

Welcome home to Pinecrest



A FIVE YEAR RETROSPECTIVE



Welcome to Pinecrest



The Village of Pinecrest was incorporated on March 12, 1996 and is one of thirty-two municipalities in Miami-Dade County. Pinecrest is home to over 19,000 residents and is conveniently located twenty minutes south of Downtown Miami and Miami International Airport.

Pinecrest encompasses 8.1 square miles and is recognized as one of the most beautiful residential areas in South Florida. The Village's boundaries are Snapper Creek Canal (north), Red Road/Old Cutler Road (east), Southwest 136th Street (south), and US 1 (west).

Pinecrest's appeal as a desirable place to live is attributed to its natural beauty and area schools which are singled out as the best schools in the county. With over 600 businesses along the commercial corridor on US 1, residents and visitors enjoy a great variety of stores and eateries.

Pinecrest is governed by a five member Village Council and operates under the Council-Manager form of government. The Village of Pinecrest provides for a superior quality of life in a unique hometown atmosphere, while its residents benefit from the many amenities of the Greater Miami area.



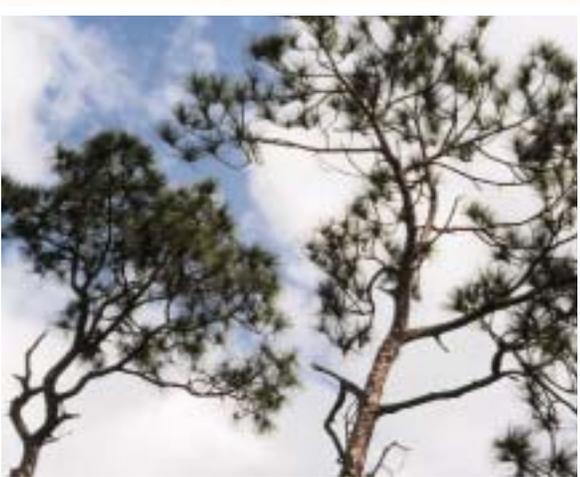
Veterans Wayside Park

Pinecrest's parks provide beautiful open and green public places.



Pinecrest Park Tot-Lot

Activities for families are an integral part of the Pinecrest community.



Dade County Slash Pines

Lush landscaping and natural beauty are one of the Village's many assets.



Suniland Football Team

Organized sports provide for vast recreational opportunities for children in and around the Village.



US 1 Welcome Sign

Residents feel at home and enjoy a superior quality life in Pinecrest.



Parrot Jungle's Main Entrance

Pinecrest is home to the world famous Parrot Jungle attraction.

a letter from the Mayor



 Dear Residents:

It is a real pleasure to recognize the first five years of Village operations and to review the many improvements and benefits that the incorporation of the Village of Pinecrest has brought to our community.

After five years, the Village of Pinecrest is a fully functioning local government delivering quality services to residents in a cost efficient, open and sophisticated manner. The government runs like a quality business with a five year pro forma analyzing our needs and operating on budget with a flat organizational chart that keeps the people doing the work close to the people setting the policies.

Our success is attributable to the strong, focused leadership of our public officials and the dedication and professionalism of our staff. My personal thanks to our excellent Village Manager, Peter Lombardi, who has methodically and deliberately created our government and worked his way through a mountainous agenda of issues and projects.

Our Police Chief, John Hohensee, has brought a high level of professionalism and pride to our Police Department. Pinecrest now provides 58 sworn officers, three full-time detectives, 911 service, defibrillators in each patrol car, DARE officers and crossing guards at all schools, and a victim's advocate. Our crime rate has steadily declined, year after year, and we are considered one of the safest communities in the state.

Our capital projects have transformed the look of the Village. Since incorporation, we have created the magnificent Pinecrest Park, paved our Village streets, planted over 9,000 trees, installed new street signs, built soccer fields and improved our parks, installed sidewalks on major streets, selected a police station site and agreed to acquire the jewel of Pinecrest – the Parrot Jungle. Our community looks and feels cared for and maintained.

Most importantly, our neighborhood feels like a community. More than anything, the creation of the Village of Pinecrest has created a community of residents happy to live and work in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Langlieb Greer



Village Council

The Village of Pinecrest is governed by a five member Village Council. Three councilmembers are elected to represent specific residential districts (Seats 1, 2 and 3). A fourth councilmember (Seat 4) and the mayor are elected at-large. Village Council elections are non-partisan and are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in all even-numbered years. Each councilmember, including the mayor, is



L-R: Vice Mayor Robert Hingston, Mayor Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Councilmember Leslie Bowe, Councilmember Cindie Blanck and Councilmember Barry Blaxberg.

elected to a four-year term. The mayor serves as the ceremonial head of the Village, presides at all Village Council meetings and appoints all committees. As the legislative body of the Village, the Village Council determines policy, adopts the annual budget and makes laws. The members of the Village Council also serve as the Local Planning Agency. In this capacity, the Village Council is responsible for the Village's Comprehensive Development Master Plan.



WHEN IS THE NEXT MEETING?

Regular Village Council meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month, except August, at Pinecrest Park, 8200 Southwest 124th Street, at 7:00 p.m. A calendar of scheduled meetings is available at www.ci.pinecrest.fl.us.



from the desk of the Manager

Hi Neighbors,

It has been an honor and privilege for me and the rest of the Village staff to serve you during these first five years of incorporation and to work closely with the hundreds of residents who have assisted in the development of the successful programs that have made the Village what it is today. From our impetus to create a government that embraced citizen participation, we have blossomed into a community that works together for the common good.

As you will see throughout this report, much has been accomplished. With your continued help and cooperation, Pinecrest will grow and prosper as a community and not just be another name on a map.

Peter G. Lombardi
Village Manager



Office of the Village Manager

The Office of the Village Manager was established by Section 3.1 of the Village Charter. The Village Manager is the chief administrative officer of the Village and ensures the proper implementation of laws, policies, provisions of the Village Charter, and acts of the Village Council through the administration of all departments, divisions and agencies of the Village government. The Village Manager is a charter officer and is confirmed by a majority vote of the Village Council. The Village Manager is responsible for the appointment, supervision and removal of all Village employees. In addition, the Village Manager submits a proposed annual budget, capital improvement program and comprehensive and financial reports to the Village Council.

The Office of the Village Manager has been responsible for securing and administering approximately \$5.25 million of local and state grants awarded to the Village for the acquisition and development of Pinecrest Park, improvements to Coral Pine Park and Suniland Park, acquisition of the Parrot Jungle property, and the completion of the Village's Comprehensive Development Master Plan.

WHERE CAN I SEE THE BUDGET?

The Office of the Village Manager has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000. A copy of the Village's capital and operating budget is available at www.ci.pinecrest.fl.us.

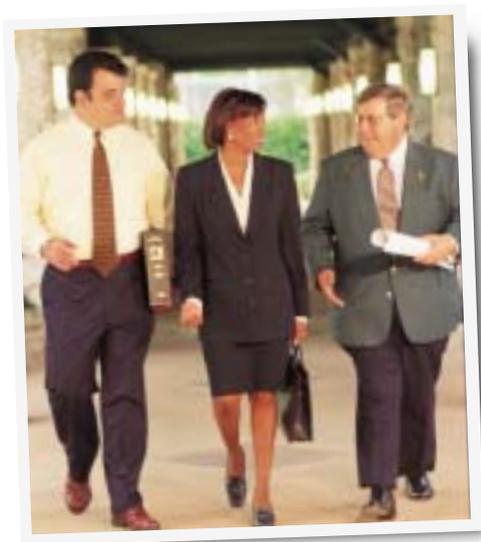


Office of the Village Clerk

The Office of the Village Clerk was established by Section 3.5 of the Village Charter. The Village Clerk is the secretary for the Village Council, Local Planning Agency, the Planning Board, and of the Municipal Corporation. The Village Clerk is a charter officer confirmed by a majority vote of the Village Council. The Village Clerk is responsible for giving notice of public meetings and maintaining an accurate record of all proceedings. The Village Clerk also serves as the municipal Supervisor of Elections, administers the publication of the Village Code and Charter, and maintains custody of the Village's vital records including agreements, contracts, minutes, ordinances, proclamations, and resolutions. The Office of the Village Clerk is also responsible for the management of the Village's information systems and the Village Clerk serves as the Village's webmaster.

HOW DO I GET A COPY OF MEETING MINUTES?

The Village Charter and Code of Ordinances, Village Council meeting minutes and other important information and documents are available from the clerk's virtual office at clerk.ci.pinecrest.fl.us



L-R: Village Clerk Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., Village Attorney Cynthia A. Everett and Village Manager Peter G. Lombardi.



L-R: Assistant Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano Gomez and Village Manager Peter G. Lombardi

Office of the Village Attorney

The Office of the Village Attorney was established by Section 3.6 of the Village Charter. The Village Attorney provides legal support and opinions to the Village Council, staff and advisory boards on all legal issues affecting the Village. The Village Attorney is a charter officer and is confirmed by a majority vote of the Village Council. The Village Attorney assists the Village Clerk with the drafting of resolutions and ordinances and is also responsible for drafting and reviewing agreements, contracts and leases. The Village Attorney may defend and prosecute cases involving the Village.

Building & Planning Department

The Building and Planning Department became operational on July 1, 1997.

The department is divided into two divisions:

- Building and Licensing Division
- Planning Division

Building and Licensing is responsible for the processing of all building permit applications, plan review, issuance and inspection of all permits, and the issuance of occupational licenses. Planning is responsible for the Code Compliance function, the Village's Comprehensive Development Master Plan, and the Land Development Regulations. Planning also presents cases to the Special Master and the Planning Board.

The department has been successful in implementing state-of-the-art technology into its daily operation including a computerized records management system, use of a geographical information system (GIS) and the imaging of archived records. In 2001, the department received its initial review by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The ISO review, a nationally recognized rating system relating to insurance premiums, yielded a high rating of 3 out of 10 (1 being the highest rating) for the new department.

The department has processed nearly 18,000 permits, completed more than 54,000 inspections and overseen approximately 120 zoning hearings since 1997.



DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Information relating to the Village's Land Development Regulations, an electronic copy of the Building Code and building permit applications are available at www.ci.pinecrest.fl.us.





New construction throughout the Village accounts for many of the 18,000 permits issued by the Building and Planning Department since 1997.



The Village's inspectors have completed more than 54,000 inspections since 1997.



The Building and Planning Department's professional staff reviews plans and processes applications for building permits.



Code compliance officers respond to inquiries from residents in person, on the telephone and via e-mail.



Safety inspections by the Village's code officers ensure compliance with life safety codes and regulations.



Construction of new structures is governed by the Village's Land Development Regulations and administered by the department's Planning Division.



Finance Department

The Department of Finance is the central fiscal control and accounting agency of the Village government. The department was established by Ordinance 97-1 on January 7, 1997. The Finance Director serves as the Chief Financial Officer for the Village. The department deals with the daily finance/accounting activities including payroll, accounts payable, revenue collection, cash management, risk management, purchasing, and financial reporting. The department provides support in the development of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Annual Budget and Capital Program. The department has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

SUMMARY OF BUDGETS					
	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
FUNDING SOURCES					
Beginning Balance	\$ 0	\$2,043,920	\$5,999,981	\$14,432,462	\$14,299,145
Taxes	\$6,294,208	\$6,853,713	\$7,287,755	\$ 8,423,089	\$ 8,673,169
Licenses and Permits	\$ 88,696	\$ 820,714	\$ 785,567	\$ 1,051,945	\$ 1,120,887
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$1,314,846	\$1,473,008	\$3,158,619	\$ 565,940	\$ 420,738
Charges for Service	\$ 4,604	\$ 77,128	\$ 106,827	\$ 200,687	\$ 183,891
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 6,779	\$ 140,697	\$ 193,163	\$ 229,367	\$ 231,923
Stormwater Utility Fee	\$ 0	\$ 318,212	\$ 224,295	\$ 247,312	\$ 206,825
Equity Transfers	\$ 0	\$ 618,427	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Debt Proceeds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$8,155,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Interfund Transfers	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 184,089	\$ 636,826	\$ 4,328,965
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 94,138	\$ 362,250	\$ 582,985	\$ 2,176,832	\$ 1,555,044
Prior Year Adjustments	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 511,611
EXPENDITURES					
Personal Services	\$1,074,234	\$3,330,588	\$4,099,989	\$ 5,053,722	\$ 6,417,877
Operating Expenses	\$4,837,485	\$1,159,067	\$2,385,122	\$ 3,002,835	\$ 4,409,160
Capital Outlay	\$ 775,133	\$1,650,878	\$5,570,605	\$ 4,334,105	\$ 4,261,586
Other Uses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,150	\$ 0	\$ 0
Grants and Aids	\$ 49,888	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Debt Service	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 184,089	\$ 636,826	\$ 634,110
Interfund Transfers	\$ 0	\$ 618,427	\$ 184,089	\$ 636,826	\$ 4,328,965

Property Taxes

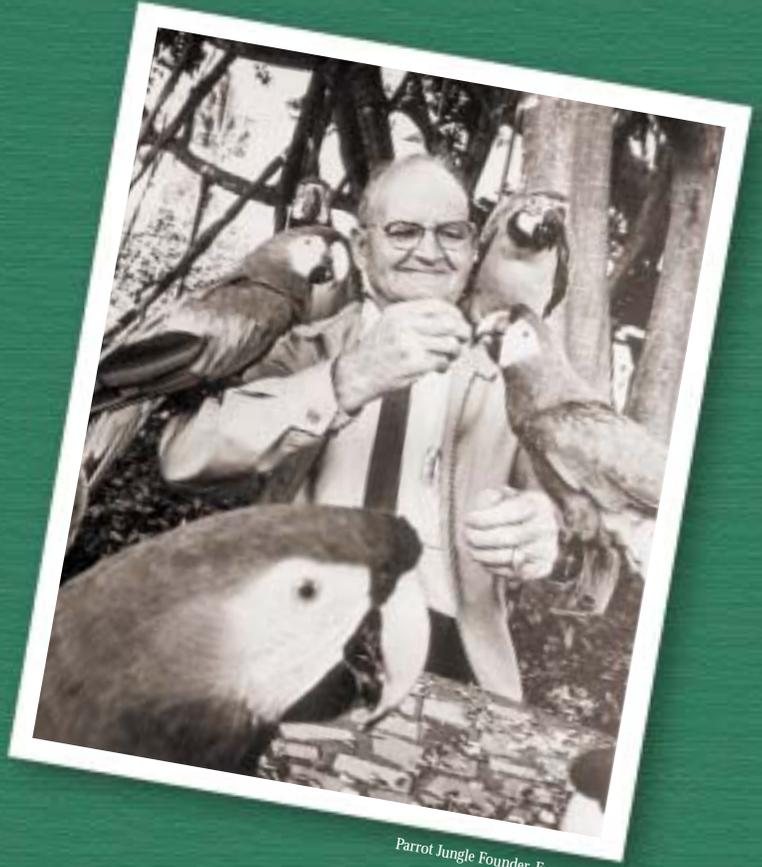
The millage rate determines the amount a property owner will pay in taxes per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Since incorporation, the overall millage rate has been reduced by .88%. This is a cumulative savings to the Village's taxpayers of \$2,766,482 as illustrated in the chart below. Pinecrest currently boasts the lowest municipal millage rate in the county. A Pinecrest property owner with a property assessed at \$350,000 has saved approximately \$531.00 in property taxes since 1996.



Fiscal Year	Assessed Value	Unincorporated Municipal Area Millage Rate	Unincorporated Municipal Area Taxes	Village of Pinecrest Millage Rate	Village of Pinecrest Taxes	Annual Savings to Pinecrest Taxpayers
1996-1997	\$1,550,000,000	2.277	\$3,529,350	2.277	\$3,529,350	\$ 0
1997-1998	\$1,613,000,000	2.683	\$4,327,679	2.277	\$3,672,801	\$ 654,878
1998-1999	\$1,785,354,684	2.517	\$4,493,738	2.100	\$3,749,245	\$ 744,493
1999-2000	\$1,867,200,321	2.447	\$4,569,039	2.100	\$3,921,121	\$ 647,918
2000-2001	\$2,072,601,135	2.447	\$5,071,655	2.100	\$4,352,462	\$ 719,193
TOTAL						\$2,766,482

Village History

During the 1920s, Miami pioneer and railroad tycoon Henry Flagler used the property at US 1 and Southwest 102nd Street as a staging area during the construction of the Overseas Railroad to the Florida Keys. In the 1930s, the area's growth continued and the community began to evolve around one of the first tourist attractions established in the Miami vicinity – Parrot Jungle and Gardens. The Parrot Jungle was founded in 1936 by Franz and Louise Scherr on twenty acres of property located at Red Road and Southwest 111th Street and over the years became a world-famous tourist attraction whose visitors included Sir Winston Churchill. The Miami Serpentarium, another popular tourist attraction, was located on US 1 (12600 block) for many years prior to closing in the mid-1980s.



Parrot Jungle Founder, Franz Scherr



Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill visiting Parrot Jungle in 1946.



Main Entrance to the Miami Serpentarium, circa 1954.

During the 1950s and 1960s, the area flourished with the development and construction of ranch-style homes on acre lots, which laid the foundation for the community's rural and lushly landscaped residential character. Rapid growth and local issues during the 1990s inspired a movement led by residents Gary Matzner and Evelyn Langlieb Greer to incorporate the area. Greer was elected the Village's first mayor shortly after the Village's incorporation on March 12, 1996. She joined the first Village Council members Cindie Blanck, Barry Blaxberg, Leslie Bowe, and Robert Hingston and Village Manager Peter G. Lombardi in establishing highly-regarded municipal services including police, parks and recreation, building and planning, and public works.

Parks & Recreation Department

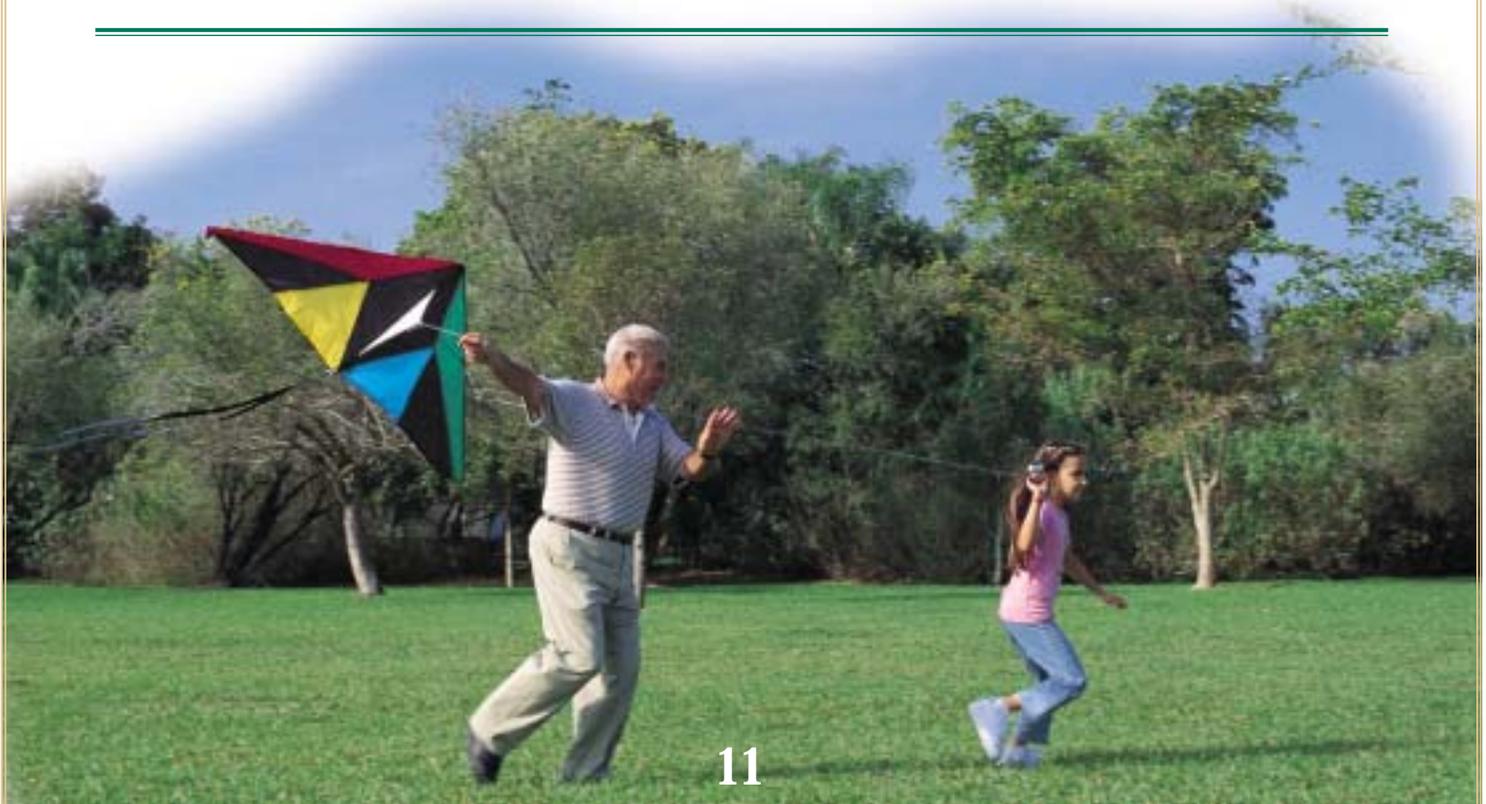
The Parks and Recreation Department was established by Ordinance 2000-4 on September 12, 2000. The department previously operated as a division of the Village's Public Works Department. The foundation of the department was the transfer of three Miami-Dade County parks to the Village on July 6, 1999.

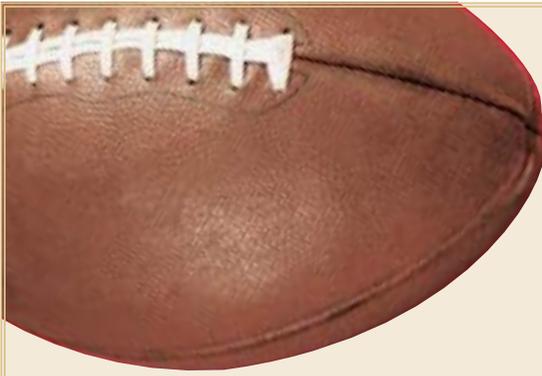
The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the management of all public parks and open spaces in the Village including Coral Pine Park, Flagler Grove Park, Palmetto Middle School Athletic Field, Pinecrest Elementary School Athletic Field, Pinecrest Park, Red Road Linear Park, Suniland Park, and Veterans Wayside Park. The department is also responsible for the coordination of all programs and activities at the parks.

Coral Pine Park
6955 Southwest 104th Street
(305) 666-1797



Coral Pine Park is one of three former Miami-Dade County parks transferred to the Village in 1999. This nine-acre park consists of a recreation center, six lighted tennis courts, a natural hardwood hammock area, and a tot-lot. A new \$52,000 lighting system was installed for the tennis courts in 2001 and the recreation center will be undergoing a \$165,000 face-lift during 2002.





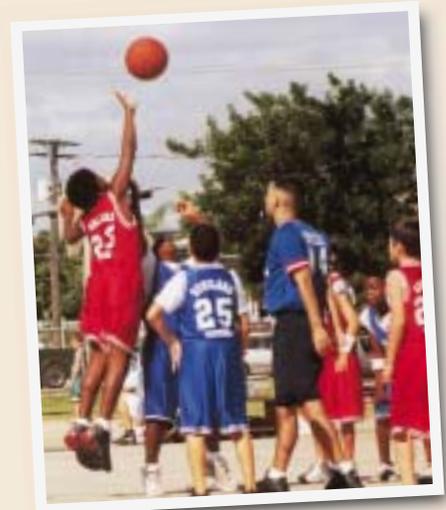
Suniland Park
12855 South Dixie Highway
(305) 234-2120



This ten-acre park is the Village's most active park with year-round sports activities. The park's amenities include multi-purpose athletic fields (football and baseball), batting cages, a recreation center, basketball courts, and a tot-lot.

In 1999, the Village constructed a new 100 space parking lot at the park at a cost of \$180,000 and developed Suniland Place on the southern end of the property which added 118 additional parking spaces and provides traffic calming for the immediate neighborhood. The two-acre Suniland Place site acquisition and improvements cost \$517,000.

The park, transferred to the Village in 1999 by Miami-Dade County, is slated for a complete redevelopment in 2002-2003. A "Pinecrest Park" style recreation center and gazebo will be constructed, as well as a jogging path, new lighting, enhanced landscaping, and improvements to the basketball courts and athletic fields.



Pinecrest Park
8200 Southwest 124th Street
(305) 234-2110

The Village Council initiated discussions regarding the acquisition of a ten-acre parcel for the development of Pinecrest Park in 1998. After a series of community meetings, the Village Council approved the master plan on March 9, 1999. Construction of the park began on January 25, 2000 and was completed within one year. The park was dedicated on January 27, 2001 with several thousand residents participating in the festivities.

The \$6.9 million state-of-the-art park, which has become a focal point of the community, includes lighted multi-purpose athletic fields (soccer and softball), batting cages, a vita-course, a tot-lot, and a recreation center and gazebo.

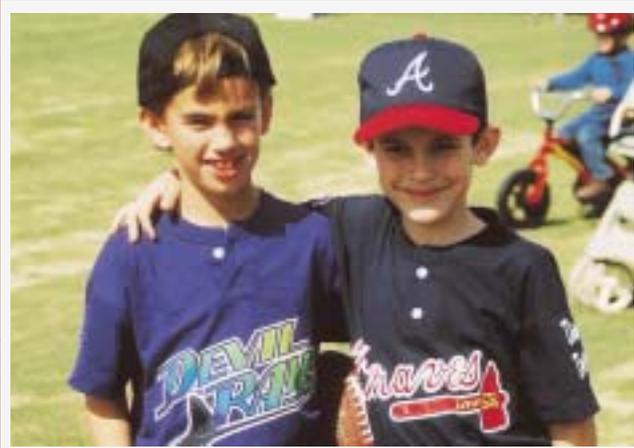




Pinecrest Park's many amenities offer fun for residents of all ages.



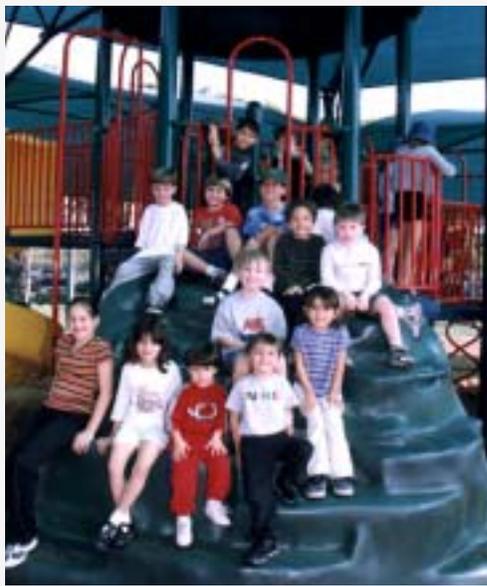
Soccer fields provide much needed playing fields for the area's organized sports teams.



Pinecrest Park is a gathering place for families and friends.



The park hosts community events including the 2001 performance by Tito Puente, Jr. during the Village's Fifth Anniversary Celebration.



South Florida Parenting Magazine named Pinecrest Park as Miami-Dade County's "Best Outdoor Playground" in 2001.



Two softball fields are actively used throughout the year.

Veterans Wayside Park

Pinecrest Parkway (US 1) and Southwest 112th Street

Veterans Wayside Park provides a green open space along the Village's busy commercial corridor on US 1. It is a beautiful passive 4.5 acre park with a freshwater lake, picnic tables and open recreation areas. The park, one of several "wayside" parks developed along US 1 between South Miami and Homestead during the initial construction of South Dixie Highway, was deeded to the Village by Miami-Dade County in 1999.



Flagler Grove Park
7551 Southwest 104th Street

The Village Council authorized the purchase of two acres of property on Southwest 104th Street at Southwest 77th Avenue in 1999 and authorized the Village Manager on October 9, 2001 to proceed with the development of a master plan for the use of the property as a neighborhood park.

The park, scheduled for construction in 2002, will include a lighted basketball court, an all-purpose field, a tot-lot, and a gazebo at an estimated construction cost of \$260,000.



Red Road Linear Park
Red Road/Old Cutler Road

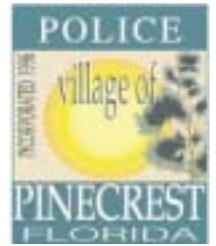


The Village Council initiated discussions regarding the development of the Red Road Linear Park in 1998. Preliminary plans for the linear park, which runs the length of the Village's eastern boundary (from Southwest 88th Street to Southwest 136th Street), were presented to the public on December 14, 1999 and the final master plan was adopted by the Village Council on October 17, 2000.

Phase I (Southwest 88th Street to Southwest 111th Street) of the project was dedicated by the Village Council on January 25, 2002 and includes a 2.5 mile bicycle pathway, three rest areas accented with coral rock walls and enhanced landscaping along the historic roadway. The approximate cost for completion of Phase I was \$533,000. Phase II is scheduled for construction in the Summer of 2002.

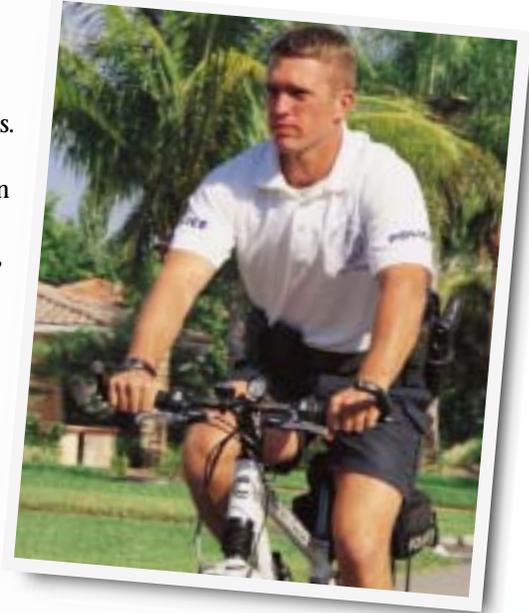


Police Department



The Pinecrest Police Department is a full service community oriented police agency founded on July 1, 1997.

The department has an authorized strength of 58 sworn officers and 26 civilians. Services include School Resource Officers, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program, Police Explorers, Community Service Aides, Crossing Guards, Internal Affairs, Dispatching, Records, Crime Prevention and Crime Scene Investigation Units, Honor Guard Unit, Uniform Patrol (including Bike Patrol and K-9 Units), a Detective Bureau, and the Police Administration Division. A School Resource Officer is assigned to each of the Village's public schools. These officers are responsible for a myriad of educational programs including D.A.R.E. at the elementary and middle schools.





The department's fleet of thirty-three vehicles logs over 500,000 patrol miles every year. A highly visible and people friendly Bike Patrol operates throughout the Village. The Village is one of only five municipalities in Miami-Dade County that operates its own 911 Emergency Operations Center. This center, staffed by dispatchers trained in medical protocol and equipped with a state-of-the-art computer aided dispatch system, together with the use of the Village's 3-channel radio system, contributed to the department's outstanding average response time of 2.8 minutes to emergency calls in 2001.



The department has successfully obtained over \$767,365 in grants during its first five years including funding for additional police personnel, equipment and drug and tobacco intervention programs.



The department is constantly upgrading its equipment to take advantage of technology – over \$300,000 in improvements during 2001. These improvements included the installation of video cameras and radar units in each patrol vehicle and the use of an automated computer aided dispatch and records management system. In 1999, the department became one of the first police agencies in Miami-Dade County to install defibrillators in all of its marked vehicles; providing a life-saving response within minutes anywhere in the community.



In 2001, the Village Council authorized the purchase of the former Carpet Mart property located at 12645 South Dixie Highway. The property will be developed as the permanent home of the Pinecrest Police Department in 2002-2003.



The Pinecrest PD Pipeline is a program established to inform the community of important police-related activities in the community. This service includes announcements, department information, special bulletins, and recent crime statistics. This service can be accessed by calling (305) 234-5545 or online at www.ci.pinecrest.fl.us.



Public Works Department

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of roads, sidewalks, swales, public facilities, beautification projects, stormwater facilities, and construction management of capital improvement projects. The department was created by Ordinance 98-10 adopted on October 13, 1998.



Miami Palmetto Senior High School Parking Lot

The Village purchased a two-acre property located at Southwest 74th Avenue and Southwest 120th Street in 2001. The property was developed into much-needed additional parking for Miami Palmetto Senior High School and to address the parking-related and traffic concerns in the neighborhood around the high school. The project was a joint partnership with the Miami-Dade County School Board. The school board, through a lease agreement, will reimburse the Village for the approximately \$756,000 in costs associated with the acquisition and development of the parking facility over a ten year period beginning in 2002.

Road Resurfacing Program



The Village's first major capital project was adopted in the Comprehensive Development Master Plan as part of the Village's Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. The program, which began in 1998, provided for the resurfacing of all Village roadways during a five year period. Approximately 100 miles of Village roadways were resurfaced by 2001 – two years ahead of schedule. The total project cost was approximately \$2,145,000.



Sidewalk Program

The Public Works Department prepared a Sidewalk/Bicycle Path Master Plan that was presented to the Village Council on November 9, 1999. The master plan was designed to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access to the Village's public parks, schools and other public places. The Village Council authorized the Village Manager to implement the master plan in two phases. Phase I of the project was completed in June 2001 and included sidewalk improvements to Southwest 88th Street, Killian Drive (Southwest 112th Street/Southwest 111th Street), Southwest 117th Street, Southwest 72nd Avenue, and Southwest 82nd Avenue. The total cost of Phase I of the project was \$254,000.

Storm Water Drainage

The Village established on January 1, 1997 a stormwater management program in compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's regulations. The Village, in conjunction with the South Florida Water Management District, operates several drainage canals. Additionally, the Village has installed numerous stormwater drainage facilities to alleviate street flooding. Drainage projects were completed in 2000 on portions of Southwest 63rd Avenue and Southwest 82nd Avenue and in 2001 on portions of Southwest 73rd Avenue, Southwest 88th Street, Killian Park Road, Pine Needle Lane and Rock Garden Lane. The approximate cost for these projects was \$428,150.

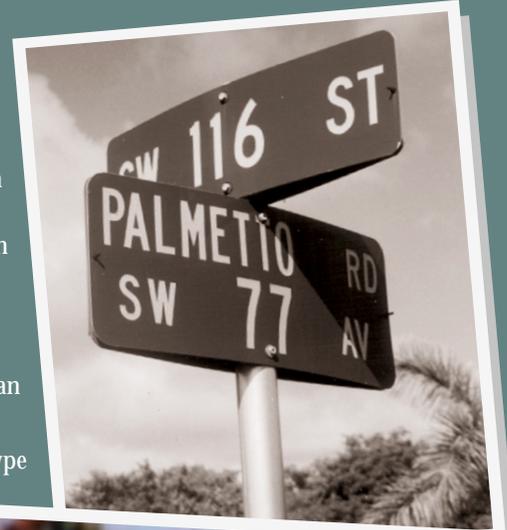


Street Sign Identification Program

The Village Council's 1998-1999 goals, adopted on September 8, 1998, included authorization for a study relating to the feasibility of implementing a street sign identification program. The Village Manager presented the Street Identification Program Study to the Village Council on March 9, 1999.

A public workshop on May 9, 2000 resulted in the Village Council accepting an offer from Guidance Pathways Systems, Inc. to design and construct three proto-type signs. The three proto-type signs were installed at different locations in the Village. Photographs of the proto-types were posted on the Village's website to solicit input from Village residents.

On September 12, 2000, the Village Council selected the design chosen by a majority of residents who responded to the website poll and authorized the installation of five signs as a pilot project along Ludlam Road (Southwest 67th Avenue). On October 17, 2000, a contract was awarded for the manufacturer of new signs for the 750 intersections in the Village. The \$330,000 project was completed in January 2002.





Street Tree Program

The Village Council authorized a Street Tree Project for Killian Drive (Southwest 112th Street/Southwest 111th Street) as a pilot project in 1997. The objective of the project was to begin restoring the tree-canopy lost after Hurricane Andrew in 1992. The success of the Killian Drive project encouraged the Village Council to establish a Street Tree Program for all other major roadways throughout the Village. In the past five years, approximately 9,000 trees have been planted in the Village's public swale areas at an approximate cost of \$1,079,930.

US 1 Beautification Program

Discussion regarding beautification of US 1 was initiated by the Village Council in 1997. A master plan for the project was commissioned and prepared during 1998. On November 9, 1999, the Village Council authorized the Village Manager to proceed to negotiate with the Florida Department of Transportation for implementation of improvements to the highway's medians. The project will provide for trees and landscaping in the medians along the Village's commercial district and a portion of US 1 from Snapper Creek Canal north to Southwest 80th Street in unincorporated Miami-Dade County. The project will be completed in 2002 at an estimated cost of \$500,000 of which \$150,000 will be contributed by Miami-Dade County.

Milestones

February 9, 1999

The Village Council adopts the Village's first Comprehensive Development Master Plan.

March 12, 1996

Pinecrest voters adopt the Village Charter and the Village of Pinecrest becomes Miami-Dade County's 29th municipality.



July 1, 1997

The Pinecrest Police Department becomes operational and assumes patrol responsibilities from the Miami-Dade County Police Department.

September 20, 1994

More than 600 residents meet at Palmetto Middle School to discuss the creation of a new municipality as advocated by incorporation leaders Evelyn Langlieb Greer and Gary Matzner.

1994 1996 1997 1998

August 10, 1998

The Village begins its first major capital improvement project – a five-year program to resurface all Village roadways.

May 1, 1996

Evelyn Langlieb Greer was sworn-in as the first mayor and Cindie Blanck, Barry Blaxberg, Leslie Bowe, and Robert Hingston were sworn-in as the first members of the Village Council at a ceremony held at Pinecrest Elementary School.



November 19, 1996

The Village Council adopts the Village Seal.





June 11, 1999

Former Pinecrest resident Governor Jeb Bush signs Senate Bill 82 co-designating a portion of South Dixie Highway as "Pinecrest Parkway".



January 27, 2001

The Village Council dedicates Pinecrest Park, the Village's fourth park, as construction of the facility is completed within one year of the ground-breaking ceremony.

November 27, 2000

The Village Council adopts the Village's Land Development Regulations and repeals Miami-Dade County's Zoning Code.

1999 2000 2001

July 8, 1999

The Pinecrest Police Department assumes responsibility for 911 emergency operations.

May 15, 2001

The Village Council dedicates "Jerry Dove Avenue" and "Benjamin Grogan Avenue" in honor of the two FBI agents killed in the line of duty on Southwest 82nd Avenue in 1986.

July 6, 1999

The Pinecrest Parks and Recreation Division assumes responsibility for Coral Pine Park, Suniland Park and Veterans Wayside Park as ownership of the parks is transferred by Miami-Dade County to the Village.



Contact Us

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Facts & Figures

Demographics

Population (2000 US Census) 19,055

By Race

White 90.3%
 Black or African American 1.7%
 American Indian/Alaska Native 0.1%
 Asian 4.5%
 Other 1.3%
 Two or more races 2.0%

Hispanic/Latino Decent

Not Hispanic or Latino 70.3%
 Hispanic or Latino 29.7%



Land Use Information

Total Single Housing Units 4,463 (77.9%)

Total Multiple-Family Housing Units 1,269 (22.1%)

Land Use Percent

Residential 77%
 Commercial 2%
 Institutional 6%
 Parks/Recreation 6%
 Transportation 3%
 Vacant 3%
 Inland Water 2%
 Agriculture 1%

Square Miles 8.1

Miles of Roadways 103

Schools

Public
 Palmetto Elementary School
 Pinecrest Elementary School
 Palmetto Middle School
 Miami Palmetto Senior High School

Private
 Bet Shira Congregation School
 Gulliver Preparatory School
 Gulliver School (Pinecrest Campus)
 Kendall United Methodist School
 Pinecrest Presbyterian Day School
 St. Louis Catholic School



Religious Institutions

Bet Shira Congregation	7500 Southwest 120th Street	(305) 238-2601
Christ the King Lutheran Church	11295 Red Road	(305) 665-5063
Dominican Retreat House	7275 Southwest 124th Street	(305) 238-2711
Immanuel Presbyterian Church	6605 North Kendall Drive	(305) 661-9900
Kendall United Methodist Church	7600 Southwest 104th Street	(305) 667-0343
Pinecrest Presbyterian Church	10400 Red Road	(305) 666-8732
St. Louis Catholic Church	7270 Southwest 120th Street	(305) 238-7562
Temple Beth Am	5950 North Kendall Drive	(305) 667-6667
Young Israel of Kendall	7880 Southwest 112th Street	(305) 232-6833

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