Markham Village
Festival of Lights
Friday, Nov. 28, 2003

Holiday spirit shines with The Annual Festival of Lights

By Teresa McDonald

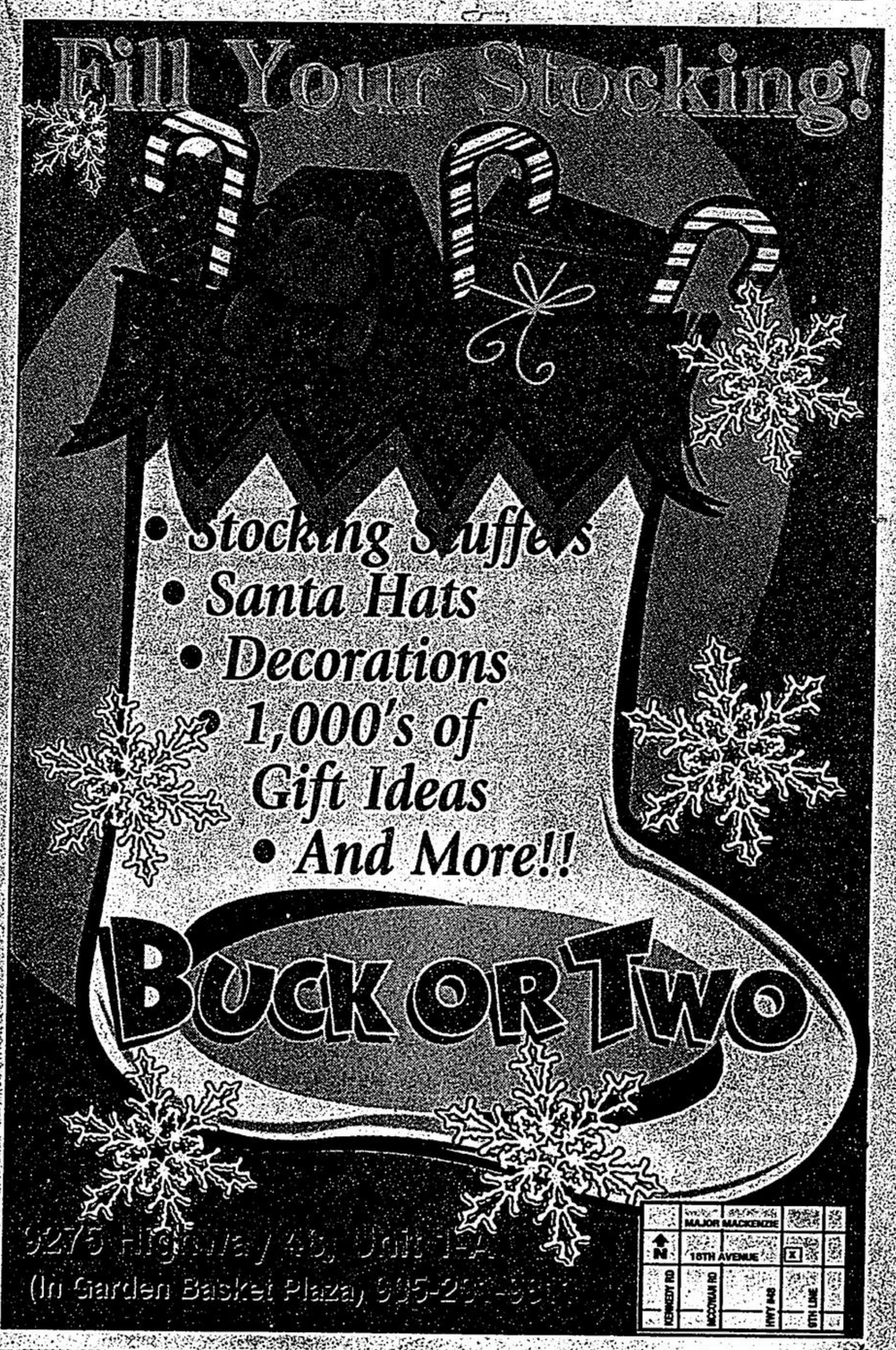
On Friday, November 28 from 6:30 - 10 pm., Markham Village BIA hosts the annual Markham Village Festival of Lights. Main Street merchants invite all Markham residents to join them as they celebrate the festive season.

The evening gets off to a brilliant start at 6:45pm, with the traditional tree lighting ceremony at the corner of Main Street and Robinson Street. This is followed immediately by a spectacular fireworks display.

Santa Claus will be in town to get an early start on his Christmas list and will be available for pictures with the children. There will also be a petting zoo and a kid's creative craft area hosted by the Bead Boy.

Scrooge will be on hand with a bah-humbug or two, as well as a host of talent to fill the evening with joy. Festival-goers will be entertained by Madame Buskerfly, The River Band, Dickens Singers, Travelling Riverboat, the Markham Concert Band, Phil Howes & Debbie Herriot-Howes, Simon Maxwell Quartet, Cat'n the Fiddle, Gypsy Grass and musical ensembles from local High Schools.

Businesses will be hard at work decorating their windows in preparation for the annual window-decorating contest. This year's theme is, Winter in the Wilderness. Visit the businesses' windows and see if you agree with the judges' choice for best window.

Also, don't forget to return to Main Street on Saturday November 29th at 10 am. for the annual Santa Claus Parade. Hosted by the Markham Rotary Club, colourful floats and community groups will bring "A Child's Christmas" to life.

Crowds move through the street during the Markham Village Festival of Lights