

CAREFREE ADOPTS FY 23-24 BUDGET

The Town of Carefree is pleased to announce the adoption of its \$14 million budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. The adopted budget reflects significant investment in the town's aging infrastructure, reinvestments in its fire and emergency equipment, and continued conservative fiscal management. Some key highlights of the budget include:

Key REVENUE Provisions

Operations

- \$4.4 million of the town's annual revenue or 58% is forecasted from municipal sales tax generated by local businesses

Capital Fund (Infrastructure)

- Approximately \$3 million anticipated in grants
- Approximately \$4.3 million is anticipated to come from the Town's Capital Reserves to pay for investments in key infrastructure

Key EXPENDITURE Provisions

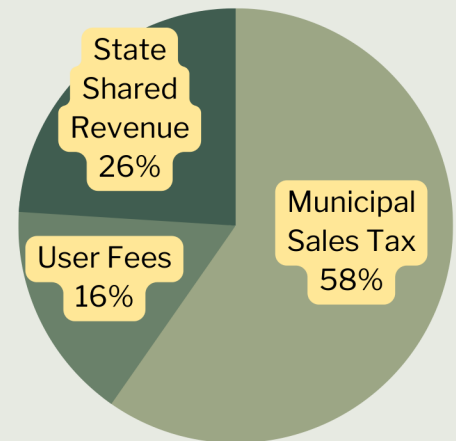
Operations

- Public safety is the largest investment at approximately 42% of the operational budget or \$2.8 million, which includes law enforcement services as well as fire and emergency medical services
- General business expenditures are estimated at 28%, which includes supplies, materials, utilities, regulatory permits, etc.

Capital Fund (Infrastructure)

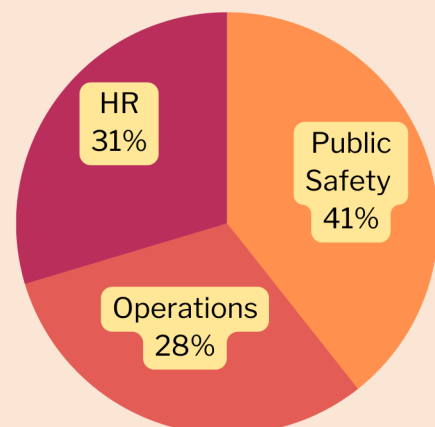
- Key infrastructure projects include a street maintenance project which will cover approximately 25% of the Town's 110 lane miles of public streets, investments in additional fire hydrants, a drainage improvement project, crosswalk safety improvements, and town center garden improvements such as stucco repairs, and a new fire truck, brush truck and associated equipment

FORECASTED REVENUES



Category	Amount
Municipal Sales Tax	\$4,400,000
User Fees	\$1,216,000
State Shared Revenue	\$2,017,829
TOTAL= \$7,634,469	

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES



Category	Amount
Public Safety	\$2,805,849
Operations	\$1,908,435
HR	\$2,067,843

A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEWEST TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER: CLINT MILLER

We are thrilled to announce that Clint Miller, an esteemed architect with a remarkable career, has been appointed to the Carefree Town Council. Clint brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the well-being of Carefree. Throughout his career, Clint has fostered valuable relationships with top design oriented professionals in the valley, ranging from interior design to engineering and landscape architecture. Clint's architectural illustration skills have also made him a significant contributor to the development of architectural guidelines for many nearby communities to help instill high quality designs.

Additionally, Clint's commitment to cohesive and timeless designs, coupled with his passion for community development, will greatly contribute to shaping the future of our town. With a strong background in architecture and an understanding of the town's unique challenges, Clint is poised to make significant contributions to the council's work. We wholeheartedly welcome Clint aboard and look forward to his invaluable insights. Clint was appointed to town council on July 11, 2023 and his term will run through December 2026.



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CAREFREE WATER COMPANY 2022 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT AVAILABLE

The Carefree Water Company's 2022 Consumer Confidence Report has been published and is available electronically via the internet at:
<https://carefreewaterco.com/documents/1621/2022consumerconfidencereport.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,

WHAT'S UP WITH THE UPDATE?



The Town's General Plan Update effort has been plugging along under the leadership of Matt Klyszeiko with Michael Baker International who specializes in General Plan updates. Mr. Klyszeiko and his team continue to:

1. Produce quality information,
2. Provide thorough and timely replies to resident concerns; and
3. Thoughtfully guide Carefree through a meaningful and interactive process with the result of a quality Carefree General Plan

Since May, outreach efforts have included work sessions with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council, as well as the third Community Workshop which was held on June 19th. At these public forums, Mr. Klyszeiko shared the results of the Community-wide Survey, describing the following trends that emerged as the top 4 in terms of importance to the residents who responded:

1. Open Space
2. Semi-rural Character
3. Town Fiscal Responsibility
4. Traffic Congestion

Mr. Klyszeiko also reviewed feedback received regarding the development of a more concise General Plan Vision Statement, assessment of existing General Plan Goals and Policies, and options for the updated Plan's document structure.

What's next?

Since open space was identified as a vital interest to Carefree residents, in particular, the State Trust Land-owned piece located along Cave Creek Road, a new Carefree General Plan Community Workshop was added to the schedule. The meeting was entitled Community Workshop #4 – Open Space: What does open space mean to you? What open space areas are most important in our Town? How do we plan for a future that addresses open space in Carefree?

This General Plan workshop explored these questions and collected community feedback to introduce approaches for addressing open space in the General Plan Update from a comprehensive town-wide perspective. If you were unable to attend the workshop in-person, you can view the livestream on the [Town's YouTube channel](#).





LOCAL PRESS

Catch up on local press mentions on our website:

<https://carefree.org/media-and-press>

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR HOMETOWN DURING SUMMER TRAVEL SEASON AND BEYOND

It's no secret that life slows down a bit in Carefree during the summer months as many folks take the opportunity to escape the summer heat. It's a great time to relax and unwind. Here are some tips on how to stay connected while out of town.

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Stay updated on local events, news, and meetings happening in Carefree. Subscribers will receive our Town Newsletter, *Carefree Connection*, on the first of each month. Additional town updates are provided on an as-needed basis. [Subscribe now!](#)

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Check out our website, Carefree.org

Find quick links to the info you need most:

- [Town Meetings Calendar](#)
- [Town Events Calendar](#)

Staying in town for the summer?

It's a great time to explore and get to know your local businesses. Find restaurants, boutiques, shopping, wellness providers, services and more on our [interactive Visit Carefree Map](#):



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

[CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR](#)

Town Council Meeting

Aug 1 | 5:00 PM | Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Aug 14 | 5:00 PM | Council Chambers

Board of Adjustments Meeting

Aug 14 | 5:15 PM | Council Chambers

Third Thursday Art Walk

May 18 | 4:00 PM | Town Center

Carefree Farmer's Market

Every Friday | 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion

MEDIAN BREAK PROJECT

The City of Scottsdale will be constructing a median break near Desert Mountain to access a water facility. The project is scheduled to July 27 and be completed in September. There will be restrictions near the construction site.



PUBLIC SERVICES:



Code Enforcement

(480)-488-3686

Building Inspections

(480)-488-1471



Carefree Water Co.

(480) 488-9100

Emergency

(480) 252-7661



Fire Station 1

(480) 488-0347

Non-Emergency & Snake Removal

(480) 945-6311



Maricopa Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

(602) 876-1742

LOCAL RESOURCES:



The Holland Center

(480) 488-1090

Event Calendar



Kiwanis Club of Carefree

kiwaniscarefree.org

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Desert Foothills Family YMCA

(480) 488-1090

Event Calendar



Desert Foothills Library

(480) 488-2286

Event Calendar



Foothills Food Bank

(480) 488-1145

Event Calendar



Foothills Caring Corps

(480) 488-1105

<https://foothillscaringcorps.com/get-help/>

Third Thursdays

CAREFREE
ARIZONA

**ART WALK
4 PM - 7 PM**



An evening of art and culture in Carefree!

ADELANTE GALLERY

7212 E. HO HUM DR. #14

SONORAN ARTS LEAGUE

7275 EASY ST.

THUNDERBIRD ARTISTS GALLERY

99 EASY ST.

GALLERY MICHELE

100 EASY ST. #1

STEVE STENTO FINE ART

42 EASY ST.

VIRGINIA BROOKS ART

7402 E. SUNDANCE TRL.

GRACE RENEE GALLERY

7212 E HO RD.

STUDIO WEST & RC GORMAN

37555 N. HUM RD.

WILD HOLLY GALLERY

22 EASY ST.

LUCY DICKENS FINE ART

34820 WHILEAWAY RD

SUE BICKERDYKE INTERIORS

36889 N. TOM DARLINGTON DR.

ZUVA GALLERY

42 EASY ST.

M & E STOYANOV FINE ART

30 EASY ST.

THE MEDICINAL ART GALLERY

42 EASY ST., #3E

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