

## 1999-2000 STATE OF THE VILLAGE

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It is my responsibility, under the Village of Pinecrest Charter, to give a state of the Village report each winter. As the Village becomes more established, financially and structurally, the idea of choices – of choosing to do one project versus another – becomes increasingly important.

I view the Village operations in two segments: first, the daily delivery of services such as police protection, code enforcement and building and zoning processing and second, the capital projects of the Village. My report will look at both of those areas.

In operations, we are now a functioning government delivering quality services. Quality services do not mean perfect services – we have issues in every department of the Village and, I believe we will always have issues. I am not dismayed at this, it is a fact of life that people are not perfect and that the institutions they run are, therefore, not perfect.

Our focus this year is on law enforcement. I have confidence in our new police chief, who is both experienced and determined to create an excellent force. I am willing to give him an oppor-

tunity to prove himself, although others are not.

In capital projects, we continue to carry out our five-year capital plan. Projects in the 1999-2000 budget include \$500,000 to continue our road resurfacing work (to commence June 15), \$200,000 for road and drainage improvement projects (ongoing all year), \$200,000 to redo the Pinecrest street signs, \$3.5 million to complete Pinecrest Park (which we hope to open in the fall of 2000), \$4.6 million to acquire or build a Village Hall, funds for a soccer field at Pinecrest Elementary School, and to continue our tree planting project.

Also on the horizon is a very large but important project – the completion of a water system throughout Pinecrest to allow every resident to connect to the County water system. Village officials and I have met with the Water & Sewer Authority representatives and are moving forward with developing a plan, assessing the extent of interest in Pinecrest and estimating the cost of this project. Again, if you have interest in obtaining water (and you have not already contacted me!) please e-mail or fax a note with your name, address and interest.

I do enjoy hearing from you and look forward to having a real good time in the next Millennium.