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## THE CAREFREE EXPERIENCE

Throughout the Summer and Fall, staff will be reaching out to businesses and residents to discuss how to improve the Town Center experience. This will be done in conjunction with the current Signage, Circulation and Parking Plan, along with revitalization planning efforts.

Areas to discuss are:

- Improving the arrival awareness for visitors
- Slowing traffic on Tom Darlington Drive and Cave Creek Road
- Creating an improved business/retail environment
- Improving pedestrian/bicycle access and safety for residents
- Addressing other amenities residents would like for Town Center

The intent is to look at comprehensive changes that address these important issues and outlining a plan of future improvements both internal and adjacent to Town Center.

At this time, the initial assessment and first consultant concepts have been completed based upon stakeholder input, and can be found at (web location). Our goal is to gain wider input from the community with plan adoption in Fall 2022. Your input is valuable.

## TOWN BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Every spring, the Town Council holds a series of public workshops to discuss the forecasted Town revenues and planned expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year which starts on July 1st. On Tuesday, April 12th, the Council held its first public workshop. At this workshop a comprehensive presentation was made by Town staff outlining their roles, accomplishments over the past fiscal year, as well as goals for the next fiscal year and some budget considerations.

Considering the fact that Carefree has one of the smallest municipal staffs and operational budgets within the state, this presentation provides an excellent high level understanding of the Town's nimble organizational structure and the value of the professional services and dedication they provide to the Carefree community.

View current budget documents and learn more at:  
<https://www.carefree.org/161/Annual-Budgets>



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# CAREFREE CELEBRATES EARTH DAY



photo credit: Herbert Hitchon

In honor of Earth Day, the Town of Carefree hosted its annual community event on Saturday, April 23rd, at the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion in the Carefree Desert Gardens. Local Arizona organizations came together to help educate and empower our community to take better care of our Sonoran Desert, planet, and each other.

Event goers engaged in hands-on activities, heard live presentations, learned information on birds, reptiles, land preservation, fire and emergency safety, and water management. Special thanks to all of our event partners for their support: APS, Rattlesnake Solutions, Carefree Water Company, Rural Metro Fire Department, Wild at Heart, Desert Foothills Land Trust, Be Outdoors AZ, Maricopa County Parks & Recreation, Tonto National Forest, Puppup Luv Animal Rescue, Elite Solar, and Educating Children Outdoors.



## 2022 ELECTION

Voters may [register to vote online](#). Hard copy voter registration forms may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk's Office or at the Maricopa County Recorder's offices during regular business hours.

Election Information and voting hours are listed on our website: <https://www.carefree.org/342/2022-Election>



## SKY RANCH AIRPORT CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Sky Ranch Airport celebrated its 60th Anniversary at the annual Carefree Classic Wheels & Wings show. A spectacular assortment of 26 vintage aircraft along with 120 cars were on display along with local vendors and food trucks.

The event also sought to raise funds for local charity, Foothills Caring Corps. Through the success of the event, Sky Ranch Airport presented a check for \$7,000 to help support the Foothills Caring Corps mission.



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## THEATER UNDER THE STARS: 'LES MISERABLES'

Desert Foothills Theater hosted its production of 'Les Miserables' at the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion in Carefree. Six action-packed shows were performed on the outdoor stage among the beautiful desert gardens.

Director, Sandi Carll, noted this year's cast was comprised of teen actors. She says, "We have the most amazing cast. Our actors are so talented. I'm excited to bring this show to the community."

Carll was joined by music directors, Ken Goodenberger and Rebecca Joslin, along with choreographer, Nathalie Velasquez.

About Desert Foothills Theater:

Desert Foothills Theater is an award-winning theater that has been presenting work in the far north valley since 1975. Theater changes lives and we invite all community members to be part of that life-changing experience by providing performance, volunteer, education and attendance opportunities for everyone!



photo credit: Desert Foothills Theater

## WELCOME TO TOWN!

Say hello to our new business neighbors:



Pure Rejuvenation Wellness Lounge

42 Easy St, Suite 4W  
480-500-9722



Sundial Pilates

36800 Sidwinder Rd, Ste B12  
(206) 816-9336

View the full Carefree Business Directory:  
<https://visitcarefree.com/local/>



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Farmers Market Fridays

Weekly | 9:00 AM-1:00 PM | Town Center

### For the Love of Story

Live show featuring local authors & writers  
May 7, | 4:00PM | Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion | FREE

### Return to Downton Afternoon Tea Party

May 14 | English Rose Tea Room | 480-488-4812

### Third Thursday Art Walk

May 19 | 4:00 PM-7:00 PM | Carefree Galleries

### Memorial Day Tribute

May 30 | 8:00 AM | Cave Creek Memorial Cemetery

### Carefree Restaurant Week

May 30 - June 5 | Carefree, AZ



Mayor Les Peterson, with the help of the Carefree Water Company Field Staff, "get the water flowing" into the Tranquil Place subdivision.  
Middle: Mayor Les Peterson, L-R: Carefree Water Operators Eric Stratfold, James Griffin, Burl Gosewisch, and Field Supervisor Andy Espinoza

Over 530 homes and businesses on the west and south portions of Carefree have been receiving water service which has been below acceptable standards. Integrating these remaining Carefree accounts into the Carefree Water Company system is one of the Town's primary objectives.

Integration of these accounts into the Carefree Water system is well underway. two neighborhoods (Tranquil Place and The Crossings) are in the process of change-over at this time. The balance of affected neighborhoods are being scheduled as quickly as possible.

A major component of the water system integration is the construction of the water storage reservoir along Tom Darlington Road. The excavation work has now been completed. Next steps are a gravel base and cement pour for the foundation.

Construction is progressing on schedule, and costs are within budgeted expenditures. Construction is anticipated to be finalized by the end of 2022.

For further information on this project, please visit: <http://carefreewaterco.com/>



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<https://unos.org/register-to-be-an-organ-donor/>



## CAN YOU SPOT A PHISHING SCAM?

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