the complex to allow for more performances, by our own school orchestras, drama club as well as local talent such as jazz groups, who could perform at the Banyan Bowl? Should we include a restaurant and if so, what kind, how big, should it have catering capability? Or should the space be devoted to meeting rooms and rental rooms for cultural arts events, or other uses? What kind of other programs should we provide and should we charge admission again? It is time for the Village to update its master plan for the gardens and we want to hear from you. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact me at mayorlerner@gmail.com.

[Community Center Survey Has Begun](#)

Our consultant, Ken Ballard, continues to solicit input from our community to help define the highest and best uses of our community center. A survey was mailed out to over 400 residents (a statistically valid number of residents and neighbors). If you received one, you are the lucky few, so please be sure to complete it and mail it back right away. If you have any issues, concerns, complaints, or compliments regarding the Pinecrest Community Center, please feel free to contact me at mayorlerner@gmail.com.

[Future Fire Station to Serve Pinecrest Closer to Reality](#)

Thanks to Congressman Lincoln Diaz -Balart, and Pinecrest resident Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a bill passed the U.S. House last month, conveying two acres of the USDA property at SW 136th street and SW 67th Avenue to Miami-Dade County for the construction of a new fire station to protect our communities. The bill must still be passed by the Senate.

[Florida Power and Light Transmission Lines](#)

The Village continues to advocate for the installation of underground lines for any proposed new transmission line routes along US 1, which are proposed to run from 136th Street north to I-95 along the US 1 corridor. The transmission lines would be over 80 feet high and completely incompatible with the transportation and development plans for the US 1 corridor. There is a growing coalition of municipalities who are

home or vehicle, stay alert of your surroundings.

- Do not leave valuables in plain view.

- If your vehicles and homes are equipped with an alarm system, activate them.

GET INVOLVED:

- True Crime Prevention is a community effort: Police working together with its citizens.

- Make contact with your neighbors and get to know the regular traffic flow on your block.

- Report all suspicious activity by calling Pinecrest Police's Non-emergency number at (305) 234-2100.

- Start a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program, call the Crime Prevention Unit at (305)234-2100 x383.

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collaborating in an effort to force the utility to place all future high power corridor lines underground and absorb the cost as part of the construction costs, rather than demand that those communities who are used as a pass through route that provides the utility the means of connecting to the state grid have to pay any of the costs.

Events



Pawawareness Pet Fair - October 25th, 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at 7500 SW 120th Street in Pinecrest. I am so impressed with the planning and organizational skills of Girl Scout Troop 317, who are doing this project for their Gold Award. I will be volunteering as mistress of ceremonies that day, so please come out and enjoy the afternoon, learn about new and innovative services and programs and how to take care of your pet and maybe even adopt a new dog! For more information, go to www.pawarenesspetfair.com.

Garden Pop - November 7th, 6:00-10:00 p.m. at Pinecrest Gardens. Plan on spending a terrific evening at the opening of the Garden Pop Art Exhibition and Sale, featuring Andy Warhol and his contemporaries, and including local artists Romero Brito, Erika King, Eileen Seitz, and Purvis Young among others. This is the first of what will be a regular series of art exhibitions, as we begin to expand the programming at our gardens, as a premier cultural arts center for the Pinecrest community. The preview cocktail party at the Hibiscus Room at the Gardens, includes music, garden tour (at 5:30), refreshments by Bacardi USA, and hors d'oeuvres complete the evening. Tickets are \$100.00 per person and available at www.cfofp.org or through the Community Foundation of Pinecrest. Proceeds of the event and 20% of all sales will benefit Pinecrest Gardens.

Miami-Dade Commission for Women - November 18th, 6:30 p.m. at Greer Park. The Commission on the Status of Women was created to be advisory to the county commission, and to the community and to all agencies and persons in Miami-Dade County with respect to all matters pertaining to the status of women. The commission will hold a public hearing on girls and womens issues.

Smart Ride - January 8, 2010 takes off from Pinecrest. This will be the 6th annual two-day, 165 mile charity bicycle ride from Miami to Key West. All of the proceeds from the southernmost AIDS/HIV Ride go to six direct service organizations in Florida. Florida maintains the unenviable distinction of being the second highest number of new HIV infections, pediatric AIDS cases and overall HIV/AIDS cases in the nation. This is the 6th year of the Smart Ride and we want to help make it the most successful yet. The ride is fully supported and designed to allow riders of all different degrees of experience to participate. It is not a race, rather it is a ride, and so if someone gets tired or feels they cannot go on, they are picked up by volunteer vehicles which patrol the route. I was honored to present the riders and volunteer organizers with a proclamation last year when they took off at 6:00 a.m. from the Morningstar Renewal Center, right here in the Village. It was quite a sight watching almost 500

riders, most of who were not professional bicyclists, take-off for a weekend adventure. They were able to raise more than \$590,000 of which 100% went to benefiting Florida charities. Each participant pays a registration fee of \$85.00 and commits to raise \$1,250.00 in donations. I will be there this year as well, to see our riders off. If you are interested in creating a Pinecrest Team, or being a sponsor, please contact David Spacht, Ride Director at 866-696-7701 or go to www.TheSmartRide.org.

Cindy Lerner
Mayor

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Community Calendar

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LIBRARY

TODDLER STORYTIME

Fridays, October 2-30, 2009

10:00 AM

Ages 1 ½ - 3 years

Stories, songs and activities for toddlers and their care givers.

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, October 3-31, 2009

10:30 AM

Family

Sharpen your chess skills by playing other fans of this classic game.

WORD WIZARD SCRABBLE CHALLENGE

Saturdays, October 3-31, 2009

11:00 AM

Family

Test your spelling and vocabulary skills by playing others in a game of Scrabble.

S.M.A.R.T. Science, Math and Reading Tutoring

Saturdays, October 3-December 12, 2009

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Grades K-12

Free tutoring and homework help in science, math and reading for students. Registration required.

ROUND ROBIN READ and STORY SLAM

Tuesdays, October 6-27, 2009

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Children

Share your favorite short stories and poems.

ASTROLOGY STUDY AND BOOK GROUP

Second Wednesdays, October 14 - December 9, 2009

7:00 PM

Adult

Monthly meetings for those with basic astrological knowledge and skills. Let's study the works of renowned astrologers, and deepen our interpretative skills

BEDTIME STORIES

Second and Fourth Thursdays, October 8 - December 10, 2009

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Children

Soothing bedtime stories for all ages.

BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATIONS WITH SILVIA BOTA

Saturday, October 3, 2009

10:00 AM

Family

Silvia Bota will demonstrate her skills in preparing a botanical plate from a live specimen. Silvia brings out the life of plants in watercolor on paper.

INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL pt. 2

Monday, October 5, 2009

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Adult Computer Classes

Instructions for setting up a free e-mail account and receiving/sending mail. Please call branch to register, seating is limited.

"A GOOD READ" BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

7:00 PM

Adult

Please call or visit the information desk for the titles of books to be discussed. 305-668-4571

PAWS 2 READ

Saturday, October 10, 2009

10:30 AM

Certified therapy dogs listen as children practice their reading skills.

ORCHIDS 101

Saturday, October 10, 2009

3:00 PM

All ages

Craig Morell, Curator of Pinecrest discusses the basics of growing orchids in South Florida.

JUNIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Children ages 8-12 years will discuss their favorite books.

HABIA UNA VEZ/ONCE UPON A TIME

Hispanic Heritage Storytime

Thursdays, October 15, 2009

3:30 PM

Family

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month with bilingual storytelling, songs, fingerplays and more.

MIAMI POETS PRESENT A POETRY SOIREE

Thursday, October 15, 2009

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Adult

Join us for an evening of poetry. For more information, contact Tere Starr at 305 595-9452

TALES OF THE FAR EAST BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Old and new tales of the Far East to be discussed.

BASICS OF MEDITATION FOR ALL

Saturday, October 17, 2009

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Family

Children and parents learn the basics of meditation.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Monday, October 19, 2009

10:00 AM

Adult Computer Classes

Use the Internet to search for job opportunities. Registration required; please contact branch for more information.

RESUME 101

Monday, October 26, 2009

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Adult

Create a basic resume using Microsoft Word. Registration required; please contact branch for more information.

TEEN READ WEEK WORDATHON

Saturday, October 24, 2009

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Teens

Share poetry or your favorite excerpt from a book or short story on the open mic., 3-5 minutes in length.

[Click for additional information and other programs](#)

Pinecrest

Branch Library - 5835 SW 111 Street

305-668-4571

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Pinecrest Gardens Advisory Committee

October 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Pinecrest Community Center - 5855 SW 111 Street

Village Council Regular Meeting

October 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Pinecrest Municipal Center - 12645 Pinecrest Parkway

www.pinecrest-fl.gov/agendas.html

Village Council Committee of the Whole

October 27, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Pinecrest Municipal Center - 12645 Pinecrest Parkway

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OTHER

Reform: Medicare's Future & Readmission
October 8, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Information](#)

Garden Pop
November 7, 6:00 p.m.

[Information](#)

The Villagers Holiday Home Tour
December 4

[Information](#)

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. Please include complete event information such as name of organization, date, time, place, and contact information.



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