

# Pinecrest

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THE NEWSLETTER OF YOUR VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

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In the Spotlight

## JazzAid

### The Best Seat is at Home





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## ON THE COVER



Faced with cancelling an all-star jazz series due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Village has reimagined its famed jazz season. JazzAid Live at the Banyan Bowl is presented to both support jazz musicians and World Central Kitchen.

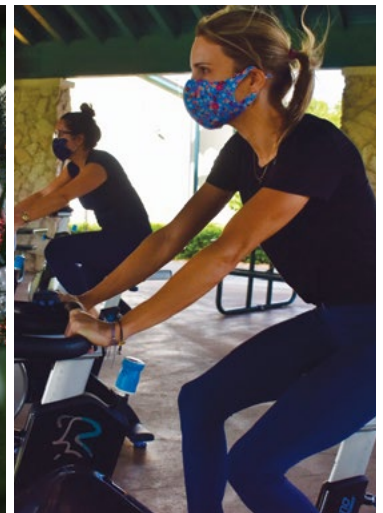
JazzAid Live is broadcast live from the acoustically-magnificent Bayan Bowl Amphitheater at Pinecrest Gardens. International Superstar Jon Secada kicked off the series in November with an outstanding performance watched by audiences both stateside and abroad. Upcoming performances include Kurt Elling, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Wycliffe Gordon, Grace Kelly, Joey Alexander, and the Manhattan Transfer.

Purchase a concert for \$15. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org/jazzaid](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/jazzaid). A generous percentage of the proceeds from the COVID-19 relief fundraiser will go directly to World Central Kitchen founded by acclaimed international Chef José Andrés.

**10** Nights of Lights



**21** Outdoor Fitness Classes



# a MESSAGE to the VILLAGE

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

*Joseph M. Corradino*

The Village is hosting socially distanced and safe outdoor programming during these “cooler” months. Join us the day after Thanksgiving at Nights of Lights in Pinecrest Gardens, or drop in to an outside fitness class. We are holding spinning, Zumba, HITT and yoga outside with great success. Classes having been selling out.

For a change of pace and a relaxing time at home, buy a \$15 ticket to watch JazzAid Live from the Banyan Bowl. JazzAid Live presents world-class jazz artists via livestream on select Saturday nights. All you need is an internet connection. This month we welcome crooner and Grammy award-winner Kurt Elling to the Banyan Bowl stage. For more information about the jazz series visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org/jazzaid](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/jazzaid).

Go at your own pace by taking part in the Village's scavenger hunt year-round. Pinecrest Parks and Recreation invites everyone to participate in this community-wide event. Visit each park and take a picture at a secret location. Clues are located on signs near the park office or park entrance of each park. Everyone who completes the scavenger hunt gets a prize, and will be entered in a raffle to win a grand prize. For more information visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/parks](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/parks).

We encourage the community to celebrate upcoming holidays outdoors to mitigate any potential for COVID-19 spread. If that is not an option, open windows and turn on fans to increase ventilation during family gatherings that include people outside of your immediate household. The safest option is to celebrate only with those family members who are part of your household.



## MANAGER'S MESSAGE

*Yocelyn Galiano*

The Village ushers in each new year with an updated Strategic Plan. This plan serves as the framework to direct the Village's efforts and actions and to guide the budgetary process.

Created in 2013, the Strategic Plan highlights six core values - Organizational Excellence and Financial Stability, Security and Pedestrian Safety, Residential Character and Community Enhancement, Recreation and Infrastructure, Cultural Value and Environmental Sustainability.

Each year the plan is updated noting progress of each objective from the previous year's edition. New projects are added and others deleted as indicated by the Village Council. Staff provides the Village Council and public with a working document that has summaries and highlights from the many sources of information used to analyze the Village's financial condition, operational performance, customer requirements, and the forces at work in our economic, demographic, and legislative environment. With all this in hand, the Village Council holds multiple public meetings to finalize the Strategic Plan for that year.

This endeavor is indicative of the organizational commitment to data-driven decision making. It completes the ultimate feedback loop, where organizational direction from the Village Council is not set until market information, resident and customer feedback, performance data, and all other inputs are considered.

To learn more about the strategic planning process and see the latest draft of the Village Council's Strategic Plan, visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/strategicplan](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/strategicplan).



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# PUBLIC ART at Village Hall

Xavier Cortada, "Ibises,"  
acrylic on canvas, 72" x 60", 2020

LEFT: Xavier Cortada, "Heron," acrylic on canvas, 72" x 60", 2020

Just outside the Village of Pinecrest's council chambers, a heron and a pair of ibises wade alongside mangroves in shallow waters. In Xavier Cortada's iconic depiction of Florida's beloved flora and fauna, the two large paintings - "Heron" and "Ibises" - greet residents and staff as they walk into the lobby.

Cortada's environmental-themed public artworks help bridge audiences to the natural world that once existed in local public spaces. He asks viewers to consider their relationship with nature, reflecting on the lessons it can teach us and how they can be applied to our connections with the world around us. At the Miami-Dade County Commission Chambers, his 2004 mural "Our Community (is like a Mangrove Forest)" hangs in its foyer, depicting vibrant mangroves and rolling waves, much like the dynamic, unique culture of our county. At the Murray E. Nelson Government and Cultural Center in Key Largo, FL, "Native Canopy" hangs overhead as eight digital tapestries, inviting audiences to climb the staircase and feel as though they were climbing the branch of a tree, coming up on leaves.

"We're happy to join institutions like the White House, the World Bank, and Miami-Dade County's Art in Public Places in commissioning Cortada to create public art for the Village of Pinecrest," said Mayor Joseph Corradino.

Over the past three decades, Cortada has created art across six continents including more than seventy-five public artworks and dozens of collaborative murals.

In Florida, his public art commissions include works at the entrance of the commission chambers at City of Miami City Hall, Port Everglades, the Frost Art Museum, Florida Turnpike Plazas, Florida Botanical Gardens, Curtis Park, the Museum of Florida History, the State of Florida's Department of State, and ten Miami-Dade Housing Authority sites.

Cortada also serves as artist in residence at Pinecrest Gardens, where he has developed important projects like Plan(T) in 2019 and Underwater HOA in 2018, two socially engaged art projects that bring community members together to plan for a future with rising seas.

"We are so honored to host such a significant artist and share his public art with our visitors," stated Pinecrest Gardens Director Alana Perez. "Our permanent collection includes three of his public art pieces: "Diatom Court," "Longitudinal Installation" (a replica of his 2006 installation at the South Pole), and most recently "Pinecrest Mangrove Forest" - a 200-foot long mangrove mural reminding us to plan and plant for the future.

Wading birds, like those depicted in many of Cortada's public work, live in Florida's wetlands—many migrate from the Caribbean basin to South Florida and beyond. "Much like the heron and ibises that call our community home," stated Cortada, "Pinecrest residents come from all places, backgrounds, and life experiences to settle in the Village and build community. I am happy to share my art with them as permanent installations throughout the Village."



## POLICE DEPARTMENT **RECEIVES HIGHEST ACCREDITATION**

In July of 2020 the Police Department received the Meritorious Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This prestigious designation is presented to police agencies who have remained accredited in good standing for 15 years or more. The Police Department was first accredited by CALEA in 2004 and has since become a model for other agencies to follow. This latest designation is just another honor to add to the list of past designations of being a "Gold Standard" and "Flagship" agency. The Police Department is one of just a few agencies in the state that is accredited by three accreditation bodies. CALEA is an international organization and has the most stringent set of standards and best practices. Pinecrest is also accredited for law enforcement through the Commission on Florida Accreditation (CFA) and for communications with the Florida Telecommunications Accreditation Commission (FLA-TAC).

We would especially like to recognize and thank our accreditation manager, Mrs. Merlin Baglin. Mrs. Baglin has been with the Police Department since 1997 as the administrative assistant to the Chief of Police. In 2016, she volunteered to take on the responsibility of accreditation manager. She has excelled in this role guiding the department through both a CFA and CALEA reaccreditation cycle.

The police department is proud to be a multi-accredited agency and will continue its commitment to excellence by continually evaluating its policies to ensure they are always in compliance with the accreditation standards as they evolve to deal with the ever changing issues that face all police departments.

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# PINECREST YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

**P**inecrest's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) was established by Resolution of the Pinecrest Village Council. It is comprised of 24 students selected annually. YAC members learn how to be stewards of their community by taking on initiatives that are important to them, including providing programming and informative age-appropriate workshops to local teens.

Additionally, they learn how local government works through community-based projects. The purpose of the program is to:

- Provide an opportunity for the youth of our community to participate and voice their concerns regarding local issues
- Introduce the members to the workings of local government, including different departments
- Participate in community service
- Develop presentation skills, including participation in Village Council meetings
- Develop leadership skills
- Learn life skills

The program is run by the Village of Pinecrest. Katie Abbott, Councilmember & YAC Advisor and Priscilla Torres, Assistant Village Clerk & YAC Advisor are the program leads. The term of the program is one year, starting in August. There are no activities over the summer. There is no application fee nor a program fee. The program is funded by the Village of Pinecrest.

Applicants must live in Pinecrest, be entering grades 8 to 11 (returning 12th graders may apply).

Applicants should have an interest in making Pinecrest a better place through community service, feedback and interactions.



## POLISH PINECREST COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

The Village of Pinecrest is hosting a community wide clean-up day to help polish Pinecrest.

Pick up your clean-up materials at Evelyn Greer Park, 8200 SW 124 Street, or Pinecrest Gardens any time between Saturday, 11/28 and Friday, 12/4. You can also pick materials at the Pinecrest Farmers Market on Sunday, 11/29. Then, join us on Saturday, 12/5 for a socially distanced, go at your own pace clean-up.

Clean-up right outside your home, or explore Pinecrest with your household crew on a trash collecting adventure. At the end of your clean up, bring your bags of trash back to Evelyn Greer Park to drop off, or simply dispose of them in your own bin at home.

### POLISH POINTS!

Use the hashtag #polishpinecrest to document your trashy finds! Whomever finds the most unique piece of garbage with the hashtag will win a prize! It takes a village to clean the spillage.

**Saturday, December 5**

**8 a.m. to 12 noon**

- Materials provided are trash bags and gloves
- Participation counts toward community service hours, if needed





Inspiration Center Concept

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RUNDOWN

## PINECREST GARDENS UPPER GARDEN IMPROVEMENT

The improvements to the upper garden area at Pinecrest Gardens will focus on accessibility compliance with the American with Disability Act (ADA), and include the following new features for the facility:

- ADA accessible playground, toddler space and supporting bathrooms
- Petting Zoo improvements that offer children of all abilities the opportunity to engage with our animals, and that provide our resident animals a healthy and safe environment during extreme weather episodes
- Expanded Sensory Garden
- A new state-of-the-art Inspiration Center that will focus on all-inclusive activities
- Improved picnic area

Construction plans for the project will be completed in November 2020. Shortly thereafter, the Village will proceed to bid the project, award a construction contract and commence construction in early 2021. Preliminary estimates for the new amenities anticipate the project costing approximately \$4.5 Million. A portion of the construction costs will be offset by a \$250,000 grant from the State of Florida. The Village Council has approved the issuance of a bond/loan sometime in February 2021 for this purpose.

## PINECREST GARDENS LOWER GARDEN ADA PATHWAYS

This project consists of the replacement of the 26,504 square feet of trails throughout the lower garden area of the park in order to make them ADA accessible and address safety issues. This includes demolition of the existing trails, leveling the ground while protecting existing tree root structures to achieve a code compliant structural incline, and replacing the current path materials with a more durable material that provides safe mobility throughout the park. Construction plans are currently being developed. Once completed, the Village will proceed to bid the project, award a construction contract and commence construction in early 2021. The completion date for this project is May 2021. Construction cost is estimated at \$500,000, a portion of which will be offset by a \$200,000 grant from the State of Florida.

## PINECREST GARDENS HIBISCUS GALLERY IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the Hibiscus Gallery at Pinecrest Gardens are underway. Aside from a brand new roof for that portion of the Main Entrance Building at Pinecrest Gardens, the Village will unveil the new improved space that will feature removal of the exposed A/C ducts, replacement of the clerestory windows and gorgeous new terrazzo floors featuring an abstract hibiscus flower design. Project cost is \$204,128.





## EVELYN GREER PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

The playground will undergo a complete redesign. The improvements will feature brand new play structures, a new canopy structure and a new a poured-in-place surface. This project is expected to commence in spring 2021. This project is expected to cost \$375,000.

## EVELYN GREER PARK BATHROOM UPGRADES

The bathrooms at Evelyn Greer Park are undergoing various upgrades which include new tile flooring, new hand dryers and new sinks. This project is in progress and is expected to be completed by end of 2020. Project cost is \$34,000.



## PINECREST GARDENS DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE

The directional signage within Pinecrest Gardens is being renovated due to wear and tear, and updated to accommodate changes to the park since the signs were originally installed in 2004. Sign refinishing will take place throughout the spring of 2021. Project cost is \$8,465.

## FLAGLER GROVE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements at Flagler Grove Park include renovation of the original playground structure, installation of new canopy and a pour-in-place surface for the playground, new LED field lights, new artificial turf field and new shade structures over the bleachers. This project is in progress with an expected completion date of October 2021. Project cost is \$1,250,000.

## VILLAGE ENTRANCE FEATURE MONUMENT SIGNS CONSTRUCTION

The Village will be unveiling a brand new look for its entrance signs this fall, starting with construction of a new sign at the intersection of Red Road and SW 120 Street. The entire project with a total cost of \$171,558, also includes installation of five more entrance signs at the following additional locations:

- Ludlam Road - north of Kendall Drive
- Kendall Drive and Red Road
- Ludlam Road and SW 136 Street
- Pinecrest Parkway (US 1) and SW 136 Street
- Pinecrest Parkway (US 1) and Killian Drive





# PINECREST GARDENS

**P**inecrest Gardens, South Florida's Cultural Arts Park, is a premier venue for visual and performing arts, education, environmental conservation and preservation. On any given day one can attend a concert or play, visit the Hibiscus Gallery, tour the 12-acres of native forested wetland, tropical hardwood hammock and native cypress slough or take a class in art or horticulture. The park attracts over 180,000 visitors each year and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in October 2011, making it historically significant on a local, state and national level.

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# EVENTS



## LAUGHTER IN THE GARDENS *presented by Banyan Bowl Live*

Thursday, January 14 at 8 p.m.  
Thursday, February 11, at 8 p.m.

Banyan Bowl Live presents *Laughter in the Gardens*...a comedy series showcasing nationally touring comedians, local rising stars and one-of-a-kind entertainment that will have you laughing out loud in your seats. Comic Cure began in September of 2015 with one simple mission—using the unifying power of laughter to uplift and engage communities around important causes. Comic Cure produces live comedic events and is thrilled to offer a series in the Banyan Bowl under the safety guidelines of social distancing in a sanitized, outdoor environment. Pandemics are no laughing matter, but you can at least escape with us for some outrageous nights of great entertainment in a safe outdoor environment.

For more information visit: [www.pinecrestgardens.org/laughter](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/laughter)

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS *at Pinecrest Gardens are back.*

Friday, January 22 & Friday, February 26  
Gates open at 6:30 p.m. | Movie starts 7:30 p.m.  
\$7. Children under 2 are free  
Titles TBD

Enjoy a night out with your family in a safe, outdoor socially distanced environment. Snack on fresh popped popcorn and delicious treats. Make it a family tradition at Pinecrest Gardens.

## NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

Friday, November 27 through Sunday, January 3  
6 to 10 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 in advance, \$10 at the gate  
Children under 2 years, free

Pinecrest Gardens transforms into a winter wonderland dotted by thousands of twinkling lights that go up, through and around the whimsical botanical landscape. This year we are adding a whole new section of sparkling holiday lights and amazing surprises in the lower gardens. Eat yummy treats, have a signature Pinecrest Gardens cocktail and enjoy magical story time with Mrs. Claus. Stay tuned for Santa Claus special appearances on the Banyan Bowl stage. On select evenings, admission includes a holiday concert performance in the historic Banyan Bowl.

Due to Covid-19 social distance guidelines, we are limiting our daily capacity for this event. Walk-ups might be possible, please check our website and social media platforms for updates. Pinecrest Gardens members must RSVP at least 24 hours before attending the event by emailing [eavila@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:eavila@pinecrest-fl.gov) or by calling 305.669.6990.



## VIRTUAL PINECREST GARDENS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

January 23 & 24, 2021

We are excited to announce that the Pinecrest Gardens Fine Art festival will be held online for the first time in 18 years. We recognize the importance of keeping this economic opportunity active for artists during a time where large, in-person gatherings are not safe. Do not miss this opportunity to explore the artwork of our artists from the comfort of your home. All artwork will be available for purchase from the artist. Enjoy this immersive experience, where the Pinecrest Gardens Arts Festival converges with virtual reality. For more details visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org/FAF](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/FAF).





# JAZZAID Live at the Banyan Bowl

**JazzAid Live at the Banyan Bowl** is a jazz series streamed live from the Pinecrest Gardens' Banyan Bowl Amphitheater. The series is available to anyone with internet access at an accessible price in an effort to both support jazz musicians and help feed families across the nation.

A generous portion of the proceeds from JazzAid Live will go directly to World Central Kitchen founded by acclaimed international Chef José Andrés to help to feed families affected by the pandemic.

Tickets are \$15 per show. Bundling options are available at [www.pinecrestgardens.org/jazzaid](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/jazzaid). Concerts will air only once at 8 p.m. ET the day of the concert on any internet-based device including some smart TVs, computer monitors, tablets and smartphones.



## **Kurt Elling**

*Grammy Award Winning Jazz Vocalist*

Saturday, December 12  
8 p.m. ET

## **The Legend Lives On World Renowned Glenn Miller Orchestra**

Saturday, January 16  
8 p.m. ET

## **Wycliffe Gordon**

**Featuring Grammy Award Winner Dafnis Prieto conducting the Frost Concert Jazz Band**

*Eight-time "Trombonist of the Year" and Top Trombonist of his Generation*

Saturday, February 13  
8 p.m. ET

## **Grace Kelly**

*2018 & 2019 John Lennon Songwriting Contest grand prize winner, 13 acclaimed albums and featured artist with Jon Batiste's House Band for "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert"*

Saturday, February 27  
8 p.m. ET







*Please note changes could occur in the schedule, time or capacity of our programs as we continually evaluate the most appropriate guidelines for keeping our community safe.*

## LITTLE LIZARDS DROP-IN PROGRAM

Little Lizards Ages 4 to 12

Informal Science & Art Program

Wednesdays, beginning at 2 p.m.

Free with paid admission. Limited capacity. Registration is required. To register visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org).

### **December: Trees**

They are all around us, but do we really know what makes trees so important to our planet? December is the month to learn all about these gracious giants! Some of the trees in Pinecrest Gardens are over 100 years old, and some over 80 feet tall. Hang a wish on our wishing tree, take home a seedling and watch it grow.

### **January: Butterflies**

There is much to learn about these flying jewels! Did you know that female butterflies can lay up to 100 eggs? That's a lot of baby caterpillars. In January, we will learn about the butterfly lifecycle, look for caterpillars in the garden and learn how to help these beautiful pollinators.

### **February: Trolls!**

Let's celebrate our exhibit by Thomas Dambo! Learn all things troll, interact with the sculpture, and build your own troll to take home. We heard they like to read and write notes to their friends. Come discover what they have to say!

Join us virtually or in-person for

upcoming garden workshops.

Please note, virtual workshops

require access to internet, a

zoom account or social media.

In-person workshops will be limited

in capacity, with social distancing and

protective protocols, where appropriate.

For more information visit:

[www.pinecrestgardens.org/curiousgardener](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/curiousgardener) at Pinecrest Gardens

The  
**CURIOUS**  
Gardner  
Workshops

## SEVENTH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ART CONTEST

Indigenous Plants & People

VIRTUAL CONTEST

Open to Grades 4 to 12, public and private Miami-Dade County Schools

Contest Dates: 11/11/2020 - 01/19/2021

Online Voting for winners: 01/20 - 01/24/2021

Winners announced 01/24/2021

**\$5,700.00 in prize money!**

For more information and to enter the contest, please visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org) or email [lbray@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:lbray@pinecrest-fl.gov)

## VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS AND WATCH PARTIES

### **December:**

How to Make a Holiday Wreath with Local Materials

### **January:**

Mid-Season Veggie Gardening & Harvest

### **February:**

House Plant Care 101

For dates and to register, visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org).



# IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS



## Sansevieria Swap & Sip

January 16 at 1 p.m.

\$20

You will not want to miss this fun and informative garden workshop. The workshop begins with a sansevieria talk, where you will learn plant history, get the scoop on our sansevieria collection and growing tips for this unkillable snake-plant favorite. After the lecture, enjoy libations on the house and mingle with fellow sansevieria lovers at our plant swap. Bring a cutting of your sansevieria to share. Plant swaps are a great way to get free plants and build your collection while meeting new plant friends. Learning, networking, plant friends and drinks... What could be better? Registration includes lecture, two drinks, snacks and access to the plant swap.

## Garden to Glass Cocktail Class

February 18 at 6:30 p.m.

\$35

Want to learn how to impress your friends and family with the freshest cocktails around? Join us for Garden to Glass to learn about the fresh herbs growing in the Learning Garden, and how to use them in a drink. Fees include class materials for up to two sample cocktails. After a tour of the garden to choose your ingredients, you will be guided by a mixologist to craft a fresh cocktail.



## KIDCademy

Ages 1 to 4

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Winter semester: Tuesday, January 5 through Thursday, March 11 (10-weeks)  
\$550 for class once a week. \$1,045 for class twice a week. \$1,485 for class three times a week.

Children and parents will learn about motor skills development, exercise, art, music and play. To register visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org).

## Afterschool Classes

Grades K to 2

Wednesdays or Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Winter Semester: Wednesday, January 6 through Thursday, March 11 (10-weeks)  
\$300 for 10-week semester. \$35 drop in class. For drop in reservations, please call 305.669.6990.

### Wednesdays Planet Art

Wednesdays we will explore different art techniques, abstract and realistic art with the garden as a backdrop.

### Thursdays Azúcar (Spanish immersion)

Thursdays in Azucar, students will work on Spanish introduction and immersion.

*Limited capacity of 9 (adults and children) per semester under Covid-19 guidelines.*

# PINECREST DANCE PROJECT

## NEW CLASSES

We can't wait to welcome Pinecrest Dance Project to Pinecrest Gardens with these new classes:

### Ballroom I

Ages 6 to 8

Beginning Tuesday, January 5 | Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

\$75 per month

The students will learn the basic steps of mambo, waltz, tango, rumba, swing, foxtrot, and much more. This class prepares students for social environments. Students spend their time dancing, meeting new friends, and having fun. The class also helps build muscles, burn calories, improve flexibility, strength, agility, and posture.

### Ballroom II

Ages 9 to 12

Beginning Tuesday, January 5 | Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m.

\$75 per month

The students will keep learning the basic steps of mambo, waltz, tango, rumba, swing, foxtrot, and much more. Students will learn diverse steps and turns in an easy and fun way.





**Cortada Science Art Academy at Pinecrest Gardens** helps students better understand our world, develop leadership skills, and use art for social change. Developed by **Xavier Cortada**, renowned eco-artist and Pinecrest Gardens' Artist-in-Residence, this immersive outdoor program distills decades of work into three comprehensive modules for students in grades 3 to 12.

In our complex, ever-changing world, we need the next generation of leaders to be creative problem solvers, driven by empathy and guided by science. Empower your child with the tools they need to become a changemaker in their community—enroll them in the Academy today. Sessions taught by Adam Roberti, Master of Environment, Culture, and Media and Cortada's studio manager. Module 1 begins January 4.

#### MODULE 1: Defend Biodiversity using Science Art

In a journey through the Earth's past, present, and future, students discover their interconnectedness with all life on the planet and the role that they play in either defending or destroying it. Throughout this five-week module students will learn how science allows us to understand the natural world, why the climate is rapidly changing, and how Cortada uses art to inspire action.

- **Interconnectedness:** Session 1 lays the foundation for the rest of the module by helping students to fully realize their relationship with all life on Earth. With a focus on science, empathy, and leadership, this week aims to motivate students to be changemakers in their communities.
- **Journey through Time:** Session 2 takes students on an exploration through our planet's history, dating back to approximately 4.6 billion years ago when the Earth was formed. From the Cambrian explosion to the dawn of the dinosaurs to the digital age, this week gives students the background to better understand what's happening in the world today.
- **Florida's Endangered Animals:** Session 3 presents students with the defining issues of our time—climate change and environmental degradation, with a particular emphasis on our state. As greenhouse gas emissions soar and a pandemic persists, students learn how a world impacted by humans continues to affect the livelihood of species including our own.
- **Endangered World - Western Hemisphere:** Session 4 explores how human activities in the Western Hemisphere have contributed to the Earth's sixth mass extinction. Deforestation in the Amazon, fracking in Canada, and urban sprawl in America are a few examples used to provide a global perspective and spur innovative artistic interventions.
- **Endangered World - Eastern Hemisphere:** Session 5 explores how human activities in the Eastern Hemisphere have contributed to the Earth's sixth mass extinction. Plastic pollution in China, poaching in Sub-Saharan Africa, and overfishing in the Mediterranean Sea are a few examples used to provide a global perspective and spur innovative artistic interventions.

Registration is limited to ensure all social distancing and safety protocols are followed. Learn more and register at [www.cortadaacademy.org](http://www.cortadaacademy.org).



*Science Art Instruction: As Cortada's studio manager, Roberti has trained art teachers at the 2019 MDCPS' STEAM Professional Development Session and science teachers through UF's Scientist in Every Florida School program.*

## DATES & TIMES

**Module 1:** Defend Biodiversity using Science Art  
5 Weeks (January 4 to February 5)

**Module 2:** Conserve Florida's Fragile Ecosystems  
5 Weeks (February 8 to March 12)

**Module 3:** Discover the North & South Poles  
5 Weeks (March 15 to April 23)

**Grades 3-5:** Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Grades 6-8:** Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Grades 9-12:** Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## TUITION

**1 Module:** \$500

**2 Modules:** \$950

**3 Modules:** \$1350

**LEADERSHIP.  
CREATIVITY.  
EMPATHY.  
SCIENCE.**





## CURIOUS COLLECTOR

The season of sharing is upon us and it is a season of gifting unlike any other. Many smart shoppers are turning to online purchasing opportunities. We are launching our first Pinecrest Gardens Gift Shop the Curious Collector. The Curious Collector is a carefully and exquisitely curated collection of artist and artisan offerings unique to the gardens. We have a small but growing collection. This is your opportunity to buy something for a friend, colleague, a loved one or even yourself that is either one-of-a-kind or unique to Pinecrest Gardens. Additionally, a portion of the proceeds will also be benefiting Pinecrest Gardens. We hope you enjoy your shopping experience. For more information visit: [www.pinecrestgardens.org/curiouscollector](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/curiouscollector).

## DIGGING PINECREST BLOG

Follow along with us on Digging Pinecrest, Pinecrest Gardens' official blog for behind the scenes content at Pinecrest Gardens. The blog features at home activities, gardening information and is your source for keeping up-to-date with everything at Pinecrest Gardens. Visit [www.diggingpinecrest.blogspot.com](http://www.diggingpinecrest.blogspot.com) today.



## VOLUNTEER AT THE GARDEN

Pinecrest Gardens needs help. We've experienced loss of staff, changes in our operation and unforeseen hardships. Through it all, one thing remains the same... our need for volunteers.

Do you have an interest in plants but don't know where to begin? We're looking for help in the garden and nursery. We also need greeters. Volunteers will gain a sense of pride for the community and will experience Pinecrest Gardens on a more intimate level. There is an opportunity for all interests. Join the Pinecrest Gardens family by calling 305.669.6990 or emailing [lbray@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:lbray@pinecrest-fl.gov) or [hbernstein@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:hbernstein@pinecrest-fl.gov) for more information.

Most opportunities involve working outdoors in warm, humid weather and include standing or bending. Accommodations can be made for an individual's unique abilities. Strict social distancing and personal protection protocols are observed.

# EXPERIENCE OUR AMENITIES

Come visit us to experience the lush tropical and historical beauty of Pinecrest Gardens in a safe manner. We are constantly evaluating the situation to ensure safety for the public and our staff. When you enter the garden, you may notice some new rules and changes. Please refer to the staff at the ticket booth or call 305.669.6990 for the most recent guidelines.

Pinecrest Gardens is open daily, with extended hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., so you can get the most out of the cooler morning temperatures. Our Splash N' Play is open daily, weather permitting, and our petting zoo is open daily at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. for 30 minutes each time, with limited capacity.



### Farmers Market

No need to leave the safety of your vehicle, while supporting our local farmers and artisan vendors. The drive-thru market hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enter through the Community Center gates, and you will be directed by staff through the market. Get your weekly bounty while staying at a safe distance. We look forward to safely seeing you at the market. Please note we are constantly adapting to the Covid-19 CDC safety guidelines. For the most up-to-date information, please call 305.669.6990.



### On-Cell Audio Tour

Our On-Cell Garden Tour allows you to discover and learn more about the notable points of interest throughout Pinecrest Gardens. You will learn about the history of the property, living collections, art installations, ecology and more. The tour is offered in both English and Spanish, and is generously sponsored by First Bank. Each of the 32 points of interest are a perfect place to stop, listen and learn something wonderful about Pinecrest Gardens.





The Parks and Recreation Department manages the Pinecrest Community Center and all public parks in the Village including Coral Pine Park, Flagler Grove Park, Evelyn Greer Park, Red Road Linear Park, Suniland Park, Veterans Wayside Park and the Village Green.

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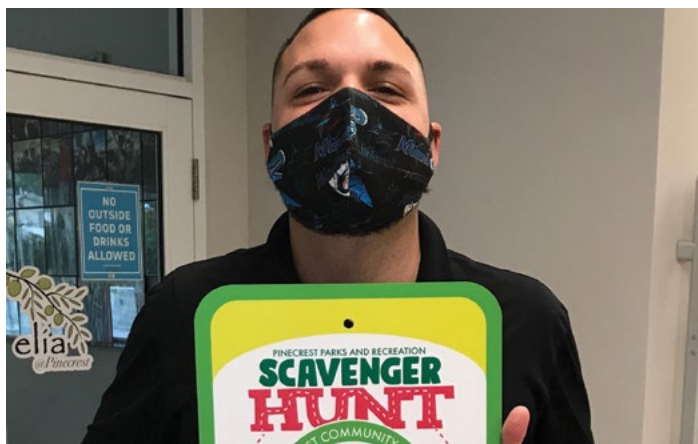
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# SCAVENGER HUNT

Pinecrest Parks and Recreation invites everyone to participate in a community-wide scavenger hunt. Visit each park and take a picture at a secret location. Clues are located on signs near the park office or park entrance at each park. Everyone who completes the scavenger hunt gets a prize, and will be entered in a raffle to win a grand prize. For detailed information, visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/parks](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/parks).

# MINI CAMP

## ***Pinecrest Plays "No School" Day Camps***

Ages 5 to 12

Evelyn Greer Park

January 22, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$50 per day

On the next teacher-planning day, enjoy a fun-filled day in the park! Children will participate in a wide variety of outdoor sports, indoor games and arts & crafts led by Pinecrest Parks and Recreation professionals. Please bring snacks, lunch and a water bottle.



# WINTER CAMP



## ***David Ensignia Tennis Academy Winter Camp***

Ages 4 to 17

Coral Pine Park

Session I: December 21, 22, 23 Session II: December 28, 29, 30

Half Day: \$120 per session, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Full Day: \$160 per session, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Keep the fun going during the winter break! Our group of certified tennis coaches are ready to provide the best instruction while enjoying a lifetime sport. Try tennis for the first time or be prepared to improve your game.

## ***Super Soccer Stars Winter Camp***

Ages 3 to 12

Coral Pine Park

Week 1: December 21 to December 24

Week 2: December 28 to December 31

8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

\$220 per week

When school is out, soccer is in! Super Soccer Stars offers convenient and fun kids soccer camps. These programs provide each child with a full dose of soccer fun for the day. All Super Soccer Stars camps are based on age-specific curricula created by a combination of early childhood, soccer, and behavioral specialists to guarantee that each child is learning and having a blast.



# SPRING CAMP

## **Camp Unbeatables Spring Camp**

Ages 5 to 12

Evelyn Greer Park

March 29 to April 2

Before March 15: \$195, After March 15: \$230

Regular Schedule: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A fun week full of sports, educational activities and learning practical life skills from amazing counselors and animated superheroes—The Unbeatables. Registration includes all activities, educational project materials, one t-shirt, a sports shield, a special activity at the park and an afternoon snack. Lunch is not provided.

## **David Ensignia Tennis Academy Spring Camp**

Ages 4 to 17

Coral Pine Park

March 29 to April 2

Half Day: \$170, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Full Day: \$245, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A whole week of tennis, fun and friends during spring break. Try tennis for the first time or be prepared to improve your game. The emphasis is on creating a fun and safe learning environment for everyone, by our PTR and USTA certified tennis coaches.



## **Dance and Crafts Spring Camp**

Ages 5 to 12

Pinecrest Community Center

March 29 to April 2

Half Day: \$150, 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 to 4 p.m.

Full Day: \$250, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Days will be filled with a variety of dance styles such as ballet, salsa, jazz, flamenco, hip-hop, ballroom, and more. Campers will also enjoy arts and crafts, learn theater techniques, and practice make-up and costume design. Presented by the Pinecrest Dance Project.

## **Super Soccer Stars Spring Camp**

Ages 3 to 12

Coral Pine Park

March 29 to April 2

8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

\$275

When school is out, soccer is in! Super Soccer Stars offers convenient and fun kids soccer camps. These programs provide each child with a full dose of soccer fun for the day. All Super Soccer Stars camps are based on age-specific curricula created by a combination of early childhood, soccer, and behavioral specialists to guarantee that each child is learning and having a blast.







### **Super Soccer Stars**

Ages 3 to 10

Coral Pine Park

January to March

\$190 or \$235

Class times and dates vary

Super Soccer Stars' goal is to teach soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive, educational environment. Every class follows the philosophy of using soccer to nurture, build self-confidence, and develop teamwork skills. The curriculum employs positive reinforcement and a low child-to-coach ratio.

### **Bricks 4 Kidz**

Ages 5 to 13

Pinecrest Community Center

Mondays, 3 to 6 p.m., 1-hour classes

Wednesdays, 3 to 6 p.m., 1-hour classes

Sessions available December to January

\$160 for 7 classes

This is a hands-on Lego™ Robotics STEM class where students will design and build educational models including motorized machines. The model each student builds is challenging and fun, providing the complete fundamental components of robotics.

### **Piano Lessons**

Ages 4 to adults

Pinecrest Community Center

Mondays through Saturdays, class times vary between 2:15 to 8 p.m.

Group \$600 for 18-week sessions, Individual \$140 per month

This program offers keyboard music lessons using the internationally reputed Yamaha Music Education System. Founder and Director, Patricia Englehardt, Ph.D., aims to provide quality music education to all ages, nurture young minds, and promote a lifelong love and participation in music.

### **Open Studio:**

#### **Adult Lessons in Acrylic, Watercolor or Drawing**

Ages 13 to adult

Pinecrest Community Center

Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Sundays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 10 a.m. to 12 noon

\$30 per three-hour class, \$20 per two-hour class

Join as a beginner or advanced artist. Choose your medium of interest: watercolor, acrylic, pencil or pastels. Work at your own pace, as classes are ongoing weekly. For a syllabus and suggested materials, listed by medium, please visit [www.wildpalette.com](http://www.wildpalette.com).

### **Line Dancing**

Ages 18+

Pinecrest Community Center

Tuesdays, Beginner: 6 p.m., Intermediate: 7 p.m., Advanced: 8 p.m.

\$80 for 8-weeks

January 5 to February 22

No experience required, however, having fun is mandatory. These fun-filled classes will teach the basic patterns and steps for line dancing. You will be dancing as part of the group, but will individualize your dance moves as you learn to move not only your legs and feet - but your whole body too.

### **Individual Guitar Lessons**

All ages - Beginner, Intermediate and Continuing

Pinecrest Community Center

Class days and times vary

\$140 per month

SharpMinds Music Academy now offers guitar lessons. Students will learn guitar under the instruction of James Woolwine, an award-winning guitarist and pianist, and cumlaude graduate from the Berklee College of Music. For more information about the instructor, visit [www.jameswoolwine.com](http://www.jameswoolwine.com).



## **Group Music Composition**

Ages 6+

\$120 per month

SharpMinds Music Academy is introducing a new class. Students will learn to make variations on a theme, musical forms and create their own composition.

## **Pinecrest Dance Project**

Ages 3 to 16

Pinecrest Community Center

**Mondays through Saturdays, class times vary 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Pinecrest Dance Project offers dance classes in ballet, hip-hop, jazz, flamenco, and contemporary dance. The classes allow students to develop confidence and self-esteem in an energetic and fun atmosphere.

## **Pinecrest Dance Project Acro I and II**

Ages 7 to 12

Pinecrest Community Center

**Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.**

**Acro I:** This class begins to introduce students to the Acro technique. The students will gain knowledge about tumbling skills as well as skills that will focus on improving balance, flexibility, and strength.

**Acro II:** In this class, the students will be challenged with skills that are more difficult. Skills of focus include bridge, handstand, cartwheel (right and left), round off, skipping, forward pike roll, bridge, V-Sit, handstand away from the wall and roll from standing to standing.



## **David Ensignia Tennis Academy Programs**

All ages

Coral Pine Park

**Class times and dates vary**

**\$120 to \$160 for sessions,**

**\$40 for one-day classes**

The David Ensignia Tennis Academy is focused on providing quality instruction and service through its passion to teach aspiring players of all ages and abilities throughout Miami-Dade County. Youth and teen programs and adult clinics are now available for registration.

**Adult Clinic Beginners:** Gain confidence, refine tennis your stroke mechanics and learn our fitness components to provide players with the necessary tools to maintain a healthy, youthful body.

**Little Stars:** Introduces children to the sport and helps develop: hand-eye coordination, agility, balance, movement, racquet skills. Basic stroke fundamentals will be taught in a fun play-based format.

## **Passion for Tennis Program**

All ages

Coral Pine Park

**Class times and dates vary**

**\$120 to \$160**

Passion for Tennis is a unique academy where every player can maximize their own potential through group and individualized instruction. With certified professional tennis coaches, students are encouraged to effectively follow the development path reinforcing their own strengths and improving the weak aspects of their game.

**Adults Beginners Clinic:** Players will work on basic stroke production, how to rally and improve consistency, and basic points play.

**Red Ball Junior Program:** An introduction to tennis mechanics by way of game-based play to develop and improve agility, balance and coordination skills while learning forehands, backhands, volley and serves.

**Orange Ball Junior Program:** This class is mainly focused on court movement, groundstrokes, serve, volley technique, accuracy and consistency while developing a match play mindset.





# COMMUNITY CENTER GYM

The Pinecrest Community Center Gym is clean, safe and open seven days a week! The state-of-the-art gym is the perfect place for a safe workout. We strictly follow CDC safety guidelines and disinfect all equipment and high-use areas frequently. Pinecrest Community Center Gym offers plenty of space for social-distancing, top-of-the-line strength-training and cardio machines, a free-weight section and a dedicated stretch room.

Get back to your fitness routine at the Pinecrest Community Center Gym. Private 1-on-1 coaching by certified personal trainers is available. As a member of the gym, you will enjoy discounts on all fitness classes and packages. We offer convenient membership options.

Gift certificates are available! Purchase a gym membership or a fitness class pack as a holiday gift for that special someone. Call us at 305.284.0900.

Come by and get a personal tour of the facility. Please visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/fitness](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/fitness) for more information about pricing, membership, and a schedule of fitness classes. Stay fit, Pinecrest!

## OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES at Evelyn Greer Park

Daily outdoor fitness classes are offered in the gazebo at Evelyn Greer Park. We offer a wide variety of classes from Spinning to Zumba led by certified fitness instructors. Search for "Pinecrest Community Center" on the MINDBODY app to register for classes.

## INDIVIDUAL FITNESS CLASSES

**Member:** \$12 per class or \$100 for a 10-class pass

**Non-Member:** \$14 per class or \$120 for a 10-class pass

## SPINNING AND A MOVIE

Pinecrest Community Center | \$10

Date and time TBA

Join us for an indoor bike ride in our state-of-the-art Spinning room while enjoying a movie or the latest episode of a popular television series. Movie and show titles and times announced weekly. Please visit us at [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/fitness](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/fitness) for information on how to register. Masks required.



# SENIOR FOCUS



Participants must register for all classes, events and games. To be regularly notified of upcoming events and more information about programming, send your email to Gloria Zoghbi at [gzoghbi@pincrest-fl.gov](mailto:gzoghbi@pincrest-fl.gov) or call 305.284.0900.

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## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### **Techie Tuesdays with Glo**

December 15, January 12, February 9, 11 a.m. to 12 noon

Learn how to use your iPhone and all its features. Topics that will be covered include downloading apps, texting, Facetime, posting on Instagram and Facebook, email, sending pictures and much more.

### **Arts & Craft for Adults**

December 9, January 13 & February 17 at 2 p.m.

Join our free arts and crafts class to create something special for you or your home. Class is limited to 15 participants.

### **Vision Board**

December 16, January 21 and February 25 at 1 p.m.

A new year is quickly approaching. Let's create a vision board with your hopes and dreams. Join us for a free virtual class to manifest your goals for 2021. Class is limited to 15 participants and registration is required. Supply list will be sent upon registration.

### **Pickleball**

Introducing Pickleball at Suniland Park. The courts will be available from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Equipment will be provided with a valid ID. We will be starting a Pickleball Club to prepare to compete in the Florida Senior Games in 2021. For more information, contact Gloria Zoghbi.

### **Senior Action Group Volunteer**

Parks and Recreation is looking forward to starting its first senior volunteer group. Get involved in your community by volunteering your time and talents. Contact Gloria Zoghbi for more information.

### **Virtual Bingo**

Every Second Friday of the month | December 11, January 8 and February 12, 10 a.m. Zoom ID: 987 6587 1568 Password: Pinecrest

## EVENTS

### **Pioneer Luncheon**

December 4, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The Village of Pinecrest honors its residents who are 80+ by hosting a holiday Pioneer luncheon. This year, a delicious boxed lunch will be delivered to your home. Please call 305.284.0900 for more details.

*Classes and events are subject to change. We do not endorse organizations or businesses sponsoring programs nor do we support or approve the views they express or the products/services they offer. All participants and patrons using the park facilities and programs agree that the Village of Pinecrest and its officers, agents and employees shall (a) have unrestricted right and license to use their likeness in any broadcast, telecast, video, or photograph taken in connection with the use of the property and, (b) not be liable for any injuries or loss of property resulting from the use of the property.*





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# EDUCATION **ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**T**he Education Advisory Council (EAC) was established on February 3, 2009 by former Mayor Cindy Lerner. The group consists of the principals of all five Pinecrest public schools (Palmetto, Pinecrest, and Howard Drive Elementary Schools, Palmetto Middle School, and Palmetto High School), local PTAs/PTSAs leaders, Miami-Dade County Public School representatives, and other interested community members.

In 2010, the group prepared the draft of an Education Compact with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS). The Compact, approved by the Village Council on June 8, 2010, established a partnership between the Village and MDCPS "to bring together each organization's collective resources for the greater benefit of the students and citizens of Pinecrest."

The EAC continues to meet on a monthly basis during the school year, under the leadership of Mayor Joseph M. Corradino. It is open to the community and all are welcome. Upcoming meeting dates for the 2020-21 school year are 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, and 5/11. All meetings begin at 9:15 a.m. Check [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/calendar](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/calendar) to confirm dates and location as they may change due to Covid-19.