



## VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Street Tree Planting Program gives Pincrest homeowners the opportunity to receive a free tree with a year of free maintenance*

**Pincrest, Fla.** – Trees contribute to our environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife. Trees control climate by moderating the effects of the sun, rain and wind. Leaves absorb and filter the sun's radiant energy, keeping things cool in summer. Trees also lower the air temperature and reduce the heat intensity of the greenhouse effect by maintaining low levels of carbon dioxide.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people."

Through the Village's Street Tree Planting Program, Pincrest homeowners who would like to plant a tree in the public right-of-way adjacent to their property can request a tree free of charge from the Public Works Department. The Village arborist will make an appointment with the homeowner to come to the property and make a recommendation as to what type of tree is appropriate for the specific area.

The tree will be planted and maintained for a year free of charge to the homeowner. After the period of one year the tree will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

If there is an unhealthy tree in the public right-of-way adjacent to a property, the homeowner can apply for a tree-removal permit from the Village to remove the tree. Once the tree is removed, the homeowner can then request a tree from the Public Works Department free of charge.

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The types of approved trees include Mahogany, Silver Buttonwood and Florida Thatch Palm. For a more detailed tree list and information call the Public Works Department and request to speak to the Village arborist at 305-669-6916.

Pinecrest also offers homeowners the opportunity to plant trees on private property through the Adopt-a-Tree program at a cost, depending on the type of tree.

Both of these programs along with other green initiatives contribute to the Village being designated as a Tree City USA for six consecutive years. Pinecrest achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance or proclamation.

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