



# the Mistletoe Express



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## Quick Bits

### MANY, MANY THANKS!

Thank you to Leslie Houston for offering the use of her home for our 2003 MHA Christmas Party.

### January Calendar

**January 1** - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**January 7** - FWISD Students Return to School

**January 17** - Stock Show/Rodeo

**January 19** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No school FWISD.

**January 27** - Fort Worth South's Third Annual Banquet

**January 30, February 1** - Stock Show Days FWISD

### Cat Needs A Home

Friendly, young, black and white male cat needs home. If interested, please contact Irene at 817-926-6546.



## Gateway Village Update Meeting

On Monday night, November 24th, a tentative site plan for the former armory site (NE corner of Forest Park and Rosedale) was unveiled by Terry Montesi, Chairmen of Trademark Property Company. His objective was to update residents of nearby neighborhoods on the status of the mixed-use development now under contract by Fort Worth South, Inc.

Although Trademark has begun marketing the lodging, office, retail and residential components of the site, confirmation by actual tenants is still down the road. Montesi did share a high-density, mixed-use site plan with the audience.

The development has been dubbed Midtown - obviously for it's close-in location. Montesi said the moniker will create an identity for this area of town. He sees this Midtown "urban village" as spurring development on other nearby tracts of land that are sitting vacant or under-used.

Construction of Midtown will include a tower or some other strong architectural icon to capture the eye and distinguish the site. Ground breaking will probably start this coming summer and the center may be open for business by summer of 2005. Stay tuned for updates on the project as details emerge and tenants sign on.

On a related topic, Fort Worth South, Inc. (FWS) has recommended a high level review of alternatives to the rebuilding of Rosedale as currently planned (118 ft. wide, 6-lane divided boulevard). This rebuilding would harm the ability to successfully redevelop the area as a mixed-use, pedestrian friendly neighborhood, people just would not walk across a wide highway.

The alternative suggested is a narrower, five-lane plan (2 lanes each with a center left-turn lane), with wider sidewalks and heavily landscaped parkway edges. FWS's Board of Directors is considering potential next steps.

Martin Herring

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## Street Lamp Decorations

The following neighbors deserve our thanks for decorating the streetlights on their respective blocks. If you see them taking them down in the first week of January you might even offer to help.

### THANKS, NEIGHBORS!

Kyle Carr, Amy Linehan, Gary Willis, Ingrid Kelly, Gill DeHoyas, the Stewarts, Stephanie Mischke, Tom Brewer, Scott Doty, John Hastings, John Key, the Bradburys, Lynn Herrera, Wyatt Teague [X2], Jim/Amy Pannell, David Bakutis, Scott Harwell, Betty Arvin, the Judges, Simone Scott, Medfords, Rochelle Graham and Shelton Boys.

**DON'T FORGET - The Decorations Need to Come Down After New Year's Day!**

## New Neighbor Welcome

Welcome to all our new residents. If you know of someone new to the neighborhood, please contact Joy Teague at 817-923-2330.

### 2312 Mistletoe Drive

Kent and Rebecca McKeever. Kent is with Ellis & Tinsley Realtors. Rebecca works at Alamo Title Company. They have no children. Both are long-time Fort Worth residents and moved here from Stadium Drive.

### 2210 Weatherbee Street

Bob and Elise Jackson and their two young sons. Bob works for Burlington Resources. They relocated here from Farmington, N.M.

## Wedding Congratulations

Grant Ellis, a lifetime MH resident, was married in October. (Actually, he doesn't live here now, but there's always hope!)

Terri Ellis

## Central Market Fund-Raising Foodie Card

I couldn't help but notice, each time I stood in the express line checkout at Central Market, that Trinity Valley and Fort Worth Country Day had raised thousands of dollars with Fund-Raising Foodie cards. I always say that 50% of my job is asking stupid questions, so pretty soon I got started. What is a Fund-Raising Foodie card? How do you get one? Does Lily B. Clayton participate? Can I have a card? While I'm at it, can I get some more for my neighbors? As of this writing, I've "placed" 17 cards, and I'd like to keep going until everyone in our neighborhood has one (and, I hope, is using it).

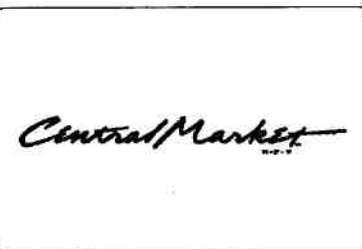
When you use your Lily B. Clayton Fund-Raising Foodie card at Central Market, a whopping 5% of the check you write goes to Lily B. Clayton elementary school. (You just give it to your checker to be scanned along with your purchases.)

"Why are you doing this?" has been a frequently-asked question. I believe what's good for the neighborhood is good for me, and there's no doubt in my mind that having a thriving elementary school is good for our neighborhood. Lily B. is undoubtedly instilling the kind of values in our neighborhood's children that led us to restoring our beautiful old houses rather than building McMansions.

Join me in supporting Lily B. If you don't already have a card, please let me know and I'll be happy to bring you one.

**Results from October 28, 2003:** Trinity Valley was leading with 6227.20. Lily B. Clayton was dead last with 644.43 and needs your support.

Heather White  
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### Home Enhancement Tips #5

It's a proven fact people react more favorably to property shown under bright light. Consider brightening your home. Here's how:

- Clean windows
- Use adequate wattage in light bulbs
- Replace older fluorescent lamps, which darken with age
- Use mirrors to magnify the feeling of light & space
- Use light wall colors
- Most importantly, open drapes and blinds and turn on lights before showings



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