

Raley Creek News

Mark Your Calendars!

New Landscaping Day.....May 1st
Mother's Day.....May 9th

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Next Steps:

- Finish planting at the entrances, including two beautiful Red Maple Trees as the center pieces of the Monument entrance.
- Mulch both entrances
- Finish sprinkler work on both sides of the Monument entrance and the West side of the Fort Caroline entrance.
- Landscape the sides of the Monument entrance once JEA is finished with the lights
- Install the lighted marquee
- Submit an application for the Mayor's grant to obtain funds to landscape along the raised part of Monument Road West of the entrance.

Dear Neighbors,

April 2004

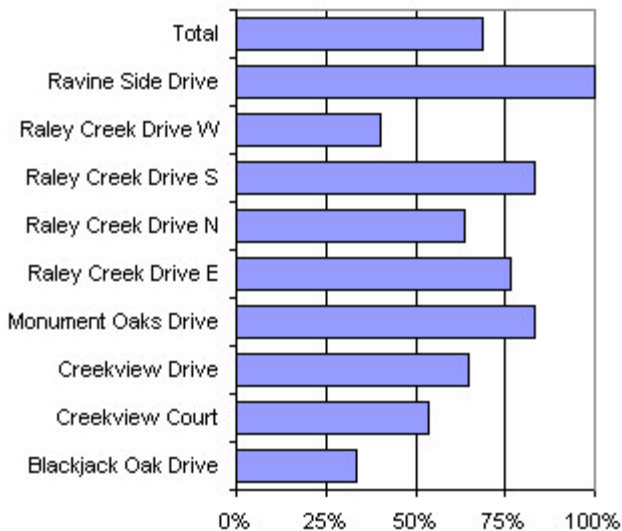
Well, it's been about 90 days since my wife and I assumed responsibility for the Garden Club. Financially, we have received contributions from 98 homes (69%), which I consider to be a huge success. To those of you who gave your money, thank you! I hope the changes you have seen and will see in the near future will give you a feeling of money well spent.

As for physical help and contributions, I can't help but be extremely disappointed. Our first Advisory Board Meeting had about 15 people. The second had about 10 people and the third about 6 people attended. With 143 homes and 250+ people, it's a very low representation. On our first neighborhood clean-up day, April 10th, we had approximately 25 people participate. I'm confident that many of those people are the same ones that have been helping with this neighborhood for many years and everyone should be grateful to them.

I've had comments passed on to me that people are under the impression that the work we are doing is not hard and shouldn't take that much time. I can tell you that I personally have 75+ hours invested in this neighborhood since January. Several other member of the Advisory Board have many hours as well. We cannot continue to carry the burden for everyone. We need you to participate! Don't think that it's someone else's work or that you're not needed. Show up. It's that simple. The last planned clean-up day was delayed a week and is scheduled for this Saturday, May 1st, from 7am until 2pm. We are having 30 yards of mulch delivered and need everyone's help. We will also be laying some sod, planting trees, and planting shrubs. Remember, it's your neighborhood too!!

Let me give you an update on a few other things. First, we pressure washed both entrances and planted a new flower bed in front of the Fort Caroline entrance. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to see it. We will be doing similar planting on the Monument entrance this weekend. We finished installing accent lighting in the island at the Monument entrance. If you haven't seen it, it's definitely worth an evening stroll or drive to see. We have ordered a lighted marquee that will be installed on the inside end of the Monument entrance to post signs or other communications to the neighborhood. Also, we have redesigned most of the sprinkler system to avoid damage from trucks. Last, but not least, we have finally talked JEA into replacing the two lantern post lights at the Monument entrance, which hopefully will be done in the next few weeks.

Garden Club Participation by Street



The domain name www.RaleyCreek.com has been reserved and our new website has been created. There is a lot of potential for this site, including posting pictures of houses for sale, meeting notices and minutes from the Advisory Board meeting, hosting a calendar of events, and pictures of various events. **Additionally, all future newsletters will be posted there instead of being hand delivered.** So, take a moment and visit this site. I know there isn't a lot of information there currently, but hopefully, over time it will become more utilized.

Thanks again to all those individuals who have contributed their time and money to Raley Creek. We appreciate your support!

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