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On May 9, 2023, the Village Council had a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the new Pickleball courts at Coral Pine Park.

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a MESSAGE to the VILLAGE

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Joseph M. Corradino

Responsive government is a pillar of how the Village does business both in recreation and in more pressing matters such as bringing potable water to all Pinecrest residents and hardening powerlines.

Dedicated pickleball courts and the design for Gary Matzner Park are two recent initiatives that were informed by resident input. Pickleball Courts at Coral Pine Park were open for play in April and the design for Gary Matzner Park was approved during the May Village Council meeting.

Matzner Park will feature walking paths, a shelter with restrooms, a playground, open green spaces and areas to display native plantings. There will be 15 spaces for parking with access to 67th Avenue. The Village's dedication to create more green space and a larger canopy was noticed by the Arbor Day foundation, which awarded Pinecrest the Tree City 2022 Growth Award for continuous efforts to improve our urban forestry program and protecting our tree canopy.

Most recently, the Village was recognized as the top place to live in South Florida by Niche, and just last year the Pinecrest Farmers Market was voted Best Farmers Market by the Miami New Times.

As always, you can call me directly should you need assistance at 305.606.2364 or email me and members of the Village Council at council@pinecrest-f.gov.



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Yocelyn Galiano

Hurricane season starts June 1 and runs through the end of November. It is important to plan ahead and be prepared for the worst-case scenario. Prepare an evacuation plan. Decide on a family communication plan for what to do if family members get separated and cannot reach one another. Have a go-kit ready. It should include spare car keys, a two-week supply of medications, phone chargers, hygiene items, important documents such as insurance policies, a battery-operated emergency radio, a flashlight, and batteries. Take all forecasted storms seriously.

For the most up-to-date information, visit the Village's hurricane web portal at www.pinecrest-fl.gov/hurricane. Here you will find detailed guides and resources on how to prepare for hurricane season from emergency kits to property insurance information. This is also where the Village will post official information in the case of a hurricane affecting the Village. All hurricane-related information will be posted on this page, if a storm event affects the Village.



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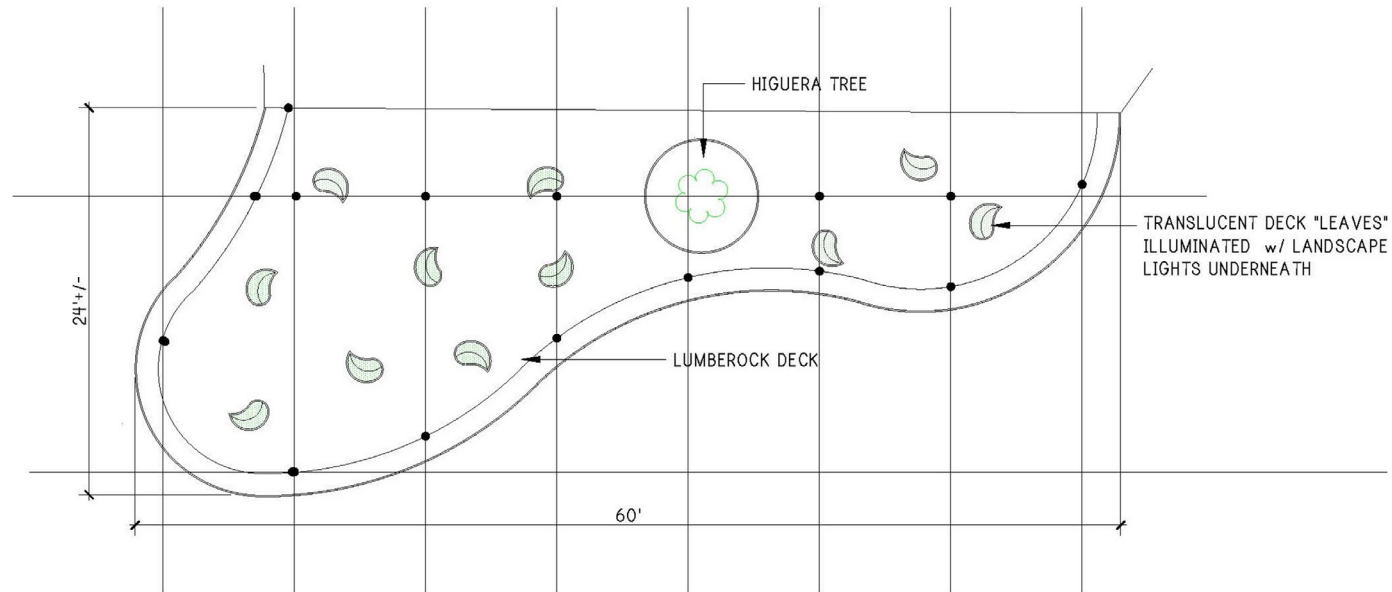
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RUNDOWN



PINECREST GARDENS CYPRESS HALL BALCONY PLANS

POTABLE WATER PROJECT

The Village of Pinecrest Waterline Extension Project addresses the water needs of approximately 725 well-dependent homes. The project consists of the installation of 8-, 12-, & 16-inch water mains and extending new service lines from the water main to the lot lines, in accordance with Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (WASD) standards. It also includes fire hydrants to provide fire protection.

Pinecrest received about \$8.1 million from the American Rescue Plan legislation, and the county has committed \$500,000 to the project. The balance of the project will be paid by the benefitting property owners with a special assessment of approximately \$358 per year for 25 years. Property owners will have up to 10 years to connect to the system. For more information, including the timeline of installation and expected completion dates, please visit www.pinecrest-fl.gov/water.

KENDALL DRIVE SHARED-USE PATH

As one of the adopted projects of the Village's Transportation Master Plan approved in 2018, the Kendall Drive Shared-Use Path project will connect SW 67 Avenue to Red Road. The project consists of removing the existing 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk and constructing an 8-foot asphalt path designed to accommodate two-way pedestrian and bicycle traffic. 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. In November 2021, Village Council approved commencement of the construction design which is expected to be completed in spring 2023. For more details and the latest information about this project, please visit www.pinecrest-fl.gov/KSUP.

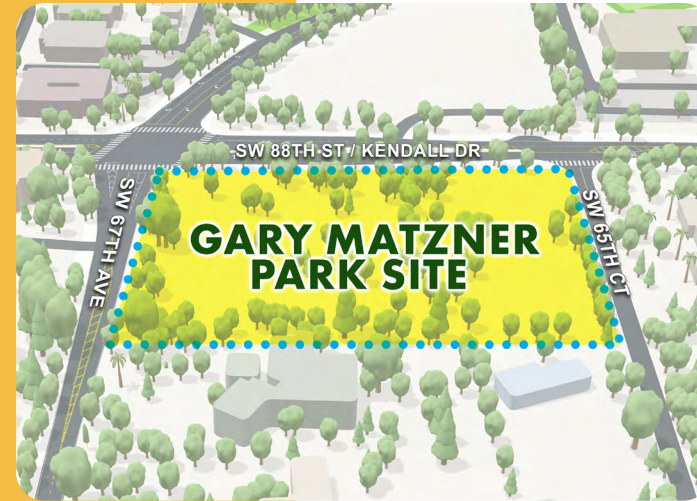


67TH AVENUE SHARED USE PATH

Shared-use paths are paved facilities physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier. They are used by bicyclists, pedestrians, runners, skaters, etc. As one of the adopted projects of the Village's Transportation Master Plan approved in 2018, the 67th Avenue Shared-Use Path will run from Snapper Creek to SW 136th Street. Village Council authorized the design of the path, however construction is pending until a funding source is identified.

CORAL PINE PARK PHASE 2

In 2014, Village Council adopted the Coral Pine Park Master Plan and divided the construction of the approved improvements into two phases. Phase 1, which included a new tennis center and playground, was completed in 2016. This project is for the design of Phase 2 which includes a new 900 square foot multi-purpose room. The design and construction documents are in its final stages and are expected to be completed by July 2023. Once the construction documents are completed, a bid will be advertised for the construction. This project is expected to be completed in February 2024.



GARY MATZNER PARK

In 2021, Village Council approved the acquisition of the 3.76 acre two-parcel site located on the southeast corner of Kendall Drive between 67 Avenue and 65 Court. This site is slated to become the future Gary Matzner Park. On June 8, 2022, Village Council awarded the contract to MKSK Inc for conceptual designs. An initial conceptual design was presented at the November 2022 Village Council meeting. The final conceptual design was presented in May 2023. The Village will advertise for a design/build firm to produce construction documents and build the park. For more information, please visit www.garymatznerpark.com.

EVELYN GREER PARK BATHROOM UPGRADES

The bathrooms at Evelyn Greer Park are undergoing various upgrades which include new flooring, new hand dryers and new sinks. This project is scheduled to take place during summer 2023.

SUNILAND PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Suniland Park will have several improvements during the 2022-23 fiscal year. These include LED lights for the athletic fields, a golf cage, and landscape beautification. The expected completion date is fall 2023.

FLAGLER GROVE PARK STORAGE FACILITY

A new storage facility will be built at Flagler Grove Park during the 2022-23 fiscal year. Award of the construction bid will be in May 2023 with construction taking place during the summer.



PINECREST GARDENS CYPRESS HALL BALCONY

A new terrace and balcony will be constructed by February 2024 outside of Cypress Hall in Pinecrest Gardens. It is currently in the design phase, which is expected to be completed by the end of May 2023. The 835 square foot decking will be made from ecofriendly and recycled materials.

SW 136 STREET TRAFFIC CIRCLES

In an effort to improve roadway capacity and operations in the area, Miami-Dade County is making enhancements along Old Cutler Road. This includes new roundabouts with sidewalks, curb and gutters, a storm drainage system, irrigation, pavement markings and signage, and roadway lighting along Old Cutler Road at the intersections of SW 67 Avenue and SW 136 Street. Construction is currently underway. Drainage structures are being installed and once that is completed, the work is expected to move forward quicker with the construction of the roundabout.

The objective of the project is to provide safety and operational improvements to help traffic flow smoothly at the subject intersections and along the entire roadway network of Old Cutler Road. Funding for these projects will be provided by Road Impact Fees of Miami-Dade County. For more information, please visit Old Cutler Road Traffic Circles at www.miamidade.gov.



VILLAGE-WIDE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

In 2018, the Village Council adopted a Transportation Master Plan in an effort to enhance mobility and to provide traffic calming Village-wide. The plan is being implemented as a long-range capital projects program which includes traffic calming initiatives, sidewalk improvements, traffic operational improvements and an on-demand free electric car service. Traffic calming initiatives include speed tables, speed jumps, traffic circles, and diverters. A total of \$292,200 is budgeted for FY2023.

STORMWATER MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Public Works Department is working on localized drainage projects based on the results of the Village-wide Stormwater Master Plan (SMP) adopted by Village Council in 2015. Project priority is provided to areas which have repetitive standing water after storm events. The goal of this program is to eliminate those areas and improve the water quality of runoff discharging to canals and closed (French Drain) systems. More than 200 new storm drains have been installed since the completion of the master plan. The ongoing improvements are constructed based on priority and funding availability.

The 2022-23 SMP project is the Palmetto Island Drainage Project. It began in January 2023 and is expected to be completed by mid-July. This project lies in Basin U32-S and ranks 13th in priority on the SMP list. This basin was selected for design and construction based on the funding level of a grant that was made available to the Village by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Additionally, there are five basins under design. The Village recently applied for a FEMA grant that would allow all five of these projects to be constructed. Status of the grant award is still pending, but the Village's application met all of the criteria of the grant.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



CRIME PREVENTION TIP SECURE YOUR PROPERTY, REMEMBER THE 9 PM ROUTINE

There has been an increase in auto thefts in Pincrest this year due to residents leaving their cars unlocked or their keys in the car. To avoid becoming a victim of auto theft, please remember to take the following steps to secure your property each night:

1. Remove any valuables from your vehicle.
2. Remove your key fob from your vehicle & lock your doors.
3. Lock your home doors and windows.
4. Turn your security alarm system on.
5. Turn on your outside lights.

By following this routine, you can sleep peacefully knowing that you've taken steps to protect your property. Suggestion: Set a daily alarm on your phone or post on your fridge as a reminder. And, of course, if you see anything suspicious, please don't hesitate to call 911. For non-emergencies, you can call us at 305.234.2100 or visit pincrest-fl.gov/police.



PROFESSIONAL STAFF PROFILE VICTIM SERVICE COORDINATOR

The Police Department handles thousands of calls for service each year. Some calls involve victimized persons of domestic violence, theft, and burglary, to name a few. Often, these individuals require additional assistance beyond the initial call in the days, weeks, and sometimes months following the incident. Victims who need an advocate to assist them and their families during this time may reach out to our Victim Services Coordinator (VSC), Leah Vivancos, who has excelled in this role for nearly a decade and has done so with love and compassion.

Before serving as the Village's VSC, Leah Vivancos worked as a Dispatcher for five years and then as a Records Clerk for another five years. She assisted countless residents during that time. She understands that victims need additional support and guidance after the initial police response. Her motivation to become a victim advocate was also personal. When asked, she cited some of her personal experiences dealing with trauma, long-term health concerns, and the unexpected loss of loved ones as her reasons for serving. As the VSC, she hopes to support victims of crimes, reduce their stress, and encourage victims' cooperation.

Leah reviews all case reports and reaches out to victims to let them know she's ready to help. When requested, she meets with individuals and examines what they can expect next in the legal process. She assists with injunctions for protection orders and referrals to emergency shelters. A big part of her job involves providing emotional support as needed. When asked about her most significant victories at work, she paused for a moment before replying, "My biggest victories are those I can't talk about." Her response was a reminder of how sensitive and impactful her work truly is.

If you or someone you know has been victimized or is struggling with any issue and would like to speak to Ms. Vivancos, you can reach her at 786.457.8719. She is also available via email at lvivancos@pincrest-fl.gov.

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



SUMMER CAMPS

Kids will have the summer of a lifetime at summer camp in Pinecrest. Sign-up before it's too late. Choose your favorite camp or try them all. Registration is now open for:

- **Snapology LEGO, Bricks, and Robotics Camp**
- **Dance and Crafts Camp**
- **Minecraft, Roblox, and Drones Coding Camp**
- **David Ensignia Tennis Camp**
- **Miami Stone Crabs Lacrosse Camp**
- **Camp Unbeatables Multi-Sports and Life Skills Camp**
- **FunCamps**
- **Super Soccer Stars**



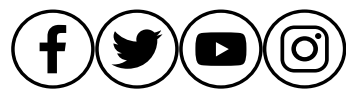
SPECIAL EVENT ZOMBIE RUN

Saturday, October 21 | Evelyn Greer Park

Save the date. Dodge zombies throughout the streets of Pinecrest on an adventure to discover the zombie antidote. Bring the antidote back and help humanity survive the apocalypse. Enjoy a 40-foot zombie maze, obstacle course, photo booth, music, refreshments, and more. Runners will receive an event t-shirt and life-force flags to wear around their waist for the Zombie Run. Participants are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite costumes.



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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, Village Green and Gary Matzner Park.



ART

OPEN STUDIO: ADULT LESSONS IN ACRYLIC, WATERCOLOR, OR DRAWING

Ages 18+ | Pinecrest Community Center
Sundays, 9 am to noon or 10 am to noon
\$30 per three-hour class, \$20 per two-hour class

Beginners, 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 to try a class. The class syllabus and suggested materials, listed by medium, are available at www.wildpalette.com.



DANCE

LINE DANCING

Ages 18+ | Pinecrest Community Center
Tuesdays | Beginners: 5 pm, Improvers: 6 pm, Intermediate: 7 pm, Advanced: 8 pm
\$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 individualized dance moves. Line dancing is not just about the boot-scooting footwork. It involves the whole body.



MUSIC

MUSIC TOGETHER WITH LAURIE

Ages newborn to 5, Mondays and/or Tuesdays
\$100 for 5 classes at Coral Pine Park

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.

SHARPMINDS MUSIC ACADEMY INDIVIDUAL PIANO LESSONS

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

SHARPMINDS MUSIC ACADEMY INDIVIDUAL GUITAR LESSONS

All ages and levels | Class days and times are scheduled with the instructor | Pinecrest Community Center | \$160 per month
 Award-winning guitarist, James Woolwine, brings the guitar to life. Students of all abilities will learn to enhance their guitar skills as they develop a lifelong love of the instrument.

SHARPMINDS MUSIC ACADEMY INDIVIDUAL VIOLIN LESSONS

All ages | Class days and times are scheduled with the instructor | Pinecrest Community Center | \$160 per month
 Private violin lessons by distinguished soloist and ensemble musician, Madison Ryan. Madison has performed across the US and Western Europe and is an experienced educator and performer. Madison creates a nurturing and creative environment where students can develop skills and reach their full potential.

SPORTS

FEEL THE POWER CHESS ACADEMY TOURNAMENTS

Ages 3+ | Saturday, June 3, July 1, and August 26
10 am to 5 pm

Evelyn Greer Park | \$30 pre-registration until Thursday before tournament, \$40 after

Feel the rush of competition in these full-day over-the-board chess tournaments. 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.

GOAT YOGA IN THE 305

Ages 5+ | Select Sundays | 9 to 11 am | Suniland Park
\$30 per class

Goat yoga is an exciting program that is fit for all yogis. Participants receive a full yoga session surrounded by furry little friends that keep the mood light and participants' smiles in full pose. By attending Goat Yoga in the 305, participants can keep up with their active lifestyle and help support agricultural sustainability efforts. Please bring a yoga mat. There will be yoga mats for sale at the class.

SUPER SOCCER STARS

Ages 2 to 10 | June through August
Pinecrest Community Center

Students 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 at their own pace while having fun.

WE MARTIAL ARTS

All Ages | Monthly Memberships
Pinecrest Community Center

The Young Athlete Olympic Program (YAOP) uses a curriculum developed by Olympic Athletes. The WE Martial Arts Olympic coach assesses young Athletes while they work through a series of levels. Students' 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. For more information, please call 305.494.8395 or visit www.wemartialarts.com

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COMMUNITY CENTER GYM



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#FITCREST FRIDAYS

FREE

Every third Friday of the month is FitCrest Friday. Everyone is welcome to visit the gym and work out for free. Individuals 17 years and younger must have a parental form signed. We look forward to seeing you.

SUMMER STUDENT GYM MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

Pinecrest Community Center Gym

May 1 through August 31

\$30 per month

Students with a valid college or high school ID get a discounted membership at the gym. Stay fit this summer.

GYM MEMBERSHIPS

Get your sweat on with top-of-the-line strength and cardio equipment in a clean and friendly environment. There are multiple gym membership options and the gym is open Monday through Friday, 6 am to 8:30 pm, Saturday, 6 am to 5:30 pm, and Sunday, 8 am to 4 pm. Private one-on-one instruction by certified personal trainers is available. Come in for a tour today.

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Group fitness classes are offered daily. Bring your friends or make new ones to help you reach your fitness goals. All classes are led by certified fitness instructors. To register for a fitness class, download the MINDBODY app and search for Pinecrest Parks and Recreation. Classes include: **SPINNING • HIIT • ZUMBA • YOGA**



ACTIVE ADULTS



FITNESS

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesday | 11 am to noon | Pinecrest Community Center
 June 15 through August 17 | \$59 monthly

Meet our new instructor, Mara Fowler. Chair yoga is a gentle and accessible method of yoga that is beneficial to anyone. It is practiced while seated with a chair for balance while moving through a series of yoga postures and breathing exercises. The benefits of chair yoga include improved mobility and flexibility, increased strength and balance, stress reduction, and improved concentration. Participants must pre-register.

PICKLEBALL BEGINNER PLAY FRIDAYS

Every Fourth Friday | 8 to 10 am | Coral Pine Park | Free

Learn how to play pickleball or practice your dinking, serving, double bounce, scoring, and other skills in a friendly environment with other beginner players. Meet our instructors and make new friends at our monthly meet up tailored specifically for beginner players.

PICKLEBALL CLUB PLAY

Tuesday and Thursday | 8 to 11 am | \$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 CLINICS

All Ages | Wednesday and Friday | Coral Pine Park

Learn the basics of Pickleball or improve your game with our certified pickleball instructors, Debbie Font, Charlie Bibb, and Anne Evans. Sign up for beginner clinics on Wednesday at 8 am, 9 am, and 7 pm, and on Saturday at 9 am. Intermediate clinics are held on Friday at 8 am, 9 am, on Thursday at 6 pm, and Saturday at 9 am. Private lessons are available. Call for details. Participants must pre-register.

PICKLEBALL COURT RENTALS

All Ages | Coral Pine Park

\$16 per court per hour before 6 pm, \$20 per court per hour after 6 pm. Rental is per court and includes up to four guests per court.

PICKLEBALL DAILY FREE PLAY

All Ages | Daily | 8 am to noon | Free

Get outdoors and play. Pickleball is a wildly popular sport that everyone can enjoy. Beginners are encouraged to join from 8 am to 9 am.

TAI CHI

Thursday | 11:30 am to 12:30 pm | June 14 through August 16
 Free

Tai chi is based on martial arts and involves gentle movements and stretches. Overtime, tai chi can help improve balance, flexibility, and strength. The class will be led by a tai chi enthusiast. Classes include simple warmup exercises and different sets of movements based on the Yang style of tai chi. Class size is limited, and you must commit to three months. Participants must pre-register.

ZUMBA GOLD

Ages 55+ | Tuesday and Thursday | 10 to 11 am | Free
 June 12 through August 17 Zumba Gold will take place at the Pinecrest Library

If you love music and body movement, this class is for you. Zumba Gold is a dance and exercise class for adults 55+. Instructor Cecilia Montesinos Richter will keep participants active with gentle, easy-to-follow dance movements that will leave you feeling refreshed and invigorated. Participants with limited mobility can participate while seated or holding onto a chair for support. Zumba Gold challenges your body and mind safely.



GAME DAY

BINGO

Second Friday each month | 10 to 11 am | June 9 at the Pinecrest Community Center | July 14 and August 11 at Pinecrest Gardens | Free

Bring a friend to play a fun and competitive game of bingo. Prizes will be awarded, and snacks are available. Participants must pre-register.

CANASTA

Fridays | 10 am to 1 pm | June 9 through August 18 Pinecrest Library | Free

Bring a friend to play Canasta on Game Day Fridays. Players must know how to play American Canasta.

MAHJONG

Wednesday | 10 am to noon | June 7 through August 16 Pinecrest Community Center

Play Mahjong with other lovers of the game. An active group of fun players is waiting for you to join them. This is not a tutorial class. Players must come and know how to play.



FIND YOUR



ACTIVITY NOW

LECTURES

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

June 9 | 12:30 to 2 pm | Pinecrest Community Center | 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.

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. welcome to participate in the free flow of information, knowledge, tips, technique, and instruction on varied projects. Pull your ideas, patterns, tools, and yarn, and join other enthusiasts.



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 the 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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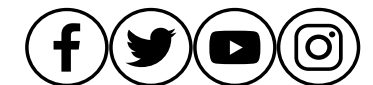
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Pinecrest Gardens, is a premier venue for visual and performing arts, education, environmental conservation and preservation. On any given day one can attend a concert or play, visit the Hibiscus Gallery, tour the 12-acres of native forested wetland, tropical hardwood hammock and native cypress slough, or take a class in art or horticulture.



SPOTLIGHT ON GARDEN WILD LIFE

DID YOU KNOW PINECREST GARDENS IS HOME TO MOUNTAIN MULLET?

Mountain Mullet, *Agonostomus monticola*, is a moderately small fish species that is found in the Caribbean Basin, Central and northern South America, and the Southeastern U.S. Unusual for mullet, adult individuals spend their lives in freshwater, where they spawn. It's thought that newly-hatched larvae are carried out to sea, but soon return as juveniles. The young Mullet frequently swim to the headwaters of rivers and streams.

Mountain Mullet prefer freshwater habitats that are free-flowing, without channelization, dams, or other alterations. They are found where water is clear, typically with trees growing along the banks to provide some shady canopy.

Although the species is fairly common in the more tropical parts of its range, it seems sensitive to habitat conditions. In South Florida, land of slow-moving swamp waters, all natural coastal rivers, streams, and springs either have sustained profound flow and water-quality changes or have been completely eliminated. Mountain Mullet were formerly seen at the former Parrot Jungle, now Pinecrest Gardens. The population disappeared, but after efforts by the Village, have abundantly recolonized the single known site of the species' recent occurrence, the Lower Garden ponds at Pinecrest Gardens, which maintains essential habitat for the species. Look for schools of bullet-shaped, active fish of all ages and sizes up to about a foot in length.

SUMMER CAMPS

DISCOVERY LAB S.T.E.A.M CAMP

7 weeks, June 12 to August 4

9 am to 3 pm

Ages 4 to 9

\$350 per weekly session. One-time \$100 registration (includes two camp shirts)

Join Discovery Lab for our summer camp and become a true scientist. 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: chemistry, energy, mechanical engineering, life science, and more. Campers enjoy all Pinecrest Gardens amenities including splash and play, mini zoo, playground, indoor facilities and botanical garden.

PINECREST DANCE PROJECT TODDLER CAMP

7 weeks, June 12 to August 4

9 am to noon, Half-Day Camp

Ages 2 to 4 years old

\$245 weekly

Join us for a summer full of fun at Pinecrest Dance Project's Toddler Summer Camp. Mornings will be filled with a variety of safe, monitored, and fun activities such as painting, dance, music, yoga, gymnastics, crafts, splash and play, and much more.



YOUTH CLASSES

CHECK OUT



THE CLASSES

PINECREST DANCE PROJECT PARENT & CHILD CLASSES

Start September 1

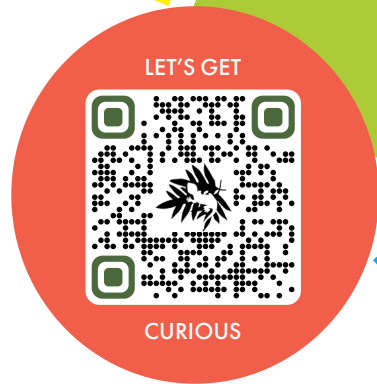
Ages 1 to 3 | 10 am & 11 am

Learn something new with a different class offered every weekday: Music Monday, Yoga Tuesday, Gymnastics Wednesday, Art Thursday, Dance Friday, and Creative Movement Saturday. Classes meet weekly, memberships start at \$75 per month.



CURIOUS GARDENER WORKSHOPS

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING GARDEN WORKSHOPS.



SIP & CREATE: PAINTING

Thursday, June 15 at 7 pm

Drawing inspiration from the garden and with guided instruction from Nathalie Morot of Budding Artists Miami participants will embark on a step-by-step process to create their own garden inspired masterpiece. Beginners and experts alike will enjoy these fun workshops. All materials and a complimentary beverage included.

MOSAIC MAKING WORKSHOP

Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 pm

Join us as we learn about the art of mosaics and create one to take home. Pinecrest Gardens is home to historic mosaics of Parrot Jungle Fame, and modern designs by our visiting artists. In this workshop you'll make a garden inspired mosaic and enjoy a walk through the garden to explore the mosaic collection. Workshop is \$55 per person. All materials and a complimentary beverage included.

PLANT TALK & SWAP

Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 pm

August is the perfect time to acquire new plants for your garden. In this workshop, there will be a discussion and tour of our living collection and a plant swap. Please bring a plant to share and you will be rewarded with a complimentary beverage. Explore the gardens' collection after hours, connect with fellow plant lovers and take home a new plant addition. Please label any plants you bring. Registration is \$20 per person and includes a plant from our collection and a complimentary beverage.



VISUAL ART

DRAWING FROM NATURE

On view June 4 through August 15

As we transition into summer and Pinecrest Gardens feels the arrival of the best of nature's bounty, Hartvest Project, in collaboration with ArtSeen365, tunes into the gardens' rich and dynamic setting. The Drawing from Nature exhibition addresses the magical wonders of nature, in all its forms, through the works of contemporary local artists who contemplate nature as the theme and drawing as the medium for their diverse works of art. Visit www.pinecrestgardens.org/hartvestproject to learn more.

ART & SOCIAL ACTION POP UP

Sundays | 11 am to 2 pm

Engage with and learn how to act on climate change, endangered or threatened animals and more with the Xavier Cortada Foundation team. Sunday Pop-ups at Pinecrest Gardens are hosted by Artist-in-Residence Xavier Cortada and include eco-action talks, tours and art activations. Visit www.pinecrestgardens.org/xcortada to learn more.



LIVE JAZZ AT PINECREST GARDENS

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE 2023/2024
JAZZ AT PINECREST GARDENS SEASON

Treat yourself to a season subscription of our sell-out jazz series and assure your place in our audience. Our upcoming season features six award winning artists showcasing a diverse lineup of Jazz genres including the 100th Anniversary celebration of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Full season subscriptions will go on sale June 15 and single tickets will be announced September 15. Visit www.pinecrestgardens.org/jazz for more information. Email info@pinecrestgardens.org or call 305.669.6990 for subscription and ticket availability.

THANKS TO OUR JAZZ SEASON SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

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JOIN US IN THE BANYAN BOWL ON SATURDAYS AT 8 PM



REBIRTH BRASS BAND Saturday, November 4

Big brass sound straight from the Big Easy. The Rebirth Brass Band is celebrated for melding their New Orleans brass band tradition with second-line, funk, jazz and soul, this renowned, Grammy Award-winning Basin Street institution has been bringing their unique sound to audiences across the globe since 1983.



GORDON GOODWIN'S BIG PHAT BAND Saturday, December 9

A holiday concert with renowned jazz ensemble, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band featuring jazz vocalist, Vangie Gunn Goodwin will take us on a journey through the Great American Songbook and highlight the most beloved song of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue in celebration of the 100th anniversary.



THE WORLD FAMOUS, GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA Saturday, January 20

A returning favorite, with its unique jazz sound, the Glenn Miller Orchestra is considered to be one of the greatest and most popular big bands of all time. Kick-off the new year with the Orchestra as they moonlight serenade you from the Banyan Bowl stage with their unique sounds of swing.



DION PARSON & THE 21ST CENTURY BAND

Saturday, February 10
Grammy Award-winning drummer, Dion Parson and the 21st Century Band feature the rich musical traditions of jazz fused with rhythms of the US Virgin Islands, paving the way for the Caribbean Jazz genre. Parson's musical foundation ranges from classical, reggae, calypso, jazz, African and pop music.



BILL CHARLAP TRIO Saturday, March 16

Grammy Award-winning pianist, Bill Charlap, has performed with many leading artists of our time, from Wynton Marsalis to Tony Bennett to Barbara Streisand. The Bill Charlap Trio marks its 23rd year together and is recognized as one of the leading ensembles in jazz today.



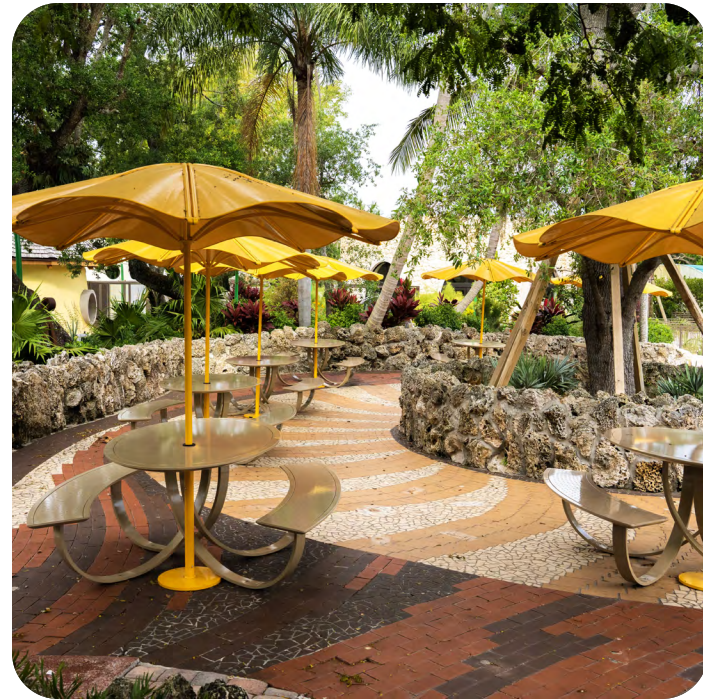
DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER QUARTET Saturday, April 13

Grammy and Tony Award-winning jazz vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater puts her unique spin on standards, as well as takes intrepid leaps of faith in re-envisioning jazz classics. Ever the fearless voyager, pioneer and keeper of tradition, she recently won her third Grammy for Best Jazz Vocal Album for Eleanora Fagan (1915-1959): To Billie With Love From Dee Dee.



NIGHTS OF LIGHTS - SPECIAL JAZZ SUBSCRIBERS NIGHT Saturday, December 9 at 6 pm

Get in to the holiday spirit at the Pinecrest Gardens "Nights of Lights" festival. Enjoy our beautiful botanical garden filled with thousands of twinkling lights, holiday bazaar and more. Visit the Cypress Hall for your complimentary beverage and then stay for the spirited holiday Jazz concert. Special Invitation is for Full Season Subscribers Only

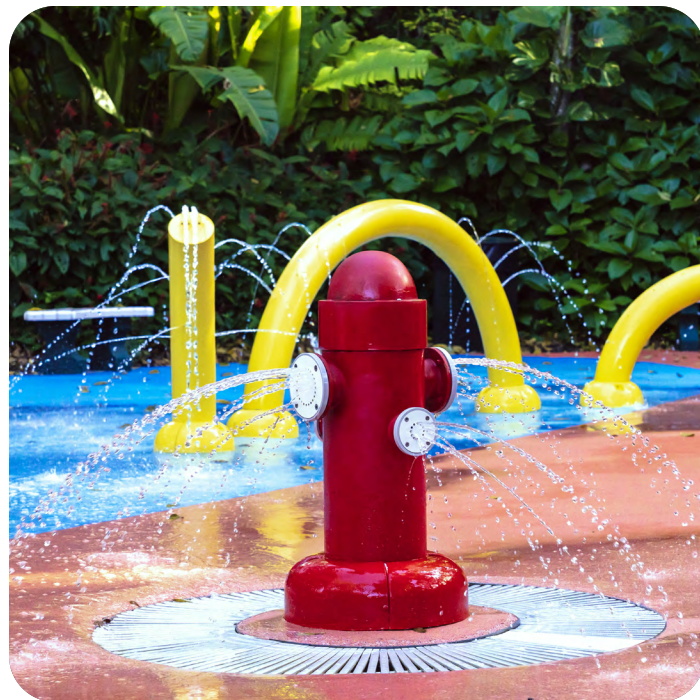


VENUE RENTAL

MAKE MEMORIES AT PINECREST GARDENS

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Picnic tables are now available for birthday party rentals. Celebrate your child's special day right in the middle of all the fun. Morning and afternoon times available. For information on availability and pricing, please contact us at gardens@pinecrest-fl.gov or 305.669.6990.



AMENITIES

SUMMERTIME FUN AT PINECREST GARDENS

VISIT: Whether you are looking for relaxation or recreation this summer, there are a variety of amenities to enjoy at Pinecrest Gardens. Our brand-new all-inclusive playground, mini viewing zoo and picnic table areas are open daily.

EXPLORE: Children of all ages and abilities can enjoy the swings, a spider spinner, musical instruments and a hillside roller slide. Visit our resident zoo animals, Jake and River, our playful donkeys and Vanilla Chip our charming mini steer, along with all of their friends.

SPLASH: Beat the heat in our whimsical splash and play, with its umbrella waterfall, misting fire hydrant, squirting flower bloom and water-shooting dragon.

STROLL: Take a stroll through paradise in our lower garden with its shady canopy and blooming flora and fauna, while viewing the pond turtles and fish in their beautiful habitats.

CULTURE: Pinecrest Gardens is all about art too. Our Cypress Hall and Hibiscus Hall galleries feature temporary exhibitions. There are also many permanent art collection pieces on view throughout the garden. Our Banyan Bowl hosts various live performances October through May.

SNACK: The Cypress Café is open daily from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm for delicious coffee, teas and smoothies, along with tasty and tempting treats. Visitors can also enjoy a snack from our concession tower and relax underneath a shade tree at one of our picnic tables overlooking the majestic Swan Lake.

