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Police Chief Retires

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ON THE COVER

Deputy Police Chief Jason Cohen will be sworn in as the Village's fourth Police Chief in July. Deputy Chief Cohen has worked in the Village since the 1998. Over the past 23 years, he has risen up the ranks by working various assignments. Deputy Chief Cohen has deep institutional knowledge of the department as well as of the area. He was raised in the Pinecrest area and graduated from Gulliver Preparatory School. Police Chief Samuel Ceballos, Jr. is retiring with a lengthy list of accolades that include implementing technology in traditional policing and winning various prestigious awards of behalf of the department. Photographed L to R are Chief Ceballos, Jr. and Deputy Chief Jason Cohen.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Joseph M. Corradino

Summer is here and we have a lot to look forward to. COVID is fading and now we can go about the business of moving forward. The Village is busy doing so.

We have agreed to complete Miami-Dade County's potable water system. Today, about 700 homes still do not have access. The total project cost is about $12 million. The Village is going to invest $7 million, Miami-Dade County will invest $500,000, and the homes gaining access to potable water will contribute about $1 per day. This is the least expensive this project will ever be.

Over the past year, we have all learned to live and work differently. For many working remotely has resulted in high levels of productivity and convenience. For others the impact has been devastating. This is particularly true for restaurants and brick and mortar retailers across the nation. Pinecrest is partnering with the Pinecrest Business Association to help local businesses located in the US 1 commercial corridor. With the initial COVID relief funds, we assisted with rent abatement and digital marketing programs for many businesses. Over the summer and fall we will work on ways to assist further.

Last year, Miami-Dade County approved a Bus Rapid Transit system for the US 1 Transitway. To support this system, Miami-Dade County is contemplating increasing the number of housing units along the US 1 corridor from about one or two per acre, to between 125 and 500 per acre. It is also considering using those development potentials 1/2 a mile on either side of the US 1 corridor—not just on the commercial area immediately abutting US 1. Additionally, the county is looking into taking control from Village of the review and approval of these land use and zoning decisions. While we should better accommodate the Bus Rapid Transit system to relieve traffic congestion in our neighborhood streets, this proposal is not the way. Over the summer and fall, the Village will be working to examine the land use along the US 1 corridor to create a solution that protects and preserves Pinecrest's character and quality of life.

We are all looking forward to a great summer. The worst of COVID is behind us and the future is bright. Have fun with your family and friends this summer and be safe. If there is anything you need, please contact me at 305.606.2364 or **jcorradino@pinecrest-fl.gov**. Or contact our staff **manager@pinecrest-fl.gov** and Village Council **council@pinecrest-fl.gov**.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Yocelyn Galiano

In July, Police Chief Samuel Ceballos, Jr. will retire and be succeeded by Deputy Chief Jason Cohen. This is a bittersweet moment. I am happy for Chief Ceballos—he has earned it after 40+ years in law enforcement but I wish that we had more time to continue working together. Chief Ceballos brought a new era to the Pinecrest Police Department. A visionary, Chief Ceballos ushered the department into the 21st century with his forethought, innovation and a partnership with Florida International University. He supported the use of technology which led to the creation and implementation of a virtual rollcall program and the Be On the Look Out (BOLO) application—both of which have improved efficiency and are being replicated by other law enforcement agencies. The department has the distinction of triple accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the Florida Telecommunications Accreditation Commission (FTAC) and the Commission on Florida Accreditation (CFA). The department was also awarded the CFA Excelsior Award in 2020 for being accredited for 15 consecutive years without any findings. But we will be in good hands—Deputy Chief Cohen is homegrown and is equally as tech savvy as his predecessor. Deputy Chief Cohen grew up in the Pinecrest area and graduated from Gulliver Preparatory School. He was one of the Village's first police officers and has risen through the ranks over the past 23 years. He worked various assignments and held several ranks including patrol, detective, detective sergeant lieutenant and major. Please join me in congratulating both Chief Ceballos and Chief-designate Cohen.

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PARKS & RECREATION AMENITIES

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GARY MATZNER PARK

The Village Council has designated the Village's new park at 6610 North Kendall Drive as the Gary Matzner Park. The naming of the park recognizes the efforts of Gary Matzner as the founding father of the Village of Pinecrest. He was one of the chief proponents for the incorporation of the new municipality, and together with Evelyn Langlieb Greer, is regarded as a co-founder of Pinecrest.

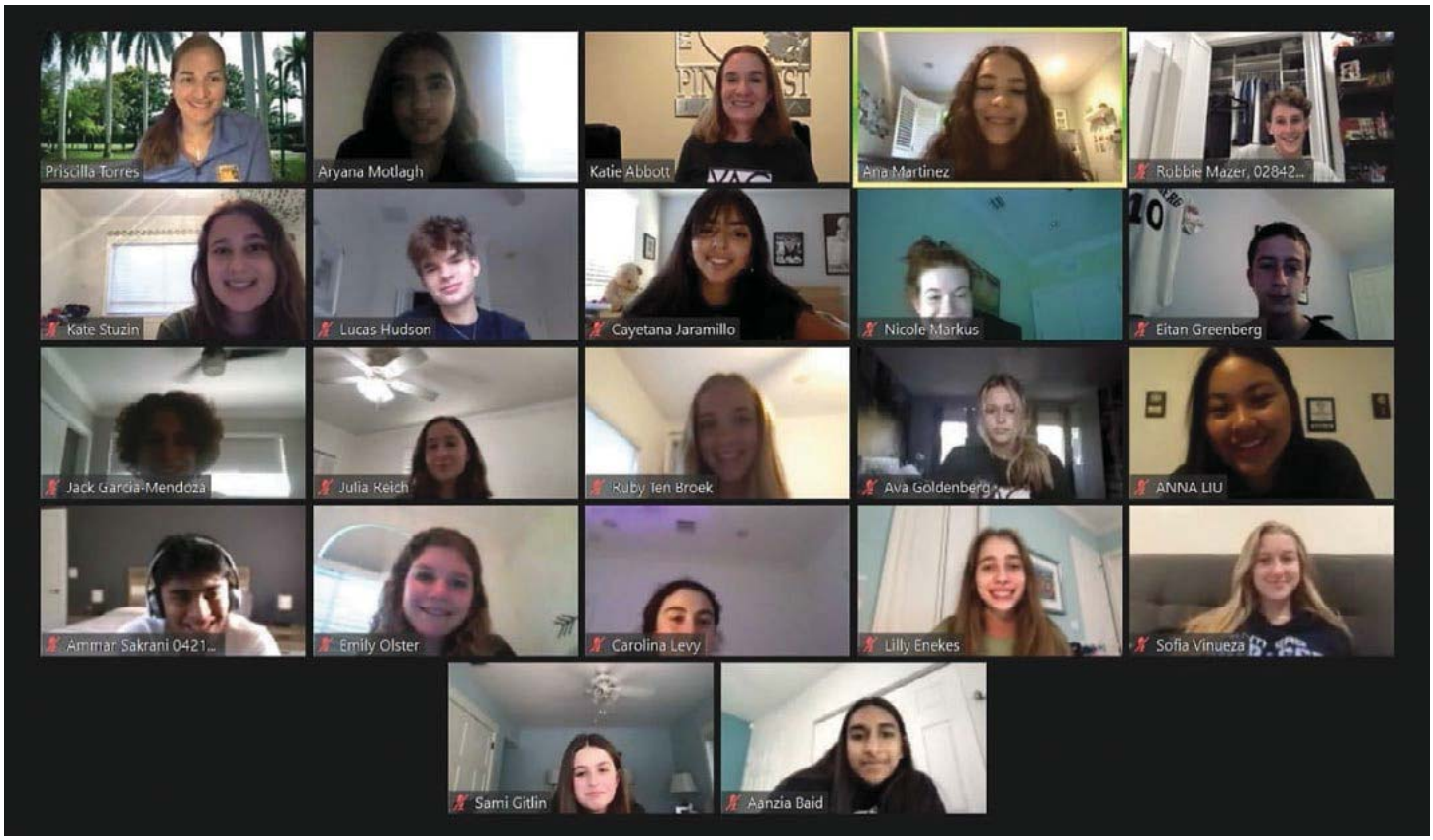
"We are excited and proud to be doing this because Mayor Matzner was a driving force in the vision and incorporation of Pinecrest. We wouldn't be what we are without his wisdom, courage and leadership over the past three decades. We are forever grateful and want to show it," said Mayor Joseph M. Corradino.

Matzner, an attorney, also served as the chair of the Charter Commission which drafted the Village Charter—the framework of the new municipal government that was approved by the voters on March 12, 1996. He was later elected as the Village's second mayor in 2004. The Village of Pinecrest commemorated its 25th anniversary in 2021.

The purchase of the nearly four-acre site at the intersection of Kendall Drive and Ludlam Road, for a new park, was approved earlier this year. For additional information about the development of the new park, please visit **www.pinecrest-fl.gov/matznerpark**.

136 STREET SHARED USE PATH & BRIDGE PROJECT

Miami-Dade County has informed the Village that this project will commence July 12 and be completed sometime in May 2022. Construction hours will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If this area is part of your commute, it is beneficial to start planning an alternate route to reduce time in traffic.



YOUTH ADVISORY RECOGNIZED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Ana Martinez, Special to the Pinecrest Sun

Mental health took center stage during the Pinecrest Youth Advisory Council's 2020 -2021 academic year. Cognizant of how the pandemic would affect teens, the group which serves as an advisory council to local government, quickly adapted to the new normal. It began holding the YOUth Series virtually and helped establish a "Mental Health Day" in Pinecrest.

Their commitment didn't go unnoticed. The YAC was recently recognized as a winner of the Florida League of Cities Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest. In total, five Florida student municipal councils won this prestigious award.

"Youth council members are the future leaders of our communities, and if what we saw from these students and their community service projects is any indication, our cities have a strong future ahead of them," said FLC President Tony Ortiz, commissioner for the City of Orlando. "I encourage all of our youth councils to keep up the great work and to continue serving their cities. On behalf of the League, congratulations to this year's contest winners!"

The YOUth Series workshops focus on topics that affect teens the South Florida community. Most recently, the YAC hosted a YOUth Series workshop on hazing awareness in collaboration with the Antonio Tsalias Leadership Foundation—which aims to empower young adults to make safe life choices. With more than 30 participants, the workshop was the culmination of a challenging but successful school year.

Flavia Tomasello, who co-founded Antonio Tsalias Leadership Foundation believes student councils such as the YAC are a bridge between students and the community. Tomasello worked with YAC members and Councilmember Katie Abbott to organize the workshop.

By the end of the hazing workshop, another workshop for parents was scheduled. "It was great that we had leadership [present] in terms of organizing the program, and we were able to produce another talk within the same day for the parents, which we thought was powerful," said Tomasello.

The YAC was formed in 2009 by former Mayor Cindy Lerner to increase youth advocacy and bring a greater understanding of how local government works to students. Throughout the years, the council—a group of 15 to 20 teens from grades eight to twelve—has taken parts in various community service projects. Examples include participating in Relay for Life, Earth Day, and volunteering at the local soup kitchen.

During the transition to virtual everything, the YAC further established its social media presence by having its Instagram account verified. The account at @pinecrestYAC is completely student-run and has close to 400 followers.

YAC member and current Vice-chair Kate Stuzin, 15, worked with Facebook to get the YAC social media account verified after meeting the social media giant's government communications team at an FLC student council conference in October 2019.

"This has allowed the YAC to become a more valid and credible source for information on social media and has drastically increased our audience size," said Kate.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

Pinecrest Police Officers are trained to recognize the symptoms of a mental health crisis. In the past two years, approximately 110 mental health-related calls for service were received by dispatch, which resulted in 72 involuntary admissions for medical evaluation - also known as a Baker Act.

The Pinecrest Police Department is committed to the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program and is highly aware of the program's impact in the community. Every officer must attend a 40-hour CIT course taught by mental health professionals through the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project. The course includes interviews with individuals who have personally benefited from the program, which is key to understanding the perspective of an individual experiencing a mental health crisis.

Although, COVID-19 has impacted how the course is taught, it continues to be invaluable training for officers. It is currently being taught online via ZOOM. Most new officers have completed the online version and will continue taking progressively advanced courses throughout their career. CIT training teaches officers how to interact with someone in a mental health crisis. Officers learn how to recognize common symptoms of mental illness, effective de-escalation techniques, and the program reinforces their knowledge of community mental health resources. All officers are required to participate in the CIT training program.

Mental illness can affect a person's reasoning, safety, well-being, sociability, and their overall quality of life. An effective CIT program relies on behavioral health and human service professionals, patients, families, and well-trained law enforcement personnel to deal with critical mental health situations. The CIT program is comprised of several organizations which address critical mental health care issues. Mental illness can include depression, schizophrenia, panic disorders, and borderline personality disorders. Information published by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), estimates that 1 in 5 people will experience a mental health condition during their lifetime, and that approximately 9% of individuals in Miami-Dade County have a serious mental illness.

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LANDSCAPER SAFETY

The Pinecrest Police Department is taking a proactive approach to making Pinecrest roadways safer and free from obstruction by having lawn maintenance workers relocate landscaping vehicles to the driveways of homes at which they are working. Officers are also asking residents to inform landscapers performing work at their property to park in the driveway, if possible.

This safety measure has been well-received by landscape workers and landscape business owners. When a Pinecrest officer observes a lawn maintenance vehicle parked on the roadway, they will ask workers to relocate the vehicle to the driveway. If a landscaping vehicle is unable to be relocated to the driveway, the officer will ensure the vehicle is legally and safely parked on the roadway, and not parked on a public sidewalk. The officer will also explain how relocating the vehicle benefits motorists and the landscaping company.

For example, relocating a landscaping vehicle from the roadway to a driveway will deter lawn equipment thieves, and it helps get landscapers out of harm's way by creating more distance between them and passing vehicles. Residents are encouraged to report hazardous roadway conditions to the Pinecrest Police Department, so that an officer can respond to the scene, assess the situation, and take appropriate action.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RUNDOWN

PINECREST GARDENS UPPER GARDEN PROJECT

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
- Expanded Sensory Garden
- A new state-of-the-art Inspiration Center that will focus on all-inclusive activities
- Improved picnic area

Construction is underway with a completion date of February 2022. 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 loan in the amount of $4 million for this project.

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 with a more durable material that provides safe mobility throughout the park. Construction began in April 2021 with a completion date of October 2021. Construction cost 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 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 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. Project commencement has been extended to the fall of 2021 pending results from a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant for improvements to Evelyn Greer Park. The grant is a matching grant of $200,000 and will be used for playground renovations and other facility upgrades around the park. This project is expected to cost $375,000.

EVELYN GREER PARK BATHROOM UPGRADES

The restrooms at Evelyn Greer Park are undergoing various upgrades which include new tile flooring, new hand dryers and new sinks. Project commencement has been extended to the fall of 2021 pending results from a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant for improvements to Evelyn Greer Park. Project cost is $34,000.

FLAGLER GROVE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The new LED field lights, playground, shade structures at the playground and over spectator bleachers at Flagler Grove Park have been completed. The new synthetic turf field is underway and expected to be completed by fall of 2021. Project cost is $1,250,000.

VILLAGE ENTRANCE FEATURE MONUMENT SIGNS CONSTRUCTION

The Village will be unveiling a new look for its entrance signs, 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

Pinecrest 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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Announcing the 2021-2022 South Motors Jazz Series

Subscriptions are now on sale for the South Motors Jazz Series live from the Banyan Bowl. Our Select-A-Seat event where you can try your seats before you buy will be announced soon. For up to the minute information, please call 305.669.6990 or 305.350.0765. Single show tickets will go on sale after Labor Day.
Level A subscription $250 plus service fee
Level B subscription $215 plus service fee

The Max Weinberg Quintet

Saturday, October 16 at 8 p.m.
Max is a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer. He is a 44-year long drummer with Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band, and spent decades as Conan O'Brian's band leader on both Late Night and Tonight with Conan O'Brian.

Bob James

Saturday, November 13 at 8 p.m.
Multi-Grammy Award Winning keyboard artist and jazz legend Bob James is one of the fathers of the "Smooth Jazz Movement." Bob James is the founder of the band Fourplay, and wrote "Angela", the iconic theme song for the TV show, Taxi.

The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra!

Saturday, December 18 at 8 p.m.
Winner of 18 Grammy Awards, with performances in movies, television shows, and performances at every major jazz festival and concert hall in the world. This is the first time the Count Basie Orchestra will be performing on the Banyan Bowl Stage.

Delfeayo Marsalis

Saturday, January 15 at 8 p.m.
Pinecrest Gardens will celebrate the musical heritage of New Orleans when we welcome back NEA Jazz Master, Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra.

Fall in Love Again

A Night of Romance and Swing with Ashley Pezzotti and the South Florida Jazz Orchestra

Saturday, February 12 at 8 p.m.
Celebrate Valentine's Day early during a special evening of romantic music presented by the South Florida Jazz Orchestra with award winning guest vocalist, Ashley Pezzotti. The South Florida Jazz Orchestra is Miami's premier modern big band, and the fabulous Ashley Pezzotti is a brilliant jazz vocalist, featured on Wynton Marsalis' latest album release.

The John Pizzarelli Trio

Saturday, March 12 at 8 p.m.
Grammy Award nominated John Pizzarelli is a world-renowned guitarist and singer who has been hailed by the Boston Globe for "reinvigorating the Great American Songbook and breathing new life into the world of jazz standards."

Arturo Sandoval

Saturday, April 9 at 8 p.m.
Recipient of the 2013 Presidential Medal of Freedom, Ten-time Grammy Award Winner, Emmy Award Winner and Six-time Billboard Award Winner.

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PINECREST GARDENS

SUMMER CAMP

SHE JAZZ PROJECT

Recognizing a gender disparity in jazz, Pinecrest Gardens, South Florida's Cultural Arts Park, will launch the nation's first She Jazz Project this summer. The unique mentorship program will encompass a diverse group of young female jazz musicians, ages 14 to 20, from across South Florida, who will rehearse together once a week, and study and perform, side-by-side, with renowned female mentor artists.

"Since its origins, jazz has been grossly underrepresented by women," says Pinecrest Gardens' Executive Director Alana Perez, who conceived of the idea for the She Jazz Project. "Through this innovative program, our goal is to help bridge the gender gap in jazz and create a transformative experience for emerging female artists. The She Jazz Project is a safe, welcoming space for young women (identifying, transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming players) of all socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds to discover their voice and be heard through the power of female mentorship."

Applications are due June 11, 2021.

For more information, please visit www.pinecrestgardens.org/shejazz.

WHO WILL BE THE LEAD MENTOR IN THE SHE JAZZ PROJECT?

The She Jazz Project will bring three-time Grammy Award-winning jazz drummer, composer, producer, educator and 2021 NEA Jazz Master Terri Lyne Carrington to spearhead the project as artistic director. Joining Terri, the program directors, designing the curriculum and mentoring/conducting rehearsals each week, will be internationally recognized jazz vocalist and Chair of Jazz Vocal Studies at Florida International University, Lisanne Lyons, and jazz educator and published composer/clinician Michele Fernández.

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY ACTIVITIES OF THE SHE JAZZ PROJECT?

- Focus on performance excellence
- Development of broad guideline curriculum that commences in June 2021
- Weekly coaching, rehearsals: full, sectionals, ensembles
- Formation of several small performance ensembles (Sunday afternoons)
- Compose/premiere new works with ensembles is one of our objectives
- A performance at Pinecrest Gardens (COVID-19 county/state guidelines permitting)
- Partnership/potential for exchange activities with Berklee Global Jazz Institute students, as well as potential for seminar/side-by-side activities with University of North Texas Jazz Studies Program
- Assistance with scholarship research/cultivation among involved institutions and future partners
- Continuation of She Jazz with multi-performances and mentoring sessions throughout the 2021-2022 school year

SUMMER CAMP

Come splash, learn, grow and play with Pinecrest Gardens Summer Camps.

Discovery Lab Summer Camp

Ages 4 to 9

Join Discovery Lab for our five summer S.T.E.A.M. sessions and become a true scientist at Pinecrest Gardens. Each session will encompass the five areas of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) using some of our most popular themes including chemistry, energy, mechanical engineering, and life science.

$285 per session, $10 off registration for second sibling. Please call 305.669.6990 for registration discounts.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday

Session 1: June 14 to June 18
Session 2: June 21 to June 25
Session 3: June 28 to July 2
Session 4: July 19 to July 23
Session 5: July 26 to July 30

ART IN NATURE SUMMER CAMP
AT PINECREST GARDENS

Art in Nature Summer Camp at Pinecrest Gardens
Ages 7 to 9 and Ages 10 to 12
Space is limited to 10 students per group
June 14 through August 20, 2021
Monday through Friday | 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
$200 per week. Registration discounts availble for multiple week registration.
Please call 305.669.6990.

The Art in Nature Summer Camp at Pinecrest Gardens is led by our artist in residence, Xavier Cortada. It is a place for kids to tap into their creativity and be inspired by the beauty of the natural world. Every week, campers will be immersed in a lush garden landscape as they work together to produce videos, create ceramics, tell stories, and so much more. Additional information at **www.cortada.com/summercamp**

SCHEDULE:
Week 1: June 14 - 18 | Outer Space
Week 2: June 21 - 25 | Dinosaurs
Week 3: June 28 - July 2 | Ends of the Earth
Week 4: July 5 - 9 | The 305
Week 5: July 12 - 16 | Oceans
Week 6: July 19 - 23 | The Everglades
Week 7: July 26 - 30 | Forests
Week 8: August 2 - 6 | Bugs & Flowers
Week 9: August 9 - 13 | Endangered Animals
Week 10: August 16 - 20 | The Future of Nature

Multi-Week Discounts | Register for five weeks to receive a discount of $200 | Register for 10 weeks to receive a discount of $500. Learn more at **www.cortadaacademy.org**

RECOGNIZING OUR SUPPORT GROUPS

Charitable non-profits embody the best of America. They provide a way for people to work together for the common good, transforming shared beliefs and hopes into action. They give shape to our boldest dreams, highest ideals, and noblest causes. The Village of Pinecrest would like to recognize its support groups and their respective missions. These are guardian angels who continue to make Pinecrest Gardens one of the most enchanting botanical gardens in the world, South Florida's Cultural Arts Park, and the most beloved family destination for cultural, recreational, and educational activities.

FRIENDS OF PINECREST GARDENS

Founded in 2020, Friends of Pinecrest Gardens is charged with assisting the Village with the funding and expansion of recreational amenities and cultural programming—including development of the Upper Garden Improvement Project featuring an Inspiration Center, new playground and petting zoo, new learning garden and accessible nature paths. Its mission is to support, advance and help develop cultural and environmental projects, programs, and other initiatives at Pinecrest Gardens, and to provide a mechanism for private contributions, grants, and funding. With performing arts, fine art, eco-art and environmental education at its core, it will help to grow audiences with a focus on diversity, inclusivity and affordability.

THE GARDEN FUND

The Garden Fund was created to meet the botanical needs of our public green spaces, particularly at Pinecrest Gardens, a topographically diverse historic garden. The Fund is comprised of a group of volunteers who appreciate the vital importance of preserving and enhancing local places of beauty and tranquility, and who believe that public gardens need extra help to survive and thrive. Since its inception in 2007, the Fund has raised money through donors and special events and has spent more than $174,000 on 35 botanical improvement projects throughout the 14-acre historic property. Upcoming plans for the Fund include the transformation of the dry garden that overlooks Swan Lake, the Gardens' most iconic and picturesque site, and a revamping of the Caribbean Garden.

THE PINECREST GARDEN CLUB

The Pinecrest Garden Club was founded February 25, 2003 at Pinecrest Gardens with 27 founding members, including Co-Presidents Germaine Butler and Sharon Trbovich. The club was founded to fill a need for a garden club in the area and to bring attention to Pinecrest Gardens, the former Parrot Jungle. Most of the original members were residents of Pinecrest and surrounding communities. In November 2017, the Tropical Punch Fundraiser broke club records, raising a record $10,000 for the new Sensory and Learning Garden at Pinecrest Gardens. The following November, the inaugural SIP, a social event held in the Cypress Hall, took place. As of this writing, membership is strong, vital and the Pinecrest Garden Club continues to thrive, holding fast to its mission of excellence in horticulture, concern for the environment and fellowship among gardeners.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF PINECREST

The Community Foundation of Pinecrest was created to support Pinecrest events, activities, and programs. A group of Pinecrest residents envisioned a foundation that could serve the community as a whole and be a conduit for donors and other non-profits wishing to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods. The CFP was established in 2009 as a non-profit philanthropic organization helping seniors, schools, and the parks within the Village.

PINECREST GARDENS

PARDON OUR DUST

Something extraordinary is happening at Pinecrest Gardens. We apologize for the inconvenience. Many of our treasured activities are temporarily closed. By late summer, early fall we will be bringing more magic, more "wow" and more excitement to families, senior adults, and children of all abilities.

Opening February/March 2022:

- A 2,253 square foot Inspiration Center classroom, rehearsal hall and multi-purpose room
- Four new picnic areas and restrooms
- Outdoor spaces (sensory learning garden and event terraces)
- A new all-inclusive playground featuring whimsical garden creatures
- A new petting zoo, interactive shelters and barn
- Expanded learning and sensory garden for people on the autism spectrum and with special needs allowing for participation in a range of gardening and learning experiences

Altogether, the plan improves four acres. The Inspiration Center design concept provides panoramic views of the gardens to the east and south with an outdoor terrace that allows for views of the iconic Swan Lake. This unique learning space is designed to inspire people of all ages and abilities with art and horticulture displays set in a 1,276 square-foot multi-purpose room.

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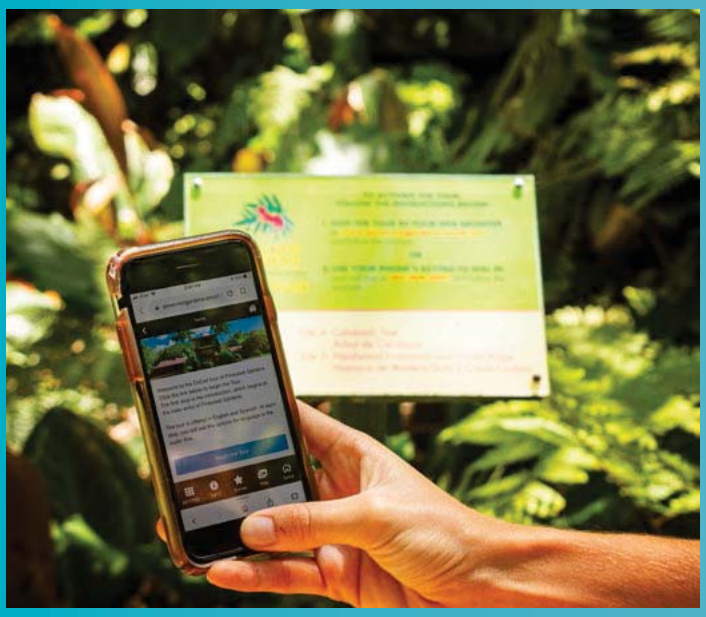
EXPERIENCE OUR AMENITIES



On-Cell Audio Tour

Now more than ever, we're committed to bringing you engaging programming and content.

Our On-Cell Garden Tour allows you to discover and learn more about the notable points of interest throughout the park. 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.

When you arrive at Pinecrest Gardens, ask for a map at the ticket booth, and the On-Cell Tour instructions are included with the map. As you walk, you will see bright green rectangular signage with the stops indicated. Follow the signs as you go or skip to the stops that pique your interest. Whichever route you choose to enjoy the tour, you will discover the hidden treasures of this very unique place.

Farmers Market

Pinecrest's award-winning Farmers Market is open. We are now allowing foot traffic, but safety best practices continue to be in place:

- Parking on the Village Green only
- No cars, bikes or scooters will be allowed inside the Farmers Market area
- No gatherings allowed. The market is strictly "buy & go"

Market hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For the most up-to-date information, please call 305.669.6990 or visit us on social media. We look forward to seeing you safely at the market.

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 advanced online registration. Limited capacity, registration is required.
To register, visit **www.pinecrestgardens.org**.

June: Art Naturally

Connect with nature in the most creative way. This month we will design our own gardens, learn about the color wheel, and go on an art scavenger hunt, exploring some of our garden's current exhibitions.

July: Bees

Join us as we learn about the world's most important pollinator! Did you know that some hives have over 40,000 bees living together, or that they are the only animal on Earth able to produce honey? Find out what the buzz is all about this month.

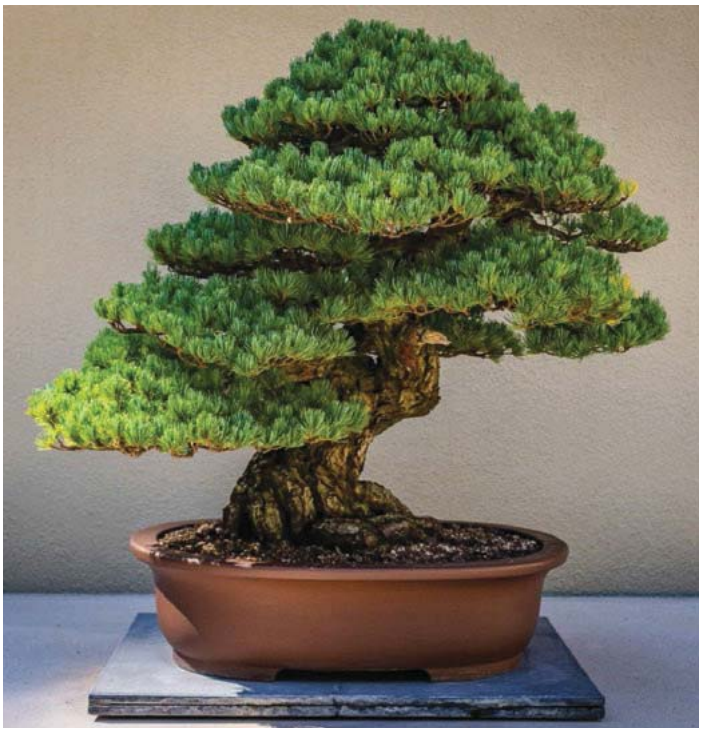
August: Reptiles

Like birds, reptiles have uniquely adapted to almost every corner of the globe. They crawl, jump, dig, and slither. They are abundant in Pinecrest Gardens. Reptiles range in size from a tiny 7 millimeters, to up to 50 feet long, and we will discover everything in between.

The Curious Gardener Workshops at Pinecrest Gardens

Join us for these upcoming garden workshops. In-person workshops will be limited in capacity, with social distancing and protective protocols where applicable.

For more information visit:
www.pinecrestgardens.org/curiousgardener



INTRO TO BONSAI

May 20 at 6:30 p.m. | $60

In this Basics of Bonsai course, our Bonsai Specialist will guide you through the process of transforming an average plant, to a piece of bonsai art. You'll receive your very own tree and all the tools to get started on this horticultural art. Together we will learn shape, how to wire, proper pruning and more. This class is appropriate for adults ages 16+.
Class includes guided instruction from bonsai specialist, a tree, pruners, and wire to take home.

GARDEN TO GLASS COCKTAIL CLASS

June 17 at 6:30 p.m. | $45

Join us for round two of Garden to Glass to learn about what fresh herbs and flowers we love using in cocktails. You'll learn to use our fresh harvest to make delicious drinks in this mixology class, and sample drinks made by our mixologist. Class includes take home plant, sample of two cocktails and workshop. This class is appropriate for adults age 21+.

ART OF PRESERVED FLOWERS: PRESERVING WITH SILICA AND RESIN

July 22 at 6:30 p.m. | $55

In this workshop, we will learn additional techniques of flower preservation, and use dried florals to create a piece of artwork to take home. Silica is a wonderful medium used to preserve flowers so that they keep their color and shape. After learning techniques, participants will use previously dried botanicals to create works of art by casting them in resin that they can take home. If you have taken our Art of Preserved Flowers 101 class, this is a perfect class to build on your skills. Price includes all materials, a complimentary beverage, take home art and workshop. This class is appropriate for adults only.

PINECREST GARDENS PLANT SWAP & SIP

August 12 at 6:30 p.m. | $20

Join us for happy hour and plant swapping. You will meet other local plant parents, enjoy a complimentary beverage and enjoy an evening guided stroll of the lower garden. In this workshop, you can network and learn more about the gardens at the "golden hour." We know the summers can be long and hot, so join us for cold drinks and plant talk. We will be raffling off a few plants to take home, too.

Visit **www.pinecrestgardens.org/curiousgardener** to register and for more information.

PINECREST PARKS AND RECREATION

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.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PARKS AND HOW TO REGISTER FOR ALL PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING:

305.284.0900 • ***parks@pinecrest-fl.gov***
www.pinecrest-fl.gov/parks
Subscribe to Parks and Recreation E-News at
www.pinecrest-fl.gov/enews

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SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Unbeatables Summer Camp

Ages 5 to 12
Evelyn Greer Park
June 14 to August 20 | 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
$230, Siblings $200

Camp Unbeatables is a unique award-winning program that combines sports, art, and creativity to provide an all-around fun camp. Directed and run by professionals in the areas of psychology, education, and sports coaching, and with 15 years of impeccable experience, they offer hands-on learning to have your child be successful now and in the future. Register at **www.campunbeatables.com**

Dance and Crafts Summer Camp

Ages 5 to 12
Pinecrest Community Center
June 14 to August 20
Half Day: $175 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 to 4 p.m.
Full Day: $260 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kids will experience high-energy fun, athleticism and art expression at Pinecrest Dance Project's Dance & Crafts Camp. Days will be filled with a variety of dance styles such as ballet, salsa, jazz, flamenco, hip-hop, and ballroom. Campers will also enjoy arts and crafts, learn theater techniques, and practice make-up and costume design. 15% discount when you purchase 4 weeks or more. For more information visit **www.pinecrestdanceproject.com**.

Bricks 4 Kidz Summer Camp

Ages 4 to 12
Pinecrest Community Center
June 14 to August 20 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 to 4 p.m.
$160 per week

This is a hands-on LEGO® robotics S.T.E.M. camp where students will design and build educational models including motorized machines. The models students build are challenging and fun, providing the complete fundamental components of robotics at its best.

David Ensignia Tennis Academy Summer Camp

Ages 4 to 17
Coral Pine Park
June 14 to August 20
Half Day: $185 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Full Day: $265 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A whole week of tennis, fun and friends! All levels welcome. Try tennis for the first time or be prepared to improve your game. Our emphasis is on creating a fun, exciting and safe learning environment for everyone. Bring sport shoes, sunblock, tennis racquet (optional), a bottle of water, light snacks and a great attitude. Full day campers must bring lunch or $7 per day for lunch. Please make sure to bring an extra change of clothes for water games on Fridays.

Super Soccer Stars Summer Camp

Ages 3 to 12
Coral Pine Park
June 14 to August 20 | 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

When school is out, soccer is in. Super Soccer Stars offers safe and fun kids soccer camps in Pinecrest. These programs provide each child with a full dose of soccer fun. 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 from the moment the whistle blows. Register at **www.florida.supersoccerstars.com**

Miami Stone Crabs Lacrosse Summer Camp

Ages 6 to 14
Suniland Park
June 14 to August 20 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
$250, 10% discount for multiple weeks

Miami Stone Crabs Lacrosse Camp is the top camp for learning and playing lacrosse in the Miami area. It is a great opportunity for boys and girls to learn or advance their knowledge of the game in this fun, friendly, and competitive camp. Camp sessions offer small group training focused on positional work, dodging, shooting, feeding and team development. Players will leave lacrosse camp more confident and ready to take on the next season. Coaching staff consists of current NCAA and professional players and coaches. Please visit **www.miamistonecrabs.com** for more information. Full equipment is required.

FunCamps

Ages 5 to 12
Pinecrest Community Center
June 14 to August 20 | 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Since launching our MagiCamp program 32 years ago, Funcamps has grown to include five exciting programs. For the Pinecrest location, FunCamps is merging three of its most popular programs into one combination camp. Funcamps strives to provide an educational & safe, secure environment dedicated to developing the child's talents, self-esteem, and interactive social aptitude. Learn more about summer camp and register by visiting **www.funcamps.com**.

Mad Science Sensational Summer Camp

Ages 4 to 10
Pinecrest Community Center
June 14 to August 20
Half Day: $175 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 to 4 p.m.
Full Day: $260 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Green glowing liquids, strange flying objects, messages written in secret code, autonomous robots, mystery substances that change from solid to liquid in seconds. Is this another planet? No, it's a Mad Science camp. Mad Science Sensational Summer Camps bring STEM to life for children with hands-on experiments that make science fun. For more information, visit **miami.madscience.org**.

CLASSES

Super Soccer Stars

Ages 2 to 10
Coral Pine Park
July to September

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 to ensure that each child improves at their own pace while having fun. Register at **florida.supersoccerstars.com**.

Open Studio: Adult Lessons in Acrylic, Watercolor or Drawing

Ages 13 to adult
Pinecrest Community Center
Sundays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 10 a.m. to 12 noon
$30 per three-hour class, $20 per two-hour class. Paid monthly.

Join today as a beginner or advanced artist. Choose your medium of interest: watercolor, acrylic, pencil or pastels. Work at your own pace. Bring a friend to try a class for free. For a syllabus and suggested materials, listed by medium please visit **www.wildpalette.com**.

Line Dancing

Ages 18+
Pinecrest Community Center
Tuesdays, July 13 to August 31
Beginners: 5 p.m., Improvers: 6 p.m., Intermediate: 7 p.m., Advanced: 8 p.m.
$80 for 8 weeks

No experience required, however, having fun is mandatory. These fun-filled classes 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.

David Ensignia Tennis Academy Programs

All ages
Coral Pine Park

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

This morning adult tennis program incorporates for 1.5 hours a day of wonderful instruction with lots of fun. Gain confidence in your shot making, refine tennis stroke mechanics and learn our fitness components to provide players with the necessary tools to maintain a healthy and safe tennis routine.

Little Stars

Introduces children to tennis and develops hand-eye coordination, agility, balance, movement, and racquet skills. This class will cover the following strokes: forehand, backhand, and volleys. Basic stroke fundamentals will be taught in a fun play-based format. All equipment is scaled to the size and ability level of the children.

Rising Stars

Continues developing the physical and technical fundamental skills: agility, balance, hand-eye coordination, running, catching, throwing, and basic stroke fundamentals. This class will cover the following strokes: forehand, backhand, volley, and serve. Develops fundamental racquet and footwork skills, along with introducing rallying skills. Kids will also enjoy team tennis competitions and games in a fun environment.

SharpMinds Music Academy Individual Piano Lessons

Ages 4 to adults
Pinecrest Community Center
Class days and times are scheduled with instructor
$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.

SharpMinds Music Academy Individual Guitar Lessons

All ages - Beginner, Intermediate and Continuing
Pinecrest Community Center
Class days and times are scheduled with instructor
$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 and a list of his awards, please visit **www.jameswoolwine.com**.

Pinecrest Dance Project

Ages 3 to 16
Pinecrest Community Center
Saturdays, class times vary 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pinecrest Dance Project offers dance classes in ballet, hip-hop, jazz, flamenco, and contemporary dance. 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.

Goat Yoga in the 305

Ages 5 to Adults
Evelyn Greer Park
Sundays, 9 to 11 a.m.
Select dates available
$30 per class

Goat Yoga in the 305 is an exciting yoga program that is fit for all yogis. This yoga program helps individuals get in touch with local agriculture and fluffy friends. Please bring a yoga mat. There will be yoga mats for sale at the class.

WE Martial Arts

All Ages
Evelyn Greer Park

The Young Athlete Olympic Program (YAOP) uses a curriculum developed by Olympic athletes. Young athletes will work their way through a series of levels, being assessed along the way by the WE martial arts Olympic coach. Students will get 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 kids and adults to enhance self-esteem, build confidence, develop discipline and learn self-defense while strengthening mind and body.

The Kickboxing Program includes self-defense, mixed combination of boxing and kicking, as well as conditional, weight, agility and core training. The objective is to increase core awareness and to achieve high performance and coordination while increasing mind and body focus. For more information, please call 786.693.0863.

Power to the Pencil: After School Tutoring and Enrichment (Coming Fall 2021)

Ages 6 to 17
Pinecrest Community Center
Monday to Friday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
$250 per week

This is THE extracurricular! Filling the gap between doing well in school and being great in life. Power to the Pencil's After School Mentoring Program incorporates homework help, life skills coaching and activities full of creativity. For more information, please visit **www.penciltutoring.com**.

COMMUNITY CENTER GYM

We adapted our fitness classes to meet your health goals while keeping you safe and socially distant in an outdoor setting. Join us for outdoor Zumba, Spinning, TRX, HIIT and Total Body Burn at Evelyn Greer Park. We also offer Ashtanga Yoga and Vinyasa Warrior Yoga at Coral Pine Park. Morning, evening and weekend classes available.

Visit **www.pinecrest-fl.gov/fitness** for class schedules and to register or find us on the MINDBODY app by searching for "Pinecrest Community Center".

Visit us at the Pinecrest Community Center Gym. We have easy membership options to help meet your health and fitness needs. 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. Everyone inside the facility must wear a face covering. For more information about the Community Center, please visit **www.pinecrestcommunitycenter.com**.

SENIOR FOCUS

Please register to join the following programs by emailing **gzoghbi@pinecrest.fl.gov** or calling 305.284.0900.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Walking Club

Every Tuesday and Thursday during the summer from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Join our group of active adults for a walk outside at our beautiful park.

Pickleball

Join our Pickleball Club at Suniland Park. All ages welcome. The courts will be available from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Pickleball club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. A free skill building class for beginners is held on Thursdays from 8 to 9 a.m. Equipment will be provided with a valid ID.

Techie Tuesdays

June 15, July 20, August 17, 2 to 3 p.m. at Suniland Park.
Technology is quickly changing, and most things are accessible via a phone. Learn how to use your iPhone and all its features. Topics include downloading apps, texting, Face Time, how to post on social media, email, sending pictures and more.

Bingo

Every second Friday of the month June 11, July 9 and August 13, 10 to 11 a.m.
in person at the Pinecrest Garden Cypress Café.

Open Studio

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 material, listed by medium, please visit **www.wildpalette.com**.

EVENTS

Pioneer Luncheon

June 4 from12 noon to 1 p.m.
The Village of Pinecrest honors residents 80+. Staff will be delivering delicious, boxed lunches to cars outside of the Pinecrest Community Center located at 5855 Killian Drive. Make sure to RSVP by Tuesday, May 25.

MONTHLY ADULT OUTINGS

Stroll in the Grove

Friday, June 18, at 10 a.m.
Join us for a leisurely stroll or shopping at Coconut Grove. We will be meeting at Coco Walk and have lunch at Harry's Pizza. Please note, cost of lunch is not included, and transportation is not provided.

Bowling at Bird Bowling Center

Friday, July 30 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon | $12 per person
Strike up a conversation while bowling with friends. Please register at **www.register.communitypass.net/pinecrest.** Transportation will not be provided.

Happy Hour at Bulla Gastrobar

Friday, August 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.
Meet up for some socializing, tapas and fun at Bulla Gastrobar at the Falls. Please note, cost of lunch is not included, and transportation is not provided.

**All trips subject to change and transportation will not be provided unless otherwise stated.*

Please send us your email address so that you can be added to the adult programs mailing list by emailing gzoghbi@pinecrest-fl.gov or 305.284.0900.

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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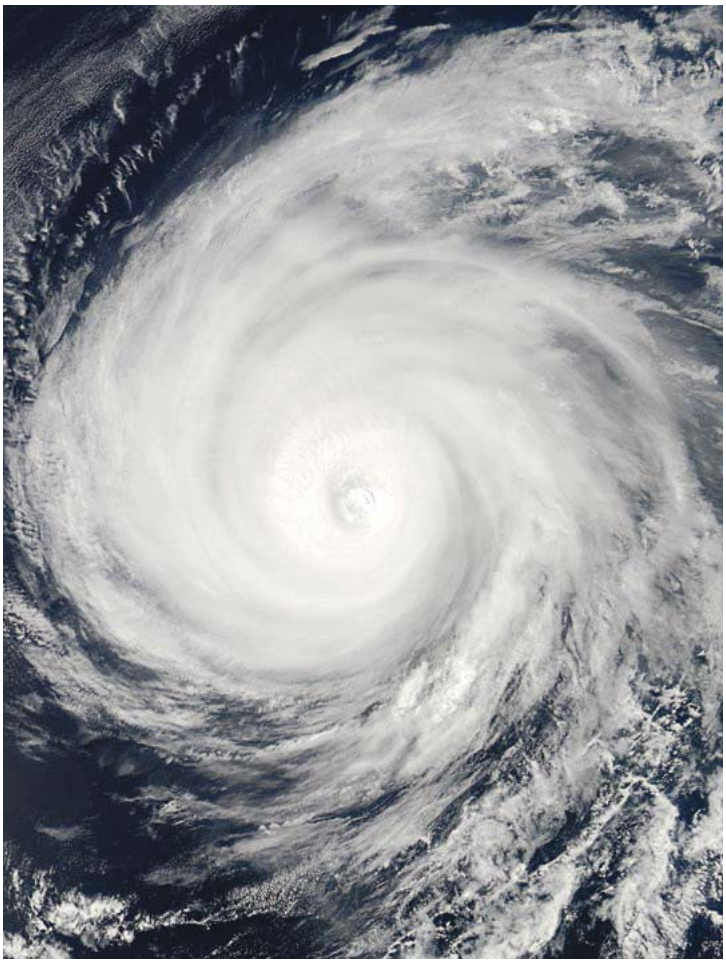

HURRICANE SEASON DURING A PANDEMIC

Hurricane season starts on June 1. It is imperative to have a plan that includes pandemic-related items and information. A hurricane overlapping an ongoing pandemic will present unique challenges on top of the pre-existing potential for catastrophe. Early planning is the key to navigating the perfect storm.

More than ever before, it is important that one think about all the possible scenarios, and plan accordingly. For example, social distancing protocols may affect evacuation plans and there may be supply chain shortages. Plan for the worst-case scenario. Visit **www.pinecrest-fl.gov/hurricane** for up-to-date resources on how to create a hurricane plan and for official hurricane preparedness information.