From the Mayor’s Desk

Happy 2016!!

El Portal’s blueprint for the future – continues to be a work in progress. 2016 will encompass a more progressive method of goal setting and accountability mandates on each Councilmember, as well as, administration.

While there is still so much to do in 2016, here are some highlights from 2015:

- Code Enforcement Officer
- Little Farm sold
- Hire Urban Planning Firm
- Unveiling of our Little Free Library
- Updated East Side Marquee
- Village Hall Beautification
- Trash cans installed Village Wide
- Bike rack by tot lot
- 2015-2106 budget passed
- 2 new Doggie Do Stations
- Village Wide sidewalks repaired
- New trash can with recycle option at Village Hall
- El Portal’s first Farm Share Distribution
- Open Space Challenge Winner to expand our Nature Trail
- Meet with owners of annexed area about development
- Peacock Newsletter - to promote transparency and communication
- Increased Resident participation through interest based groups: ie: Women’s Club and Task Force
- Commence Website update
- Hired a Village Clerk

I thank the Administration and Council, but our work is far from over and I continue to seek to work together in 2016!!

Here are just some 2016 Priorities for Q1 and Q2:

- Replace Water Fountain at Tot-lot
- Tallahassee: Storm water and Sewer Design
- Tree City USA
- Website Makeover
- Citizen’s Crime Watch
- Support Community Involvement
- Completion of Nature Trail Expansion
- Westside Bridge Makeover
- Codification of ordinances

And these are just to name a few... again, as you can see El Portal has a lot going on in 2016!! This is the time...
Mayor (cont. from page 1)

to get involved, there are many ways you can get involved, because I continue to believe that together we can and will deliver a beautiful and prosperous and beautiful Village—where everyone matters!!

Before I close, join me in thanking the El Portal Women’s Club for coordinating and hosting the wonderful Mayor’s Holiday Social. These dynamic, brilliant and selfless women are so simply amazing: Maribel Fruitstone, Celeste Miller, Michelle Washington, Vimari Roman, Sidra Mattson Urbom, Zamira Diaz, Lilian Pico, Fosie Norton and Dana Vignale -- THANK YOU LADIES!!!

Message from the Village Clerk

Good day El Portal Residents,

I'm Yenise Jacobi, your new Village Clerk! I joined the El Portal Team back in November 2015 and it's been a couple of busy months learning and working hard.

My duties consist of, but not limited to: Records Management Liaison; Public Records Request; Financial Disclosure Coordinator; Council Meetings; Website Administrator and Municipal Supervisor of Elections. Most importantly, I am also here for you the residents!

Lastly, I want to thank the Village Council for entrusting in me to do a great job and I am honored to be serving in this capacity.

I can be reached at Village Hall 305 795-7880 ext. 5 or by email at: yjacobi@villageofelportal.org

Sincerely,
Yenise Jacobi

To learn more about what your Mayor is doing for you: Please like my Mayor’s Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/Mayor-Claudia-V-Cubillos-468230803322107/?fref=ts

Also, I can always be reached at ccubillos@villageofelportal.org or on my cell phone: 305 778-4199.

Lastly, sign up on nextdoor.com and please visit our website: elportalvillage.com as we diligently work to refresh and keep it updated!

Thank you

Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos

Save the Date:

- Wednesday, March 23rd Resident Luncheon
- Saturday, March 26th Easter Egg Hunt
- Saturday, May 21st Annual Armed Force 5K
- Monday, July 4th Annual 4th of July BBQ
- Wednesday, July 20th Business Card Exchange

For more information and/or to get involved with these or other Village Events contact our Clerk Yenise at yjacobi@villageofelportal.org or 305 795-7880 ext 5. We would love for you to get involved!

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Mayor’s Task Force

Happy 2016! Hope everyone has had a great start to the new year. We just had our first Mayor’s Task Force meeting on Feb 11th and I am very happy to say that we had a lot of new faces. In addition to the new faces, we had a lot of participation and feedback. Some of the items discussed were the upcoming 2nd annual El Portal Art Fair, a possible monthly Food Truck Night and how the Task Force can look into incorporating some capital improvement projects for the Village in 2016. In addition to all of the wonderful resident’s that were present, we were happy to have fellow resident Maribel Fruitstone who is also the President of the El Portal’s Womens Club and spoke about the vision behind revamping and bringing this wonderful organization back to El Portal. This is an exciting time for our Village and I encourage all the residents to get involved with either the Mayor’s Task Force, the El Portal Women’s Club and/or the Resident’s Crime Watch. The Mayor’s Task Force will be meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7pm and our next meeting is scheduled for March 10th. Please come by and get involved. Even if you cannot participate monthly we are happy to welcome you, hear your feedback, incorporate your ideas and keep you informed via email when you cannot attend. Remember that it takes a “Village” to make a difference.

Thank you once again to all of the residents that came out this past month. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Sincerely,
Vimari Roman - Chair, Mayor’s Task Force, mtfelportal@gmail.com

Mayor’s Task Force Mission - Residents coming together and making a difference with ideas and projects to enhance our Village, while helping execute the vision of our Mayor.

Mayor’s Task Force Vision - We love our Village for its quaintness, diversity, friendly neighbors, beautiful trees, history, wild life and location. We come together and make a difference in our community because we understand that it takes a “Village” to make El Portal the place where everyone wants to live.
The Village of El Portal Code of Ordinances can be easily obtained at www.municode.com or you can place a public records request with the Village Clerk for a copy of the Codes, at your expense.

Reporting code violations/violators benefits the entire community. We all became champions of code enforcement upon making the investment and decision to call the Village of El Portal home.

See Something Say Something
Harold E. Mathis, Jr.,
Councilman Seat 4
Code Enforcement Chairperson

Dear Villagers:

I hope this communication finds you and your family well. As in the course of life we all sometimes set New Year Resolutions and The Village of El Portal Code Enforcement Department is no different. We are launching a new program entitled: F.I.V.E. (Furthering the Image of the Village of El Portal) for 2016. Please allow this correspondence to serve as formal introduction and notification with regard F.I.V.E. and its essential core design.

F.I.V.E. (Code Enforcement Unit) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the residents of the Village of El Portal by providing effective public service in the enforcement of Building, Zoning and Public Nuisance Ordinances. The Code Enforcement staff are committed to working with both residences and businesses in a manner that is both professional and most effective.

The Code Enforcement Department hereby advising all resident to take notice of any and all code violation and complete the required corrective actions.

We ask that you review the Code of Ordinances to have a better understanding of what is deemed a code violation and what is required for compliance. As a homeowner, it is your responsibility and duty to know what you can and cannot within the Village limits in accordance with the Code of Ordinances.

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2016 Bulk Waste Schedule, Village of El Portal

- Service will be provided once each quarter, usually in the first week of the last quarter of each month. See schedule below for exact service days for your area this year.
- The Village will be divided into three zones, with each zone scheduled for a specific day of each quarter. Residents MUST have the bulk waste set out no later than 7:00 a.m. on their scheduled service day. It is strongly recommended that residents put the bulk waste out the evening before their scheduled service date.
- Zone 1 includes all homes west of North Miami Avenue. Zone 1 will be serviced on Tuesday of each quarterly service week.
- Zone 2 includes all homes east of North Miami Avenue from NE 88th St. to NE 90th St. Zone 2 will be serviced on Wednesday of each quarterly service week.
- Zone 3 includes all homes east of North Miami Avenue from NE 87th St. south to the southern end of Village limits (Little River). Zone 3 will be serviced on Thursday of each quarterly service week.

Service days for 2016 will be as follows:

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The regular bulk collection schedule above is for approved bulky wastes that cannot fit within the carts. Acceptable bulky items include yard trash with pieces no larger than 6 feet, vegetative and wood matter that is part of normal yard maintenance, household furniture, and household trash. Please place appropriate bulk waste items away from trees, cars, and other objects in order to provide access by the crane trucks. Waste generated by contractors or subcontractors is NOT considered household trash, and should NOT be placed out for collection.

Residents requiring special bulk waste collections (at times other than the regular schedule) should contact Village Hall BEFORE placing bulk waste out. Additional fees will apply for special bulk collections. Please visit www.elportalvillage.com for up-to-date information.

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2016 Council & Committee Meetings
Holiday Schedule

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
4th Tuesday every month at 7PM
January 26th, February 23rd, March 22nd, April 26th, May 24th, June 28th, July 26th, AUGUST RECESS, September 27th, October 25th, November 15th, and December 20th

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
2nd week of every other month
Public Affairs (2nd Monday, every other month at 6:30 PM) Jan. 11th, March 8th, May 10th, July 12th, Sept. 12th, Nov. 14th
Public Works (2nd Monday, every other month at 6:45PM) Jan. 11th, March 8th, May 10th, July 12th, Sept 12th, Nov. 14th
Public Safety (2nd Tuesday, every other month at 6:30PM) Jan. 12th, March 9th, May 11th, July 13th, Sept. 13th, Nov. 8th
Code Enforcement (2nd Tuesday, every other month at 6:45PM) Jan. 12th, March 9th, May 11th, July 13th, Sept 13th, Nov. 8th
Planning & Zoning (2nd Wednesday, every other month at 6:30PM) Jan. 13th, March 10th, May 12th, July 14th, Sept 14th, Nov. 9th
Administration & Finance (2nd Wednesday, every other month at 6:45PM) Jan. 13th, March 10th, May 12th, July 14th, Sept 14th, Nov. 9th

HOLIDAYS (Village Hall will be closed for the following Holidays)
New Year’s Day, Friday, January 1st
Martin Luther King’s Birthday, Monday, January 18th
Presidents’ Day, Monday, February 15th
Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th
Independence Day, Monday, July 4th
Labor Day, Monday, September 5th
Columbus Day, Monday, October 10th
Veterans’ Day, Friday, November 11th
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th
Friday after Thanksgiving, November 25th
Day after Christmas, Monday, December 25th

Halloween Party
Once again, our Halloween Block Party was a great success -Thank you to our residents, police officers and administration for always supporting and being a part of our Community Events. Look out for October 31, 2016!

Cecil and David
Lilian Pico and the clan!
Mayor Cubillos with Officer Gutierrez
NE 87 street gang!!
Michael McCullom
Olivia Pentreath
Edgar Pinedo --our resident DJ
El Portal loves dogs!
The gorgeous Urbom children!!
Veronique with her two beautiful children!!
Ashley and Michelle Grados with their friend!!
Michael McCullom, Sr.
OCTOBER Around Our Village!

Vice Mayor Nickerson talking about Community Leaders and their roles!

Officer Gutierrez and Boisnote reviewing Community Safety and their Role to the VPK Class at Ms. Claudia’s

Jason Walker presenting Citizen of the Month Award to Ambar Sosa, VPK student at Ms. Claudia’s Village Academy

Great meeting discussing Larchmont Park! (Left to right: Officer Gutierrez, Jason Walker, Chief Morales, Mayor Cubillos, Chief Patterson of Miami Dade County and Officer Santos

Horace Mann Walk for a Cure

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NOVEMBER Around Our Village!

TURKEY GIVEAWAY with Commissioner Edmonson

Reading and Promoting literacy at Phyllis Ruth Miller in the VPK Class

At the Veterans Day Parade --honoring and supporting our Veterans. With Miami Lakes Vice Mayor Lambaut, North Bay Village Mayor Leon-Kreps, Mayor Cubillos and Officer Gutierrez

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DECEMBER Around Our Village!

MAYOR’S HOLIDAY SOCIAL. The women of El Portal came together and hosted an amazing, fun and memorable 2015 Holiday Social!! Thank you: Celeste, Maribel, Vimari, Dana, Lilian, Zamira, Michelle and Sidra. Thank you to all the residents who attended and donated an unwrapped toy for our Annual Toy Drive!

ANNUAL TOY GIVEAWAY

ANNUAL EL PORTAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Thank you Maribel, Harold, Celeste, Kristen, Sidra, Dana and all residents who came out to support the kids and this great community event!!