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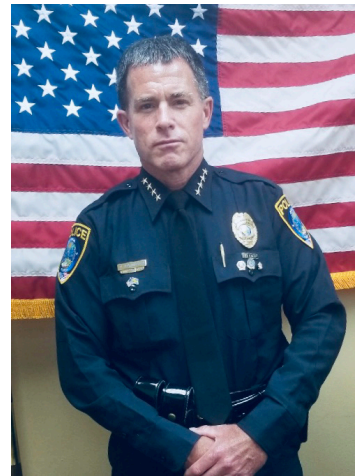
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- Mon. - Fri.**..... 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- Wednesday**..... 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM



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EL PORTAL'S CHIEF OF POLICE



Car Break ins

Car break ins: Incredibly annoying. Anger provoking. Difficult to safeguard against... **OR ARE THEY?!** That will be the gist of this article as I sit here, writing it on 23 October 2019. I give this date because, as is often the case with car break ins, stats can (and most certainly will move) before this comes to publication.

First Some Statistical Data

It was recently brought up to me that car break ins are much higher than last year. That is absolutely not true...at least not through September 2019. In fact, comparing both years through September, there are ten less car break ins in 2019 than in 2018. There were 35 car break ins in 2018. I believe we should come in with less at the end of 2019.

It is important to understand that if there are, for instance, 10 car break ins in a small defined area over a few days or nights, there are not 10 separate offenders. In fact, there may only be one-two offenders. It is a small band that usually creates the most havoc. Along the lines, the one was to stop a property crime spike is to make one or two well positioned arrests. Often times, that offender(s) may not even be arrested for the specific crime he/she has been committing.

How is that? Well, let's say we have a rash of car break ins in a given area. Hence, we set up an undercover detail. Low and behold, we see a guy walking up and down the street at 0300 hours. He takes off running. We stop him. We arrest him for loitering and prowling because we did not see him break into any cars nor did he have any property on him that we could link to cars in the area.

So you ask, "why not compare his fingerprints?" I reply, "he is on camera on all his car break ins wearing a mask and gloves." So no fingerprints or video identification exist. But since his arrest, there are no more car break ins in

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that area. No doubt that was the guy. That is how we may arrest someone for a crime though not the one he had been committing.

There were seven car break ins in the small defined areas of NE 2 Avenue to NE 5 Avenue from 85 to 90 Street. These came during the first 14 days of September until we arrested an offender. Since then (at least up to today) there have been no more car break ins in this previously active area. That is forty days.

Will it last? Not likely. But for these forty days, the area has been shut down.

What Did the Police Do?

We worked a few undercover details over a variety of different dates and times. In marked units, we talked with numerous people, who were not breaking the law, but were out and about during the “witching hours” (as I call them) of 0130-0430. There was no reason to detain or stop and frisk. But by just driving by and saying “hello” or park and the end of the block carried a strong message that the police are out there and vigilant.

There is no crime walking around a neighborhood in the middle of the night. But one would be awfully naïve if they thought that a police officer (or even just a neighborhood resident) would not be mildly suspicious, if not curious, as to why this is taking place.

It is our job to find a fine balance between being suspicious, when situations warrant such, and ensuring that we remain fully within the Constitutional safeguards afforded to every American. Additionally, we have increased our uniform park and walk hours. Again, just being seen, on foot, particularly at night, adds

a level of discomfort for anyone contemplating car burglary.

What can You (The Citizen) Do?

First and foremost, be nosy neighbors. Keep an eye out on your neighbors to each side. You should know when they are away; they, in turn, should know when you’re away. I am sure you all get up at different times of the night for a variety of different reasons (some, numerous times). If each of you just looked out the window before returning to bed, you very well may see something suspicious that needs to be reported to police, via a 911 call. And yes, someone walking on the street or getting near cars at 0300 hours necessitates a 911 call.

You need to think proactively. Get a RING. At night turn the sound loud so if someone comes near the house you will hear it go off. Yes I know....What about if a car drives by? Well, you can set how far the RING goes out. If we are to defeat crime spikes, we must work together proactively to outsmart these criminals; we cannot be at the mercy of their thieving whims. That is what they hope for.

But here is another point: What ever happened to car alarms? Did they go the way of voicemail or rotary phones? I mean, don’t most cars have a car alarm? Which by and large means you need to lock the car door with the key fob. If the alarm is sensitive enough, if someone is messing with the door it will set the alarm off. We just need to be cognizant that when a car alarm goes off, on the block, we jump up, rush to the window, and check to see what is going on.

Look, two final things. There are locks on car doors for a reason. **LOCK YOU CAR DOORS!** And do not, **REPEAT DO NOT LEAVE A FIREARM IN THE CAR!** I ask this question: If you carry a firearm I am guessing it is for protection, right? So please tell me what is the point of separating yourself from that protection? You are in your house and your firearm remains in the car. And just you know, when you leave a gun in the car and it is stolen, you just turned a thief into an armed felony that now we may come across. With gun ownership comes great responsibility.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings El Portal,

Fall is here and winter is already quickly approaching! I hope you all are having a wonderful holiday season. With the fall season, is the annual



government budget process and I would like to thank the El Portal Village Manager for preparing the 2019-2020 budget, which continues to maximize funding for our Public Safety and Public Works departments, at the same 8.3 mileage rate. El Portal has sustained this mileage rate since 2011. A copy of the approved budget can be found on the Village of El Portal's website at: elportalvillage.com.

Your Village Council and administration continues to work together to ensure we plan, protect and safeguard our Village.

As we prepare to wrap up this year, here are some 2019 highlights:

- Secured the necessary easement, located on the Horace Mann School property, in order to continue with our Septic to Sewer Phase 1 process
- Completed second Comprehensive Plan workshop, in order to move forward with updating it.
- Village residents came together for a strong Bahamas relief by donating many items
- Designated Tree city USA - 4th year in a row
- El Portal Police Department received 'Small Agency of the Year' by RING
- Officer Borrell promoted to Sergeant
- Officer Sharp promotes to Sergeant
- Mayor Cubillos secured the donation of police vehicles from

- Homestead and Doral
- Yenise Jacobi, earned her Certification for Municipal Clerk
- On July 11th FEMA obligated to the State of Florida 2.1 million for Irma reimbursement (the State of Florida has monies, and is still reviewing)
- Village Manager with Robert Ruano secured a CDGB Grant in the amount of \$157k
- The Kavista, a proposed new development in our annexed area, has put forth a 'Development Agreement' to the Planning and Zoning Committee, for 1.1 million paid to the Village - this item goes before full Council in December
- Proprietors of the 'little far' land, hired a Master Plan Company
- Directed Plusurbia to create an El Portal Architectural Guide Book
- El Portal is designated Bronze for our Solsmart initiative and collaboration with the South Florida Regional Planning Council
- Mayor Cubillos, President of the Miami Dade County League of Cities. As President, Mayor Cubillos has given El Portal a seat at the table on County Boards.
- Mayor Cubillos appointed Councilperson Urbom to the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee
- Mayor Cubillos appointed Councilperson Roman to the Neat Streets Miami Board
- Resiliency Town Hall held in July
- El Portal, signed and is part of Resilient305
- Cost analysis road map to address our streets and infrastructure has been planned.

El Portal, there are many exciting things happening, and encourage you to learn more on what we are doing for our Village.

Hope you and your families have a blessed and joyous holiday season, and may 2020 bring each of you faith, hope

and love - everyday!

Yours in service,
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Shout out to Councilman Isaac Salver, who is now the President of the Florida League of Cities.



Shout out to the North Miami Beach Manager and Mayor for checking in on us during the possible anticipation of Hurricane Dorian.



Childhood Cancer Proclamation presented at the September Council Meeting

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Collaborating with Miami Dade County



Discussing economic development with Senator Tadeo.



El Portal attended the Miami Dade County League of Cities Best Practices in October of 2019



City of Miami Commissioner Willy Gort, thank you for your many years of service - happy retirement.



Great to have this amazing family living back in El Portal - welcome back!!



Congratulations Yenise on earning your Certification for Municipal Clerk!



Collaborating with Miami Dade County Public School Board to acquire a necessary easement for phase 1 of our Septic to Sewer.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

Happy Holidays!

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.” – William Blake
Yayyy my favorite seasons have arrived. Hope everyone is enjoying the slightly lower temperatures.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our good old-fashioned trick or treating this Halloween. We had quite a bit of you join us at in front of the Village Hall before going on foot along NE 87th & 88th Streets and it was great to see how many of the residents participated by giving out candy. We want to pay a special Thank You to the following partners for donating candy to the Village:



Barrington Brothers, LLC

Thank you to the Village Clerk, Yenise Jacobi and the Village Manager, Christia Alou for decorating and coordinating a great evening for all. A special thanks to the El Portal Police Department for keeping everyone safe!

Volunteers for Village Events: Events require many resources and manpower. If you are interested in volunteering and offering your talents towards Village events please contact Councilperson Roman at (305)395-2536 or vroman@villageofelportal.org. It takes a Village - get involved!

HOME OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations to our Home of the Month winners for July and August!

July Winner: 102 NE 86th Street - Home of Jerome Jean Louis Fayolle and Jorge Orobitig



Aug Winner: 60 NE 88th Street - Home of OMAR ANTONIO LOPEZ



Fall winners will be announced on the next newsletter.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

Ready to decorate for the holidays? The committee will award three homes throughout the Village that have the best outdoor decorations and each of the winners will receive a Home Depot Gift card as follows:

- ▣ 1st place winner: \$150
- ▣ 2nd place winner: \$100
- ▣ 3rd place winner: \$50

Holiday decorations winners will be announced on Nextdoor and featured in the 1st newsletter of 2020. The committee is looking forward to seeing all the holiday decorations.

Home of the Month Objective: Provide recognition to residents who have improved the exterior of the home and/or their front yards (curb appeal).

Program Sponsored by: Councilperson Roman



2019 Committee of Residents: Chair: Andrew Naylor, Vice-Chair: David Ward, Member: Scott Russell, Fernando Vasquez & Councilperson Vimari Roman

Residents are welcomed to join the committee. If you would like to join the Committee please email elportal-homeofthemonth@gmail.com or contact Andrew Naylor @ 312-622-0855.

Nominations: All residents who are not members of the committee can nominate themselves or a neighbor for consideration for Home of the Month. If you have a home you'd like to nominate please send the committee an email with the address and pictures if possible to ElPortalHomeoftheMonth@gmail.com. Nominations are accepted up to the 5th of every month.

Additional Home of the Month program information and pictures of all the previous winners can be found on the Village website: <http://elportalvillage.com/archives/home-of-the-month/>



THE NEXT US CENSUS IS COMING IN 2020!

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the

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2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.

Not familiar with the Census or can't remember why we do it? The following information was taken from the US Census website: <https://2020census.gov/en/what-is-2020-census.html>

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories.

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail. This will mark the first time that you will be able to respond to the census online.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

Want to get involved or know someone that does? The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. Miami-Dade County, Florida Pay Rates Per Hour: \$14.00 - \$17.50

*The pay rate above represents the range of pay rates for both office and census taker positions. Census takers also

receive reimbursement for work-related mileage and expenses, where applicable.

The Village of El Portal will coordinate an “Infoshop” in early 2020 where you all can attend to learn more and can ask questions. Date will be scheduled soon.

DID YOU KNOW? VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL HISTORY:

“The Threads of History Enrich All Our Lives.”

The Little River/El Portal Tequesta Indian Mound - El Portal Burial Mound and El Portal Village site.



I decided to include some history on our Tequesta Indian Mound and sadly, there isn't that much information on this archeological zone and burial mound that I could find but the little that I did find is quite interesting and worth sharing with my fellow historic enthusiasts.

According to an article from the Sun Sentinel “in all, the Tequesta built 25 to 50 burial mounds between Lake Okeechobee and the Keys. Those that remain can be found in Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, in Miami-Dade County, Biscayne National Park and in the Keys. Most are accessible to tourists.” Unfortunately, our specific site was not mentioned but you can visit this link to read the entire story. <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/fl-xpm-2014-03-31-fl-historic-indian-mound-20140331-story.html>

Our Village website (<http://elportalvillage.com/archives/>) lists the Little River/El Portal Tequesta Indian Mound as one of the highest points in Miami-Dade and its history dating back to the year 600 when ancient Tequesta Indians migrated and settled at the Mound while passing by on the Little River. “The Mound was one of the few areas above Water. It was actually six to eight feet higher than it is presently. Miami-Dade County declared the Indian Mound a historic landmark in the 1920s. It was the first such archeological site to carry this honor in the County.”

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I own a copy of the Historic Northeast Dade Self-Guided Tour by the Junior League of Miami and in there it says that at present the mound is among the last burial mounds that remain in Miami-Dade County. The other archeological site dating back to the Tequesta Indians is under what is now the Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel on the Miami River. The self-guided tour also states that the burial mound represents nearly 1800 years of Indian habitation and that it was dedicated as a public park in the 1920's. The guide also says that the site includes at last four known sites: a prehistoric burial mound, Indian village, a mid-nineteenth century pioneer homesite and coontie mill (coontie is a native plant with an underground stem that yields a starch).

As I continued my research I found a blog post (<https://www.megalithic.co.uk/article.php?sid=27413>) from Nov 2010 that included copies of two designation reports provided by the Miami-Dade Department of Planning and Zoning Office of Historic and Archaeological Resources. Following I share pictures of those reports.

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
 DESIGNATION REPORT - ARCHEOLOGICAL ZONE

Name of Zone El Portal Archeological Zone Designation No. 5304
 Boundaries of Zone See legal description below. Date of Filing 2/3/83
 Date of Designation 2/24/83

Location - Legal description of the zone (attach maps with property lines, roads, municipal boundaries, etc.):
 Beginning at a point 150' SLY along the ELY ROW line of NE 2nd Avenue, from the NW corner of Section 7, T. 53 S., R. 42 E. within the Sherwood Forest Subdivision as described in Plat Book 14-30, then, beginning at the POB, 1500' SELY along the north bank of Little River to the western boundary of the Florida East Coast Railroad ROW, then 355.99' NELY along said ROW, then 300' NWLY, then 103' along the NLY ROW of NE 85th Street, then 346.02' WLY along the arc of the NLY boundaries of parcels 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Tract 6, then 164.95' NWLY along the ELY boundary of Parcel 9 of Tract 6 to the NLY ROW of NE 86th Street. SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

Ownership (attach list with name of owner, address and location of the parcel(s) in the zone). See attached owner list and map.

Dade County Historic Survey Findings - List of known sites in the zone and the survey findings:
 A survey was conducted within the proposed zone in April, 1981. Two archeological sites, Da20 and Da3214, are located within the zone. The former site is a prehistoric sand burial mound and the latter is the site of the nineteenth century home of Arva Woods. Wood's coontie mill was also situated within the proposed zone, and undoubtedly, there are other, as yet unknown sites of prehistoric and historic activity within this zone.

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

Other Surveys: Natl. Reg. H.A.E.P. List state site no.
 Zone includes sites Da3214 and Da20 (FDAHRM).

Current Zoning (summary of the zone and description): R-1

Present Use (summary of the zone and description): The area has been a residential development since its subdivision in the 1920s.

Significance - Based on archeological data from the zone, describe the archeological significance of the zone. Give vicinity locations of the sites.
 The zone is located upon the northern bank of the Little River, one of the major fresh tributaries of northern Dade County. The zone encompasses part of an elevated hardwood hammock that was the site of considerable prehistoric and historic settlement and other activities.
 The zone encompasses at least four known sites: a prehistoric burial mound, a prehistoric Indian village, a mid-nineteenth century pioneer homesite, and a mid-nineteenth century coontie mill. There is also the possibility of other, as yet unknown, sites being located within the zone.
 Dedicated as a public park in the 1920s, the El Portal burial mound is the first archeological site to be publicly recognized and preserved in Dade County. At present, it is among the last burial mounds that remain in the county, the others having been destroyed by development. Unfortunately, most of the El Portal mound has been disturbed by digging by artifact collectors, vandals, and the curious during the past fifty years. Probably at least 50% of the mound, particularly the upper levels, have been altered. A test pit excavated on the eastern side of the mound by the Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Division in April, 1981, uncovered scattered, badly fragmented human bones and teeth. An undisturbed level of habitation was found beneath the burial mound. Radiocarbon dates for the charcoal recovered from the lowest levels suggest that the burial mound may have been constructed in ca. 600 A.D., and that the prehistoric village site beneath the mound dates from ca. 200 A.D. It is apparent that despite previous disturbances to the mound there are still sufficient archeological remains to provide information to scientists about the prehistoric population and the mortuary customs that were associated with this mound.
 An important historic site is also located within the zone. Historic documents from the National Archives indicate that Arva Woods filed for ownership of this land under the Armed Occupation Act in 1843 (Peters 1976:6-7). Archeological evidence indicates that the cellar or "cave" as it is known to many local residents, at 376 N.E. 86th Street, is

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

CONTINUATION SHEET:
 Continuation of Significance:
 probably associated with the Woods house site. A staircase carved into the oolitic limestone ledge just adjacent to the cellar probably led to the Woods house that must have been located directly upon the ledge. The carved-out cellar, situated only 15 feet from a once powerful spring, was probably used as a cool storage area for food and perishables.
 Woods may have operated a coontie mill on the property. A study of 1925 aerial photographs indicate that earthworks, similar to those used for storage ponds for processing coontie, existed in the western portion of the zone. Portions of these earthworks and the mill still exist beneath the homes in that area.

Continuation of Location - Legal Description of the Zone and Draft Resolution:
 then 308.13' WLY along the said ROW to the center line of NE 3rd Avenue, then 100' NLY then 637.34' WLY along the NLY boundaries of parcels 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, continuing across parcel 12 to the ELY ROW of NE 2nd Avenue, then 335' SLY along the said ROW to the POB, the intent of said cut-out parcel being to enclose said archeological zone.

Draft Resolution continues:
 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Historic Preservation Board on Thursday, February 24, 1983, has designated the El Portal Archeological Zone as an archeological zone pursuant to the Metropolitan Dade County Historic Preservation Ordinance (81-13) and that the El Portal Archeological Zone is subject to all rights, privileges and requirements of that ordinance.

Brief description of the kinds of archeological sites likely to be uncovered:
 This zone encompasses a major historic and prehistoric activity area that includes the site of a prehistoric Indian cemetery, a prehistoric Indian village, a nineteenth century pioneer homesite and coontie mill, and possibly, as yet, unknown sites.

Impact of the designated zone on proposed public improvements, renewal or private development plans (attach copy of advertisement notifying this designation):
 No plans or proposed major improvements or development are known for the proposed archeological zone.

Special Standards for Certificate to Dig - Standards not included in the guidelines.

Draft Resolution Designating the Archeological Zone:
 Whereas, the El Portal Archeological Zone was a major prehistoric and historic activity area, and
 Whereas, data recovered from archeological sites within this zone represents significant historic and scientific information about Indian lifeways and culture, and
 Whereas, data collected from within this zone indicates Indians occupied the area for the last 1,800 years, and
 Whereas, the designation of archeological zones is in the best interest of Dade County and its citizens, and
 Whereas, the El Portal Archeological Zone is located in beginning at a point 510' SLY along the ELY ROW line of NE 2nd Avenue, from the NW corner of Section 7, T. 53 S., R. 42 E. within the Sherwood Forest Subdivision as described in Plat Book 14-30, then, beginning at the POB, 1500' SELY along the north bank of Little River to the western boundary of the Florida East Coast Railroad ROW, then 355.99' NELY along said ROW, then 300' NWLY, then 103' along the NLY ROW of NE 85th Street, then 346.02' WLY along the arc of the NLY boundaries of parcels 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Tract 6, then 164.95' NWLY along the ELY boundary of Parcel 9 of Tract 6 to the NLY ROW of NE 86th Street,
 Designation is approved as evidenced by the signature SEE CONTINUATION SHEET of the Historic Preservation Board Chairman.

Staff Recommendation:
 Staff recommends designation of the El Portal Archeological Zone.

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METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
DESIGNATION REPORT - INDIVIDUAL SITE

Site Name El Portal Burial Mound Designation No. 6302
 Site Address Section 7, T. 53 S., R. 42 E. Date of Filing 1/6/83
 Date of Designation 1/27/83
 Owner and Address El Portal Village, 500 N.E. 87th Street, El Portal, FL. 33138

Site Location - Legal description or district boundaries (see attached map):
 Parcel indicated as "Indian Mound" within PB 14-30, enclosing 6,377 sq. ft., within the Sherwood Forest Subdivision.

Dade County Historic Survey Findings:
 Preservation Quality - 3. The site has suffered moderate to severe disturbances, but still retains sufficient integrity to be scientifically significant.

Other Surveys: _____ H.A.B.S.
 _____ Natl. Reg. H.A.E.R.
 Other: Da20 (FDANRM)

Title Verification (attach copy): Book _____ Page No. _____ Deed Type _____

Current Zoning (describe): R-1

Current Use (describe): Dedicated as municipal park.

Current Condition (describe): The site is well maintained as a public green space with a well-kept grass lawn and a number of oak trees. No further site damage from artifact collectors or vandals has occurred in recent years, as the site is now well protected.

Physical Description of Site (attach 1 or 2 photos):
 The site is an oval sand mound about 50' in diameter and no more than 4' in height. The original form of the mound was probably one of higher elevation at the center, possibly another several feet, but continual disturbances and digging during the past century have dispersed the sand and lowered the mound's height.
 A circular road circumvents the mound and residential homes occupy all of the adjacent lots that face the mound. A hardwood hammock occupies the site vicinity, and the area retains much of the original natural character that made this property attractive to the prehistoric Indians. Situated upon an elevated ridge of Miami oolitic limestone, the site would have been free from most storm flooding. It was close to several natural springs and the Little River. Access to Biscayne Bay and the everglades would have been easy for the Tequesta Indians by canoe on the river. Prehistoric village sites existed on both sides of the river.

Significance - Brief summary including documentary evidence that indicates the historical, architectural or archeological significance of the site.
 Dedicated as a public park in the 1920s, the El Portal Burial Mound is the first archeologic site to be publicly recognized and preserved in Dade County. At present, it is among the last burial mounds that remain in the county, the others having been destroyed by development. Unfortunately, most of the El Portal mound has been disturbed by digging by artifact collectors, vandals, and the curious during the past fifty years. Probably at least 50% of the mound, particularly the upper levels, have been altered. A test pit excavated on the eastern side of the mound by the Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Division in April, 1981, uncovered scattered, badly fragmented human bones and teeth. An undisturbed level of habitation was found beneath the burial mound. Radiocarbon dates for the charcoal recovered from the lowest levels suggest that the burial mound may have been constructed in ca. 600 A.D., and that the prehistoric village site beneath the mound dates from ca. 200 A.D. It is apparent that despite previous disturbances to the mound there are still sufficient archeological remains to provide information to scientists about the prehistoric population and the mortuary customs that were associated with this mound.

Statement of Significance (continued):

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

Bibliographic References:
 Carr, Robert S. Dade County Historic Survey. Final Report: The Archeological Survey. Metropolitan Dade County Office of Community and Economic Development, Historic Preservation Division. 1981

Special Standards for Certificate of Appropriateness:

Impacts - Impact of the designation on proposed public improvements, renewal projects or private development.
 None anticipated, already dedicated as public park.

Draft Resolution Designating the Property:
 Whereas, the El Portal Burial Mound is a prehistoric Indian burial mound that contains important scientific information, and
 Whereas, the preservation of archeological sites is in the best interest of Dade County and its citizens, and
 Whereas, the data collected at this site indicates a chronology of almost 1,800 years of Indian habitation is preserved here, and
 Whereas, the El Portal Burial Mound is located in Section 7, T. 53 S., R. 42 E. Parcel indicated as "Indian Mound" within PB 14-30, enclosing 6,377 sq. ft.,
 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Historic Preservation Board on Thursday, January 27, 1983, has designated the El Portal Burial Mound as an individual historic site pursuant to the Metropolitan Dade County Historic Preservation Ordinance (81-13) and that the El Portal Burial Mound is subject to all rights, privileges and requirements of that ordinance.

Designation is approved as evidenced by the signature of the Historic Preservation Board Chairman.

Staff Recommendation:
 Staff recommends designation of the El Portal Burial Mound Site as an individual historic site.

On Jan 23, 2016, the mound was re-dedicated by the Biscayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



I hope you have enjoyed reading and learning about our village. As always, I am available via phone or email should you wish to speak, have any questions, concerns or ideas. I look forward to seeing you around the village or at the upcoming events.



Happy Holidays and may 2020 be filled with many blessings for all!

Cheers,
 Vimari

Councilperson Roman, Seat #2 – Elected 2016
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2020 BULK WASTE SCHEDULE, VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL

- Service is provided once each quarter, usually during the **fourth Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday of the last quarter of each month. See schedule below for exact service days for your zone.**
- 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 2020 will be as follows:

Quarter	Zone 1 Day & Date	Zone 2 Day & Date	Zone 3 Day & Date
1 st Quarter/ 2020	Tuesday 3/24/20	Wednesday 3/25/20	Thursday 3/26/20
2 nd Quarter/2020	Tuesday 6/23/20	Wednesday 6/24/20	Thursday 6/25/20
3 rd Quarter/2020	Tuesday 9/22/20	Wednesday 9/23/20	Thursday 9/24/20
4 th Quarter/2020	Tuesday 12/22/20	Wednesday 12/23/20	Thursday 12/24/20

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. Other options for special bulk collections are available at www.TheBagster.com



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COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

THANK YOU El Portal! Our Village came together to help and support the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian!



El Portal Police and Village Manager joined Horace Mann Middle School Administration and students for their 1st Annual Sandy Hook Promise 'Start with Hello Week' meet and greet. It's their, and our commitment to create a more connected and inclusive school and community - by preparing the students to make a difference in someone's life, and help them feel appreciated, included and valued.

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Mayor Cubillos, Public Safety Committee Chair along with Chief Magnusson and Manager Alou work together to strengthen relationship with Horace Mann Middle School students, administration and parents!



Mayor Cubillos and Principal Kevin Lawrence ay Principal Today Breakfast collaborating for a better tomorrow - today!



ICYMI: El Portal Police Department won the 'Small Agency Case of the Year Award' by RING, presented at the IACP Meeting in Chicago. Chief Magnusson was there to accept it - congratulations



Meeting with the new Division Fire Chief of Operations for North Dade - who oversees Miami Dade Fire Rescue Station 30 in Miami Shores/El Portal.



Congratulations Officer Borrell on your promotion to Sergeant!!!



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Hispanic Heritage Month Breakfast

Hispanic Heritage Month breakfast to staff and students at Horace Mann Middle School. Great work by: Officer Lopez, Lieutenant Mendez, Chief Magnusson, Village Manager Alou, Councilperson Roman, Community Volunteers and Mayor Cubillos on this fantastic community collaboration!

Event was powered by: Kidstown, LXS Salon, and Mayor Cubillos. A special recognition to Love at First Bite Catering



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2020 COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING (4TH Tuesday every month at 7PM)
 January 27th, February 25th, March 24th, April 28th, May 26th, June 23rd,
 July 28th, AUGUST RECESS, September 22nd, October 27th, **November 17th, and
 December 15th**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (1st & 3rd Tuesday of every other month)

Public Safety (1st Tuesday, every other month at 6:30PM)
 Jan. 6th, March 3rd, May 5th, July 7th, Sept. 1st

Code Enforcement (1st Tuesday, every other month at (7:00PM)
 Jan. 6th, March 3rd, May 5th, July 7th, Sept. 1st

Public Works (1st Tuesday, every other month at (7:30PM)
 Jan. 6th, March 3rd, May 5th, July 7th, Sept. 1st

Administration & Finance (3rd Tuesday, every other month at (6:30PM)
 Jan. 20th, March 17th, May 19th, July 21st, Sept. 15th

Planning & Zoning (3rd Tuesday, every other month at (7:00PM)
 Jan. 20th, March 17th, May 19th, July 21st, Sept. 15th

Public Affairs (3rd Tuesday, every other month at (7:30PM)
 Jan. 20th, March 17th, May 19th, July 21st, Sept. 15th

HOLIDAYS (Village Hall will be **closed** for the following Holidays)

New Year's Day (observed), Wednesday, January 1st
 Martin Luther King's Birthday, Monday, January 20th
 Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17th
 Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th
 Independence Day, Friday, July 3rd
 Labor Day, Monday, September 7th
 Columbus Day, Monday, October 12th
 Veterans' Day (observed), Wednesday, November 11th
 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th
 Friday after Thanksgiving Day, November 27th
 Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th

FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK OCTOBER 21ST - 25TH

Florida City Government Week is a time for municipalities to provide and foster civic education, collaboration, volunteerism and more. It is also a time to recognize community stakeholders who have contributed to the community

Cities provide a higher level of service than most governments, yet many residents are unaware of how city services impact their lives. Through Florida City Government Week, we hope to bring awareness to city government’s role in enhancing the quality of life in communities.

City Officials are encouraged to involve their local schools, businesses, and media in planning Florida City Government Week activities that engage through:

As such, during this week, some of El Portal leaders have made time to speak at local schools, host an open house for new residents, all in an effort to engage, educate and explain city structure and function.

Florida City Government Week is part of an ongoing effort sponsored by the Florida League of Cities to raise public awareness about the services that cities perform and to educate the public on how city government works.

Shout out to Officer Lopez, Chief Magnusson and Manager Alou for speaking to some young students about local government and their roles, followed by reading a book to them!



Mayor Cubillos hosted an 8th essay contest at Horace Mann Middle School: ‘If I were Mayor ...’



Mayor Cubillos and Councilperson Roman with the 50 -8th graders whom participated in the essay contest!



Principal Kevin Lawrence, Councilperson Vimari Roman, Elizabeth Buitrago, student- honorable mention, Diani Gomez, student -winner, Mayor Cubillos, Shawn Chataigne, student - Honorable mention and Assistant Principal Ethel Selwood



Diana Gomez, 8th Grade Essay winner!

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