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**In the Spotlight**  
**New Petting Zoo**





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The new Upper Gardens area at Pinecrest Gardens includes a petting zoo that will feature the "Village"—three interactive shelters where visitors can learn about and pet the animals. The backyard to those animal homes will feature a large open space where the zoo animals will roam and play freely. The climbing rock will be a prominent feature that will give visitors a thrill as they watch the goats climb to its summit. The perfect backdrop for the new zoo will be a barn to house the animals during storm events. The barn will allow opportunities for visitors to learn and interact with miniature horses, miniature cows, goats, sheep, pigs, chickens and rabbits.

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# a MESSAGE to the VILLAGE

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

*Joseph M. Corradino*

We are in the holiday season, a time when the Village comes alive with arts and culture for everyone in your family. Visit Pinecrest Gardens to experience four art exhibitions located throughout the Gardens. Cypress Hall will feature Carola Bravo's latest hARTvest Project, an exhibition in collaboration with FAMA, that is part of THREADING THE CITY. Hibiscus Gallery will present The Markers: South Pole exhibit by Xavier Cortada and visit the new Inspiration Center's inaugural photographer Annette Bonnier's exhibition Reflections from the Shadows.

We will also be hosting our signature Nights of Lights event that transforms Pinecrest Gardens into a winter wonderland dotted by thousands of twinkling lights that go up, through and around the whimsical botanical landscape. Nights of Lights opens December 11 and runs through January 1. After enjoying the holidays, get a healthy start into the new year and join us for the second annual FitCrest 5K on January 7.



## 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.

The latest update to the Strategic Plan was in 2021. It is comprised of seven strategic outcomes—Secure and Safe Community, Residential Character and Community Enhancement, Recreation and Infrastructure, Cultural Value, Environmental Sustainability and Transportation and Pedestrian Mobility.

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 the 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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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact the police directly via text by using the SAFERWATCH app, which routes messages to the Police Department's 911 Communications Center. For more information and to download the app, please visit [www.saferwatchapp.com/pinecrest](http://www.saferwatchapp.com/pinecrest).

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY

Undeterred by the consequences, opportunistic thieves will ruin your Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and/or Super Saturday. Fortunately, a lot can be done to lessen the likelihood of becoming a victim.

Resident safety and quality of life are top priorities for the police department. Being a community that is known for detecting and apprehending criminals lessens that likelihood for crime. Based on this principle, police proactively conduct walking patrols, bike patrols, and saturation details, looking for suspicious or unsafe situations. In addition, police continue community-outreach events throughout the holiday season to consistently present security awareness and crime prevention information to citizens. During the holiday months police employ specific tactics to address the potential increase in holiday-related crime. However, community participation is key for success.

### Holiday Safety Tips:

- Be situationally aware
- Adopt the Rest Routine
- Finish holiday shopping sooner than later
- Shop with a friend instead of alone
- Be mindful of how you dress, so that you do not look like a wealthy target

Thieves have been known to target persons wearing luxury purses or watches. Thieves also target high-end shopping malls such as the Miami Design District, Bal Harbour, Brickell City Centre, Aventura Mall, and the Shoppes at Merrick Park. When shopping, take a moment to notice if you're being followed. If so, go back to a safe location, notify store employees, and call the police. Also, be aware of being followed by a car. If that is the case, call the police and follow their instructions as you continue driving to a safe location.

For those who prefer online shopping, beware of porch pirates who prey on unattended packages. Instead of having items shipped to a doorstep, ship purchases to a place of work and opt for a signature confirmation. Other options include shipping to a temporary PO Box or pick-up point.

**REST ROUTINE**  
IN THREE EASY STEPS  
PINECREST

- 1- REMOVE ALL valuables & keys from cars.
- 2- LOCK ALL car & home windows & doors.
- 3- TURN ON ALL exterior lights & alarms.

Report suspicious activity by  
calling 911 or 305.234.2100.  
Be safe. Be Kind. #Pinecresting





# FUTURE PINECREST PARKWAY (US 1) STAY INFORMED

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

[WWW.PINECREST-FL.GOV/FUTUREUS1](http://WWW.PINECREST-FL.GOV/FUTUREUS1) or **SCAN QR CODE.**

Here you will find video of past meetings, the ordinances that will be heard on second reading on a future date, the 2022 Vision Plan and more.



## KENDALL SHARED USE PATH

After a yearlong process that included public outreach, data collection, analysis, conceptual design, and preliminary cost estimating, the Village's Transportation Master Plan was completed and adopted by the Village Council in 2018. Consulting engineers worked closely with Pinecrest residents and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) members to develop the Transportation Master Plan recommendations, which included the Kendall Drive Shared Use Path (KSUP). Over 12 public meetings in the form of Community Workshops, TAC meetings and Council meetings were held throughout 2017 and 2018 to inform that master planning process. During a Council meeting in November 2021, the Village Council approved commencement of construction plan design for the KSUP. The construction plan design process is ongoing and expected to be completed by end of 2022. In June and November 2022, the Village hosted public meetings to allow residents an opportunity to review the preliminary construction plans and provide input to the engineers regarding any concerns about the project such as existing landscaping and driveways that might be impacted. This past September, the Village Council approved funding for construction of the KSUP during the budget hearing process over the course of two public meetings.

Design is underway for an 8' Shared Use Path (SUP) from SW 67th Avenue to SW 57th Avenue that will replace the existing 5' concrete sidewalk with a path similar to the one on the east side of SW 57th Avenue. The winding path takes existing conditions such as trees and driveways into consideration to ensure proper visibility and safety for both pedestrians and drivers. Based on the preliminary plans, some trees will have to be removed—approximately 40 palms and 40 canopy trees. The final details are still being vetted by the project engineers. The Village Council is committed to a final product that will beautify the impacted length of Kendall Drive. Any loss of canopy due to removal of trees will be replaced at a 3 to 1 ratio by planting larger mature trees in the right place—improving driver safety as well as enhancing the overall tree canopy. Please visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/KSUP](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/KSUP) for the latest information about this project.



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RUNDOWN

## MATZNER PARK

Conceptual designs for Gary Matzner Park are expected to be presented at the December 13, 2022 Village Council meeting. The design team from MKSK Studios has reviewed data obtained through an online survey, community meeting, and public comments to develop a park that meets the community's needs and balances open space and natural resources with playspace for children and adults.

## POTABLE WATER PROJECT

The Potable Water Project has installed over 70% of the proposed pipes, fire hydrants, and laterals. The first Phase is 100% installed and Phases 2 and 3 will be 100% installed by the middle of December. The last of the four phases will be 100% installed by the middle of January. Following installation of the pipes and hydrants several tests and procedures must be conducted. They include flushing the system, pressure testing, and bacteriological testing. Then the affected roads must be re-paved and all the affected swales re-sodded and repaired. Once this is accomplished, the Miami-Dade Department of Water and Sewer (WASD) can turn on the tap to each sub-phase. Residents of each sub-phase will receive letters from the Village detailing how to obtain their water agreement from WASD and step-by-step instructions on how to get their plumbing permit from the Village. These letters will be sent out about six weeks before the Village anticipates WASD is ready to turn on the tap to individual sub-phases. If residents have any questions about the project please visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/water](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/water) or email public works directly at [publicworks@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:publicworks@pinecrest-fl.gov).

## KENDALL DRIVE SHARED USE PATH



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One of the adopted projects of the Village's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is the Kendall Drive Shared use Path (KSUP). The KSUP will connect SW 67 Avenue to Red Road, a length of just over one mile. The project consists of removing the existing five-foot-wide concrete sidewalk and constructing an eight-foot-wide asphalt path designed to accommodate two-way pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Any removed canopy will be replaced at a 3:1 ratio with mature street trees. The path will be located entirely on the south side of Kendall Drive, with some of the new street trees located on the north side of Kendall.





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

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AND HOW TO REGISTER FOR ALL PARKS  
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# SPECIAL EVENTS

For more information or to register for events, please visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/events](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/events) or scan here



## FitCrest 5K

January 7, Check-in 6:30 a.m., Race 8 a.m. at Evelyn Greer Park  
\$30 Early, \$35 after December 12

Get a fresh start in 2023 with Pinecrest Parks and Recreation at the second annual FitCrest 5K. FitCrest is a community initiative that encourages all individuals to pursue personal health and wellness goals while on their fitness journey. The 5K run is a timed event, and all race bibs are equipped with a timing chip. Pre-registered 5K participants will receive an event t-shirt while supplies last. After the race, stay for FitCrest Day activities from 8 to 11 a.m. There will be field day activities, fitness-related games, obstacle courses, bounce houses, music, and a variety of vendors showcasing their programs and camps.

## Daddy-Daughter Valentine Dance

Ages 4 to 12

February 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Evelyn Greer Park  
\$25 per person

You and your special date will enjoy a memorable evening together, including music, light refreshments, and a photo booth capturing the moment forever. The theme will be Dancing Under the Stars.

## Pinecrest Car Show

April 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Evelyn Greer Park | Free

The Pinecrest Car Show is a community event featuring antique, muscle, and supercars as well as a bounce house, music, food trucks, and beverages. Come out and see the collection and meet like-minded car enthusiasts. It's fun for the whole family. Register your car now by contacting Daniel Alberty at [dalberty@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:dalberty@pinecrest-fl.gov).

# CLASSES

For more information on youth classes or to register, please visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/youth](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/youth) or scan here



## Pinecrest Dance Project

Ages 3 to 16

Pinecrest Community Center

Mondays through Saturdays, Class times vary from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pinecrest Dance Project offers dance classes in ballet, hip-hop, jazz, flamenco, acro, and contemporary dance for youth and teens. There is even a stretch and conditioning class for moms. The diverse class offerings are based on a curriculum specifically designed around the student's age and skills, so that they may seamlessly integrate and quickly start developing their artistic talents. The classes allow students to develop confidence and self-esteem in an energetic and fun atmosphere.

## David Ensignia Tennis Academy Programs

All ages

Coral Pine Park

Monthly Programs, Prices vary

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 available for registration for players of all levels.





## SHARPMINDS MUSIC ACADEMY

### Individual Piano Lessons

Ages 4 to adults

Pinecrest Community Center

Class days and times are scheduled with the instructor

\$160 per month

Keyboard music lessons are offered 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.

### Individual Guitar Lessons

Pinecrest Community Center

Beginner, Intermediate, and Continuing

Class days and times are scheduled with the instructor

\$160 per month

Award-winning guitarist, James Woolwine, brings the guitar to life at the Pinecrest Community Center. Students of all abilities will learn to enhance their guitar skills as they develop a life-long love of the instrument.

### Individual Violin Lessons

All ages

Pinecrest Community Center

Class days and times are scheduled with the instructor

\$140 per month

Learn the violin with private lessons by distinguished soloist and ensemble musician, Madison Ryan. Madison has performed across the United States and Western Europe and is an experienced educator and performer.

### WE Martial Arts

All Ages

Evelyn Greer Park

Monthly Memberships, Prices vary

**The Young Athlete Olympic Program (YAOP)** uses a curriculum developed by Olympic Athletes. Young Athletes are assessed by the WE Martial Arts Olympic coach while they work their way through a series of levels. Student proficiencies are certified by USATKD, the Olympic national governing body for Taekwondo.

**The Open Program (OP)** balances traditional martial arts training with modern fitness principles. The OP is designed for youth and adults to enhance self-esteem, build confidence, develop discipline, and learn self-defense while strengthening their minds and body.

**The Kickboxing program** includes self-defense, a mixed combination of boxing and kicking, as well as conditional, weight, agility, and core training. The objective is to increase core awareness and achieve high performance and coordination while increasing mind and body focus.

### Super Soccer Stars

Ages 2 to 10

Coral Pine Park

January through May, times and prices vary

Learn essential soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive, and educational environment. Every practice 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 to ensure that each child improves their soccer skills.





### **Roblox and Minecraft Coding**

Ages 8 to 12

Pinecrest Community Center

Fridays, Roblox 4 to 5:15 p.m. or Minecraft 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

\$150 per month

Register your child in our ROBLOX or Minecraft coding classes, and help spark their mind to build, design, innovate and change the world as we know it through the power of programming. Participants will learn how to code in LUA (Roblox coding language) while using the CODE editor and creating Roblox and Minecraft mini games. Laptops and materials are provided.

### **Snapology**

Ages 4 to 6 or 7 to 14

Pinecrest Community Center

Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. or 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

\$150 per month

Snapology is a hands-on, interactive, and fun learning experience with year-round programs. Activities are held in an environment where children are encouraged to invent and design with familiar materials and technology. Children will work in pairs on interactive station-based activities consisting primarily of LEGO bricks and tech materials, K'nex engineering, robotics KITS, laptops, iPods, and tablets.

### **Budding Artists Miami**

Ages 5 to 11

Pinecrest Community Center

Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

\$260 for 8 classes, \$290 for 9 classes

Children will practice fine motor skills while being introduced to basic art concepts. A two-part, discipline-and-choice-based approach is used to ensure that children are guided within a framework while given the freedom to express themselves through art. Participants will be introduced to the importance of proportion, the aesthetics of symmetry, color theory, and more.

### **Open Studio: Adult Lessons in Acrylic, Watercolor, or Drawing**

Ages 18+

Pinecrest Community Center

Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon or 10 a.m. to noon

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

Beginner through advanced artists choose their medium of interest: watercolor, acrylic, pencil, or pastels and work at their own pace to produce a masterpiece. Classes are held weekly throughout the year. Bring a friend and they can try a class. The class syllabus and suggested materials, listed by medium are available at [www.wildpalette.com](http://www.wildpalette.com).

### **Crayola Imagine Arts Academy**

Ages 5 to 12

Pinecrest Community Center

Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

\$300 for 10 classes

Crayola Imagine Arts Academy of Miami is an exciting new concept that combines critical thinking with a real-world application through traditional art techniques. Participants will experiment with different media while using Crayola art materials.

### **Line Dancing**

Ages 18+

Pinecrest Community Center

Tuesdays Beginners at 5 p.m., Improvers at 6 p.m.,

Intermediates at 7 p.m., Advanced at 8 p.m.

\$120 for 12 classes, \$12 drop-in

These fun-filled classes teach the basic patterns and steps for line dancing, with no experience necessary. Come ready to have fun and dance as part of the group while developing your individual dance moves. Line dancing is not just about the boot-scooting footwork, it involves the whole body in each one-hour lesson.

### **Music Together with Laurie**

Ages newborn to 5

Pinecrest Community Center

Mondays and/or Tuesdays, times vary

\$189 for 10 classes, \$50 materials fee

Music Together is an internationally recognized parent-child music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and grown-ups who love them. From babyhood through early elementary years, Music Together nurtures each child's natural musicality in a playful, musically rich learning environment. The research-based music classes are designed to be non-formal and non-performance oriented, so your child can learn at his or her own pace, in a developmentally appropriate way. Classes in Spanish called Canta y Baila are also available.

### **Goat Yoga in the 305**

Ages 5 to Adults

Evelyn Greer Park

Sundays on select dates from 9 to 11 a.m.

\$30 per class

Goats and yoga, what could be better? Goat yoga is an exciting program that is fit for all yogis. Participants receive a full yoga session all while surrounded by furry little friends that keep the mood light and participants' smiles in full pose. Bring a yoga mat or buy one at the venue.

### **Bake It on Wheels**

Ages 6 to 14

Pinecrest Community Center

Monthly Workshops from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Bakers will demonstrate a love and creativity for baking by finding their passion with guided instruction and freedom for expression.



## Feel the Power Chess Academy Tournaments

Ages 3+

Evelyn Greer Park

Saturday, December 17, January 28, and February 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$30 pre-registration until Thursday the week of the tournament, \$40 after

Feel the rush of competition in these full day over-the-board chess tournaments. Feel the Power Chess Academy hosts monthly tournaments at Evelyn Greer Park. These tournaments test your skill and prowess on the chess board as competitors pass round after round to make it to the grand prize. First, second, and third-place prizes are awarded in each division.

## Grow with Us Experience

Ages 2 to 5

Pinecrest Community Center

Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$1,100 per month

The Grow with Us Experience provides child/adult education with many hands-on learning opportunities. The focus is all on social and emotional learning while strengthening fine/gross motor skills, through play-based developmentally appropriate activities. This one-of-a-kind program is essential for all families who want tools to more effectively handle life.

## Code/Art Creative Coding Club for Girls

Grades 3 to 8

Pinecrest Community Center

Wednesdays from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

\$75 per month

Using Code/Art's art-infused curriculum, club members learn to code animations, games, and their own artistic creations. More advanced levels also code mobile apps and web pages. Girls will be placed into levels based on age and coding experience. No prior coding experience is needed. Code/Art has a limited number of laptops for participants.

## Parent and Me Art Classes with Abrakadoodle

Ages 2 to 5

Pinecrest Community Center

Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

\$200 for 8 weeks, \$20 materials fee

Children will be introduced to great artists, styles, and techniques while developing motor skills and art vocabulary. They will explore new and engaging art materials through a multi-media art program where they will learn about color, texture, and much more. Parents must attend the classes.

## Preschool Art Classes with Abrakadoodle: An Art Education Experience

Ages 2 to 5

Pinecrest Community Center

Mondays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

\$200 for 8 weeks, \$20 materials fee

Preschoolers will join Abrakadoodle Art Education for fun with paintbrushes and more. Laura Numeroff's "If You Give" series of books provides a lighthearted backdrop for making cookies, moose tracks, bubble baths, and more. We'll keep a chilly moose warm, make a party for a pig, and have a grand time with balloons. All the while we'll learn about texture, printmaking, collage, found objects, and recycled materials.



## Drone Coding Labs

Ages 8 to 12

Pinecrest Community Center

Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

\$150 per month

The CoDrone Mini is a tiny and zippy mini drone that can be programmed with blocks using Blockly or with Python. This innovative program aims to teach kids how to program and fly drones in safe and fun 90-minute weekly classes.

## APEM French Program

Ages 4 to 10

Pinecrest Community Center

Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

\$1,452 per school year, \$70 materials fee

APEM is offering a French program for French-speaking children. Children must understand and communicate verbally in French. All academic materials will be provided by APEM. Students must have their own notebook and pencil case.

## Musical Theatre Class for Kids

Ages 6 to 12

Pinecrest Community Center

Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m.

\$150

Explore the different elements of the Performing Arts in our Musical Theatre classes. From singing, dancing, and acting to creative writing and visual arts, students can express and understand their thoughts and emotions while perfecting the craft that prepares them for life. A performance will be presented at the end of each class cycle.

## Pinecrest Plays

Ages 5 to 12

Village Green at the Pinecrest Community Center

First and third Saturday each month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. | Free

Pinecrest Plays hosts a variety of field games from soccer and kickball to capture the flag and ultimate Frisbee. Registration is required each week for this program. Come ready to run around and have some fun.



# COMMUNITY CENTER GYM

## PINECREST COMMUNITY CENTER GYM MEMBERSHIPS

Get the membership that meets your needs. The Pinecrest Community Center Gym features top-of-the-line strength and cardio equipment and is open Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Private 1-on-1 instruction by certified personal trainers is available. Come in for a tour of our state-of-the-art facility.

## FITCREST 5K

Join us for our second annual Fitcrest 5K on January 7 at Evelyn Greer Park. Get a fresh start in 2023 with Pinecrest Parks and Recreation. Check-in is at 6:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. \$30 Early Registration by December 12 and \$35 after. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

## DINO DASH

Save the date. Saturday, March 11 join the Parks and Recreation Department for the Dino Dash fun run. This family-friendly run begins and ends at Evelyn Greer Park. Come dressed as your favorite dinosaur or archeologist and dash your way through Pinecrest to the finish line. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

## SCAN THE CODE

for more information about pricing, memberships, and a schedule of fitness classes.



# #FITCREST

## FITCREST GIFT CERTIFICATES

The Parks and Recreation Department is here to help get you in shape and meet your New Year fitness goals. Gift certificates are available. Purchase a gym membership or fitness classes as a holiday gift for your friends and family. Call us at 305.284.0900.

## DAILY FITNESS

### Group fitness

\$20 per class or \$175 for a 10-class pass

### Zumba

\$16 per class or \$150 for a 10-class pass

### Yoga

\$25 per class or \$115 for a 5-class pass.

# ACTIVE ADULTS

Do you want to stay in the know? Send us your email to be added to the adult program mailing list by emailing [gzoghbi@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:gzoghbi@pinecrest-fl.gov) or calling 305.284.0900.

**PROGRAMS, EVENTS, GAME DAYS, LECTURES, TRIPS, AND ADULT FITNESS CLASSES | Pre-register or volunteer by emailing [gzoghbi@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:gzoghbi@pinecrest-fl.gov) or calling 305.284.0900.**

For more information on adult classes or to register, please visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/adult](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/adult) or scan here



## Pioneer Luncheon

Friday, December 2 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Evelyn Greer Park | Free  
Pinecrest will celebrate residents 80+ with a catered luncheon, guest speaker, and music. Make sure to RSVP once you receive the invitation.

## Pickleball Free Play

All Ages | Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays | 8 a.m. to 12 noon  
Suniland Park | Free

Pickleball is a wildly popular sport that everyone can enjoy. Bring your friends or make new ones on the court. New to the game and don't have equipment? Don't worry, paddles are available to borrow for free.



## Pickleball Clinics

All Ages | Wednesdays and Fridays

Suniland Park | \$25 per clinic

Learn the basics of Pickleball or improve upon your game. Sign up for beginner clinics on Wednesdays from 8 to 9 a.m., intermediate clinics (levels 1 & 2) or the skills and drills clinics on Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon. Round Robin for beginners is available on select Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. Participants must pre-register.

## Pickleball Club Play

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 8 to 10 a.m.

Suniland Park | \$50 per quarter

The Pinecrest Pickleball Club is a recreation and social club designed to bring players together in a fun and encouraging atmosphere. All skill levels are welcome. Space is limited. Participants must register each quarter. A new quarter begins on the first day of September, December, March, and June.

## Pickleball Beginner Play

Every Fourth Friday | 8 to 9 a.m. | Suniland Park | Free

Looking to practice your dinking, serving, double bounce, scoring, and other skills with beginner players? Join the fun and meet other players while you work on your game skills.

## Zumba Gold

Ages 55+ | Tuesday and Thursday

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. | Free

If you love music and moving your body, this class is for you. Zumba Gold is a dance and exercise class for adults 55+. Participants will keep active with gentle, easy-to-follow dance movements that will leave them feeling refreshed and invigorated. Participants with limited mobility can fully take part in this class while seated or holding onto a chair for support.

## Tai Chi

Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m.

December through February | Free

Tai chi is based on martial arts and involves gentle movements and stretches. Over time, tai chi can help improve balance, flexibility, and strength. Classes include simple warmup exercises and different sets of movements based on the Yang style of tai chi. Class size is limited and participants must commit to three months. Must pre-register.

## Walking Club

Wednesdays | 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | Free

Be part of the FitCrest initiative and build a healthier mind, body, and soul with our weekly walking club. Commit to walks three times per week for 30 to 45 minutes for one month and earn your FitCrest t-shirt. The walking club will meet up at the Pinecrest Community Center. Participants must pre-register.

## Pedal in the Crest

Every third Friday of the month | 9 to 10 a.m. | Free

Get to know our beautiful community and learn about all things parks and recreation with a monthly leisurely bike ride through Pinecrest and the surrounding communities. The Director of Parks and Recreation, Robert Mattes, will be your guide. Rides begin at the Pinecrest Community Center. Participants must pre-register.

## Mahjong

Wednesdays | 10 a.m. to noon | Free

Do you love Mahjong or want to meet others who do? If so, an active group of fun players is just waiting for you to join them. Players must know how to play.

## Bingo

December 9, January 13, and February 10

10 to 11 a.m. | Free

Bring a friend to play a fun and competitive game of bingo. Prizes will be awarded, and snacks are available. Bingo is sponsored by Jacqui Morgan & Laurel Auerbacher from Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate. Participants must pre-register.

## Social Fridays (Viernes Sociales)

Every Friday | 10 to 11 a.m. | Free

Come play the fun game of Cuban dominoes. The strategy involves counting tiles (fichas), guessing which ones your opponents have, and blocking them (tranques). Bring a friend or meet a new one. Participants must pre-register.

## Ballroom Dancing

Date TBA | 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

\$120 for 6 sessions

Have you wanted to learn ballroom dancing? Take a community group class series with trained, certified professionals from Fred Astaire Pinecrest. Each selected class will cover one dance per semester.

## Knit & Crochet Enthusiast Club

Second and Fourth Thursday each month

1 to 3 p.m. | Free

Get your needles and hooks ready to stitch with friends. All experience levels are welcome to participate in the free flow of information, knowledge, tips, technique, and instruction on varied projects. Pull together your ideas, patterns, tools, and yarn and join other enthusiasts. Participants must pre-register.





## TECHIE TUESDAY SERIES

### iPhone Class

December 6, January 17, and February 7 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Free  
Technology is quickly changing, and most things are accessible via a smartphone. Learn how to use your iPhone and all its features. Topics include downloading apps, texting, FaceTime, how to post on social media, e-mail, sending pictures, and more. Participants must pre-register.

### Computer Software & Hardware Skills and Tips Class

January 19 through February 16 | 10 a.m. | \$75 for six classes  
Learn the basics about computers: hardware and software, Windows 11, surfing the Internet, Word, Excel, photo editing, and organizing files. Classes are small to offer more one-on-one instruction. This is a six-session course, and participants must bring a laptop. Participants must pre-register.

### iPad & iPhone Skills & Tips Class

February 23 through March 9 | 10 a.m. | \$60 for 4 classes  
Want to learn how to use and manage apps on your iPad or iPhone? Sign up for this four-part series designed to build confidence and understanding as you navigate your device. Participants must bring their iPad or iPhone to participate. Participants must pre-register.



## COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE SERIES

Are you an expert in history, art, or culture? Do you have knowledge or skills you would like to share with others? Let us know and become part of the Community Knowledge Series. The Parks and Recreation Department seeks individuals who want to share their experiences and knowledge during a monthly one-hour lecture series. Participants must pre-register.

### Bowling at Bird Bowl

February 3 | 10 a.m. | Bird Bowl | \$12  
Strike up a conversation while you bowl at the Bird Bowl Bowling Center. Invite a friend or meet a new one. \$12 fee includes one game. Transportation will not be provided. Participants must pre-register.

### How to Eliminate Pain and Enjoy Life

January 9 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Free  
Theresa Gilmore, Lac, will discuss the logical journey into why many suffer from pain as they age. Most people spend their health trying to achieve wealth and retire and spend their wealth getting their health back. Theresa will show you how to have balance now.

### Medicare Lecture Presented by United Healthcare

January 21 and February 21 | 10:30 a.m. to noon | Free  
Join Lucy Watson to learn about your Medicare choices. Learn about tools and resources to help you understand the coverage that may be right for you, including a free educational guide.

### Lectures Presented by Aging for Alliance

December 6, January 10, February 10 | 10 a.m. to noon | Free  
Aging for Alliance will cover several topics. December 10: Shine, What it is and how they can help. January 10: Alliance for Aging, learn about the Area Agency on Aging.  
**February 7:** Senior Medicare Fraud Patrol (learn how to prevent, detect and report Medicare fraud)

### Pancake Breakfast and Lecture

January 11 | 10:30 a.m. | Free  
Tips on downsizing your life for seniors presented by Mirabelle Senior Living

### Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group

Second Friday of each month | noon to 1:30 p.m. | Free  
The group is conducted by trained facilitators and is a safe place for caregivers, family, and friends of a person with Alzheimer's, Dementia, or related cognitive diseases. Lunch will be provided. Participants must pre-register.

*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.*



# PINECREST GARDENS



It with great enthusiasm that we welcome Cristina Blanco as the new Director of Pinecrest Gardens. Cristina has more than 20 years of experience in non-profit management, leadership, marketing, and fundraising. Her background in fine arts spurred a career as a development director for notable institutions in visual and performing arts, higher education and ultimately as Vice President of Development and Communications for HistoryMiami (2006-2011). Prior to joining the Village, Cristina was the Chief Communications and External Affairs Officer at United Way Miami where she led the institution's robust communications and marketing strategy, volunteer engagement, community partnerships, and oversaw the organization's major fundraising events.

Cristina spearheaded the museum's ambitious rebranding into a premier cultural institution committed to gathering, preserving and celebrating Miami's history. In addition, Cristina served on the boards of City Theatre Miami and Young Patronesses of the Opera, and is a founding executive board member and vice chair of fund development for the Miami Chapter of the U.S. National Committee for UN Women.

Please join us in giving her a warm welcome, and say hello when you see her at one of our signature events.

**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.

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# HIBISCUS GALLERY

In 2007, artist-in-residence Xavier Cortada used the ice sheet that blankets the South Pole as an instrument to mark time. Cortada will be exhibiting the work that he created 15 years prior in Antarctica, "The Markers: South Pole" and "150,000-year Journey" in Pinecrest Gardens' Hibiscus Gallery until February 2023.



Xavier Cortada, "The Markers: South Pole," 2007.

## The Markers

Xavier Cortada's installation highlighted events that have moved our world forward in the time it has taken the Antarctic ice sheet to move about 500 meters. Cortada chronicled the passage of time by depicting those events on flags he placed at the South Pole on January 4, 2007.

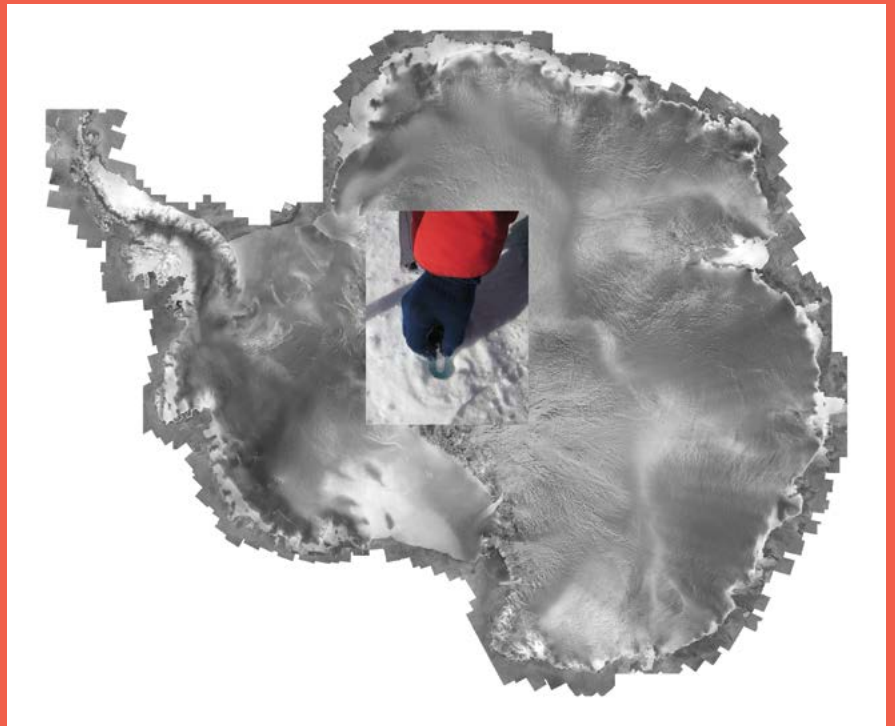
To accomplish this, the artist created 51 differently colored flags, ranging from violet to red, each sequentially representing years from 1956 to 2006. He then marked each flag with the coordinates of a place where an event took place that moved the world forward during that given year (e.g., 1963's March on Washington, 1989's Fall of the Berlin Wall). Cortada then planted each year's flag in the location on the ice where all the meridians converged during that flag's respective year; that is, where the South Pole stood during that given year. Since the South Pole, 90°S, sits on a glacier that is in constant motion, its location on the ice above changes every year.

When the flags were planted they created a spectrum of color on the white surface of the ice. The first flag was planted at the location of the 2006 Geographic South Pole, with each subsequent flag spaced 10 meters apart and aligned in the direction of the Weddell Sea. Since the glacier below is moving everything in the same direction at about 10 meters annually, the flags mark where the South Pole stood in any given year.

## 150,000-year Journey

National Science Foundation Antarctic Artists and Writers Program awardee Xavier Cortada used polar ice to mark the passage of time in 2007. He initiated the process by planting a replica of a mangrove seedling on the 3 km-thick ice sheet that blankets the South Pole. Embedded in the moving glacier, the seedling ice sculpture started sliding in the direction of the Weddell Sea, almost 1,500 km away. This journey toward the seashore will conclude in approximately 150,000 years when the seedling will eventually set its roots.

The work invites viewers to reflect on our role as humans on this planet. Juxtaposing Antarctic time frames with human time frames (see "The Markers" project) reaffirms the notion that we are simply custodians of the planet who should learn to live in harmony with nature.



Xavier Cortada, "150,000-year Journey," 2007.



# HARTVEST PROJECT

Planting Art Seeds

## Art Activities

### Guided Art Visit

Sunday, January 15, 2023

11 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Free and open to the Public

Guided by art curator Adriana Herrera Ph.D. and artist Carola Bravo Ph.D. A guided visit to the exhibition "Life at Street Level" will highlight the exhibited pieces' concepts and techniques, offering the visitors an exciting art experience.



## HARTVEST Collectables Design Market

Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Free and open to the Public

Hartvest Collectables Design Market showcases a group of creators, all selected by our curatorial advisors. The "art shopping experience" becomes something fun to share with others thanks to the original creations of 25 designers, artisans, architects, and artists. This Design Market is a meeting place for education and fun.

## ART EXHIBITIONS

### "Life at Street Level" and "Nature and History"

Curated by Carola Bravo

Exhibit runs through January 31 | Free and open to the Public

These provocative exhibits are part of the city-wide Fiber Arts Biennale "Threading the City" coordinated by FAMA "Fiber Artists Miami Association." "Life at Street Level" interweaves fiber with photography, photo collage, video, and new works to capture an instant view of Miami at the street level that conveys urban resilience. "Nature and History" shows, for the first time in the history of Pinecrest Gardens, the "Historic Bird Cages" exhibit site-specific artworks.

### "Senses of Belonging. Public Art in the City"

Curated by Carola Bravo

Exhibition runs February through June | Free and open to the Public

This exhibition shows a photographic record of a series of public artworks created by local artists in South Florida. It contributes to promoting and educating visitors about how public art benefits a community's identity. Public art humanizes the built environment, revealing our society and adding meaning and uniqueness to our cities. The exhibit features murals, sculptures, memorials, integrated architectural or landscape architectural works, community art, digital new media, and even performances and festivals.

# COLLECTION PROJECT

Pinecrest Gardens will be beta-testing a new botanical database in the upcoming year, one that is expected to make plant information to the public available online. The information being compiled for the database will also facilitate the production of accurate informational signage to be displayed throughout the gardens. The collection data will also support the development of horticultural programming for the public.

Pinecrest Gardens conducted a collections assessment study and the findings affirmed that living plants were its greatest institutional assets, the accumulation of many decades of ornamental horticultural history and unique public display.

As Pinecrest Gardens' identity has grown and matured, so too have expectations regarding the landscape plantings and facilities. Hand in hand with facilities upgrades and expansion have come the revitalization and expansion of cultivated garden areas. We recognize the importance of horticultural record-keeping and the need for accurate botanical signage to convey information, thus enhancing the visitor experience.

As such, the horticultural team has a long-term strategy for collections management that includes identifying and inventorying the garden's display plants. The multi-year program aims to compile basic plant information and geographic information system (GIS) location for each plant order to implement a plant records database.

Through these efforts to quantify the garden's plant holdings, and to identify and define collection plants with the intent of making plant information more accessible, the horticultural staff will gain new efficiencies and capabilities to readily identify the many plants that they work with. Through grant funding and private donations, an assistant horticulturalist will support the intensive effort needed for comprehensive plant identification and inventory.



# SOUTH MOTORS JAZZ SERIES

Level A \$50 plus \$5 service fee

Level B \$45 plus \$5 service fee

Purchase tickets at [www.pinecrestgardens.org](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org) or by calling 305.350.0765



## The Legendary Tommy Dorsey Orchestra

**Saturday, December 10 at 8 p.m.**

Winner of the Montreal Jazz Festival "Battle of the Bands" two successive years, the legacy of Tommy Dorsey's great music has transcended time. The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra repertoire continues to entertain audiences of all ages throughout the world and represents explosive and swinging Big Band entertainment at its best.



## Grace Kelly

**Saturday, January 14 at 8 p.m.**

An unequivocal musical prodigy, singer, saxophonist, songwriter, composer and band leader, award-winning Grace Kelly has rocked the jazz world with sold-out concerts, 13 acclaimed albums and a resume that includes performing at the Hollywood Bowl and as part of the house band for "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert"—all before reaching her mid-20s.



## Terell Stafford & Dick Oatts

**"Luck Be a Lady: A Frank Sinatra Tribute" Featuring the Frost Concert Jazz Band, John Daversa, Director**  
**Saturday, February 11 at 8 p.m.**

Grammy Award Winner Terell Stafford is an acclaimed trumpet player hailed as "one of the great trumpet players of our time" and Dick Oatts is a celebrated and award-winning saxophonist.



## Special Brazilian Jazz Night

**Antonio Adolfo with special Guest Vocalist Carol Saboya**  
**"Jobim Forever"**

**Saturday, February 25 at 8 p.m.**

Grammy Award and Latin Grammy Award Nominee Antonio Adolfo and ensemble performs a night of sultry samba and bossa nova under the stars.

## Mambo Night Tropicana

**Friday, February 3 at 8 p.m.**

A musical journey that transports us back to Havana's legendary Tropicana in the 1950s featuring a big band, singers, dancers and showgirls. Featuring Chino Nunez with a special guest cameo appearance by Tito Puente Jr.

## Copacabana

**Friday, March 10 at 8 p.m.**

A musical journey revisiting the great New York clubs of the 70s and 80s paying tribute to the likes of Celia Cruz, Tito Puente, Machito, Tito Rodriguez, La Lupe, and more featuring orchestra, vocalists, dancers and show girls, and a special guest to be announced.



## Salsa Romantica at the Latin Quarter

**Friday, May 5 at 8 p.m.**

A musical mélange showcasing the best of salsa music from the 90s to present time featuring orchestra, vocalists, dancers and show girls. Featuring Chino Nunez with a special guest performance from multi-Grammy Award Winner, Marlo Rosado.

## Subscription Series

Subscription for all three shows

Level A \$90 plus \$9 service fee

Level B \$75 plus \$7.50 service fee

Tickets can be purchased at [www.pinecrestgardens.org](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org) or by calling 305.350.0765

Single tickets on sale January 18

Level A \$40 plus \$4 service fee

Level B \$35 plus \$3.50 service fee



## SPECIAL MUSIC PRESENTATIONS

### **Ninth Annual Winter Concert Fundraiser to benefit Palmetto Elementary Performing Arts**

Saturday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m.

\$45 Adults, \$35 Children

For tickets and information call 305.234.2586 or email [paul@sassolawgroup.com](mailto:paul@sassolawgroup.com)

Singer-Songwriter Dani Driggs, Latin Grammy Winner Ed Calle, Renowned Pianist Jim Gasior, and others perform under the direction of Music Director Oliver Diez. All proceeds benefit the outstanding Palmetto Elementary School Performing Arts Program. The event will feature a pre-event wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 6:30 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.

### **Miami Acting/Alhambra Orchestra presents West Side Story in Concert**

Friday, February 17 & Saturday, February 18 at 8 p.m.

\$30 Adults, \$25 Seniors, \$20 Students and groups over 10

Ticket inquiries and purchases at [info@miamiactingco.org](mailto:info@miamiactingco.org)

A very special concert version (orchestra on stage with singers) of Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story" featuring the Alhambra Orchestra and vocalists/actors from the Miami Acting Company

## ORCHESTRA, CONCERT BAND, CLASSICAL & POPS CONCERTS

### **Orchestra, Concert Band, Classical & Pops Concerts Greater Miami Youth Symphony presents Winter Concert**

Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m.

\$20 Adults, \$10 Students & Seniors online at Eventbrite or at the gate.

An evening of selected ensembles performed by Young Sousas, Concert Band and Jazz Band

### **Greater Miami Symphonic Band March Madness in February III**

Sunday, February 26 at 4 p.m.

\$20 Adults & Seniors, \$5 Children (ages 5 to 18)

Purchase tickets at [www.gmsb.org](http://www.gmsb.org) or by calling 305.273.7687

All music selections are marches of one sort or another, patriotic, classical, and popular

## CHORAL MUSIC

### **Choral Music**

### **FIU Music Choral Department presents Broadway in Love**

Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. | Free

Celebrate Valentines week on February 9 with a friend, lover or significant other when the FIU Choral Department performs a night of your favorite romantic Broadway tunes—and you'll be "Broadway in Love"





## DANCE

### **Elevate Dance Presents the Nutcracker Ballet**

Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m.

\$28 Adults, \$25 Children

Ticket inquiries and purchases call 305.898.1853

Elevate Dance Company presents their 2nd annual performance of The Nutcracker. A beautiful holiday tradition.

### **Conchita Espinosa presents Christmas in the Gardens**

Friday, December 9 at 7 p.m.

\$25 Adults, \$20 Seniors & Children (12 & under)

Ticket inquiries and purchases call 305.227.1149

Miami Dance Futures and Conchita Espinosa Conservatory of the Arts presents Christmas in the Gardens, a holiday dance and music performance featuring young artists from Conchita Espinosa Conservatory of the Arts.

## THEATER

### **City Theatre presents City Theatre's Short Cuts**

Friday, January 20 at 7 p.m.

\$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors, \$15 Children (18 & under)

Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite or by calling 305.755.9401

A short is a play with a beginning, middle and end, running 10 minutes or less. A program of shorts is fast and furious and theatrical fun. Brought to you by the producers of Summer Shorts Festivals, this hour-long family-friendly lineup features four, exciting age-appropriate new works by South Florida playwrights.

## SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FOR CHILDREN

### **FAMILY FUN CONCERT SERIES**

**presented by Orchestra Miami**

\$15 Adults, \$12 Senior, \$8 Children, \$39 Family Pack (2 Kids & 2 Adults)

Subscription Tickets 20% off original price

Ticket inquiries and purchases at [www.OrchestramiMiami.org](http://www.OrchestramiMiami.org)

### **The Puppet's Magical Garden: The Enchanted Horse Story**

Saturday, January 7 at 3 p.m.

\$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors, \$10 Children (ages 2 to 12) at gate or Eventbrite

Tickets are for general admission to the puppet show and include entrance to the garden and amenities.

The enchanted horse story extracted from the work of the 1001 nights fairy tale, performed by the puppets, leads us to that mysterious world, where the characters of the stories live.

### **The Three Little Pigs**

Sunday, January 8 at 3 p.m.

Set to the music from Mozart's operas with story adaptation and dialogue by John Davies. Performed in a fully-staged production by four professional opera singers with music direction by Elaine Rinaldi.

### **Musical Stories from Around the World**

Sunday, February 19 at 3 p.m.

Music of Victoria Band in four compositions based on stories from around the world, "The Long-Haired Girl" a Chinese folk tale, "Corn in the Rock" a Mayan folk tale, "Babies Can't Eat Kimchi" a Korean tale and "Listen to the Wind", based on a Pakistani folk song.

# FESTIVALS

## Nights of Lights

presented in part by Ed Morse Automotive, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, and Pita, Weber, Del Prado.

Sunday, December 11 through Sunday, January 1 from 6 to 9 p.m.

\$20 Adults, \$15 children under 18, Children under 2, free.

Buy tickets at [www.pinecrestgardens.org/FAF](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/FAF). Pinecrest Gardens members receive a 25% discount with a valid photo ID. Visit the members only table at the gate to purchase your tickets. No online sales.

Pinecrest Gardens transforms into a winter wonderland dotted by thousands of twinkling lights that go up, through and around the whimsical botanical landscape. Eat yummy treats, have a signature Pinecrest Gardens cocktail and enjoy magical Story Time. Stay tuned for Santa Claus special appearances. On select evenings, admission includes a holiday concert performance presented by Pita, Weber, del Prado.

Encore Academy | Monday, December 12

Miami Royal Ballet | Tuesday, December 13

Empire Dance | Wednesday, December 14

Alhambra Orchestra | Thursday, December 15

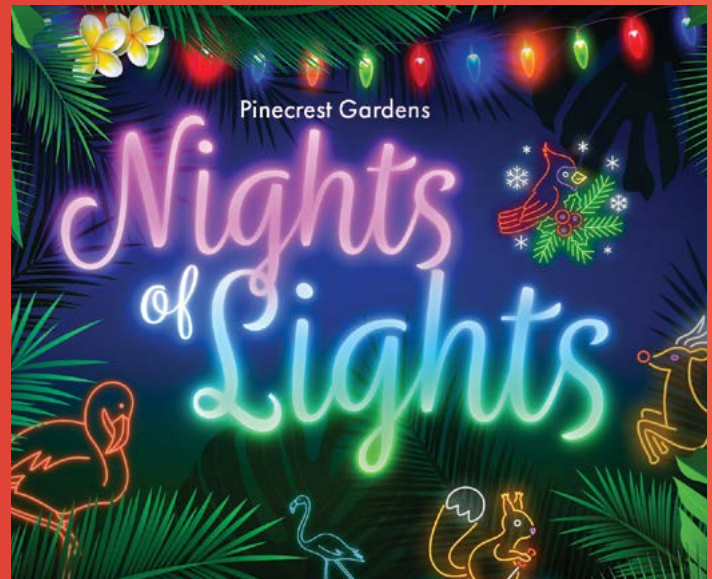
Greater Miami Youth Symphony Orchestra | Friday, December 16

Maria Verdeja- Nutcracker | Saturday, December 17

She Jazz Project | Sunday, December 18

Homestead-Miami Mariachi Conservatory | Thursday, December 22

Dance Steps Miami | Friday, December 23



## Panther, Panther & Sampedro Art Festival at Pinecrest Gardens

presented in part by Ed Morse Automotive, Baptist Health, City National Bank, and The Corradino Group

Saturday & Sunday, January 21 & 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Free

Visit one of South Florida's premiere juried art shows, the 19th Annual Fine Arts Festival, and enjoy a day surrounded by spectacular visual arts in the most lush and luxurious setting. There will be a generous representation of the best artists and artisans from the US and abroad. Additionally, there is always a great selection of delicious food, live music and activities for the entire family.

# EDUCATION

## LITTLE LIZARDS

Ages 4 to 12

Informal Science & Art Program

Select Wednesdays, beginning at 2 p.m.

Program is free with paid admission to Pinecrest Gardens and advanced online registration. Limited capacity, registration is required. For more information or to register visit [www.pinecrest-fl.gov/littlelizards](http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/littlelizards)

**December 14 & 28: 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.

**January 11 & 25: Butterflies** | There is much to learn about these flying jewels. A female butterfly can lay up to 100 eggs a day. We will learn the butterfly lifecycle, create butterfly art and discover the flying jewels that live in our backyard.

**February 8 & 22: 5 Senses** | Learn to use your five senses to engage with nature. This month we will taste, touch, hear, smell and see Pinecrest Gardens in a whole new way. You will become a scientist of the senses this month.





# SCOUT PROGRAMS



## GIRL SCOUT BADGE DAYS

### Daisy Outdoor Art Badge

Saturday, January 7 at 10 a.m.  
\$15 per scout (includes badge)

Art can be found anywhere, especially outdoors. In this program, we will learn what makes nature so beautiful by making our own art, reading stories and going on an art adventure in Pinecrest Gardens.

### Brownie Eco Friend Badge

Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m.  
\$15 per scout (includes badge)

Whenever you spend time outdoors, you can take care of the environment. This badge will teach Brownies more about how to treat outdoor spaces with kindness, and teach others how they can, too. In this badge we will take care of wildlife, explore outdoors, practice being an eco-friend, and much more.

Please visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org/scouts](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/scouts) for more information and registration.

## 2022-23 ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS CONTEST:

### Theme: The Everglades

**Students Grades 4 to 12. Pinecrest Gardens Annual Art Contest is open.**

One of the world's greatest treasures is right in our back yard. Did you know that the Florida's Everglades is roughly 1.5 million acres? The Everglades is one of the largest wetlands in the world. This year's art contest is all about the Everglades. This contest prompts students to create a piece of artwork based on the Everglades. Draw, paint, sketch, photograph, and inspire. Cash prizes awarded to winners totaling \$5,800. For additional information, contest rules and to enter visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org/artcontest](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/artcontest).

# YOUTH CLASSES

## Kids Ballroom

Weekly, Tuesdays | 6 p.m.

Learn the basic steps of mambo, the cha-cha, waltz, tango, rumba, swings and much more.

## Tap I & II

Weekly, Fridays | 4 & 5 p.m.

Develop rhythm, timing and coordination while learning a variety of tap styles.

## Mommy & Me

Ages 1 to 3 | 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Music | Mondays

Yoga | Tuesdays

Gymnastics | Wednesdays

Art | Thursdays

Dance | Fridays

Classes meet weekly, memberships start at \$75 per month.

Please visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org/pdp](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/pdp) for more information and registration.

## Paper Tree House

Ages 4 to 12

SEEDS: Creative Experiences

Eight-week session from January 12 to March 2 at 2:30 p.m.

SEEDS afterschool and home school club inspires creativity in children through the use of animal encounters, art activities and experiential learning.

Please visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org) for more information and registration.



# The CURIOUS Gardener Workshops at Pinecrest Gardens

Join us for these upcoming workshops. In-person workshops will be limited in capacity, with social distancing and protective protocols where applicable. For more information and to register visit [www.pinecrestgardens.org/curiousgardener](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/curiousgardener).

We are always adding new workshops. Scan the QR code for the most up-to-date information on the Curious Gardener Series.



## Holiday Wreath Making

Saturday, December 3 at 1 p.m. | \$60 per person

Crafts & Drafts Miami will lead a holiday wreath-making workshop at Pinecrest Gardens. Use locally foraged and seasonal materials to create your very own holiday wreath. Enjoy a complimentary beverage while you work, and spend the afternoon in the garden after this crafty, holiday workshop.

## Sip & Create Painting Workshops

Monthly at 7 p.m.

Each month features a different garden-related theme. Beginners and experts alike will enjoy these fun workshops. Each workshop includes complimentary beverage, and all materials. Don't forget your favorite painting clothes.



## STEAM Night with Discovery Lab: Lost in Space

Friday, February 24 at 6 p.m.

Children 1 and under enter for free.

Come and get lost in space as astronauts and aliens take over Pinecrest Gardens for a magical night surrounded by the entire solar system and beyond. Enjoy an evening of exploration and discovery. From unique planetarium exhibitions to interactive hands-on stations, Lost in Space is a treat for all ages.

- Galaxy Slime Station
- Interact and take pictures with our full costume astronauts
- Planetarium showings
- Visit your favorite planet and participate in fun hands-on activities while you learn quick and important facts about our Solar System
- Alien Sensory Station
- Craters on the Moon Station
- Solar system Sponge Art Station
- Planet Rock Art Station
- Presentations in the Banyan Bowl
- Expanded activities

Tickets available in advance on [www.pinecrestgardens.org/discoverylab](http://www.pinecrestgardens.org/discoverylab) and Eventbrite. Tickets will also be available at the gate, space permitting.





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It is with great pride that we promote local businesses to residents. The Village began this initiative during the pandemic. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, so since then, we branded the effort as Shop the Parkway and even created a logo. Every Tuesday, we highlight a local eatery via our social media and plan to do more outreach in 2023 to help our small businesses work together with the Village so that they continue to thrive. There are some very special stores in the Village.

Scan the QR code to be directed to the Village's business directory and go support the local businesses that make Pinecrest unique.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,  
THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

