



Friends of Carefree, please accept my apology for intruding a second time in less than 24 hours. I unintentionally overlooked including the important attachment or the [link](#) to it. This version (V2) contains the attachment.

You probably already know the Property Tax ballots arrived late last week. For those contemplating a yes vote, I sincerely hope you will not experience '**Voter's Remorse**'. *It really is all about money, so perhaps we should "follow the money"*.

Fiscal responsibility, especially in a small town like Carefree, is critically important for the long-term financial health and viability of the town. Outside the Post Office recently, I heard an aggressive pro-tax supporter telling a resident about the importance of the town's financial responsibility and the need for a Property Tax. I asked the resident if he was aware that the staff budget in Carefree is \$1.9 million a year, not including the Water Company staff. He was taken aback. I gave him a few examples and told him they were not my numbers, and that I could send him a copy of the salaries. I did, and I believe all residents should be aware of that financial burden. You can review the information [here](#). It was obtained from the town clerk via a Public Records Request. The information was provided reluctantly.

On to other data. Although at least 4 residents have tried (more than once) to obtain response time/performance information from Daisy Mountain's 250 square mile fire district, no information has been provided. Do you think they are waiting for our ballots to be counted before disclosing information? I do. If they had good news, why didn't they share it? Could it be that their response time data will show a worse record than even Phoenix and Scottsdale?

The pro-tax supporters have been making lots of noise, first with a fake newspaper delivered to your PO Box, and then with email blasts from the 'improvement' and 'unity' groups. If you didn't subscribe

to their emails, do you wonder how they got your email address? Somebody likely handed over an important town list to them, that's how. BTW, thanks to 'unity' sharing their email list, an expanded group of residents will get to enjoy this email.

In a desperate attempt slow the deterioration of their already low credibility among voters, the pro-tax people are attempting to discredit the response time data we obtained directly from Phoenix and Scottsdale. Not only is that information factual, but news reports from both Arizona's Family (CBS affiliate Channels 3 & 5) and Phoenix Fox10 News both have reported stories about the serious crisis affecting the two major partners of Automatic Aid. There is no near-term solution. But pro-tax supporters want Carefree to join that costly mess for 25 years. Automatic Aid's ailing fire services need our money and our resources to cover service areas they can't handle effectively.

Be thankful that our 8.8 square mile Carefree has Rural Metro's outstanding service. Let's keep it that way. Watch the two most recent videos on the [KeepCarefreeTaxFree](#) website for eye-opening details. Please share this information with your Carefree friends and neighbors, even if they don't vote in Carefree - knowledge is power.

### **Deny the Tax Man, Vote No Property Tax**

What follows is a recent mailing from KeepCarefreeTaxFree, as well as direct links to the important videos.

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Carefree residents are too smart and savvy to fall for pro-tax propaganda. We can see through all the hidden agendas and ulterior motives. Here are the top 3 reasons why we won't allow outside fire departments to tell us how we should vote:

1. Recruiting other towns to join Automatic Aid adds resources at NO EXPENSE to Daisy Mountain, Scottsdale, and Phoenix.
2. They don't get to pick and choose the data for their convenience. The response time we referenced is based on the City Manager Performance Dashboard. For months Automatic Aid partners have cried 'in crisis' to ask for more resources ... but now, Automatic Aid is the only ideal option for Fire and Emergency Medical Services?!? They need to get real. Which is it? Data does not lie, people do. Property Tax supporters have been doing so from the start.
3. Regardless of the Rural Metro District Chief's current protestations, we know a gag order was placed on our own Rural Metro Carefree Fire Chief, preventing him from defending his department's stellar 55 year record. However, other fire chiefs (outside of Carefree) are free to make questionable and highly suspect public statements. How come the pro-tax people never bother to speak to our own Carefree fire chief? Something smells fishy in Carefree.

Reasonable people can see through the fog of deceit, folks. Don't be fooled by the politicians and bureaucrats.

**Please watch the important videos below:**

**[Get the Facts, not their Propaganda](#)**

**[Automatic Aid is in Crisis - Get the real story](#)**

**[Fox10 New - Phoenix Fire Department Response Times](#)**

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**In closing...**

**A reminder to members of the Carefree Town Council  
and the Public Safety Advisory committee:**

You have perpetrated a deliberate misrepresentation of material facts concerning Automatic Aid in an effort to conceal the truth you knew, *or should have known*, thus endangering the future health, safety and

welfare of the citizens you have sworn to represent in your oath of office.

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Please remember to Say No, **now and on your ballot**, to this despicable effort to change the character of Carefree, forever.

*Property taxes are the unchained beast of bureaucrats who grow more and more comfortable and dependent on spending Other People's Money. If you have had enough of that, say no.*

**“Choose wisely Grasshoppers”**

**And there you have it, for now.**

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Respectfully submitted by John Traynor

**Notice:** In addition to reporting *facts*, this Newsletter will contain the author's perspective on topics or events affecting Carefree residents. That perspective may not be popular with the mayor, council members, staff, town attorney, a certain blogger, or her sycophantic followers. The fact is, I don't care what they think.

*If we lived in a perfect world, we would need but one newspaper.*

God Bless America.

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