



VILLAGE OF PINECREST
Press Release

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Pinecrest takes proactive measures to reduce standing water and assist the county with mosquito education and spraying

Pinecrest, Fla. – Miami-Dade County is ultimately responsible for mosquito control in Pinecrest, but because it is in close proximity to Biscayne Bay, the Village is taking proactive measures to assist the county. The Public Works Department does a Village-wide sweep after rain events to identify any areas of standing water beyond a 24 hour period. And Pinecrest Gardens sprays daily, and at dusk when performances are scheduled.

Media is invited to Pinecrest Gardens at 11000 Red Road, tomorrow, August 4th at 8 a.m. to film or photograph the grounds being sprayed.

For photographs of Pinecrest Gardens' grounds being sprayed, please go to:
<http://bit.ly/2aU5KXW>.

Residents are encouraged to call 311 directly if they would like to report a mosquito control issue. They can also call the Public Works Department at 305-669-6916 to report locations where mosquito breeding is of concern so that the department can report it to Miami-Dade County Mosquito Control on their behalf, and follow-up to ensure the request is being addressed expeditiously.

Pinecrest Public Works is currently following the actions outlined below as part of its work to help minimize standing water throughout the community:

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- It has implemented numerous stormwater projects over the past 12 months to drastically reduce the areas of standing water.
- New stormwater systems have provisions to help reduce standing water in the storm drain collection boxes.
- It has an aggressive storm drain pump out maintenance plan to help maintain the stormwater systems operating at maximum capacity.
- It continues to identify and rectify areas of reoccurring ponding with new stormwater management systems.

The Village sprays daily in Pinecrest Gardens because of the dense vegetation. In addition, Pinecrest Gardens staff will spray the grounds when an evening performance is scheduled. Pinecrest Gardens is a botanical garden with 14 acres of native forested wetland, tropical hardwood hammock and native cypress slough hammock.

The Village is including Zika virus information in its residential newsletter which is mailed to all residents. Zika Virus information is also being disseminated via social media.

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