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THE NEWSLETTER OF YOUR VILLAGE GOVERNMENT



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEWEST OFFICER

A MESSAGE TO THE VILLAGE

FROM THE MAYOR

July is Parks and Recreation Month, and Pinecrest is proud to celebrate the incredible impact of parks and recreation on our community. This year's National Recreation and Park Association theme, "Build Together, Play Together," highlights how parks bring people together to strengthen connections, create memories, and build a brighter future. At the heart of this movement is the Pinecrest Parks and Recreation Department, which works year-round to provide exceptional programs, maintain beautiful green spaces, and create inclusive opportunities for residents of all ages to connect, play, and grow.

Parks and recreation play a vital role in the health and vibrancy of a community. They promote physical well-being, mental health, and social connections, offering a place where neighbors become friends and families bond through shared experiences. Whether it's youth sports leagues, fitness classes, senior programs, or community events, the Parks and Recreation Department ensures everyone has access to high-quality recreational opportunities. Their efforts support personal wellness, economic development, and environmental stewardship, making Pinecrest the best place to live, work, and play.

This year, the department has continued to invest in enhancing community spaces and expanding programming. From park expansions and maintaining safe athletic fields to hosting inclusive events like outdoor movies, family festivals, and summer camps, the Pinecrest team works tirelessly to create safe, enjoyable environments for all. Their commitment to community-building through recreation is a shining example of this year's theme. So, this July, let's celebrate the Parks and Recreation Department for everything they do to help us build together and play together.

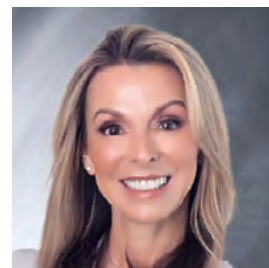
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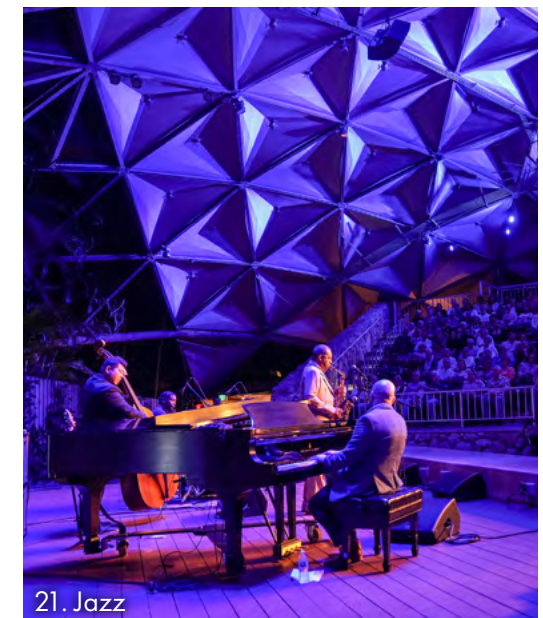
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The Pinecrest Police Department proudly introduces K-9 Buster, its first emotional support dog, whose mission is to bring comfort, calm, and connection to both the community and fellow officers. Rescued as a stray and trained through a unique therapy program, Buster now plays a vital role in supporting mental wellness and fostering positive relationships.



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MEET K-9 BUSTER



PINECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEWEST & FURRIEST TEAM MEMBER

The Police Department proudly welcomes K-9 Buster, our first emotional support dog, to the team. Buster brings more than a wagging tail and playful energy, he brings comfort, connection, and calm to those who need it most. Whether visiting a school, attending a public event, or simply out in the community, Buster's mission is to support mental wellness and promote positive interactions between our department and the community we serve. He is just shy of two years old.

BUSTER'S JOURNEY

Buster is approximately a year and four months old. While his exact breed is unknown, he may be a wire-haired terrier mix. His story began in North Carolina, where he was found as a stray and later rescued. From there, he was brought to Big Dog Ranch Rescue in Palm Beach County, where he was given a second chance at life.

After undergoing a series of behavioral tests, Buster was selected as a candidate for therapy work due to his calm and friendly disposition. He was then accepted into the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Paws and Stripes K-9 Therapy Dog Program - a unique initiative that helps shelter dogs find purpose and allows trained jail inmates to participate in their rehabilitation. Buster was paired with an inmate handler who taught him voice commands and hand signals as part of his foundational training.

Upon completing the program, Buster was assigned to the Police Department and partnered with Officer Juan Barriga, his dedicated handler. Officer Barriga completed a 40-hour training course with Buster to ensure the team was certified and ready to serve the community.

Unlike traditional police dogs trained for detection or apprehension, K-9 therapy dogs like Buster are trained to provide emotional support and stress relief. They assist officers, victims, and community members, especially after traumatic events, during interviews, or in public outreach efforts. Their presence reduces anxiety, fosters trust, and strengthens law enforcement and community relationships.

If you see him, *say hello.*

BUSTER IN ACTION

Since joining the Police Department this year, Buster has made an incredible impact through community outreach and public events:

- March 12 – Career Day at Pinecrest Elementary School
- March 20 – Legacy Apartments Dog Park Grand Opening
- March 20 – World Happiness Day at Pinecrest Gardens
- April 5 – Family Garden Day at Pinecrest Gardens
- April 9 – Formal Introduction at the Village Council Meeting
- April 12 – Inclusive Family Fun Day at Temple Beth Am (Autism Acceptance Month)

WHERE YOU'LL SEE BUSTER

Buster frequently visits many areas throughout the Village, including Pinecrest Gardens, local parks, schools, and businesses. If you see him out and about, feel free to say hello. He's always ready to provide a calming presence, share some tail wags, and connect with our community.

STAY CONNECTED

Be sure to follow the Police Department on social media at [@pinecrestpolice](https://www.instagram.com/pinecrestpolice) to learn more about Buster's upcoming appearances and community involvement. We regularly post updates, photos, and event information so you can stay connected with Buster and the entire police team.

For more information about K-9 Buster or our therapy dog program, contact Captain Edison Cruz at **305.234.2109**. We're thrilled to have Buster join our Police Department family and look forward to his continued joy and support for the Village.



HAPPI SPOTLIGHT WITH KAREN PETERSON

The Village of Pinecrest is thrilled to announce its inaugural **HaPPI Spotlight**, a new feature of the Village's HaPPI (**Happy Pinecrest People Initiative**) program, created to celebrate residents, business owners, and village staff members who make Pinecrest a happier, more inclusive place to live.

For our very first HaPPI Spotlight, we're proud to shine the light on Karen Peterson Corash, a Pinecrest resident for 36 years and a national leader in inclusive dance. Karen's commitment to the arts, and to Pinecrest, runs deep. She has lived in the same house on 72nd Avenue since before Pinecrest was incorporated, raised two sons here, and is now the proud grandmother of three granddaughters who dance at Armour Dance Theatre.

"I moved to Pinecrest before it was even a village," says Karen. "It was just unincorporated Miami-Dade back then. This has always been home."

Karen is the founder and artistic director of **Karen Peterson and Dancers (KPD)**, Florida's only full-time physically integrated dance company. Since 1990, KPD has brought together professional dancers with and without disabilities, transforming what audiences expect to see on stage. Karen runs the organization from her home office in Pinecrest, with a warehouse in The Falls.

Karen's inspiration for her life's work started early on. She choreographed her first piece at New World School of the Arts, featuring an actress using a wheelchair, at a time when Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) laws were just coming into effect. "It was the first time a choreographer collaborated with a wheelchair performer on stage in Miami," she recalls. "We didn't know what the response would be, but it opened the door to more inclusive dance. Audiences began to think about who could be a performer".

Since then, Karen has led KPD to international acclaim, performing across the U.S. and in nine countries including performances at the Korea International Accessible Dance Festival (KIADA) in Seoul, South Korea. KPD has also been named "Best Dance Company in Miami" by Miami New Times.

A signature achievement is the Forward Motion Dance Festival, which Karen founded to bring international artists, with and without disabilities, to Miami for four days of groundbreaking performances and workshops. The festival, now in its seventh year, is recognized as one of the few in the nation devoted to physically integrated dance.

At home in Pinecrest, Karen's impact is just as meaningful. She works closely with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, helping teenagers with special needs discover confidence and creativity through movement. Since 2006, KPD artists have led educational workshops throughout the region, helping all students experience the joy and teamwork of dance. "Even the most shy, reticent teen blossoms," she says. For Karen, dance also serves as a way to heal and connect.

“Dance is a healing tool; it's creative, it's physical, it's social, it creates joy and brings out the positive in most individuals.”

Karen's work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Arts & Accessibility Award from the Arts & Business Council of Miami, a Knight Foundation Award, Miami-Dade Individual Artist Awards, a Lifetime Achievement Award from New World School of the Arts, and the Boston Conservatory at Berklee Alumni Achievement Award for her "dedicated work in the field and contributions to society."

The Village congratulates Karen Peterson on being our very first HaPPI Spotlight honoree. To learn more about Karen Peterson and Dancers, visit karenpetersondancers.org.

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- Dr. Jazmin Locke-Rodriguez



FLOATING FLOWER ISLANDS

Pinecrest is tackling water pollution and invasive species in local canals with the new Floating Flower Islands pilot program. The project combines beauty and sustainability while protecting the ecosystem of Biscayne Bay and surrounding urban waterways.

“Pinecrest has long been a trailblazer in environmental sustainability, from launching Miami-Dade’s first free composting program to integrating green measures into our building code,” said Mayor Joseph M. Corradino.

The first two floating flower islands will be installed in the canals on 115th Street between 69th Court and 70th Avenue, with one installation completed in February and a second scheduled in the summer. Each platform features plants like African marigolds, celosia, and amaranth alongside experimental native species. These plants remove pollutants while creating vibrant floral displays of pink, red, purple, and gold. The initiative also tackles invasive hydrilla, a fast-growing plant that disrupts our canal ecosystems and generates foul odors.

“Wetland ecosystems are the Earth’s kidneys and floating wetlands leverage this filtering function into urban waterways,” explains Dr. Jazmin Locke-Rodriguez, PhD, Founder and CEO of Phytoflora and a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Florida International University’s Institute of Environment, who is leading the Floating Flower Islands project for the Village.

The Floating Flower Islands pilot program benefits Pinecrest residents by adding beauty to local canals, reducing odors, and improving water quality. This contributes to a cleaner, healthier, and more vibrant community for everyone to enjoy.

The harvested flowers will be sold at the Pinecrest Farmers Market, inviting residents to learn more about the program. Additionally, the program will serve as a replicable model for other municipalities seeking cost-effective environmental solutions.



PINECREST FLOATING FLOWER ISLANDS

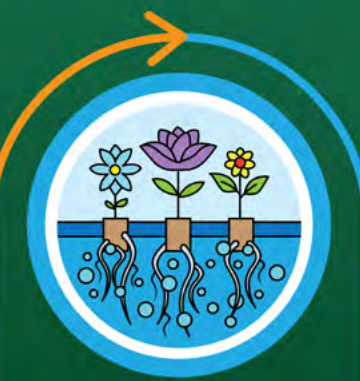


1 WATER POLLUTANTS
When it rains, fertilizer, yard waste, and septic runoff wash into the water, creating an oversaturation of nutrients. This feeds algae and invasive aquatic plants like hydrilla.

2 ALGAE BLOOMS
When the hydrilla or algae bloom dies, it uses oxygen in the water, making it hard for fish and other animals to survive.



3 WATER CLEANING
Plants on floating wetlands help clean the water by absorbing excess nutrients, slowing the growth of algae and hydrilla through their roots.



4 HARVESTING
Regularly harvesting plants and replacing them with new ones helps remove pollution from the water and supports a healthier environment for fish and wildlife.





CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

ALEYDA MAS PARK

The Village is advancing efforts to complete the master plan for Aleyda Mas Park and initiate the development of construction documents. Urban Robot analyzed feedback from the community survey, which provided valuable insight into residents' needs and preferences for the new park. This data will guide the creation of a thoughtful and inclusive design that reflects the community's vision.

Feedback from a public meeting, combined with the survey responses, will shape the final master plan and conceptual design, ensuring the park meets the diverse needs of the community. The finalized plan will be presented to the Village Council for consideration mid-2025. The Village looks forward to working with residents and stakeholders to create a vibrant and welcoming space that enhances the quality of life in the Village.

GARY C. MATZNER PARK

The construction plans for Gary C. Matzner Park are complete and have been put out to bid. The agreement with a general contractor is expected to be awarded in summer 2025, with construction anticipated to begin in late 2025. This project is focused on quality and aims to create a cherished space for all residents. The final park design includes open green spaces, natural play areas, a covered playground, a walking path, a restroom shelter, parking, preservation of specimen trees, and a welcoming park entrance. The landscape will feature native species, creating a natural environment for visitors to enjoy.



CORAL PINE PARK

The Village is pleased to announce that renovations at Coral Pine Park are officially underway in partnership with Waypoint Construction Inc. The project began with the removal of the old multipurpose building, and the site is now being developed with a modernized facility. The renovation is a comprehensive effort designed to enhance the park's amenities and better serve the community, with an estimated completion date of early 2026.

Key improvements include the construction of a new multipurpose building, an expanded parking lot, and a walking path around the large open field. Additionally, the park will feature a multi-unit exercise station, four new pickleball courts, and a trellis system with seating in the tennis and pickleball court area. These upgrades will provide visitors with improved recreational opportunities and a more vibrant, user-friendly space.



PINECREST GARDENS LAKEVIEW TERRACE & RAMP RENOVATION

The investigative phase and design, conducted by an architecture firm specializing in historical properties, have been completed. The Village advertised an invitation to bid for construction, which was awarded in July. Construction began in August 2024 and is expected to be completed by June 2025.

STORMWATER

The Village commissioned a Stormwater Master Plan (SMP) in 2014, which was adopted in 2015. An SMP approved by the Village Council is required to secure funding from county, state, and federal agencies. The plan assessed the Village's drainage needs and established a priority list of 15 basins, with Basin 1 identified as the highest priority.

The Village is nearing completion of the design for the five highest-priority basins and has successfully secured funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Basin 2 was the first to be designed and permitted, and the construction bid is on the May Council agenda for approval. Efforts to obtain additional funding from various agencies continue to help offset construction and engineering inspection costs. As each basin is permitted and construction funding is secured, it will be put out to bid.

The projects will be built in order of priority as outlined in the SMP. The five basins are now in the final stages of permitting before proceeding to the construction bidding phase.



SHARED USE PATHS

The Kendall Drive Shared Use Path (SUP) project is one of the adopted projects from the Village's Transportation Master Plan, approved in 2018. It will create a connection between Ludlam Road and Red Road. The project involves removing the existing five-foot-wide concrete sidewalk on the south side of Kendall Drive and replacing it with an eight-foot-wide asphalt path designed for two-way, multi-modal traffic. Graded and sodded swales and additional street trees will be added to enhance the area's beauty and expand the tree canopy. This new path will strengthen Pinecrest's SUP network by improving connectivity to existing and future facilities.

The construction bid for the Kendall Drive SUP was awarded by the Village Council in April, with construction expected to begin by late May.

Miami-Dade County is also exploring a potential SUP along the north bank of the C-2 Canal between US 1 and Ludlam Road, which would provide another important connection point. In addition, in April, Miami-Dade County awarded the Village:

- **\$1 million** to construct a Shared Use Path on Ludlam Road from the C-2 Canal to US 1, improve on-street parking, provide landscaping, and mill and resurface Ludlam Road.
- **\$250,000** to convert the existing utility bridge over the C-2 Canal on Ludlam Road into a pedestrian bridge.

The Village Council has authorized the design of the Ludlam Road SUP, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has awarded a \$1 million grant toward its construction. This project will create a SUP along Ludlam Road from Howard Drive to Kendall Drive. The design contract was awarded by the Council in April, with design and permitting expected to take at least 12 months.

In February, the Village submitted a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for \$1 million to fund safety improvements along Red Road Linear Park, from Killian Drive to Kendall Drive.



As the sun shines brighter and the days grow longer, summer offers the perfect opportunity to take your fitness routine outdoors and experience various mental health benefits. Whether jogging along the Village's canopied sidewalks or enjoying time out in nature, outdoor activities during the summer can do wonders for your mood and overall well-being.

1. Reduced Stress and Anxiety

Physical activity, especially in nature, helps to regulate the body's production of stress hormones like cortisol. As your body moves, it releases endorphins, often called "feel-good" hormones, which help promote feelings of happiness and relaxation.

2. Improved Sleep Quality

Getting outdoors in the natural light during the day helps to reset your internal clock, making it easier to fall asleep at night.

3. Boosted Self-Confidence and Body Image

Regular exercise can lead to noticeable physical changes, such as increased strength, better posture, and improved endurance. These improvements can boost self-esteem and enhance your body image, making you feel more confident.

4. Increased Energy Levels

The more you move, the more efficiently your body uses oxygen and energy, leaving you feeling more energized throughout the day.

The Pincrest Community Center Gym will help you keep up with your fitness goals all year. Group fitness classes, certified personal trainers, and professional fitness instructors are just some of the benefits to help you stay committed to your fitness goals. Visit pincrest-fl.gov/fitness for more information on everything #FitCrest.



Age is just a number.

Societal norms push the idea that after a certain age, we should slow down, settle in, and stop trying new things. But the truth is older adults are proving that age is just a number when it comes to pursuing new careers, hobbies, or passions. Whether it's learning to paint, starting a business, or even going back to school, there is no expiration date on personal growth and fulfillment.

Many older adults find that they have more time and freedom to explore new interests without the pressures that come along with earlier life stages. Whether it's a career shift or picking up a long-forgotten passion, this stage of life can be about rediscovery. Trying new things—whether it's playing the piano, learning a new language, or even coding—keeps the brain engaged and reduces the risk of cognitive decline. Studies show that lifelong learning can improve memory, problem-solving skills, and even mental health.

Age should never be a barrier to learning, growing, and finding joy. Whether it's a new career, a creative passion, or a simple hobby, the best time to start is now. Life doesn't have a finish line when it comes to personal fulfillment. Take the leap and learn something new or immerse yourself in your passion.

The Parks and Recreation Department offers several ways to stay engaged and active throughout the year. Visit pincrest-fl.gov/parks to find your next adventure.



SUMMER CAMPS

A WIN-WIN for *KIDS* and *PARENTS*

Summer camps are a great way to keep kids engaged during the school break. They help children explore new interests, build independence, and develop social skills through fun, hands-on activities like STEAM, sports, arts, and outdoor adventures. Campers return more confident, resilient, and full of stories. For parents, camps provide reliable childcare and peace of mind, offering a safe and enriching environment for their kids.

The Parks and Recreation Department offers eight exciting camps designed for campers of all interests and ages. Whether you're looking for full-day or half-day options, our programs are tailored to meet the needs of busy families. We partner with renowned organizations, including **David Ensignia Tennis Academy**, **Pinecrest Dance Project**, **STARS Miami**, **Snapology**, **World of TECH and Coding**, **FUN Camps**, **Miami Stone Crab Lacrosse**, and **Super Soccer Stars**, to provide a diverse range of activities. Find out which Parks and Recreation camps work for you at pinecrest-fl.gov/camps.

Also, discover a summer of adventure at Pinecrest Gardens. Summer camps are designed to captivate and inspire young minds. For ages 4-9, our **Discovery Lab STEAM camp** brings science to life with hands-on activities exploring chemistry, energy, mechanical engineering, and life science, infused with artistic elements.

Toddlers ages 2-4 will thrive in our half-day camp with **Pinecrest Dance Project**. Our toddler camp provides a nurturing environment for creativity and exploration through art, movement, and music. Pinecrest Gardens campers enjoy access to our popular amenities like the mini zoo and splash 'n play. Visit pinecrestgardens.org for detailed information.





KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

To ensure your visit is seamless and enjoyable at Pincrest Gardens, especially during our busy summer season with camps and field trips, we've put together some tips:

Tip 1: Consider visiting in the afternoons. With an influx of camp groups and field trips, our amenities tend to be busier in the mornings.

Tip 2: Pack a bathing suit. Don't forget to bring a towel, sunscreen, and a change of clothes for your little explorers. Visiting the splash n' play is a great way to cool down after visiting the playground.

Tip 3: Call the gardens or visit our website before you arrive. With heavy traffic and summer storms, there may be times when areas are undergoing maintenance, or may be temporarily closed for safety.

Tip 4: Explore our Lower Gardens. With dense shade and lower elevation, the Lower Gardens have a cool, calming effect.



ADULT LEARNING

Join us each month at Pincrest Gardens for the **Curious Gardener Workshops**, a creative and hands-on series designed for adults 21 and over. Held on select Thursdays, these workshops explore a variety of guided topics—from gardening basics to artistic crafts—offering something new each month. Each session features engaging activities and includes a complimentary beverage to sip while you create. Upcoming workshops include Sip & Create Painting Thursday, June 5. Come grow your skills and creativity with us.

On Friday, June 6, join us for a **Sunset Golden Hour History and Horticulture Tour**—a perfect way to unwind and welcome the weekend. Enjoy a complimentary beverage as you stroll through the Gardens, learning about their rich history and the latest in horticultural highlights. Each tour will focus on a different section or new topic of the Garden, including our history, botanical collections, and ecology—there's always something new to discover. Soak in the golden hour vistas and experience the Gardens in a whole new light. Pre-registration is required.





ORCHIDS AT THE GARDENS

Orchids the desirable, orchids the recognizable, orchids the historical, and yes, orchids the famous. Everyone knows something about orchids, one of the two largest plant families. There are approximately 28,000 species, with new ones still being discovered. Orchids, while often thought of as exclusively tropical, are actually found worldwide in every sort of environment except glaciers and the oceans. Various orchids grow on trees, on rocks, in savannahs and prairies, in shallow water, and in deserts and on mountaintops. One species grows (and flowers) completely underground, and various orchids worldwide have no chlorophyll to help produce their food, relying instead on close associations with soil fungi for sustenance.

Orchids vary greatly in size and survival strategies, befitting their enormous species diversity. The smallest orchid plants are barely an inch in height. Their tiny translucent flowers are only one living cell thick. Individual plants of the largest orchid species occasionally weigh a couple of tons. The blooming plants produce several thousand flowers. Some orchids, including the famous Florida native Ghost Orchid, have no leaves or stems.

Orchids have all sorts of ways to lure pollinators to their often-intricate flowers. Many species produce scents that signal nectar availability. Others produce oily compounds that solitary male bees use as a sort of cologne to make themselves more attractive to females. Some orchids take these ploys to extremes - their blooms look remarkably like female bees or butterflies, designed to lure amorous males. Due to their genetics, it's easy to hybridize orchids. They've been the objects of intentional plant breeding for at least 150 years.

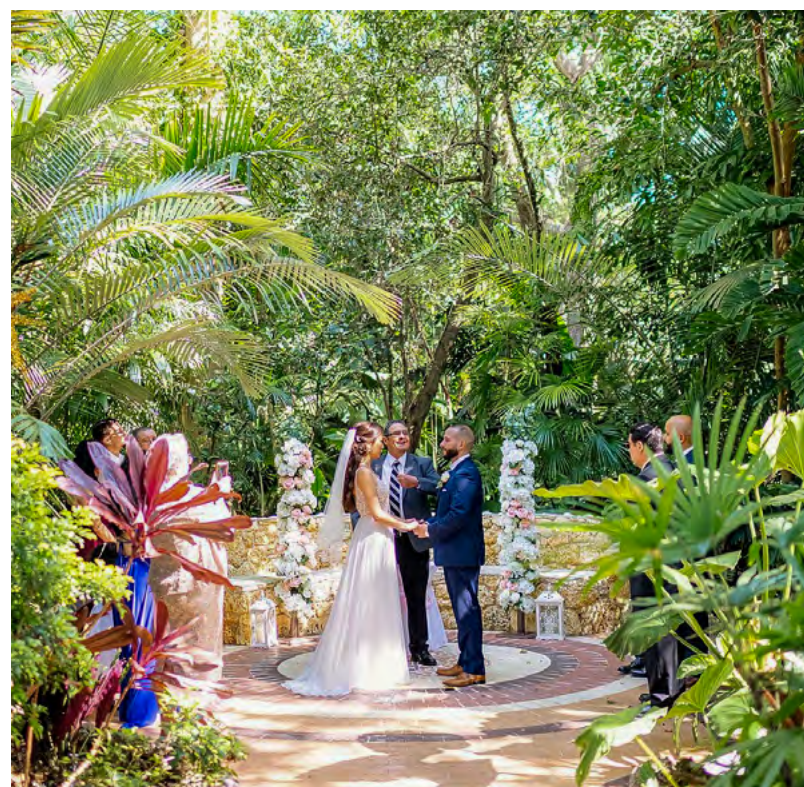
Many orchids are displayed in the trees at Pinecrest Gardens. Areas are chosen that provide the best growing conditions without the need for an unreasonable amount of specialized care. They can be seen in the Caribbean Garden, in the indigenous Live Oaks near Cypress Hall, and especially on two large logs in the Cypress Slough. A specimen of the enormous *Grammatophyllum speciosum*, the world's largest orchid species, is displayed across from the Gardens' admissions booth. It's a "teenaged" plant and hasn't yet bloomed.

PINECREST GARDENS

A lush and unique location for your next event

Celebrate life's unforgettable moments in the heart of nature at Pinecrest Gardens. Our lush botanical haven offers versatile venue spaces for weddings, adult and kids' birthdays, networking events, corporate gatherings, team building sessions, and holiday parties. Discover enchanting indoor and outdoor settings amidst the historic Pinecrest Gardens, surrounded by verdant trees, plants, and breathtaking vistas. Whether you're envisioning an elegant affair or a casual gathering, our picturesque setting provides the perfect backdrop for your special occasions. Create lasting memories in the intimate and stunning environment of Pinecrest Gardens.

Intimate Indoors and Thrilling Outdoor Venues





JAZZ AT THE GARDENS

Pinecrest Gardens proudly presents the 16th Annual Jazz at Pinecrest Gardens, showcasing world-class jazz artists performing an exciting range of genres in the Banyan Bowl, an acoustically stunning amphitheater beneath a spectacular geodesic dome. Subscriptions for the full 2025/2026 season are on sale now and available at pinecrestgardens.org/jazz. Single show tickets will be announced August 2025.

OCTOBER 18: CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT - Experience the artistry of Cécile McLorin Salvant, a three-time Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist, composer, and visual artist who blends jazz, blues, vaudeville, and baroque music into a mesmerizing storytelling experience. Born and raised in Miami, Salvant has captivated audiences worldwide with her distinctive voice, theatrical presence, and bold reinterpretations of forgotten songs.

NOVEMBER 14: TROY "SATCHMO" ANDERSON & THE HOT FIVE - Step into the golden age of jazz with Troy "Satchmo" Anderson & The Hot Five as they bring the legendary music of Louis Armstrong to life. With his uncanny ability to capture Armstrong's signature voice, masterful trumpet playing, and captivating stage presence, Anderson delivers a tribute that is both authentic and electrifying.

JANUARY 17: ARTURO O'FARRILL QUINTET - Experience an electrifying night of world-class jazz with Grammy-winning pianist and composer Arturo O'Farrill, a visionary force in Afro-Latin jazz. As the founder and Artistic Director of the Afro Latin Jazz Alliance, O'Farrill masterfully blends rich Latin rhythms with modern jazz, creating music that is both deeply rooted in tradition and boldly innovative. Having collaborated with legends like Dizzy Gillespie and Wynton Marsalis and composed for Alvin Ailey and Ballet Hispánico, his performances are a captivating fusion of artistry and cultural storytelling.

FEBRUARY 14: ASHLEY PEZZOTTI QUARTET - Celebrate Valentine's Day with the mesmerizing vocals of the Ashley Pezzotti Quartet, live at Pinecrest Gardens. Hailed as a rising star in the jazz world, Pezzotti's silky smooth voice, masterful phrasing, and captivating stage presence have led her to perform alongside legends like Wynton Marsalis, Arturo Sandoval, and Dee Dee Bridgewater. With a repertoire that blends classic jazz standards and original compositions in both English and Spanish, this special evening promises an intimate, romantic musical experience under the stars.

MARCH 14: BEN ROSENBLUM NEBULA PROJECT - Ben Rosenblum Nebula Project, a six-piece ensemble blending global influences with deep-rooted jazz traditions, will push the limits of jazz. From Brazilian forró to Irish reels, Bulgarian folk, and Dominican merengue, Rosenblum's compositions create a soundscape that has earned acclaim from Downbeat, JazzTimes, and All About Jazz. With performances across the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Japan, The Nebula Project brings its high-energy, world-inspired jazz fusion to Pinecrest Gardens' Banyan Bowl.

APRIL 18: NU DECO ENSEMBLE - Experience the genre-defying sound of Nu Deco Ensemble, Miami's visionary hybrid orchestra, as they bring a bold program to Pinecrest Gardens featuring orchestral suites inspired by Nina Simone and Duke Ellington, along with a third suite from their genre-blending repertoire. Known for their cinematic energy and praised by The New York Times as a "chamber orchestra for the 21st century," Nu Deco transforms iconic works through a fresh, contemporary lens.

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