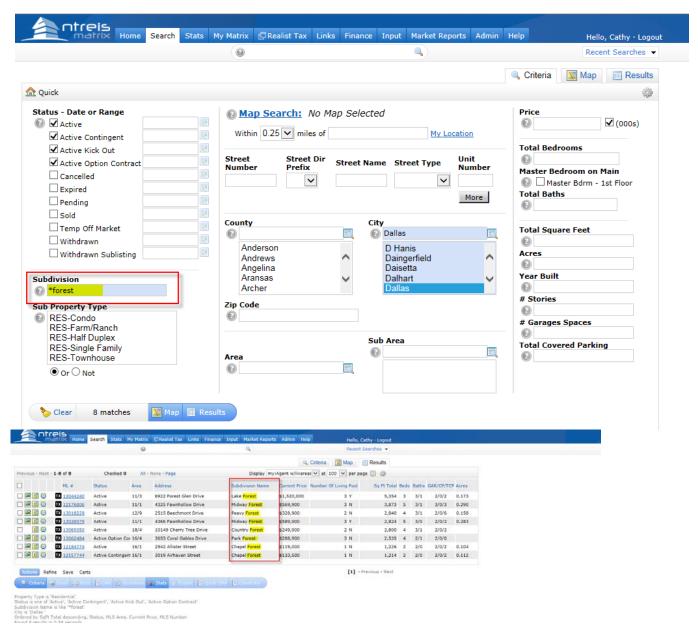# Using the Wild Card when Searching in Matrix

When searching using text fields, such as Subdivision or Street Name, if the exact full name is not known, or the spelling is unclear, use the asterisk (*) as a wildcard to replace any missing information - for example "*Forest" will return all matches ending with Forest. See example below:

The results however will not include "West Forest Hills". However; an (*) before and after "Forest" will return all matches containing the word "Forest". Just remember this rule of thumb when using the asterisk (*), the asterisk replaces what you don't know in the field name. If you are not sure if the subdivision is "The West Forest Hills" or "Forest Hills, Phase 2", you can enter the asterisks before and after "forest" to receive all matches that include "forest" and then you don't have to do multiple searches to obtain the same results: