

# Raley Creek News

January 2005

## Charlie...

On January 26, 2005, we lost a dear friend and neighbor, Charlie Baker. Charlie is survived by his wife Twila, his mother, and 3 children: Mark, Amy and Susan.

The memorial service for Charlie will be held on Tuesday, February 1st at 10:00 am at the Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home in South Jacksonville Beach. For more information, including a map, please visit our website at [www.RaleyCreek.com](http://www.RaleyCreek.com).

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Charlie's name to Habijax or The Salvation Army of Jacksonville.

Charlie was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was always willing to help and donated his time to Habijax consistently over the years. He cared deeply about our neighborhood and contributed significantly to improving it. Charlie, you will be missed...

## Wonderwood

Sorry, but I still have no news on the current situation. I will communicate it as soon as I know something.

## 2005 has arrived!

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone's holiday season was will filled with joy. We're starting to think about the Garden Club plan for 2005 as it is time to collect dues again. Last year, I had hoped to be able to reduce the amount of dues going forward; however, we still have work to do on our entrances and we need to increase the amount of maintenance to really have our neighborhood look good on a consistent basis. As I stated in December, it has not worked relying on the homeowners to do maintenance as everyone is too busy, so we are going to pursue getting a contractor to conduct the maintenance. Also, if you think about it, the dues have remained \$60 for years. With a 3-4% cost of living increase, that is essentially a decrease in dues over the years.

We have attached a self-addressed envelope for your convenience to return your \$60 dues in. If you would like to give more, it will be appreciated. If you can't pay it all now, send us what you can. Everyone is benefiting from the improved property value that the money and efforts of the Garden Club have made.

Additionally, we have created a survey below to gather input from you, our neighbors. We would really appreciate your time in completing the survey and returning it with your dues. It will help us understand if we are doing the right things both in the past and in the future. If you would prefer to send it anonymously, simply copy the address on a second envelope and mail it separately.

Lastly, I haven't put very much effort into the website because I didn't know if people would use it or not. I encourage you to take a look and let me know if it is valuable. I obviously don't want to spend the time and effort if nobody cares about it.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

*Dean & Jennifer Cooper*

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## Survey

(cut along dotted line and return with your dues. It can be mailed separately if anonymity is needed)

How did we do last year? Poor Great

1 2 3 4 5

Landscaping..... ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Maintenance..... ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Lighted Marquee Board..... ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Communication..... ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Website..... ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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What should we work on this year? Rank (1 being the most important)

More Landscaping.....

Better Maintenance.....

Paint Fence Columns and/or Fence.....

Block Parties.....

Group outings (i.e., golf, bowling, etc.)....

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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