

VILLAGE OF PINECREST
MILESTONES

September 20, 1994

More than 600 residents meet at Palmetto Middle School to discuss the incorporation of Pinecrest as advocated by incorporation leaders Evelyn Langlieb Greer and Gary Matzner.

September 19, 1995

Pinecrest-area voters choose city-hood (3,138 to 1,623) during a special election.

November 21, 1995

The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners creates and appoints the Pinecrest Charter Commission.

March 12, 1996

Pinecrest voters adopt the Village Charter and the Village of Pinecrest becomes Miami-Dade County's 29th municipality.

May 1, 1996

Evelyn Langlieb Greer was sworn-in as the first mayor and Cindie Blanck, Barry Blaxberg, Leslie Bowe, and Robert Hingston were sworn-in as the members of the first Village Council at a ceremony held at Pinecrest Elementary School.

June 25, 1996

The Village Council appoints Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr. to serve as the Village's first Village Clerk.

July 30, 1996

The Village Council appoints Peter G. Lombardi to serve as the Village's first Village Manager.

November 19, 1996

The Village Council adopts the Village Seal.

May 28, 1997

The Village Council dedicates the Village's first Village Hall and Police Station located at the Suniland Shopping Center.

July 1, 1997

The Pinecrest Police Department, under the leadership of Police Chief Bruce W. Davis, becomes operational and assumes patrol responsibilities from the Miami-Dade County Police Department.

August 10, 1998

The Village begins its first major capital project – A five-year program to re-surface all Village roadways.

October 1, 1998

Councilmembers Blanck and Hingston re-elected to the Village Council without opposition.

February 9, 1999

The Village Council adopts the Village's first Comprehensive Development Master Plan.

June 11, 1999

The Village Council dedicates the portion of South Dixie Highway (US 1) in Pinecrest as Pinecrest Parkway. The co-designation of the roadway was approved by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by former Pinecrest resident Governor Jeb Bush.

July 6, 1999

The Pinecrest Parks and Recreation Division assumes responsibility for Coral Pine Park, Suniland Park and Veterans Wayside Park as ownership of these parks is transferred by Miami-Dade County to the Village.

July 8, 1999

The Pinecrest Police Department assumes responsibility for 911 emergency functions becoming one of only seven PSAPs in Miami-Dade County.

December 1, 1999

John R. Hohensee is appointed the Village's second Police Chief.

October 3, 2000

Councilmembers Blaxberg, Bowe and Mayor Greer re-elected to the Village Council without opposition.

November 27, 2000

The Village Council adopts the Village's Land Development Regulations and repeals Miami-Dade County's Zoning Code.

January 27, 2001

The Village Council dedicates Pinecrest Park, the Village's fourth park, as construction of the facility is completed within one year of the ground-breaking ceremony held on January 25, 2000.

March 10, 2001

The Village celebrates its fifth anniversary with a parade and picnic at the new Pinecrest Park.

May 15, 2001

The Village Council dedicates a portion of Southwest 82nd Avenue as "Jerry Dove Avenue" and "Benjamin Grogan Avenue" in honor of the two FBI agents killed in the line of duty in 1986.

January 2002

The Village's contractor completes installation of the Village's new street signs – the program is designed to establish a means of promoting a community identity and knowledge of Village boundaries.

January 25, 2002

The Village Council dedicates a portion of Southwest 111th Street as "Franz and Louise Scherr Street" in honor of the founders of the Parrot Jungle and Gardens.

September 11, 2002

The Village Council observes the first Patriot Day with a solemn ceremony at Pinecrest Park and dedicates a "September 11th Memorial Tree" commemorating the one-year anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States.

November 2002

Councilmembers Blanck and Hingston re-elected to the Village Council without opposition.

December 17, 2002

The Village completes the purchase of the former site of the historic Parrot Jungle and Gardens and opens the property as a municipal park.

March 8, 2003

The Village Council dedicates Pinecrest Gardens, at the former site of the historic Parrot Jungle and Gardens, and celebrates the Village's 7th Anniversary with a community celebration at the new municipal park.

September 9, 2003

The Village Council and senior staff participate in a ground-breaking ceremony for the seat of government – the Pinecrest Municipal Center.

July 31, 2004

The Pinecrest Police Department is awarded international accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

October 26, 2004

The Village Council designates the Pinecrest Municipal Center as the official seat of government. The municipal center is dedicated four days later during a public ceremony and becomes the permanent home of the municipal government including Village Hall and the Police Department.

November 3, 2004

Founding Mayor Evelyn Langlieb Greer administers the oath of office to the Village's second mayor – Gary C. Matzner. Nancy L. Harter and Gail D. Serota are also sworn-in to office. Matzner, Harter and Serota replace founding councilmembers Greer, Barry Blaxberg and Leslie Bowe who retire due to term limits.

November 9, 2004

The Village Council renames Pinecrest Park as the "Evelyn Langlieb Greer Park" in recognition of the contributions and accomplishments of the Village's first mayor.

March 18, 2006

Over 2,000 residents join the Village Council in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Village's founding with a concert, featuring KC and the Sunshine Band, and fireworks spectacular at Evelyn Greer Park.

November 8, 2006

Joseph M. Corradino and Jeff Cutler are sworn-in as the newest members of the Village Council replacing the last two remaining founding councilmembers who retire due to term limits – Cindie Blanck and Robert Hingston.

September 18, 2007

The Village Council presides at the ground-breaking of the new Flagler Grove Park. The soccer park is completed within eight months and dedicated on May 10, 2008.

May 31, 2008

The Village Council dedicates the new Pinecrest Community Center on the Pinecrest Gardens campus.

October 29, 2008

Miami-Dade County officials, together with Mayor Gary C. Matzner and the Pinecrest Village Council, dedicate the new Pinecrest Branch of the Miami-Dade Public Library System at Pinecrest Gardens.

November 5, 2008

Cindy Lerner is sworn-in as the Village's third mayor after her election on November 4th. Councilmember Bob Ross joins her on the dais on November 19th after his November 18th runoff election victory.

January 30, 2009

The Village Council unveils a sign commemorating the Village's national status as a Tree City USA community bestowed in recognition of Pinecrest's commitment to community forestry and the planting of over 10,000 trees since 1997.

February 27, 2010

The Village, along with Miami Palmetto Senior High School and the Pinecrest Branch Library, hosts for public viewing an original and rare print of the Declaration of Independence.

April 25, 2010

The Village hosts the 1st Annual Earth Day Festival at Pinecrest Gardens.

May 11, 2011

The Village Council adopts Pinecrest's first strategic plan.

July 2010

The Pinecrest Police Department is designated a Flagship Agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in recognition of the department's excellence in public safety standards.

August 3, 2010

The Florida Association of City Clerks presents Village Clerk Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr. with the association's 2010 City Clerk of the Year award in recognition of his accomplishments and significant contributions in raising the status of the profession.

November 2, 2010

Councilmembers Corradino and Cutler are re-elected to the Village Council.

December 2010

The Pinecrest Police Department deploys its first hybrid vehicle, a 2011 Ford Fusion, in an effort that could ultimately lead to a more energy-efficient fleet of police cars and as part of the Village's Green Initiatives.

July 18, 2011

After completion of an extensive public process which included a citizen search committee, Mayor Cindy Lerner nominates Yocelyn Galiano Gomez to serve as the Village's second manager. The nomination is confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Village Council.

December 6, 2011

At her fourth State of the Village address, Mayor Cindy Lerner announces that Pinecrest Gardens has been listed by the United States Department of the Interior on the National Register of Historic Places and, together with members of the Village Council, unveils a commemorative plaque memorializing the designation.

December 2011

The *South Florida Business Journal* rates Pinecrest as “Best in South Florida for Quality of Life” as a result of an analysis by *The Business Journals* which included a 20-part rating formula based on strong economic indicators, housing stocks and effective educational systems.

June 2012

The Village earns recognition from the national non-profit KaBOOM! as a 2012 Playful City USA community for efforts to increase play opportunities for children – one of only 213 communities in the country to receive the designation. The Village is recognized with the award again in 2013 and 2015.

July 11, 2012

Samuel Ceballos, Jr. is sworn-in as Pinecrest’s third Police Chief and becomes the Village’s first chief promoted from within the department.

November 6, 2012

Mayor Cindy Lerner is re-elected, without opposition, to a second term. Councilmember James E. McDonald is elected to Seat 3.

February 15, 2013

Cognac, France Mayor Michel Gourinchas and Mayor Cindy Lerner sign a twinning agreement, during a ceremony honoring Cognac at Pinecrest Gardens, establishing Pinecrest’s first sister city relationship.

November 17, 2014

Cheri Ball, Seat 4, and Doug Kraft, Seat 2, are sworn-in by the clerk as the newest members of the Village Council following the November 4, 2014 general election.

March 12, 2016

The Village commemorates the 20th anniversary of incorporation with a year-long series of events which culminates with a parade and picnic at Evelyn Greer Park.

November 8, 2016

Joseph M. Corradino is elected, without opposition, as Pinecrest’s 4th mayor becoming the first former member of the Village Council to serve in that position. Councilmember McDonald is re-elected to Seat 3. Anna Hochkammer is elected to Seat 1.

November 6, 2018

Katie Abbott is elected to the At-large Seat (formerly referred to as Seat 4). The voters also approve three charter amendments.