



Friends of Carefree, there will be a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission **this afternoon, 5PM**, at the Holland Center, Building B, Quail Room located at 34250 N. 60th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85266.

This meeting will address a Text Amendment to our code in order to bring it into compliance with S.B. 1350. Governor Ducey signed S.B. 1350 in May. It prevents cities and counties from banning short-term rentals. It allows companies, such as Airbnb, Homeaway, and VRBO (Vacation Rentals by Owner) to collect lodging taxes on behalf of property owners while also keeping the properties classified as residential for tax purposes.

This change could have an impact on HOAs as well, depending on their pre-existing CC&Rs. If you have an interest in this matter you are encouraged to attend.

Healing of Memories for Veterans and First Responders Announcement : We, along with others, have been asked to pass along information regarding the captioned program, as a community service. Please see the brief note from Mayor Peterson below:

The workshops put on by Mike Wold at the Spirit in the Desert Center in Carefree have been very beneficial in helping Veterans and First Responders cope with some of the horrible situations they encounter in the course of their duties. Any help you could provide in helping to communicate about this program would be appreciated. If you have any specific questions, please contact Mike Wold directly at his contact points shown below as he would be the best person to accurately answer your questions. Thank you, and best regards,

Mayor Les Peterson
Town of Carefree, Arizona
480 488-3686 (Carefree Town Hall)

Here is the note from Mike Wold:

Mayor Peterson,
First of all I want to thank you and the town council for your support of veterans.

I wanted to let you know that we will be holding a **Healing of Memories for Veterans and First Responders Workshop** on **November 4-6, 2016** at the Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree. This will be our 4th workshop at this beautiful retreat center. It has become an annual event and we always receive good support from the Carefree community. Because first responders (police, sheriffs, state troopers, fire fighters and emergency medical system personnel) often experience similar trauma as our veterans, we have opened the workshop up for them too. Veterans and retired first responders can attend for free. Employed first responders can attend at the discounted price of \$195 (\$245 for a private room). We have scholarships available for first responders for whom the price is a barrier.

I dropped off our poster at the town hall this week and I have attached our news release and an electronic copy of our brochure.

Thank you for your support and helping me get the word out in our fine town.

Mike

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Remember, the Carefree Enchanted Pumpkin Garden Festival begins next Monday, (Oct. 17-31). Last year's event was a huge success, so don't miss this opportunity to participate and enjoy an even bigger spectacle. See more on the event at <http://carefreepumpkingarden.com/>

Question of the Month: *Are you an advocate for Carefree?* Many of us love and enjoy living in Carefree and taking advantage of the concerts, art shows, and other special events throughout the year – even quiet walks through the Gardens. This month's question seeks to shed light on *if & how* we communicate our Carefree lifestyle to friends, co-workers, family, and visitors. Be creative, get involved, crow a little...

We do receive good suggestions for future questions. Please feel free to keep 'em coming!

Let us hear from you.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Van Allen and John Traynor

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