Dear El Portal Neighbors and Friends:

It seems like this year is rushing by; the first-half of 2015 is already gone, but it has been full of amazing things for the Village of El Portal! And the second half of this year promises to be equally as amazing!

Here are some highlights of Quarter 2:
1) Assessed property values are up 15% this year.
2) El Portal was recently named by the Miami New Times as the “best place to buy real estate” in Miami-Dade!
3) Permanent trash cans have been installed village-wide.
4) A bike rack was installed at Village Hall.
5) The Village Hall’s beautification project is complete.
6) Our “Nature Trail Expansion” proposed project is one of the finalists chosen from over 300 applicants for the 2015 Open Space Challenge—finalist to be announced late August!

COMING SOON:
• Weekly Senior Chair Yoga Classes.
• Anti-Tethering Ordinance for the benefit of our canine friends.
• Village - wide information kiosks/ signs replaced.
• North Miami Avenue Welcome to the Village signs refurbished.
• 87th Street (and Village-wide) Sidewalk repair.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED? Please…
• Attend a Council or Committee Meeting (see dates and times)
• Join the Mayor’s Task Force “Keeping Up With El Portal” – email: mtfelportal@gmail.com
• Get and Stay Fit with the Mayor’s Breakfast Club run/walk group back again in August. We’ll meet Thursday’s at 6am then again at 6pm in front of Horace Mann at NW 90th St & NW 2nd Avenue
• Join the El Portal’s Woman’s Club. Contact Maribel Fruitstone at (305) 815-0735

IN THE WORKS: Mayor’s Junior Youth Commission – Early Fall

REMEMBER: It’s hurricane season, so please be sure to keep an emergency kit handy. For your reference, more infor-
The Village of El Portal Summer 2015

Message from Councilperson, Harold Mathis

Once upon a time, we kept our porch lights on. We opened the door even if we didn’t know who rang the bell. And we could always leave the back door unlocked during the day. National Association of Town Watch is the nation’s premiere non-profit crime prevention organization dedicated to the development and promotion of crime prevention in communities across the nation. NATW is a network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations and concerned citizens. Through that network, NATW was able to launch the annual National Night Out campaign.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live. Together, we are making that happen. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

On August 4, from 6pm -8pm, please come by the Village and enroll in the El Portal Community Registry. The Registry will be used in conjunction with the annual “Not on my Block” Crime Watch Party held in October.

Sincerely, Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos

The Mayor’s Citizen Spotlight of the Quarter

Goes to El Portal residents: David Ward and Cecil Ybanez. They consistently volunteer at just about every event, are always going beyond the call of resident-duty! They volunteered at our: Adopt-a-plant, EL Portal Art Fair and our Annual Armed Forces 5K! They also spearheaded the USA Flag distribution in our Village for the 4th of July last year on their block and this year shared it throughout the Village!

Upcoming El Portal Community Events for Quarter 3. Please save the date:

- Wednesday, July 29th Tri-Village Social 530 pm-730pm.
- Friday, July 31st Farm Share Food Distribution 10am – 1pm at 205 NE 87 Street (parking lot).
- Wednesday, August 19th Back-to-school back-pack giveaway 3-4pm.
- Tuesday, August 25th State of the Village Address 7pm.
- Wednesday, September 23rd Resident luncheon.

Please join us for our Village events, as together we can deliver a prosperous and beautiful Village, where everyone matters! For more information about these great events, please visit our website at: http://elportalvillage.com/ or sign up for the Next Door APP on nextdoor.com.

Again, thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely, Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos

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El Portal Art Fair

It was a pleasure to Chair this fabulous event with the assistance of the residents from the El Portal Mayor’s Task Force. Having been a resident for over 10 years, it felt great to give back to this wonderful community.

As a professional meeting planner I could not be happier with how it all turned out and again as a resident I was delighted to see so many new faces come and enjoy their afternoon with us. Events like these are what build a community. Thank you to all of the artists especially those who live in our beautiful Village for your participation and to the Sponsors, particularly Tropical Chevrolet and County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, without your support of our vision, this Art Fair would not have come alive.

We can’t wait to announce the date for our next one!

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Claudia V. Cubillos, Chairperson of Public Affairs
JUNE EVENTS

Summer Lunch Program

Mayor’s Summer Book Reading

El Portal Women's Club Kick-off Meeting

MONTHLY MEMBER EVENT

FREE Member Mixer!
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Thanks to the generosity of the Village of El Portal, Mayor Claudia Cubillos, and the village council. Residents welcome too!

Wednesday, July 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
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Please join us as we honor and recognize one of our partner communities with this free mixer that will include snacks and adult refreshment.

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