



Friends of Carefree, please be aware that the last day to mail ballots is May 9th. After May 9th, ballots may be dropped off weekdays at Carefree town hall, or **starting May 1st** in the Council Chambers, 33 Easy Street. That location will be staffed by County election officials and is open Election Day, May 16th, 6AM until 7PM. There is a ballot box in town hall that I will not use.

Have you noticed that we are being spammed by both the 'improvement' and 'unity' pro-tax groups? Each was created to back ex-mayor Peterson's narcissistic agenda. They are being encouraged and supported by the current administration, and town administrator. Each of those groups *claim* that the information KeepCarefreeTaxFree has provided to you is wrong. **Baloney**. They have simply and repeatedly lied and continue to make up stories intended to mislead, frighten, or confuse voters. *It is their story, but it is not true*. They dismiss the response time figures we have obtained directly from the fire services, confirmed in TV news reports, yet have produced *absolutely no information from Daisy Mountain*, the service they want Carefree to join for Automatic Aid. *Unbelievable*.

Two very aggressive and nasty 'yes' supporters have been causing trouble at the P.O. lately - Lisa Rinde, a Wisconsin resident who is not registered to vote in Arizona, and a similarly nasty Sarah Gondell. Sarah may be working for the 'improvement' group, or the town, using the Sg Strategic Partners LLC she formed in January shortly after the Property Tax vote was announced. We will find out who is paying that LLC, if we can, and will let you know. Once again, anyone still contemplating a yes vote, change your mind now to avoid **'Voter's Remorse'**. *It really is all about your money, not your safety; they want your money*.

Deny the Tax Man, Vote NO - **Against the Property Tax**

Please review the current mailing (below), posted Thursday, from KeepCarefreeTaxFree, as well as direct links to the important videos.



Have you noticed how Rural Metro's 4 minute response time is being dissected to the nth degree, but there's absolutely no sign of Daisy Mountain's response time?

Scottsdale and Phoenix make their response times available.

We are still waiting on Daisy Mountain to release their response times...

Please Vote No by mail no later than May 9th. After May 9th, ballots will have to be dropped off at the Carefree Town Hall.

The evidence is overwhelmingly obvious that our little town of Carefree is safe, upscale, and pristine. Emergency activities in Carefree average around one to two calls a day, most of which are for medical emergencies — less than 1% for fire. We had two (2) real fires in 20 years and data shows that our existing fire department can handle 99.8% of the emergencies in our little town without needing any outside help.

If you were Daisy Mountain (250 square miles), Scottsdale (184 square miles), or Phoenix (517 square miles) you would want to confiscate the resources of this upscale 8.8 square mile idyllic town. If you allow Carefree to enter Automatic Aid, the big guys will have access to its deep pockets and bleed the resources away for use in their metro areas leaving Carefree residents exposed, and truly unsafe for the first time.

If you think Daisy Mountain and Scottsdale fire chiefs have the best intentions for the residents of Carefree, you are mistaken. Automatic Aid is not just broken and in crisis according to their own publications and independent investigative

news reports, it desperately needs Carefree resources to fill the holes in its coverage areas.

Geographically speaking, our Carefree fire station is ideally positioned to cover the South side of the Boulders, Terravita, and all the shopping centers at Carefree Highway, and Tom Darlington in Scottsdale. Daisy Mountain desperately needs our resources to cover all the bars and restaurants in Cave Creek and the North side of Black Mountain. This means that Carefree residents are paying \$2M in property tax for an emergency service that is in CRISIS, and will often serve other communities first.

Did you know that Daisy Mountain plans to staff Carefree Fire Station with only one fire engine and no ambulance? Of course, they and their pro-tax supporters forgot to mention that in their propaganda materials, and at their booth at Post Office.

Automatic Aid may be beneficial for areas outside of Carefree, but not for Carefree residents. The worst part is that we will have to foot a much larger bill and lose our engine company and personalized service that has been the hallmark of our town for over 50 years. With Automatic Aid, Carefree will go from two (2) engine companies with a fire rescue (ambulance) and a full-time dedicated Fire Chief to ONE engine company, NO ambulance, and NO dedicated Fire Chief. This is what paying more for less is all about.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ELECTION TITLE:
TOWN OF CAREFREE
SPECIAL ELECTION
ELECTION DATE:
MAY 16, 2023
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

BOLETA OFICIAL

TÍTULO DE LA ELECCIÓN:
PUEBLO DE CAREFREE
ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL
FECHA DE LA ELECCIÓN:
16 DE MAYO DE 2023
CONDADO DE MARICOPA, ARIZONA

TO VOTE: COMPLETELY FILL THE OVAL(S)
NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE(S).

DOE, JANE



PARA VOTAR: LLENE COMPLETAMENTE EL ÓVALO(S)
JUNTO A SU SELECCIÓN(S).

TOWN OF CAREFREE / PUEBLO DE CAREFREE

QUESTION / PREGUNTA

PRIMARY (AD VALOREM) PROPERTY TAX IMPLEMENTATION

Shall the Town of Carefree, Arizona, be authorized to levy a primary property tax not to exceed \$2,000,000? If such amount is approved by the voters, it will be the base for determining levy limitations for the Town for subsequent fiscal years.

APLICACIÓN DE IMPUESTO PRIMARIO (AD VALOREM) SOBRE BIENES INMUEBLES

¿Debe el Pueblo de Carefree, Arizona, recibir autorización para autorizar la aplicación de un impuesto primario a la propiedad que no exceda \$2,000,000? Si los votantes aprueban dicha cantidad, esa será la base para determinar los límites de los impuestos para el Pueblo para los años fiscales siguientes.

VOTE NO

FOR THE TAX / A FAVOR DEL IMPUESTO

AGAINST THE TAX / EN CONTRA DEL IMPUESTO

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| Vote NO on May 16th | CAREFREE |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS SAFE AND TAX FREE |
| | Keep it that way! |

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Please watch these and the other important videos that can be found on the website noted above. They are real, no fake news!

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

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

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

In closing, again...

**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.

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.

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

Attribution not verified; Not JFK and Not Edmund Burke. I attribute it to Common Sense!

A CFM reader provided the following: “At best, the essence of the quote can be traced back to the utilitarian philosopher John Stuart Mill, who delivered an 1867 inaugural address at the University of St. Andrews and stated: “Let not any one pacify his conscience by the delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part, and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing.”