



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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Meet Your Neighbors at the Next Neighborhood Watch Group Block Party

Neighborhood Watch Group members stay informed of the latest crime trends, safety tips and have the added benefit of knowing and helping each other.

Pinecrest, FL – Neighborhood Watch Groups increase immediate reporting of crime or suspicious activity, and potentially decrease crime in the area. The content and consistency of the group's meetings helps residents learn what to look out for and how to report it.

The next Neighborhood Watch Group Block Party is on Saturday, September 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Southwest 108th Street and 77th Avenue. All are welcome. If you do not live in the general area, please consider bicycling, walking or using the Freebee electric car service, as parking will be limited.

The Police Department hosts a block party for each new Neighborhood Watch Group. Officers set up tents, tables and chairs, and block off streets to create a car-free area where neighbors can get to know each other. Additionally, officers grill hamburgers and hotdogs for all to enjoy. Currently there are 32 watch groups in the Village.

If you are not able to attend the next block party, contact the Crime Prevention Unit to set up an initial meeting by calling 305.234.2100 or emailing police@pinecrest-fl.gov. The objective of an initial meeting is to gauge neighbors' interest, establish the purpose of a watch group program and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed. For more information about the Police Department, please visit www.pinecrest-fl.gov/police.

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