



Friends of Carefree, this Special edition contains information of importance to all Carefree residents, or others, who own property in Carefree. The town administration, along with supporters of ex-mayor Les Peterson have been spreading gross misinformation regarding the Property Tax election. They are trying their very hardest to make you believe the election is about Fire & Emergency Services when, in fact, it is strictly about imposing a first-ever Carefree Property Tax, nothing more.

Generating fear by using ugly and malicious scare tactics, which are targeting our most vulnerable residents is despicable. Every week a new lie emerges from their ranks compounding their insidious narrative.

Please read the following notices and share this information with your Carefree friends and neighbors who may be either uninformed or misinformed about the scheme to impose a new Carefree specific Property Tax.



You Are Invited to a Fireside Chat with Rural Metro Firemen on **Thursday, March 30 @ 5:30 pm at the Carefree Consignment Store** ([100 Easy Street](#)).

At this event you will learn for yourself why Carefree's public safety is NOT at risk!

The Town administration, including our elected officials, has actively worked to block Rural Metro from defending its outstanding record of service for over half a century (since 1968).

This is the first time Rural Metro firefighters can speak up.

They will address the plethora of misinformation designed to discredit our own firefighters and frighten the residents, especially the elderly, into voting for an unnecessary property tax. It seems every week the administration adds a new lie to create more fear.

Did you know that:

- ✓ Rural Metro was NOT ALLOWED to participate in 5 Open Houses that the town orchestrated with the residents.
- ✓ Rural Metro was NOT ALLOWED to participate in presentations to Homeowner Associations.
- ✓ Rural Metro was BLOCKED from providing information for the Carefree Special Election Pamphlet despite a lot of misinformation.
- ✓ Rural Metro has NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY TIME in front of the Town Council to refute the disparaging comments made about its operations in Carefree.

WHY attend?

This will be an opportunity for you to hear from our very own Rural Metro firefighters on how they have been protecting our 8.8 square mile town without Automatic Aid and how they will continue to keep us safe moving forward.

Here are the facts:

1. Rural Metro response time is less than 4 minutes on average.
2. It is the only fire department that arrives with an ambulance on every call.
3. Rural Metro is equipped, trained and capable of fighting wildland fires.
4. Medical emergencies account for over 90% of the calls in Carefree — only 1% for fires.

Other than their doomsday story, Property Tax proponents have little to support their claims. They lack data to back up their story regarding response time. Ask them to provide the response times for Daisy Mountain, Scottsdale and Phoenix Fire Departments into Carefree and their entire narrative crumbles. Ask them how much control Carefree will have over its own resources and the escalating costs imposed by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors who control Automatic Aid.

Mark your calendar and attend the event to support our firefighters. Come to learn about our outstanding Fire and EMS services and learn why you must **VOTE NO on May 16!**

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Carefree Residents and Property Owners,

We need your help to spread the word. It appears that NOT every Carefree resident is aware that there's a Special Election in May to impose a primary property tax in Carefree.

The lack of voter participation is the single biggest threat to our Carefree way of life. Without knowing the actual facts, Carefree residents can be frightened into voting for an unnecessary property tax.

Please forward this information to 5 of your neighbors and friends and ask each person to forward it onto their 5 contacts.

At the end of the day, Carefree belongs to the residents, NOT to the career politicians and bureaucrats.

Carefree's property tax scheme is NOT about Public Safety. It is about generating a guaranteed income stream!



Let's look at the facts:

1. Rural Metro has served Carefree with distinction for over 50 years (paid for using sales tax revenue; not a property tax)!

✓ Rural Metro's response time of less than 4 minutes EXCEEDS National Fire Protection Agency standards!

✓ In 2021, there were over 700 emergency calls to Rural Metro

✓ 62% were EMS (medical)

✓ 37% non-medical/fire

✓ 1% were actual fires; yes, only ONE PERCENT!

2. Rural Metro is the only fire department that arrives on every scene with a fire engine AND an ambulance (Automatic Aid does not)! Rural Metro paramedics are also trained firefighters = FIVE (5) firefighters on every emergency call!!!!

3. The Rural Metro Fire Chief is dedicated 100% to Carefree; the central command in Maricopa County (Automatic Aid) is not dedicated to Carefree. GPS can be unreliable in Carefree; Rural Metro knows our town inside and out.

4. Firefighters are an honorable brotherhood. Neighboring fire departments will assist Rural Metro with mutual aid if requested for all life safety issues.

5. Rural Metro provided Mutual Aid to Daisy Mountain 103 times in 2022; specifically, 35 times after they received their Certificate of Necessity.

6. Carefree currently has a \$16.4M surplus!

7. Maricopa County Assessor just implemented a 5% property tax increase! These types of changes would also affect a Carefree Property Tax.

8. Property taxes are like rabbits; they never stop multiplying!

Facts versus fear.

Compare 50-years of unsurpassed service, and the historical facts of Rural Metro's dedication to serving Carefree residents to the fictitious doomsday scenarios being shamelessly presented by the town. Carefree has been, and will continue to be, SAFE with Rural Metro!



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I, and others will continue to urge you to vote NO on the Property Tax in May. The town narrative is a malicious and false narrative, based on fear they have manufactured using half-truths and outright lies. If the mayor speaks to your community, with or without his council assistants, that is what you will hear – their false narrative. Keep listening to ‘hear the rest of the story’ or contact me. There are many others who have uncovered the rest of the story. Keep your eyes on www.KeepCarefreeTaxFree.com

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

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, 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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