

CAREFREE CLUB

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CAREFREE CLUB BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND. FIND OUT ABOUT *YOUR CLUB* AND GIVE US *YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND CONCERNS*.

VOLUNTEERS are always needed. Go to www.carefreeclub.org for contact information for all committees or call 625-2582 for more information.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS:

For an additional fee a tent is available for rent for use on the clubhouse patio. Rent for the tent is \$125 which includes set-up and tear-down. Book the tent with your Clubhouse rental.

November and December Clubhouse dates are still available. Book early!!

Clubhouse Phone 625-2582

Carefree Grounds:

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Grounds Clean-Up day. The flower beds were weeded, parking lines in the parking lot were painted, and the playground slide was repaired.

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Corn Hole Tournament – Date to be determined and will be posted on the website and at the Pool

Ice Cream Social – Date to be determined and will be posted on the website and at the Pool

September 10 at 5 PM Hog Roast –\$10 per family, side dishes, lemonade and ice tea, and dessert provided. Please bring a dessert to share. The pool will be open depending on the weather.

Past Events Recap: The Easter egg hunt was a great success - we had about 50 children show up to find over 650 eggs. Special thanks to Chris and Emily Cummins, Ellen Morrow and family and Liz Clayton for all their help stuffing/hiding the eggs.



NEWS FROM THE POOL: BY CLARA SPENNY, POOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

If you have been at the pool this summer, you may have noticed some new faces. Mitt Denney stepped down from the pool chairman position after many years of dedicated service. We thank him for this and wish him the best. The new Pool Chairman is me (Clara Spenny). Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions, suggestions, concerns, feedback, etc... I ALWAYS pass it on to the guards and I will ALWAYS reply!

New faces.....

I have hired Steve Stemnock to be my manager. Steve had been the manager at the pool before and was around when the pool was rebuilt in 2003. My Assistant Managers are Holly Reed, Whittney Reed, and Katie Loscar. These are the girls in the blue suits. You will find one of them on duty at all times. 99% of our lifeguards are Carefree Club members and all are Red Cross lifeguard certified. We will NEVER have our pool open without lifeguards on duty, and they will always be properly trained.

American Red Cross Authorized.....

We have taken the steps to become American Red Cross authorized and we have a Life Guard instructor on staff. We did this so that we could train our own guards. We feel that we can garner more interest in lifeguard positions and insure that they are properly trained. Lifeguard Certification and Re-Certification is now done FREE for all staff. We will be offering water safety, CPR, etc. to club members at a minimal cost, and to the public as a way to subsidize our budget. If you are interested in a course please email me

AED.....

Automated External Defibrillator is the latest greatest thing in saving lives. All our guards are AED certified, but we do not have an AED unit at the pool. If anyone has a connection to donated AED's please let me know. I am also in need of an AED practice unit.

Concession Stands.....

I hope you are all enjoying the "beefed up" concessions. The Schwan's Ice Cream seems to be a big hit. We try to keep the prices at a minimum, yet make a little profit to put towards the much needed repairs and replacements at the Club. If there is something you would like to see added to concessions, let me know.

We have also added 2 sets of custom made Carefree Club Cornhole boards. Check in the concessions if you don't see them out.

Items needed....

I am still looking for a Chest Freezer for Concessions. Our Ice Cream would survive much better in a larger unit. Thanks to the Ader family for donating a refrigerator!

I would also like to have a couple of outdoor play houses/toys for kids. I want to put these by the baby pool to give the kids something to play on/in besides the water. I think the little ones sometimes get board and this will allow mom and dad more time in the sun. If you have one that is in good shape and would like to donate it to the pool, it would be greatly appreciated. I would love to see a "little town" where kids could play.

Anything else? Ping Pong Table? Let me know!

Where your money has gone this year.....

It has been one of those years where I think we have touched ever piece of mechanical equipment at least once. It happens to all of us. If one thing breaks they all break. Murphy's Law has been working against us. Here is a breakdown of major expenses to date:

- Chemical feed pumps – 1K
 - New Pool Vacuum – 4k
 - Repair and upgrade of filtration system – 10k
- (ouch! The good news is we shouldn't have to do this again for awhile)

Things we have fixed so far this year....

- 1) Concrete Step repair
- 2) Picnic table seats replaced
- 3) Plant Gardens redone
- 4) Bathrooms Painted (underway)

Volunteers and bids on work.....

As always, we keep our cost down via volunteers, but realize that some jobs are big enough that they require pay. I see several items at the pool that need to be fixed, but I am out of money this year (see expenses). I am going to list them in each newsletter so that you can volunteer, bid, or refere a club members business to do the work.

- 1) Shed repair and paint – It is falling apart
- 2) Light Poles cleaned and paint (Light bulbs need changed)
- 3) Chair repair – We have many that are missing straps. We put them out this year to have enough seats, but they look bad!
- 4) Fence repair – Several areas have been pulled back or damaged
- 5) Concrete Block wall capped – in the garden area by the baby pool. The caps are gone.

Communication.....

I believe that communication is the key to happiness. I promise you that I will try my very best to keep you completely informed of everything that is happening at the pool. We live under an open door policy. This is a Nonprofit Club supported by members (you). Your voice counts and you deserve to be heard. Feel free to attend any board meeting (2nd Monday of the month @ 7:30pm) or email me at anytime at pool@carefreeclub.org . If you would like to be included in emailed info from the club please register on the website at CareFreeClub.org. This will insure that you are informed of everything happening in our club.

Enjoy your summer at Carefree!

Member Business/Service Announcements

If you live in Carefree, and would like to have your name on the baby sitter list for one year, please submit name, age and phone number to newsletter@carefreeclub.org. Please let us know that you are submitting your name for the babysitter list. Members can place announcements and notices in the newsletter. For example, a notice for your home-based business, i.e., if you do lawn work, rake leaves, clear snow, care for pets, tutor, repair computers, sell cosmetics or party goods, etc, etc, etc. Members can also place a notice if they are looking for someone to perform a particular type of service for them. All member submissions are limited to a maximum of thirty words or four lines. To keep the list current, members are asked to submit announcements yearly in January by contacting newsletter@carefreeclub.org.

Baby Sitting - Emily Morrow 13y/o completed Safe Sitter Program. 881-7545	Baby Sitting - Alyssa Inman 17 year old Safe Sitter 809-3718 or 865-9500	Baby Sitting - The Overton Sisters Ages 18, 21, 24 888-2150
Pet sitting: Emily Morrow (13) 881-7545 Will care for your pet in your home with Mother's supervision. Experienced with pets.	PC Support: Senior Geek for "Seniors" Dave Matlock 882-1474 matlockinc@aol.com Available mid May thru mid October Free to "Seniors"	Plumber: Doug 432-9813 Licensed and experienced with pride in work, gives honest answers and pricing
Jodi Meyer's Alterations and Sewing: Bridesmaid dresses, women's, men's and children's clothes. Many satisfied customers. Call Jodi 887-1203	Free Gold Fish for your pond: Steve Wisdom 457-5205	Extreme Clean – Home & Office Ann Gough 908-0879 Ann-gough@sbcglobal.net 11 years in business
Notary Public – Polly Krockenberger 440-7070 or mpollyk@yahoo.com No Charge	Green With Envy Lawn Care Jeff Williams, Owner , 626-9922 e-mail at jeff@green-withenvy.com www.green-withenvy.com www.facebook.com/greenwithenvylawncare	Curious about your home value? Contact Don & Becky Smith for a free market analysis. 317.883.7355 becky@movewithdon.com don@movewithdon.com
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Summer Lawn Care Tips: Submitted by Jeff Williams: Carefree North Resident and owner/operator Green With Envy Lawn CareP

Summer days mean lots of sun, fun and hopefully a yard that will hold up to the hot weather as well as outdoor gatherings. Most of us like to maintain a nice looking lawn year round, and especially during the summer months when you spend more time there. The summer months are much more challenging to keep the lawn looking great than the spring and fall seasons. The following suggestions are some of my tips for keeping your lawn healthy and looking great throughout the summer months. Most of today's tips will focus on proper mowing practices.

- 1) **Longer Is Better** - Many people cut their grass too short. Optimal length for most of the cool season grasses in our area is around 3 inches. I really feel that 3 inches is a minimum. We cut most the properties that we service in the 3.25"-4" range. I generally maintain my personal lawn at around 3.75" throughout the season. When you cut the grass higher it provides many benefits to the turf. The turf is under less stress. Taller thicker grass creates a more competitive environment for weeds to try to crowd into. Taller thicker grass provides shade that is both beneficial to the grass shoots but it also provides shade that many weeds hate. There are numerous other benefits to raising that mower deck a few notches. One of the most damaging mowing practices is to let the grass get to tall and then try to cut it to short. You should never remove more than 1/3 of the grass blade during any one mowing session. To remove more puts the grass under tremendous stress in this already stressful time of the year.
- 2) Be sure to maintain sharp blades; Mowing with dull blades creates a variety of potential; problems. The average Carefree homeowner should ideally sharpen their mower blades 3 times during the mowing season. At least be sure to start the season with sharp blades and to sharpen them again in late summer.
- 3) To mulch or not to mulch? Summer is a great time to mulch and recycle your clippings. It can be tough to mulch the clippings during the heavy growth months of spring but summer is ideal for mulching. It makes for less work than bagging, there is not as much clean-up as there will be with side discharge and the clippings returning to the soil are heavy in nutrients and Nitrogen. Mulching is a great practice and good for your turf.
- 4) Proper Watering: For those of us with irrigation systems or who drag the garden hose around. When watering established turf grass infrequent and heavy watering is the best irrigation practice. A lawn needs about 1 in. of water a week. If you're allowed to use a sprinkler or irrigation system, water twice a week applying 1/2 in. of water per session. Frequent light watering does more harm than good because it encourages shallow root growth. So use a rain gauge or a soup can placed nearby to measure the amount of water you are applying. Of course, to avoid wasting water, be mindful of proper sprinkler setup. Be sure that water is not being wasted on sidewalks, driveways or the patio.
- 5) Grub Control: Grub worms are subsurface feeding insects that are the larvae of different summer beetles. Grubs are pretty much in every lawn, but when their numbers get out of hand, they will damage your turf in major ways. It is best to apply grub worm control in June or July and definitely make sure you water it in after applying. If you don't water it in, the product will degrade in direct sunlight and be less effective. I always recommend grub products that utilize Merit as the main insecticide.

Lawn tips submitted by Jeff Williams owner/operator of Green With Envy Lawn Care. See Green With Envy Lawn Care ad in the Member/Service Announcements in this newsletter. GWE offers Carefree residents "neighbor" pricing and free estimates and will answer any general questions you may have.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Smoke Free - The Carefree Club Board of Directors voted to make the **entire Carefree Club property smoke-free**. The pool and clubhouse have been smoke-free for several years, and now the rest of the property is covered by that policy. Residents (and their guests) are reminded that **smoking is not permitted anywhere on the property at any time**.

“For Sale by Owner” Notice: Residents who have their property for sale as **“For Sale by Owner”** need to contact our Corporate Secretary at board@carefreeclub.org.

Dogs at the Facility : It has been observed that several residents have been disposing of dog waste in the trash cans and on the grounds of Carefree Club property. It is requested that you to take your filled doggie doo bags home with you for disposal. The odor of pet waste from the trash cans is overwhelming for the patrons and for the clean-up crew. This would also help ease the unpleasant task of cleaning up after vandalism. *Please help Carefree remain pet friendly and take your doggy doo with you.*

Neighborhood News: REMC will be communicating via letter to Carefree North residents their intent to bury the power lines beginning in July. This will be a much needed improvement to the neighborhood.

No Signs In Garden: You have all probably noticed the “No Signs In Garden” sign in the island at the entrance to Carefree North. This is so that the weeds will not find a way to break through the weed fabric when holes are poked through the fabric when setting a sign. Thanks to all residents who have honored this request.

Register your email on the Carefree Club website to receive the newsletter via email. Encourage your neighbors to get the newsletter from the Carefree Club.org website and save your postage and printing cost. Thank you!