

TOWN OF CAREFREE HOSTING CITIZEN WORKSHOPS DISCUSSING FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Town is in the process of conducting five (5) public open houses at various locations to review the available options for Fire and Emergency services in the Town of Carefree.

These critical workshops invite the public to learn and ask questions about the levels of fire and emergency services as well as the associated costs for each.

History of Carefree Fire and Emergency Services:

Beginning in the 1960s, Rural Metro provided fire and emergency services to Town residents and businesses through individual subscription services. Residents paid an annual subscription fee of approximately \$750 for fire and emergency services.

This model continued until the early 2000's when the Town of Carefree assumed a master contract with Rural Metro, built a state-of-the-art fire station and furnished it with a fire truck and associated equipment pursuant to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. The master contract with Rural Metro simply provided the certified firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians to staff the Town's fire house and equipment. This new master contract provided the Town with a higher level of service and accountability through defined service metrics. However, with this higher level of service the Town's annual operation costs directly associated with this new Town Fire Department increased. Therefore, at that time, to help offset this increase to the Town's annual operation costs, the Town Council approved a new funding stream with a 1% increase in the Town's retail sales tax and approved economic development projects such as Lowe's Home Improvement Store.

This model has served the community well for the past 15 years. However, today external influences are impacting the Town's current relationship with Rural Metro.

Recently, the Town of Cave Creek assumed a similar model as Carefree and acquired a fire station and purchased equipment. Extinguishing the need for individual residential subscriptions for fire and emergency services, Cave Creek chose to contract with Daisy Mountain Fire District. A benefit of Cave Creek's new contractual relationship with Daisy Mountain Fire District is that the District is part of a regional partnership of first responders called automatic aid.

Automatic aid is comprised of municipal fire departments and fire districts located within the Phoenix-Mesa metropolitan area. Collectively, these automatic aid partners set uniform standards of service and seamlessly dispatch the closest, most appropriate equipment regardless of jurisdictional boundaries of participating entities. As a result of the uniform standards established by this regional partnership, there are additional up front capital investments and a significant increase to current annual operational expenses.

Please review the video outlining the options, costs, and needed revenue offset. this video will help prepare you to participate in these citizen workshops.



FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 3 | 5:00 PM
Christ the Lord Lutheran Church
9205 East Cave Creek Road

Thursday, November 10 | 5:00 PM
Carefree Town Council Chambers
33 Easy Street

Thursday, November 17 | 5:00 PM
Zoom meeting [Register Here](#)



GENERAL ELECTION IS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The November General Election is on November 8, 2022. Check your status to see if you are eligible to vote, find important election deadlines, and more at:

<https://recorder.maricopa.gov/Elections/BeBallotReady/>

In Person Voting is available at:

Carefree Town Council Chambers: 33 Easy Street
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday -Saturday
Election Day, November 8th hours:
6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Questions about your ballot? Do you need a replacement ballot?

Call the Maricopa County Election Office at:
602-506-1511



Third Thursdays

CAREFREE ARIZONA

**ART WALK
4 PM - 7 PM**

An evening of art and culture in Carefree!

VETERANS DAY A TIME TO THANK AND CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS

BY, JOHN CRANE, VICE MAYOR

Veterans Day was born out of a national yearning to thank and honor our veterans on the occasion of "Armistice Day," November 11, 1919, marking the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Over the decades the name and the date have changed, but the spirit of Veterans Day to pay tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—who served their country honorably during war or peacetime has continued. It is a time to thank and celebrate our veterans.

Carefree has always been a veteran friendly community. The Town conducted our first Veterans Day program 14 years ago. For a community as young as Carefree, 14 years is a long time ago.

Historical facts can be rather cold. What brings our history to life and makes it personal are those veterans who have attended our annual program. Should you join us Friday, November 11, at 3 pm in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion in the Carefree Desert Garden, you will find yourself sitting amongst many of them. While numerous veterans will be sitting in the audience, some have left us far too early. US Army Captain Lew Jenkins, World War II Battle of the Bulge veteran, US Marine Corps Col Blaine Keith, World War II and Korean War veteran and astronaut, Major Arden Rowley, Korean War POW, and US Army Captain Carroll Vanik, Vietnam helicopter pilot, shared their stories and perspectives, but are no longer with us. We will celebrate all of them.

The 2022 Carefree Veterans Day program promises to be memorable. Retired Navy fighter pilot Captain Larry Ernst, veteran of more than 100 combat missions, former Top Gun instructor, and Captain of the aircraft carrier USS Midway CV-41 will speak. He will be joined by other veterans, along with the Main Event Band, local students from the Veterans Heritage Project

(VHP) (www.veteransheritage.org), the Black Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Association of the US Army, the Institute of Healing of Memories and other veteran friendly and supporting organizations.

Before or after our program spend a moment of thanks and contemplation at the Veteran Memorial in the Carefree Desert Gardens. Or drive to and walk the grounds of the Cave Creek Memorial Cemetery on Pima Road just south of Cave Creek Road where the Tribute Riders have marked each of the graves of the 41 interred veterans with a US flag and volunteers of the Cave Creek American Legion Post 34 spruced up each site.

Veterans Day is a special day. We honor those who have served. We look to our youth with hope and confidence. That is what Veterans Day is in Carefree. By the way, the following morning, Saturday, November 12, our neighbors and friends at the Carefree Kiwanis Club will be serving up a delicious Pancake Breakfast, 7 to 11 p.m. in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion.

Between veterans and pancakes, Carefree will be the place to be November 11 and 12. I hope you will join us.



CAREFREE INVITES RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS TOWN CENTER REVITALIZATION



On Wednesday, October 12th, the Town of Carefree hosted an open house to invite discussion about Town Center Revitalization. Citizens had the opportunity to engage with Town staff, ask questions, and learn about the revitalization process.

The open format featured three stations for residents to engage with staff. Economic Development Director, Steve Prokopek, discussed the revitalization process and presented ideas for residents to consider. Planning Director/Zoning Administrator, Stacey Bridge-Denzak, provided details on considerations for pedestrian and vehicular circulation along with parking in Town. Communications Director, Erica Shumaker, demonstrated the signage package designed by Kimley Horn intended to help direct travelers to Carefree destinations.

Approximately 70 residents came to the open house and provided valuable feedback on the vision and amenities they would like to see in Carefree.

In the next step of the process, the Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council will each review the final draft of the Comprehensive Sign Plan at the upcoming October Planning and Zoning and Town Council meetings respectively with the goal of fine-tuning the document before it goes through the approvals process in November and December.

Follow along with the revitalization process on our website: carefree.org/redevelopment-plan-process



ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT

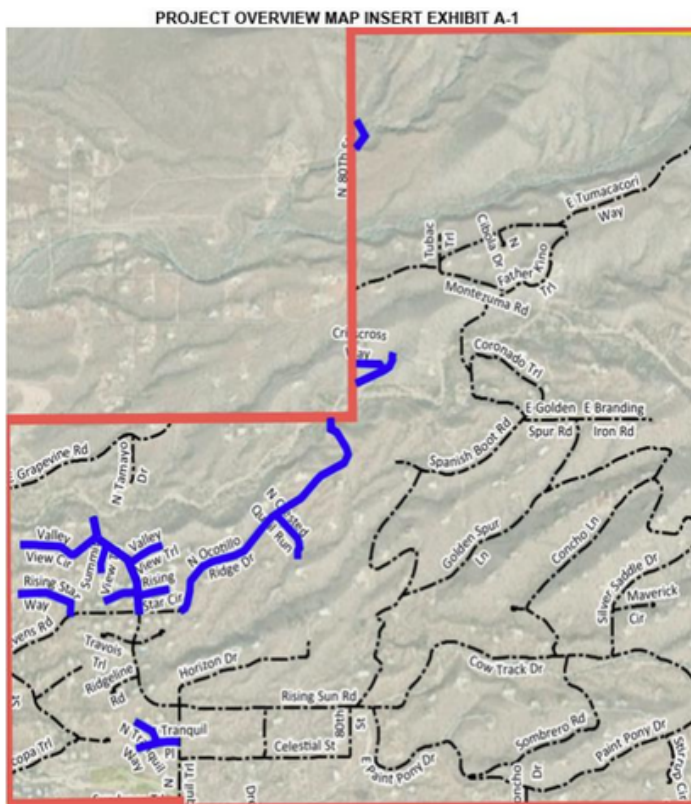
Pavement maintenance activities will begin soon on streets located on the west side of the Town. The areas being completed this year include: the Highlands (Cow Track Estates, and Cow Track II) , Ranchitos Del Rey, Leigh Estates, Crossings I, Scopa Trail, Celestial Street, Rising Sun Road, Horizon Drive, and Grapevine Road.

Maintenance activities will include a crack seal or a Fracture Aggregate Surface Treatment (FAST), a chip seal, as well as a slurry seal on top of the chip seal. This will prolong the life of the roadway a minimum of 10 additional years and possibly much more. During this process many construction vehicles will be on the roadway, and you may encounter small delays while traveling. Please make sure to travel at a reduced speed, during construction activities, and give the construction vehicles a large amount of clearance. We anticipate construction to begin in mid-November with a postponement during the holidays.



THE TEAM BEHIND THE MAGIC

Carefree's Public Works team is already hard at work installing holiday lights throughout the Carefree Desert Gardens in preparation for the upcoming season.



* Roadways highlighted in blue above are not part of this project.



PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS

The new pedestrian signals should be activated sometime in the near future on Hum Road and Carefree Drive. Please be sure to wait until traffic has stopped before crossing the roadways.

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Town Engineer
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TAKE EXTRA CARE: PHISHING CAMPAIGN TARGETING THE ELDERLY

A phishing campaign is impersonating the US Social Security Administration (SSA) in an attempt to steal Social Security numbers, according to researchers at INKY.

“While the display address on the emails reads ‘Social_Security_Administration,’ further inspection reveals the sender’s true origin to be a random Gmail address,” the researchers write. “If there is one place a hacker puts his best foot forward, it’s with the subject line. After all, phishing emails don’t do much good unless they are opened, and some type of action is taken. In this case, the subject lines include case and docket numbers to make the phishing threat seem more official.”

The emails contain a PDF attachment that instructs users to call a phone number, which will connect them with a scammer.

“All of the SSA brand impersonation phishing emails INKY caught contained a PDF attachment that opened in the form of a letter with SSA-branded elements,” the researchers write. “[T]he letter starts with one of SSA’s widely used logos alongside a short tagline. It’s an image that looks sharp and is readily available online. In the body of the letter, the sender claims that illegal & fraudulent activities have been associated with the recipient’s SSN and, as a result, their SSN will be suspended in 24 hours. A phone number is given to resolve this issue.”

Once they call the scammer, the victim will be asked to provide their Social Security number in order to confirm their identity.

“Encouraging readers to call a phone number adds vishing to the mix,” INKY says. “Vishing is a type of cybercrime that uses the telephone to steal confidential information. In this instance, the phone number provided in the letter does not belong to the SSA. When called, phishers answering ask their victims to confirm their SSN so it can be unsuspected. In some instances, they will even claim that a new one has been issued for a fee.”

Never give anyone your Social Security Number. If you get an email asking you to call, look up a real Social Security Phone Number local to confirm the email’s validity.



LEARNING RESOURCES:

If you or a loved one need help navigating technology, check out this list of resources:

Local:

- [Tech 4 Life](#)
- [The Holland Center](#)
- [Desert Foothills Library](#)

Online:

- [Skillful Senior](#)
- [Goodwill Community Foundation](#)

LOCAL NON-PROFIT VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

-Click the title of the organization to learn more-



ARIZONA DEPT. OF VETERANS SERVICES

- Spend time visiting with veterans
- Host a veteran's event
- Assist at State Veteran's Care Center



DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

- Participate in commemorative events
- Assist military veterans
- Support National Wreaths Across America Day



DESERT AWARENESS COMMITTEE

- Educate visitors
- Conduct tours (need help Saturdays)
- Support an event (Prickly Pear Festival)



DESERT FOOTHILLS LAND TRUST

- Administrative/clerical support
- Monthly hike leader
- Advocate for desert preservation



DESERT FOOTHILLS LIBRARY

- Circulation desk
- Bookstore
- Clerical/administrative support



FOOTHILLS CARING CORPS

- Make a friendly call to a lonely senior
- Deliver meals to homebound seniors
- Drive seniors to medical appointments
- Organize donations



FOOTHILLS FOOD BANK

- Saturday volunteers needed
- Assist at a special event



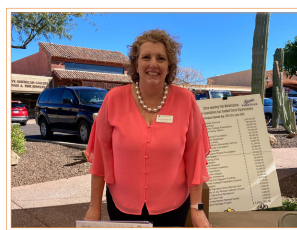
KIWANIS OF CAREFREE

- Roadie-pickup donations
- Electronics repair
- Donation door attendant
- Afternoon cashier (4pm-5pm)



THE CAVE CREEK MUSEUM

- Maintain exhibits
- Education/tours
- Assist at special events
- Clerical support



THE HOLLAND CENTER

- Become a board member
- Join a committee
- Plan events
- Teach a class



SONORAN ARTS LEAGUE

- Teacher assistant
- Special event assistance
- Clerical help



SOROPTOMIST OF SAGUARO FOOTHILLS

- Become a member
- Assist with projects & awards



TIERRA MADRE HORSE & HUMAN SANCTUARY

- Sunday volunteers needed
- Barn chores
- Admin/clerical work



YMCA

- Assist with special events
- Help pack & deliver food boxes
- Donate items



WILD AT HEART RAPTORS

- Feeding, cleaning, & aviary support
- Transport & rescue of injured birds
- Fundraising, events, office support



TOWN OF CAREFREE

- Visitor Center operations
- Event ushers
- Town wayfinding



LOCAL PRESS

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

[Top luxury Spa Resorts in AZ](#)

[Carefree Hosts Open House to Hear Public Opinions](#)

[Carefree to Start on Update to General Plan](#)

[Carefree Fire Services](#)

CAREFREE ARIZONA

PEACE, SIMPLICITY, AND HISTORY OF
THE NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE
Presented by: Henry (Hank) Molder

NOVEMBER 12
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SANDERSON LINCOLN PAVILION
101 EASY STREET, CAREFREE

Learn the history of the Native American Flute
-Live demonstration
-Display of different flutes
\$5 donation at the door

Henry (Hank) Molder

Henry Molder is a Native American Flute Artist who performs at many valley art and wine festivals. Locally he plays in the Carefree Gardens. Henry has recorded two albums. In addition, he provides individual and group lessons on the Native American Flute. He is a 34-year resident of Carefree.



HEALING OF MEMORIES WORKSHOP FOR VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS

A safe place for participants to explore personal histories and gain insight and empathy for themselves and others.

This Institute for Healing of Memories workshop is a response to the emotional, psychological and spiritual wounds inflicted by war, human rights abuses and other life-changing traumatic circumstances. This life-changing workshop is proven to help participants learn ways to overcome anger, loss, grief and guilt. Not only is it a step on the journey to personal healing, but also it contributes to the healing of interpersonal relationships.

RAVES FOR HEALING OF MEMORIES

"I was finally able to release myself from the personal prison I had put myself into."

"This workshop is the master key to my healing & good health of mind, body & spirit."

"This was not what I expected... but exactly what I needed!"



Graciela Marroquin served 14 years in the military, beginning in 1992, as a plane captain in the U.S. Navy. She then transferred into the Army National Guard, and in 2004 served in Baghdad, Iraq, as a combat medic. As a post-traumatic-stress "Victor," she is pursuing her doctoral degree in clinical psychology, with an emphasis on trauma, stress, resiliency, and moral conflict/injury. She has been a Healing of Memories facilitator in the Phoenix area for three years.



WHEN
November 18 - 20, 2022
Friday 6:00 pm - Sunday 2:00 pm

WHERE
Spirit in the Desert
2415 E Elbow Bend, Carefree, AZ 85327

COST
FREE to Veterans and First Responders

REGISTER
Call (651) 687-9767
Mikie Wild,
U.S. Navy vet & workshop coordinator

COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE FOLLOWED ENSURING SAFETY FOR ALL



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

[CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR](#)

Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival

Nov 4-6 | Town Center

Veterans Day Ceremony

Nov 11 | 3:00pm | Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion

Grand Re-opening: Sticks Golf & Cigar Lounge

Nov 10-12 | 37555 N Hum Rd

Native American Flute Presentation

Nov 12 | 1:00pm | Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion

Healing of Memories Workshop for Veterans

Nov 18-20 | Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

Hidden in the Hills Artist Studio Tour

Nov 18-20 | Carefree/Cave Creek/Scottsdale

Desert Discovery Day

Nov 18 | 10am-2pm | Jewel of the Creek Preserve

Hidden in the Hills Artist Studio Tour

Nov 25-27 | Carefree/Cave Creek/Scottsdale

Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Hall Closed

Nov 24-25 | 8 Sundial Circle

Small Business Saturday - Shop Local!

Nov 26 | Town of Carefree



CAREFREE LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS:

Thursdays | Keeler's Steakhouse

Fridays | Celestial Artisan Meadery

Sundays | Pizzicata