



Friends of Carefree, some things just need to be said. Muting truth and passion is pointless in the face of losing one's chosen lifestyle. I cannot speak for you. I did not choose to live in Carefree to be ruled or bullied by an elitist minority of non-paid volunteers who dance to the tune or whim of a puppet master. We should already have had enough of the lies, even before the relentless and costly drive to impose a Property Tax on Carefree residents. Clearly, I certainly have.

You have probably noticed the signs opposing or supporting a Property Tax have begun to appear in various Carefree locations. Signs may not be placed in town restricted locations but are allowed on private property. Council members Kroyer and Amoroso have set up camp at the post office to offer a very slanted and fear promoting narrative for what they claim is the issue behind the Property Tax. They lie unabated and without remorse. I have co-opted two key words from Les Peterson, the Ballot Proposition is all about a Property Tax, "**nothing more.**" Remember, they suffer no penalty for lying, unless you vote down their Property Tax.

Another Les Peterson inspired PAC has formed to support the proposed Property Tax. Its roots are tied to a Boulders group that also supported Carefree Unity and the water project. The new PAC is led by former Boulders HOA Board member Bill Oelman, a close personal friend Les Peterson. He served as John Crane's Campaign Manager and donated heavily to that campaign. Two others are beneficiaries of the Peterson/Geiger water scam. Peter Burns currently serves on the P&Z Commission and coincidentally is council member Amoroso's next-door neighbor. Peter was hand-picked by Les Peterson to study auto aid vs mutual aid. Nancy Keller and her husband are very close with Les and Mary Peterson. Nancy frequently is involved in campaigning on behalf of the town even going to other HOAs in the area in support of the water project. That threesome is responsible for the "Carefree Improvement' PAC and the signs supporting the Property Tax. Les Peterson was one of the first to display the sign on his property. Those signs employ the tried and true red, white, and blue color scheme.

The Carefree Improvement PAC is responsible for more than just the signs. Bill Oelman has been caught on video placing signs illegally, with a buddy, in key Carefree restricted locations. Perhaps the signs are gone now that video evidence is available, or perhaps they are so arrogantly bold that they may have left them, daring anyone to remove them. Conversely, four legal *Keep Carefree Tax Free* green signs were stolen within 24 hours near Sentinel Rock.

Even worse, *somehow* their PAC seems to have obtained a 'Carefree News' email list, a list that may contain *your* email address. HOA contact information may have also been compromised by someone who had/has access to those files. My HOA received an unsolicited copy of the PAC's story, a story amazingly similar to the town's version. Former mayor Peterson had been a council member and/or mayor for at least 10 years and surely had access. Besides Les, town administrator Gary Neiss has access to the information. It is well known that Gary is a close personal friend of Tony Geiger, the Sentinel Rock council member who holds the water beneficiaries in a vice grip.

Speaking of the water project, *you do remember that project, don't you?* The one that then-mayor Les Peterson **did not allow you to vote on**. That project, as you will see in the next Newsletter, is costing Carefree residents **over \$40 Million** - not the \$18 Million, or \$32 Million, or even the \$37 Million figures that have been mentioned previously. You will read the details in the next edition. It is now painfully obvious that the entire project was a farse, a financial blunder, and a totally unnecessary commitment for all the debunked reasons Les Peterson, the council, and loyal Peterson staff claimed at the outset. Why do I keep bringing this up? **Why is this important, especially now?** It is important because, had they not squandered \$40 Million, there would be no conceivable reason to propose a Property Tax in Carefree; there is still no valid reason. Unfortunately, they now want to follow that \$40 Million blunder with another 25 year commitment using your tax dollars to finance it. Hold them accountable, Vote NO on the Property Tax.

### Carefree Property Tax?

They want it. They don't need it. They will waste it, and more.  
Do not let them get away with another scam now, or at the ballot box on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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From time to time, I will republish information from the Keep Carefree Tax Free PAC, and others who oppose the Property Tax. That is necessary to counter the unfair and illegal use of the town's supposedly "confidential" information by unscrupulous, desperate individuals. *Fairness and transparency* have had little meaning to recent Carefree administrations.

Dear Carefree Residents,

Our website [www.keepcarefreetaxfree.com](http://www.keepcarefreetaxfree.com) is officially LIVE and ready to provide you with the facts to help you navigate through the May 16, 2023 Special Election issues.

What you will learn is that Carefree's public safety is NOT at risk. Carefree has been safe since its founding and will continue to be safe without an unnecessary property tax.

In an effort to make a Carefree property tax more palatable to the residents, the town is wrapping it under the "for safety" blanket with a one-sided and highly biased narrative.

For a town of 8.8 square miles, we have been well-served by Rural Metro since 1968.

Moving to Automatic Aid right now is short-sighted, expensive, unnecessary, and a financially irresponsible course of action for Carefree.

We invite you to check [www.keepcarefreetaxfree.com](http://www.keepcarefreetaxfree.com) for more in-depth information and comprehensive facts to help you understand why we must VOTE NO on May 16!

Who is behind Keep Carefree Tax Free? We are a group of concerned residents joining together to lend a voice of reason and bringing clarity to the issues surrounding our Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) that are missing from the current town narrative.

We are demanding a higher degree of integrity and accountability from our local government. We believe that critical thinking, thoughtful questions, and sharing facts ultimately leads to greater transparency and better decision making for our community.

PLEASE PASS IT ON!

Please help us achieve our goal of reaching all 3,690 Carefree residents because we want EVERYONE to know the truth about this Special Election. Forward this email to five (5) of your Carefree neighbors and friends and ask them to forward this to five (5) of their contacts. This is the only way we can help each other stay informed. We don't have access to the town's email list. Thank you for your support.

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Please remember to Say No, **now and in May**, to another 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 Grasshopper”**

**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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*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."*

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