



Friends of Carefree, the chill in the air and gloomy skies are invitations to enjoy this time of year and to catch up on reading, or doing the chores that are more unpleasant come summer. Attacking garage clutter is on the top of my list, after Super Bowl Sunday!

The January 26<sup>th</sup> dedication ceremony for the new Fire Engine and Brush Truck was well attended. The trucks featured lots of gadgets and gizmos, all intended to assist the dedicated Rural Metro Firefighters and EMS personnel in protecting our lives and homes. Thanks to all involved.





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This is a brief Edition, following the council meeting on Tuesday. The highlight of that meeting was a presentation of the Salary study the town apparently commissioned in December – who knew, and just in time for the first Budget Workshop! I have attached the “Survey Findings and Closing Notes” slides to this email. I plan to obtain more detail from the town. Anytime money and math come together from a government entity further review is generally a good idea. Although the results were professionally presented by the consultant, some things just didn’t quite make sense. I will reserve further comments until I evaluate the actual data.

The darker side of the meeting involved ‘Call to the Public’. After observing many months of meetings, I find it crass and insulting that a certain council member has such disdain for residents that he chooses to lean back, relax, and examine the inside of his eyelids or

perhaps just [not discreetly] scroll through his cellphone rather than pay attention to those speaking. It is also increasingly clear that he lacks respect for the Mayor as well. Some people say that these new cell phones are becoming smarter than people. In some cases, I would have to agree.

I took several photos during the timeframe 3 residents were speaking at the podium and verified that the date and time stamp on the photos matched the meeting video recording. I have cropped those photos and enlarged the central subject, Council member D'Alesio, who is running for reelection in August. Keep his attitude toward residents and the photos in mind when you fill out your ballot.



P.S. Despite current, signed copies of the Carefree Code of Conduct, no member of the council, or staff, has come forward to admit their role in leaking of the State Land Trust letter. That says a great deal about the character of both sender and the receiver.

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

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, or Facebook Trolls. 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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