



President's Message

by Michael A. Shedd

From your Board of Directors, we want to wish a Happy New Year to you and your family. If you're reading this newsletter then you've survived the holiday season and are a few days into your new year's resolutions. I suppose we can all stand for some minor tweaks to our lives, and I trust your resolution will be a success.

Once again this year, we have the honor of hosting the Mayor of the City of Fort Worth for our first membership meeting of the year. Mayor Mattie Parker will join us on January 5th to discuss all things impacting Fort Worthians with an emphasis on changes coming to East Fort Worth. We are fortunate to carry on this tradition, and hope to do so for many years to come.

As you know, with the redrawn council district lines adopted last year many residents in East Fort Worth will be getting a new council representative following the May elections. Although the deadline to register as a candidate is still several weeks away, we hope to invite all potential candidates to both council and school board elections to our membership meeting in April for a question-and-answer forum. If you're a candidate and would like to participate please let us know.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, we have some great speakers lined up for you thanks to the hard work of Director Gary Cumbie. In February, we will hear from

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Guest Speaker: Mattie Parker

Fort Worth Mayor

January is our annual "Meeting with the Mayor". Ms. Parker has travel plans, so we will start this month's meeting early, at 11:30 a.m.

Mattie Parker was elected in June 2021 as the 45th Mayor of Fort Worth. Now in her second year in office, Parker has set the focus on issues including economic development growth, innovative transportation and mobility solutions, quality education for every student, and safer, more prosperous communities.

Parker is a licensed attorney, with more than seventeen years of experience in national, state and local public affairs, including her service as the chief of staff for Mayor Price and the Fort Worth City Council.

She was the founding CEO of Fort Worth Cradle to Career and the Tarrant To & Through (T3) Partnership.

Originally from Hico, Texas, Parker graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Arts in government and has a law degree from Texas A&M University School of Law, where she was awarded the prestigious MacLean & Boulware Endowed Law Scholarship.

She is the first mayor to have a pod cast, called 'Go Time'. You can listen online at: <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/government/mayor/go-time>, or on your favorite podcast apps. 📻

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Christopher Cassidy with the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation. Chris is a retired Navy Seal, and Former Astronaut.

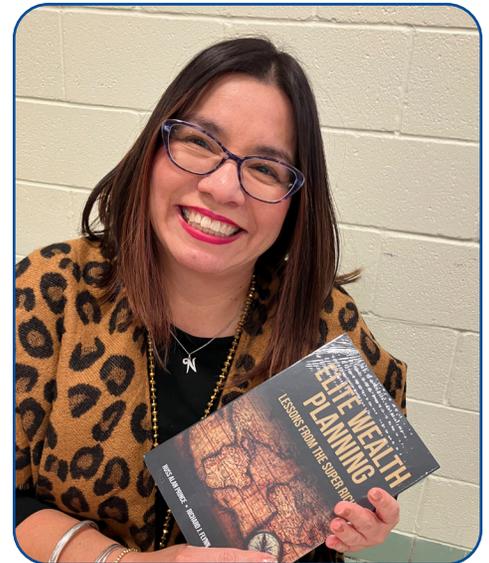
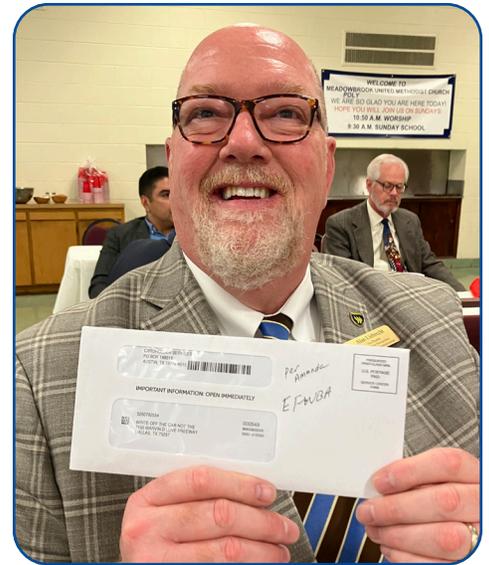
If you check out his Wikipedia page, you'll be amazed at his accomplishments. In March, we have Tim O'Hare, the newly elected Tarrant County Commissioner's Court Judge speaking to us. It will be interesting to hear how things are coming together with the new Commissioners Court, and his vision for Tarrant County.

In April, as mentioned earlier, we will be hosting a candidate's forum led by the President of our PAC, Bill Schwensen. If you are interested in getting involved with our PAC, or helping to vet candidates, please let us know. We hope to have the PAC make our first of many candidate endorsements for state and local elections following this forum and need the involvement of our diverse membership to ensure we look at every perspective and point of view.

In May, we have President Fred Slabach from Texas Wesleyan University scheduled to be with us. President Slabach has been a longtime supporter of the Eastside of Fort Worth, and we look

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December Door Prize Winners



Gyna Bivens elected to National League of Cities board

Mayor Pro Tem Gyna M. Bivens was elected to the National League of Cities board of directors by NLC's membership at the organization's 2022 City Summit in Kansas City, Mo. Bivens was elected to another one-year term and will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy, governance and membership activities. As a member of the board, Bivens will meet in March, June and November to guide NLC's strategic direction. More than 3,000 mayors, councilmembers and other delegates from nearly every state and the District of Columbia convened in Kansas City for the Summit. ➔



December Dist. 5 Leadership Meeting

The District 5 Leadership Meeting was held December 17, 2022 at the Handley-Meadowbrook Recreation Center. City Manager David Cooke opened the meeting. Fort Worth native Dionne Anglin of FOX 4 News served as moderator, while neighborhood presidents, police, and other leaders addressed the following topics:

Energizing Neighborhood Associations. Panelists: Dave Fulson, Director John T. White N.A.; Michael Moore, President-Historic Stop Six N.A., and Former Councilman Frank Moss, Sr., President Historic Rosedale Park N.A.

Neighbors and Police Strategize to Address Street Racing and Fireworks. Panelists: Torchy White, President-Historic Carver Heights; Cindy Boling, President-Central Meadowbrook; and Police Commander Monica Martin

Why The Push for Apartments? Panelists: Amy Conolly, Assistant Director-Neighborhood Services, Rafael McDonnell, Vice-Chair Zoning Commission and D. J. Harrell, Director-Neighborhood Services.

More than 75 people attended this meeting to hear from & speak to City officials. 📍



Thursday, January 5

**@ Meadowbrook-Poly United
Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall**

3900 Meadowbrook Drive • Fort Worth 76103
Building on North side of church, closest to Meadowbrook
Overflow Parking on West side of street

EARLY: Doors Open 11:15*

Lunch 11:30 – 12:30 pm

Lunch Meals

\$15⁰⁰ Members • \$20⁰⁰ Non-Members

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— On ZOOM —

We've created a recurring Zoom for the EFWBA 2023 meetings.

Link to join the webinar:

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forward to hearing about the many new projects impacting our area.

As always, we welcome hearing from our membership. If there are any community leaders you want to hear from, don't hesitate to speak with one of your directors at our luncheon. It is our goal to represent you and your interests in bringing economic and commercial development to East Fort Worth. We want our vision to be a shared vision we can all stand behind.

Finally, our luncheon this month will be sponsored by Pinnacle Bank, courtesy of Director Charles Ivory. I look forward to seeing you in 2023.

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