



Carefree Connection:
August 2023 Edition



Join the Conversation: Engage with Your Town Leaders in Our Community Conversation Series!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our exciting new initiative – Community Conversations: Connecting with Carefree – aimed at bringing our community closer together by facilitating open and meaningful dialogues between our town's leadership and its valued residents. This series is a unique opportunity for you to connect directly with our Mayor, Town Council members, and dedicated town staff.

[Get the Details](#)



Public Works: Working Tirelessly for Carefree

Our Public Works team deserves recognition for their unwavering dedication to the community.



Smooth Transition: Carefree Water Update

Welcome Canyon Crossing neighborhood to Carefree Water! On July 20th, Carefree Water

Despite the scorching weather, they have been working tirelessly outside, ensuring our town remains beautiful and functional. Recently, they showed commitment by staying late into the hottest part of the day to clean up after an unfortunate auto accident. Thank you to our fabulous Carefree Public Works team!

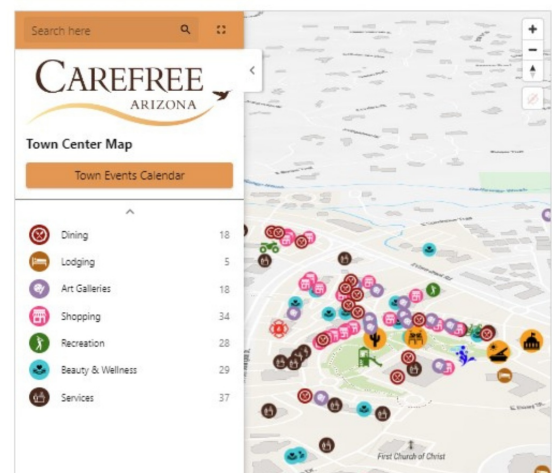
Company transitioned the Canyon Crossing neighborhood from the Cave Creek Water System and the process went seamlessly, ensuring that our residents continue to receive the best water services possible. Carefree Water is committed to providing safe, reliable, and high-quality water to meet the needs of our community.

Explore all Carefree businesses have to offer:

Discover all that Carefree has to offer with our interactive E-Map! We are excited to introduce a convenient way for residents and visitors to explore our beautiful town and stay informed about local landmarks, amenities, and upcoming events.

[Check out our Map](#)

e-Map: Visit Carefree



Meet Clint Miller, Our Newly Appointed Town Council Member



We are excited to announce that Clint Miller was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the town council.

The process to fill the seat involved considering ten potential candidates. After thoughtful deliberation and three rounds of voting, Clint became the selected candidate with a 3-2 majority vote.

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economic
Development Update

Economic Development Director
- Steve Prokopek

You're Invited! Traffic Calming Policy Workshops

Traffic Calming Community Workshops



September 14
September 28
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Carefree Town Council Chambers
33 Easy Street, Carefree, AZ

We are pleased to invite you to participate in two upcoming community workshops that will play a crucial role in shaping the future of our town's

roadways and enhancing the safety and livability of our community.

Workshop details:

- **September 14 and September 28 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**
- **Carefree Town Council Chambers (33 Easy Street, Carefree AZ)**

During these workshops, we will discuss and collaborate on the implementation of the newly proposed Municipal Traffic Calming Policy. This policy aims to address citizen concerns regarding traffic volumes, excessive speeds, and safety issues on our roadways.

Your participation is vital as we seek to create a comprehensive plan that reflects the needs and preferences of our community. By working together, we can develop effective traffic calming measures that improve non-motorist safety, mobility, and comfort while fostering a sense of community in Carefree. We hope to see you there!

[Dive Deeper](#)



Tox Bar and Lounge Receives Prestigious Award

We are thrilled to announce that Tox Bar and Lounge has been awarded the prestigious title of "Best of the Valley." This recognition is a testament to the unique and innovative concept that Tox Bar and Lounge brings to the culinary and aesthetic world. Located near the iconic Carefree Sundial, Tox Bar and Lounge offers an experience that seamlessly merges a bar, restaurant, and medspa.

Congratulations to Tox Bar and



Town License Requirements for Rental Homes

Per Carefree Ordinance Number 2022-03, short-term/vacation rental owners must obtain and maintain an annual Town license for each Carefree property. This Town of Carefree license is in addition to the county and state requirements.

Also included under A.R.S. §9-500.39 are regulations for residential rentals or "Long-Term Rentals". Long-term rentals are required to register with the Town of Carefree. These properties are

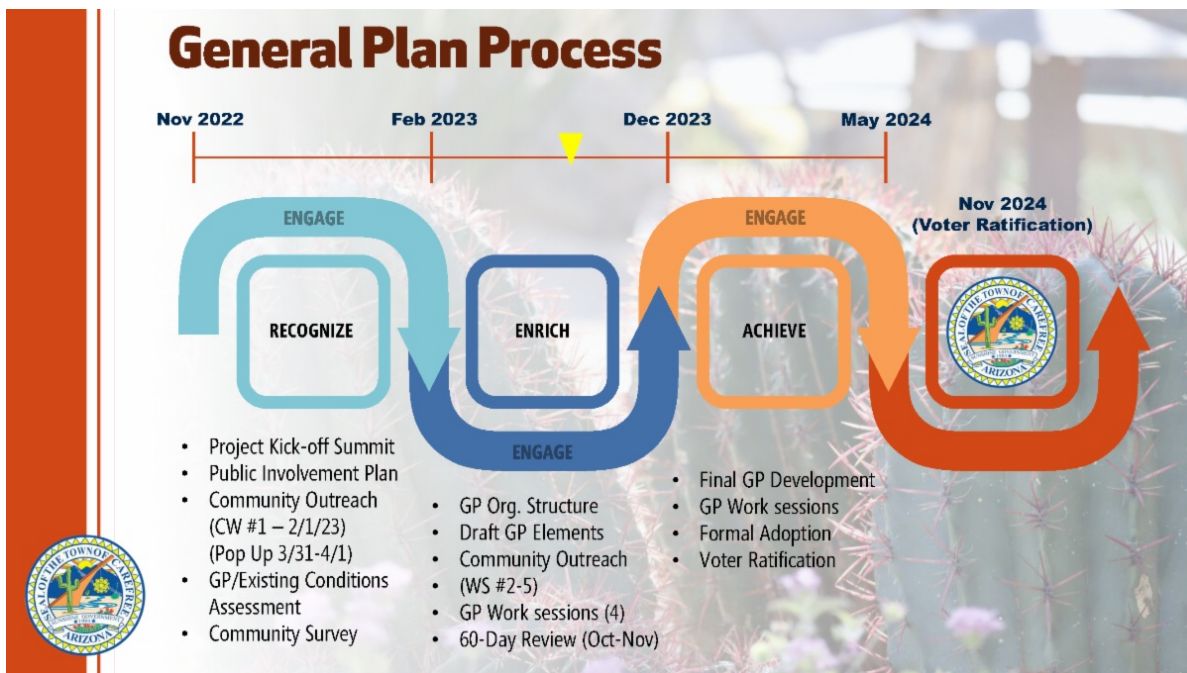
Lounge for winning -a well-deserved honor for an establishment that enriches our community with its innovation and creativity.

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defined as the rental of real property for a period of 30 or more consecutive days for residential purposes only and not commercial.

[Find Out More](#)

Shaping our Future: General Plan Update



Carefree is embarking on an ambitious endeavor that offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the future of our beloved town. The General Plan update, a comprehensive and forward-thinking initiative, aims to guide growth and development in Carefree for the years to come.

Since the last General Plan Briefing with the Planning and Zoning Commission held on June 12, 2023, the project team has conducted two more Community Workshops and held a work session with Town Council (August 1, 2023).

Community Workshop #3 focused on diving into General Plan policies from the goals most requested to be removed or revised from the previous workshop. The public was also polled to evaluate the draft vision statement and the General Plan structure.

Community Workshop #4 was centered specifically on Open Space with an external presentation from the Arizona State Land Department. This workshop provided an opportunity to focus on review of the Open Space policies in the General Plan, evaluate open space preferences from the community, and map out areas for potential open space preservation. Collectively, the input from the previous workshops were used to inform the draft document structure and craft a content outline, which is the next component leading up to the drafting of the new General Plan before the required 60-Day Review.

As the General Plan update unfolds, we encourage all residents of Carefree to stay informed and engaged in this vital process. Your participation and input are instrumental in shaping the future of our town. We want to hear from you!

Expand Your Knowledge



Help Keep Carefree Firewise this Summer

In 2020, 978,519 acres burned throughout Arizona. 80% of those fires were human caused. While most wildfires are accidental, they all are certainly avoidable.

It's never too early to prepare - whether that's cleaning up around your property, gathering emergency supplies, planning escape routes, and packing a 'go bag' in the event of an emergency. Act early, before it's too late.

Deepen Your Understanding



Carefree - Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce

Exciting News from Carefree Cave Creek Chamber!

We're thrilled to announce our stellar 2023-2023 Board and the incredible trio of staff members who will be leading the way to new heights!

With passion, dedication, and a shared vision, this dynamic team is geared up to make an impact on our community and support businesses like never before.

Uncover More

Private Landowner Submits Special Use Permit (SUP) Application for Storage Units

The private landowner of a 1.76 acre commercially zoned parcel at the corner of Cave Creek Road and Bloody Basin Road has submitted to the Town of Carefree a Special Use Permit (SUP) application. This private property owner's request is to construct an indoor-only climate-controlled

storage facility referred to as Carefree Storehouse on this commercially zoned property.

Prior to the submission of this application, as the public review process requires, the property owner conducted two Neighborhood Meetings, collected public input, and made modifications to their plans. Now that this application has been submitted, the Town Staff will begin their technical review process to address ordinance related review. After this technical review pursuant to due process requirements, two public hearings will be publicly scheduled and publicly advertised.

Public participation is encouraged throughout the process, and the Town is eager to hear questions and feedback from the community. Comments related to this property owner's proposal may be submitted to: Stacey@carefree.org.

Learn the Full Story



It's mosquito time again!

You can help prevent mosquitoes from breeding simply by depriving them of water, which they need to breed. Tip and toss even the smallest amounts of standing



MOSQUITOES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

A Guide for Communities & Municipalities



water from your home and yard. Plant pots, bird baths, kiddie pools, buckets, and fountains are some places where mosquitos can breed.

Go to FightTheBiteMaricopa.org for more information.



Mark Your Calendars for our Upcoming Events

TOWN OF CAREFREE 2023

Fall EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

CAREFREE FARMERS MARKET 8:00 AM-11:00 AM - FRIDAYS

THIRD THURSDAYS ART WALK 4:00 PM-7:00 PM - 3RD THURSDAYS

OCTOBER

CAREFREE FARMERS MARKET 9:00 AM-1:00 PM - FRIDAYS

THIRD THURSDAYS ART WALK 4:00 PM-7:00 PM - 3RD THURSDAYS

LLOYD MEYER MEMORIAL CONCERT - 5:00 PM OCT 1

EMPTY BOWLS, FULL HEARTS EVENT 2:00 PM-6:00 PM - OCT 14

CAREFREE COOL NIGHTS 4:00 PM-8:00 PM - FRIDAYS

NOVEMBER

CAREFREE FARMERS MARKET 9:00 AM-1:00 PM - FRIDAYS

THIRD THURSDAYS ART WALK 4:00 PM-7:00 PM - 3RD THURSDAYS

30TH THUNDERBIRD FINE ART & WINE FESTIVAL NOV 3 10:00 AM - NOV 5 5:00 PM

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY 3:00 PM - NOV 11

CAREFREE COOL NIGHTS 4:00 PM-8:00 PM - FRIDAYS

DECEMBER

CAREFREE FARMERS MARKET 9:00 AM-1:00 PM - FRIDAYS

THIRD THURSDAYS ART WALK 4:00 PM-7:00 PM - 3RD THURSDAYS

KIWANIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 10:00 AM-5:00 PM - DEC 2

CAREFREE TREE LIGHTING 4:00 PM - DEC 2

HANUKKAH IN CAREFREE 4:00 PM DAILY - DEC 8 - DEC 15

CAREFREE COOL NIGHTS 4:00 PM-8:00 PM - FRIDAYS

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