

HAMPTON INN BY HILTON OPENING SUMMER 2022

The long-awaited Hampton Inn by Hilton in Carefree is opening its doors to the public this summer. The 97-room boutique hotel is brimming with individual character and a warm, inviting staff. This is not your typical Hampton Inn by Hilton. In fact, the hotel is being nationally recognized for its special individuality by the Hampton by Hilton parent company. The unique design features added exterior stone to compliment the scenic Black Mountain views; an intimate courtyard features a large fire pit, resort-style entertainment space, and pool and lounge area. Guests have their choice of several different room layouts, each of which has sweeping views of the surrounding beauty of Carefree.

Town visitors and business owners alike are anxious to see the hotel open. The lingering aftereffects of pandemic have left a materials and labor shortage, causing delays to the construction schedule.

“Building this hotel has been a wrestle, but it has been a labor of love.” Todd Cooley, General Manager

Todd Cooley is the General Manager of the Hampton Inn by Hilton in Carefree. He has managed nearly 100 hotel assets throughout his career and is excited to bring this special project to the Town of Carefree. “This is a special little oasis, owned by local folks. The idea for the hotel was actually conceived over a lunch meeting at Harold’s Cave Creek Corral as a much-needed amenity in the local community.”

The addition of the Hampton Inn by Hilton this summer will deliver an economic boost for local area businesses and help support the funding of the Town’s public services like fire protection. The 97-room hotel is an excellent complement to CIVANA Wellness Resort and Spa and our Town Center retail environment. Many residents are looking forward to having an “in-Town” option for when friends and family visit, and the businesses could see an additional 150 customers every day.

“It is important to us to be a good neighbor. This is the community’s hotel and I want to make sure that everyone has a part.”

Mr. Cooley and the leadership team made a conscious decision early on not to pursue a full liquor license at the hotel so as not to compete with local restaurants. Todd also met with the local artists’ guild to invite them to display and sell signature art pieces in the courtyard and within the hotel.



Mr. Cooley is heavily involved with the local Desert Foothills community, serving on the board for Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce as well as the board for Foothills Caring Corps, and is working closely with Cave Creek Unified School District and local businesses to develop partnerships. Mr. Cooley is working directly with Dr. Monroe, Superintendent of Cave Creek Unified School District, to develop a hospitality program there; creating a pathway for students to learn about the hospitality industry and work at the hotel.

The new hotel currently employs 20 full-time employees, 18 of whom are Carefree/Cave Creek residents selected specifically for their commitment to customer service. All staff are required to take an extensive training program preparing them to meet the Hilton standard of service as well as guest and staff safety training.

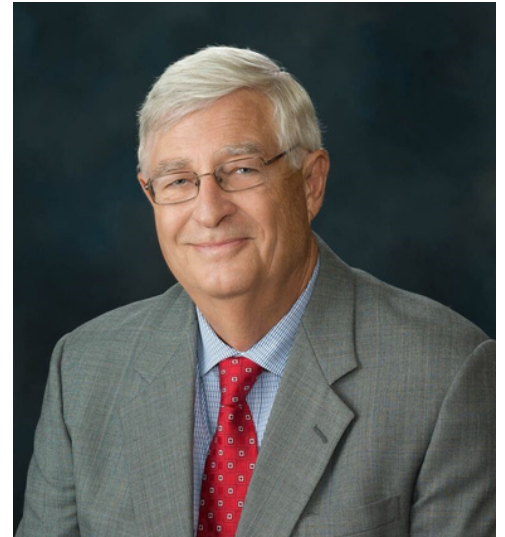
The Hampton Inn by Hilton project is the culmination of a decade of community planning and public input and is key to ensuring the financial sustainability of public services and community infrastructure improvements. Projects like this were influenced by the Village Center Master Plan, which was vetted in an open and deliberate public process; the way transparent government should work. The Town is beginning an update to this plan, as well as executing on key elements.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND INPUT KEYS TO CAREFREE SUCCESS

Carefree's success on significant projects and initiatives over the years has been directly tied to the involvement and input of Carefree residents starting early in the solution development process.

Once a problem area is identified for resolution, either through communications from residents or members of the Town Council or Staff identifying it, the approach successfully utilized is for a fact-finding Team to be assigned to analyze all pertinent aspects and recommend a solution. This Team typically consists of Council members, Town Staff and Carefree residents with relevant experience who respond to a call for volunteers. In addition, outside experts may also be brought into the Team to provide expertise in specific areas.

Key aspects of the development process as the Team analyzes and organizes pertinent information is to make the learning they are developing available to all Carefree residents for their review and input.



This typically takes the form of well publicized public meetings which can draw upwards of hundreds of Carefree residents. With the input of Carefree residents, the Team then synthesizes all the information and input into their recommendation to the Town Council for their review and potential approval.

Examples of how this approach has worked successfully in the past include:

- Decommissioning and removal of the wastewater treatment plant in the Boulders - Following years of north Boulders residents suffering from odors and noises emanating from the plant, a Team was assembled which worked with Liberty/Black Mountain, the Arizona Corporation Commission and a number of additional regulatory agencies to shepherd this project through a 10+ year process reaching all of the way to the Arizona Supreme Court to secure the removal of the plant in 2018.
- Integration of all Carefree residents into the Carefree Water Company System - Carefree residents on the South and West portions of Carefree have had their water supplied by the Cave Creek Water Company. Carefree is fortunate to have a more robust water supply than Cave Creek, and with the forecasted water cutbacks, Carefree residents from those areas were requesting that they obtain their water service directly from Carefree. A Team was assembled in 2015 and, following strong requests from residents in a series of Town Hall meetings attended by hundreds, a commitment was made by the Town to integrate these residents into the Carefree Water Company system. This complex project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.

In addition, a major review of the fire protection and emergency medical services is currently underway. Important changes are now taking place in how these services are being managed and provided throughout Maricopa County, potentially forcing a change in Carefree from how these services have been handled in the past. A Team has been working on this important project for over a year, with frequent public meetings to share learning and gain resident input. Plans call for sharing what has been learned in additional open house meetings with residents starting this Fall. As with the previous referenced efforts, community involvement has to shape the solution. Please look for these open house announcements this fall and help shape the future of Carefree's fire and emergency services.

Resident involvement is the cornerstone to help cultivate solutions. There are endless opportunities to become involved, informed on community issues and help design solutions. If you would like to participate, please sign up for the Town's digital newsletter (Town Newsletter | Carefree, AZ - Official Website) to receive regular updates on Carefree related issues, opportunities for your input and participate in your community public meetings. We look forward to working together to find solutions that move this community forward. That is what community and public service are about.

Les Peterson, Carefree Mayor

NEW! MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS WEBSITE



Maricopa County voters now have a new place to find critical elections and voter registration information. The new site, supported by the Maricopa County Elections Department and Office of the Recorder, was created with voters in mind every step of the way.

Visit: Elections.Maricopa.Gov

June 28:

Watch your mail for informational pamphlets about Carefree propositions



July 5:

Last day to register to vote for the August 2, 2022 election

July 22 - Aug 2:

In-person voting will be available at 33 Easy Street

July 22:

Mail-In Ballot drop boxes will be available at 8 Sundial Circle and 33 Easy Street



On Sunday, June 19th, the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church presented a special Father's Day concert performance at Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Independence Day

July 4 | Town Hall Closed

Friday Farmers Market

Weekly | 8:00 AM-12:00 PM | Town Center

Princess Themed Afternoon Tea

July 9, 10, 17 | English Rose Tearoom | 480 488 4812



MONSOON SAFETY

Contributed by Carefree Rural Metro Fire Department

If you're new to Arizona, you may have heard about the Monsoons. We are entering what is known as Monsoon Season. Monsoon season runs between June 15 and September 30, with storms peaking between mid-July and mid-August. A monsoon is defined as a seasonal shift in the wind patterns usually accompanied by changes in precipitation. In Arizona, winds that normally flow from west to northwest, shift blowing to the south southeast. In doing so, it pulls moisture inland from the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

Increased moisture colliding with the intense surface heating forces the moisture into the upper atmosphere, rapidly forming large clouds, heavy rain, lightning and thunderstorms are typically short lived and move quickly over the landscape. On the leading edges of the storm, heavy winds crash down from the upper atmosphere pushing dust and debris mile out in front of the storm. In their wake these storms can leave heavy flash flooding and damage caused by wind, sudden intense rain, hail, and blowing debris.



Preparing for Monsoon season can be broken into three parts: Before the storm, during the storm, and after the storm.

Before the Storm

Subscribe to local emergency broadcast notifications such as:

(PENS) Pinal County Emergency Notification System
<https://www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/countyattorney/pages/citizenalert.aspx>

Maricopa -Community Emergency Notification System
<https://www.maricopa.gov/1755/CENS>

Prepare your Home

- Research local emergency management plans
- Clean gutters and outdoor drains to prevent flooding
- Remove dead trees near your home, vehicles, or power lines
- Repair drainage issues on your property, diverting water away from your home to run off zones
- Secure yard furniture, trampolines, or other objects that could become airborne and cause damage
- Disconnect electrical appliances not in need
- Create a storm survival kit containing flashlights, candles, matches, battery operated radio, water, and possibly some food

Driving Safely

- Never attempt to drive through a flooded roadway
- Never go around barricades or signs preventing entry
- Six inches of water can cause most cars to lose control
- Two feet of rushing water can move most vehicles
- If you get stuck in a flooded roadway, call 911. If the vehicle is stable and not moving stay in or on the vehicle. Never leave your vehicle and enter rushing water!
- Treat non-working stop lights like a 4-way stop and proceed with caution
- If you get stuck driving in a storm and feel unsafe, pull off the main roadway. Get into a parking lot and wait out the storm. If you can not get to a safe location, pull as far off the roadway as safely possible. Put the car in park, take your foot off the break, turn off the lights, activate your hazards. Remain in your vehicle with your seatbelt on.

During the Storm

- Stay inside
- Turn off appliances, TV's, & computers to prevent electrical damage
- Prepare for electrical outages
- Get your storm survival kit out
- Listen to local emergency alerts or news

After the Storm

- Return home when safe and permitted by authorities
- Watch for flooded roadways and low crossings
- Avoid standing water that can contain hidden dangers

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Monsoon Safety... (Continued from previous page):

- Photograph and document any damage for insurance purposes
- Continue to monitor emergency updates
- Be mindful of playing, swimming, or wading in collected storm water. Runoff can contain pollutants, hazardous materials, be electrically charged, be deeper than it appears, contain drains or other runoff collection.

Power Outages

Contact your electricity provider to report power outages.
 Arizona Public Service (APS) | (855) 688-2437
aps.com/en/Utility/Outage/Outage-Center/Report-Outage

Salt River Project (SRP) | (602) 236-8811
srpnet.com/safety/outage/outagepreparation.aspx



Assistance Agencies (click titles for direct access)

- [American Red Cross](#) - Red Cross provides shelter, food, health services, including mental health, to assist families and the community in times of need.
- [The Salvation Army](#) - The mission of the Salvation Army is to access multiple volunteer organizations to provide comprehensive support in times of need, including disasters.
- [Team Rubicon](#) - Team Rubicon can offer free services to remove drywall impacted by flooding for residents unable to pay. This is an important stage to prevent mold from setting in.
- [Habitat for Humanity](#) - Habitat offers low-cost repair services for those who qualify. They also offer emergency repair services for those who qualify, and can access volunteers to help reduce costs.
- [HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response](#) - HOPE is a national crisis response organization with specially trained handlers and canines trained and tested for crisis response work. HOPE ACR teams provide comfort and support to people affected by disasters.
- [Association of Arizona Food Banks](#) - They can coordinate any food needs from a network of food bank
- [The Phoenix Homeland Defense Bureau's Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#). The CERT program trains residents of Phoenix neighborhoods, community organizations and workplaces in basic disaster survival skills and promotes partnership and cooperation between residents and emergency services personnel.

 **PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES:**

Maricopa County Sherriff's Office (MCSO)
 Non-Emergency
 602-876-8477

Rural Metro
 Non-Emergency & Snake Removal
 480-945-6311

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10-14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSQ) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



Carefree Water Company 2021 Consumer Confidence Report Available



The Carefree Water Company's 2021 Consumer Confidence Report has been published and is available electronically via the internet at www.carefreewaterco.com/images/2021ConsumerConfidenceReport.pdf.

If you would rather receive a hard copy of this document, please call the Water Company's Office at (480) 488-9100 or email us at office@carefreewaterco.com to have one mailed to you.



LOCAL PRESS

June 2022 press mentions and news articles are linked here for your reference (click title to read):

[Community Involvement and Input Keys to Carefree Success | Sonoran News](#)

[Pilates studio helps clients 'return to life' | Business | thefoothillsfocus.com](#)

[Gary Neiss celebrates 20 years with town | News | thefoothillsfocus.com](#)

