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Pinecrest is Recognized as a Tree City USA for 10th Year

Pinecrest, Fla. – The Village of Pinecrest was named a 2017 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. This is the tenth year that Pinecrest receives this distinction.

Pinecrest achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance or proclamation.

Sustainability and preserving green spaces is consistent the Village's core values which include conserving natural resources, while promoting green awareness in the community.

"The benefits of trees are numerous. Trees provide social, economic and environmental benefits as well as shade and beauty to our community," said Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano.

Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City U.S.A. communities. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. More information about the program is available at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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