

## VILLAGE OF PINECREST



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## E-News

*November 2009*

### From the desk of Mayor Lerner



Pinecrest's Youth Advisory Council has been established!

At the October 13th Village Council meeting, my resolution to establish the Pinecrest Youth Advisory Council was unanimously adopted. We have now joined many other municipalities who recognize the importance of educating our youth about local government, and getting them involved even before they are old enough to register to vote. We will assure a more engaged community and be more responsive to the needs of our youth; providing them leadership skills and opportunities for community service at the same time. The Youth Advisory Council will be made up of 20 appointed members, who will serve a one year term. We will be offering community service opportunities for our community's youth, whether they are a member of the advisory council or not, so please have them subscribe to stay informed of upcoming events.

Our kick-off event, "Media Matters" announcing the establishment of the Youth Advisory Council was held at the Pinecrest Community Center and included a panel discussion by top local media professionals including Sandra Peebles from Univision, Ileana Varela, news anchor, Luis Goicouria, VP for MTV Latin America, and Elaine De Valle, Herald reporter. The panelists engaged in a terrific discussion with our teens. We look forward to regular enriching events to be arranged for and by the advisory council.

Applications for the advisory council are now available on the Village's website at [www.pinecrest-fl.gov](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov). The deadline for applying will be December 1st. Applicants must either be Village of Pinecrest residents or attend a Pinecrest school and be in grades 6-12.

### [Going Green Update](#)

The next meeting of the Going Green Advisory Council will be on

kids and family.

## Pinecrest Business Association

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

### MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Toby Rose's  
College Prep

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

### Police Tips



**Plan your day.** When making a significant purchase, plan on going directly home with the items. Try not to leave your purchases in your vehicles as you continue shopping. Stay alert and aware that you are not being followed home or to your next destination. If so, call the police before pulling into your driveway or parking your vehicle.

**Take only what you will need.** Wallets are often a target in busy and crowded stores. Try to take just one or two credit cards, your drivers license and a small amount of cash to complete your shopping for that day. Please keep important documents such as social security cards and credit cards not being used at home.

**Beware of Scams.** Anyone asking you for

Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:00 p.m., at the Pinecrest Community Center. We will be unveiling our Recycling Plan and developing a proposal for the Energy Efficiency Competitive Grant. Please come share your ideas.

On October 23rd, I attended the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit in Ft. Lauderdale, for elected and business leaders committed to advance the movement to become a sustainable region. Pinecrest, and all local governments, have a critical role to play in reducing carbon emissions, so it is important that we approach the challenge in a collaborative way. The Village has only recently begun to learn how we can become more energy efficient in our governmental operations, our residential living and our building and transportation practices. If you have not attended one of the Going Green Advisory Council meetings, please join us. We always have informational speakers and you will be helping Pinecrest in its development of a comprehensive action plan to be a more energy efficient and sustainable community.

Our Village will be hosting a Going Green conference for the community and other municipal leaders on January 29th at the Pinecrest Community Center. Save the date!

In partnership with the Living Green Fair, the Wyland Foundation is helping residents of South Florida to get water wise. This fall 102 cities throughout South Florida will compete for the title of Most Water Wise. Help Pinecrest win the title! Take the water pledge - then see how your city stacks up. Residents of the winning city will be invited to the South Florida Living Green Fair for a chance to win an eco-friendly scooter! [Take the Living Green Pledge now.](#)

### Education Advisory Council Update

We have begun working on an educational compact with the school district. I was so pleased to have representatives from the Miami-Dade school district attend the last Educational Advisory Council meeting. In addition to our five area school principals, our school board member and PTSA representatives, we had the region superintendent, Valdena Brown, Mr. Robert Kalinsky and Ms. Lisa Martinez. They will be helping us to develop our Educational Compact with the school district. On another note, the consultants who are conducting the feasibility study for our trolley system came to the Education Advisory Council meeting in order to hear from the principals and the parents on how a trolley might provide transit options for students after school to our community center and parks, and other transit needs.

The next Education Advisory Council meeting is on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 9:30 a.m., at the Pinecrest Community Center. We will be discussion the Green Schools Challenge, tutoring and study halls, planning an advocacy workshop which will be held on November 30th and A Taste of Pinecrest, coming in the spring. Please feel free to join us.

### Principal for the day, at Pinecrest Elementary School

I was invited by Principal Marisol Diaz, of Pinecrest Elementary,

monetary donations should have proper identification from the organization they represent. Anyone asking for instructions or directions could be trying to get close enough to commit a theft. Always try to keep your belongings close and secure.

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to participate in the annual "Principal for the Day" event. It is an opportunity for leaders in the community to see the operations required to maintain a safe and enriching learning environment for our children. I was provided a tour of various classrooms, invited to join in the morning announcements and experience the wonderful learning that goes on in that school. I also had the opportunity to see my first Smart Board. These 21st century technological wonders are incredible. I came away with a new personal, and yes, ambitious goal for all of our schools in Pinecrest. A Smart Board should be in every classroom in every school in Pinecrest. And, of course, we will have to provide the professional development necessary to assure that every classroom teacher can maximize the use of this new technology. If you are interested in helping us make that a reality, contact me at [mayorlerner@gmail.com](mailto:mayorlerner@gmail.com).

### Strategic Planning has Begun

The Village Council and staff are working with our consultant to organize focus groups and a survey in order to engage the Village in this strategic planning process and solicit your input. If you have a burning desire to participate in a focus group and help create the vision for moving the Village forward, please contact me, at [mayorlerner@gmail.com](mailto:mayorlerner@gmail.com).

### Pinecrest Police News

If you would like to stay informed on the status of our police activity in the Village, you can monitor the crime reports filed weekly, and learn about the newest initiatives of our Police Department, simply by logging on to the Village's website [www.pinecrest-fl.gov](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov) and click on "Police" on the left side of the Home Page. We have an established Neighborhood Crime Watch and will send an officer out to speak with you and your neighbors about organizing your own neighborhood. We have also recently brought back the Police Explorers Program, which your teens may be interested in. The weekly crime reports describe the types of crimes reported, and location in the Village, so you can remain alert to whether there have been crimes reported in the Village.

A local resident was recently followed from the Apple store in The Falls with a new computer purchase. They stopped in Pinecrest to purchase groceries and the car was burglarized and the computer, though hidden, was stolen. Pinecrest Police indicate this is the fourth time in the past four months that this has occurred in Pinecrest. It is also occurring to other Apple shoppers who live elsewhere in the county. There is evidently a criminal gang operating around the Apple store in The Falls, watching for those purchases and following them after they leave the mall. Especially with the holiday season coming up, please be cautious and alert to your surroundings and who may be following you home after such purchases.

### The Farmers Market

The Farmers Market is coming to Pinecrest Gardens starting next month, and will run weekly, every Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., from December through April. The farmers market previously held at Gardeners Market on SW 124th Street for the

past several years will be moving over to the Gardens. We are thrilled to be able to host the market and support our local growers. It will certainly draw many more people to enjoy our fabulous Pinecrest Gardens on Sundays.

#### Upcoming Events:

*Palmetto Senior High 40th Reunion Planning Committee  
November 4th, 7:30 p.m., Pinecrest Community Center*

Please join us for the first meeting to plan for the 40th Palmetto High School Reunion, a number that horrifies us all. 40th Really? Why don't we call it the "I've lost track" reunion?

The planning meeting will take place on November 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Pinecrest Community Center, at 5855 Southwest 111th street, next to Pinecrest Gardens.

Please invite any other class members (Class of 1970) who are in residence to join us. Even if they don't want to plan, just come by and say hello!

*GARDEN POP Preview Cocktail Reception  
November 7th, 6:00-10:00 p.m., Pinecrest Gardens*

This reception kicks-off the Fine Art exhibition and sale. Support Pinecrest Gardens by attending a premier cocktail party with Hors Oeuvres, live music, garden tours, and refreshments by Bacardi. This is the first of a regular series of art exhibitions and sales we are planning for the benefit of the gardens and the cultural enrichment of the community.

Cocktail Party Tickets \$100 pp. Refreshments by Whole Foods Market & Bacardi.

To purchase tickets and support the gardens, go to [www.cfofp.org](http://www.cfofp.org) or [www.ticketleap.com](http://www.ticketleap.com).

Exhibit & sale open until November 25, 2009, from Noon to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday. No admission charge for the daily exhibit.

*Join Team Pinecrest for the Alzheimer's Memory Walk  
November 14th, 7:30 a.m., Coral Gables' Merrick Park across from City Hall*

Join us on this Saturday morning- it's great exercise for a good cause. Bring the family! Go online to register at [www.memorywalks.com](http://www.memorywalks.com) and sign up for Team Pinecrest to make a donation and forward to your Pinecrest friends and neighbors. Community service hours will be given to high school students who sign up with Team Pinecrest and walk.

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk® is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research - and it calls on volunteers of all ages to become champions in the fight against this fatal disease. Since 1989, Memory Walk has raised more than \$260 million for the cause. Memory Walk is a community event that joins friends, family and co-workers as they walk to end Alzheimer's.

Please join us in taking steps to end Alzheimer's. The Miami-Dade League of Cities has issued a mayors challenge - to encourage participation, we have a healthy competition between cities. The city that has the highest percentage of their population turn out wins an award. Help Team Pinecrest win and help a great cause!

*Miami-Dade Commission for Women Meets in Pinecrest  
November 18th, 6:30 p.m., Evelyn Greer Park*

Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Councilmember Nancy Harter and I will be welcoming the Miami-Dade Commission for Women when they hold their November meeting here in the Village at Greer Park. The Miami-Dade Commission for Women was founded in 1971. Its 26 members are appointed for 4 year terms by the Board of County Commissioners to serve in an advisory capacity to them and to the community, all agencies and persons in Miami-Dade County "with respect to all matters pertaining to the status of women". The commission serves as an advocate for equality and justice for women and girls. If you have an issue you would like to have them consider, or just want to learn more, please join us.

#### [Green Living TIP for the Month](#)

You can reduce your carbon footprint at home; by changing a light - replace three frequently used light bulbs with compact florescent bulbs. The life cycle of the bulbs will reduce 1,663 lbs of CO2.

Cindy Lerner  
Mayor

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## Community Calendar

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### **LIBRARY**

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP  
November 4, 7:00 p.m.

PAWS 2 READ  
November 7, 10:30 a.m.

CHESS CLUB  
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.

WORD WIZARD SCRABBLE CHALLENGE  
November 7, 14, 21, 11:00 a.m.

S.M.A.R.T. Science, Math and Reading Tutoring  
November 7, 14, 21, 10:00 a.m.

FALL INTO FUN @ THE LIBRARY  
November 7, 2:00 p.m.

PARROT JUNGLE POETS  
November 9, 1:00 p.m.

ROUND ROBIN READ and STORY SLAM  
November 10, 17, 24, 3:30 p.m.

ROCK BAND TOURNAMENT  
November 19, 1:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL  
November 23, 30, 10:00 a.m.

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

Pinecrest  
Branch Library - 5835 SW 111 Street  
305-668-4571

### **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

Village Council Regular Meeting  
November 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.  
Pinecrest Municipal Center - 12645 Pinecrest Parkway  
[www.pinecrest-fl.gov/agendas.html](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/agendas.html)

### **OTHER**

Garden Pop  
November 7, 6:00 p.m.  
[Information](#)

Fall Palm Sale @ Fairchild  
November 7-8th, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
[Information](#)

Memory Walk  
November 14th, 7:30 a.m.  
[Information](#)

Miracle on 136th Street Holiday Parade @ The Falls  
November 21st, 4:00 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](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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