



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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*Pinecrest is having an environmental video contest for Miami-Dade students in grades 4-12.
Winners will receive \$300 plus \$1000 for their school.*

Pinecrest, Fla. – Pinecrest Gardens is proud to present, Pollution Solutions, a video contest to promote environmental education that is open to students in Miami-Dade County schools in grades 4-12. To submit an entry form, please visit the Pollution Solutions page on the Pinecrest Gardens website: www.pinecrestgardens.org.

Contestants will make a short video, 1-3 minutes in length, which identifies one of seven types of environmental pollution. Each video must also demonstrate a proposed solution for the pollution issue that is identified in the video. Students may demonstrate more than one solution and are encouraged to be creative.

The submission period is from Monday, February 2nd through Thursday, April 2nd. A panel of judges will determine the top three videos in each category. Categories are as follows: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-9 and Grades 10-12. Judges include Joseph Spector the VP of Operations for Ygrene Energy Fund Florida, Susannah Troner the Sustainability Initiatives Coordinator for Miami-Dade County and Lisa N. Toy, the Educational Program Coordinator for Pinecrest Gardens.

Videos will be judged on the following criteria: creativity (30% of total score), problem and solution (30% of total score), community focus and engagement (25% of total score) and scientific or technical approach (15% of total score). The highest scoring videos will be finalists in the contest and will present their videos at the Pinecrest Earth Day Festival on Sunday, April 19th, 2015.

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Winners will be announced at the Earth Day Festival. There will be three winners and each winner will receive \$300 for themselves plus \$1000 for their school to implement an environmental project.

Please read the contest rules and regulations before submitting an entry form. For contest updates, please "Like" our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/pollutionsolutions2015. Please send any questions to Lisa N. Toy, Educational Program Coordinator by calling 305-669-6990 or emailing ltoy@pinecrest-fl.gov.

Contest Sponsor

This contest is sponsored by Ygrene Energy Fund Florida. Ygrene Energy Fund manages Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs on behalf of local municipalities. The PACE program is a revolutionary new way for home owners to finance energy efficiency and hurricane protection property upgrades. It is noncredit-based, long term financing with zero out-of-pocket expense to the property owner. Ygrene pays the contractor directly, and thanks to the establishment of a private-public partnership with 15 different cities in Miami-Dade County, the property owner then repays the money through an annual assessment on their property tax bill. PACE is a great way to easily access the capital needed to make your home healthier, safer, and smarter for our future.

About Pinecrest Gardens

It has taken more than a half-century for Pinecrest Gardens to evolve into the lush oasis of towering banyans, natural streams filled with turtles, Japanese Koi, and a lake that provides a home for an array of magnificent water fowl. It is a place to experience cultural enrichment in a panoramic setting and to learn about history and our environment. Every element of the Garden reflects excellence, beauty and inspiration to transform the visitor experience into one of discovery, enlightenment and entertainment. The Gardens contains approximately 4.3 acres of native forested wetland, 3.3 acres of tropical hardwood hammock and an acre of native cypress slough hammock. In addition, the site contains remnants of the original bed of Snapper Creek. Pinecrest Gardens features over 1,000 varieties of rare tropical and exotic plants, and has long served the South Florida community as an educational resource for natural science teachers, students and researchers. Among the facilities you'll find a children's Splash 'N Play water amusement area, a petting zoo, playground and picnic areas and spectacular landscapes. There is a 500 seat outdoor theater and several meeting and party venues. The site was designated as an individual historic site pursuant to the Metropolitan Dade County Historic Preservation Ordinance on December 19, 1990 and on October 17, 2011, the National Park Service announced the addition of Pinecrest Gardens to the National Register of Historic Places.

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