

CAREFREE TO HOST OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 12TH

The Town of Carefree has scheduled an Open House on Wednesday, October 12th, from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Council Chambers located at 33 Easy Street. The community is invited to discuss the Town's Revitalization efforts with Town staff.

Town staff will be on hand to discuss with interested residents these topics:

- Town Center Revitalization
- Wayfinding
- Pedestrian & Vehicular Circulation

Join us to learn the facts, get questions answered, and contribute your ideas on these topics.

You may also provide input at the following link: [Resident Survey Link](#)



Town Center Concept



Signage Concepts



Town Center Revitalization
Oct 12 | 4pm-7pm | 33 Easy St

Volunteer Job Fair
Oct 19 | 10am-1pm | Town Center

Fire & Emergency Services Workshops
(same info will be presented at each workshop - choose one)

Oct 19 | 5:00 PM
Christ Anglican Church
3550 North Cave Creek Road

Oct 26 | 5:00 PM
Holland Community Center
34250 North 60th Street

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

Nov 10 | 5:00 PM
Carefree Town Council Chambers
33 Easy Street

Nov 17 | 5:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

VOLUNTEER JOB FAIR AND NON-PROFIT EXPO: FIND YOUR PASSION & CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY

Local non-profit organizations will come together in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion to demonstrate services available to the community and engage the community in volunteer opportunities.

There are many deserving organizations that need our help to serve the community. No matter your background or skill level, there is something for everyone. This event is a great opportunity to tap into your interests and meet like-minded individuals.

Your passion and positivity are the only requirements.



Featured Partners:

- Desert Foothills Land Trust
- Desert Foothills Library
- Foothills Caring Corps
- Foothills Food Bank
- Kiwanis of Carefree
- Puppy Luv Animal Rescue
- The Cave Creek Museum
- The Holland Center
- Sonoran Arts League
- Soroptomist Saguardo Foothills
- Tierra Madre Horse Rescue
- Valley of the Sun YMCA
- Wild at Heart

We hope to see you there!

A vertical poster for the event. At the top is the Carefree Arizona logo. Below it, the title 'VOLUNTEER JOB FAIR AND NON-PROFIT EXPO' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath the title, a tagline reads 'Meet local non-profit organizations and learn how YOU can make a difference in your community!'. The event details are listed in bold black text: 'DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2022', 'TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM', and 'PLACE: SANDERSON LINCOLN PAVILION 101 EASY STREET'. At the bottom of the poster is an illustration of several hands of different colors clapping and giving thumbs up.

TOWN OF CAREFREE TO HOLD CITIZEN WORKSHOPS DISCUSSING FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

This fall, the Town will conduct 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. In the coming weeks, the Town will distribute a video outlining the options, costs, and needed revenue offset. This video will be followed up with five opportunities for citizens to participate in this discussion to help define a solution for the community.



FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 19 | 5:00 PM

Christ Anglican Church
3550 North Cave Creek Road

Wednesday, October 26 | 5:00 PM

Holland Community Center
34250 North 60th Street

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



LOCAL PRESS

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

[Carefree Issues Proclamation for Marie Smith Day](#)

[Thursday Night Music Lineup at Keeler's Steakhouse](#)

[Carefree Spirits Distillery Expanding](#)

[Golfweek: Arizona's Top Public, Private Golf Courses](#)

[Carefree & Cave Creek Road Work to Cause Delays](#)

Desert Foothills Theater and The Puppy Luv Animal Rescue invite KIDS to a FUR-TASTIC event on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1.**

TWO PUPPY PARTY EVENTS TO CHOOSE FROM!
3PM-4PM OR 5:30PM-6:30PM
Tickets: DFTheater.ORG

THE HOLLAND CENTER
34250 N. 60TH ST.
NORTH SCOTTSDALE

- VISIT WITH PUPPY LUV'S PUPPY GUESTS
- "PUP-CAKES," PARTY TREATS AND PUNCH
- PUPPY-THEMED ARTS & CRAFTS & GAMES



FIND YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND AT OUR PET ADOPTION EVENT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
The Holland Center, 1p-4p 🐾 puppyluvar.com

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! DFTHEATER.ORG



DESERT FOOTHILLS THEATER KIDS WILL LOVE THIS YOUTH **ON STAGE** PRODUCTION OF THE CLASSIC CANINE CAPER!
SEPT. 30-OCT. 9

Disney THE HOLLAND CENTER
34250 N. 60TH ST.
NORTH SCOTTSDALE

101 Dalmatians KIDS

SHOW SPONSORED BY  **Kiwanis** FOR THE CHILDREN
CAREFREE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

[CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR](#)

Carefree Restaurant Week

Sep 26 - Oct 2 | Participating Restaurants

Party in Pink - Zumba Charity Event

Oct 1 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Town Center

Town Council Meeting

Oct 4 | 5:00 PM | Council Chambers 33 Easy St.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Oct 17 | 5:00 PM | Council Chambers 33 Easy St.

Volunteer Job Fair & Non Profit Expo

Oct 19 | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM | Town Center

Citizen Workshop: Fire & Emergency Services

Oct 19 | 5:00 PM | Christ Anglican Church.

Third Thursdays - Carefree Art Walk

Oct 20 | 4:00 PM | Town Center

Town Council Meeting

Oct 25 | 5:00 PM | Council Chambers 33 Easy St.

Citizen Workshop: Fire & Emergency Services

Oct 26 | 5:00 PM | The Holland Center

Harry Potter Halloween

Oct 29 | English Rose Tea Room | (480) 488-4812

The Raven by Edgar Allen Poe

Oct 30 | English Rose Tea Room | (480) 488-4812

Desert Hills Community Saxophone Ensemble

Oct 30 | 5:00 PM | Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion

CAREFREE LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS:



Thursdays | Keeler's Steakhouse

Fridays | Celestial Artisan Meadery

Sundays | Pizzicata