

# CAREFREE CLUB

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**NEXT CAREFREE CLUB BOARD MEETING IS APRIL 11 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](http://www.carefreeclub.org) for contact information for all committees or call 625-2582 for more information.

**Carefree Club Grounds:** We are looking for a few volunteers to maintain the small flower beds at the entrance of Carefree Clubhouse and surrounding area. Contact Jess at [grounds@carefreeclub.org](mailto:grounds@carefreeclub.org) or 882-9602.

## Pool Info

Steve Stemnock has been hired to be the Carefree Pool manager. Assistant managers from our life guard staff. We will be contacting life guard applicants for interviews throughout April.

- ❖ Look for a few fun changes this year as we have planned to add a few more activities, cleanup the greenery, and "pump up" the concession stand.
- ❖ If anyone has a business or connection to Pool deck furniture please email that connection to [pool@carefreeclub.org](mailto:pool@carefreeclub.org) as we are looking to replace our furniture. We value our members and look to you to help us strike a deal and support a member business.
- ❖ **Pool Rules: may be found on the Pool tab on the Carefree Club website.**

**Carefree Crocodile Swim Team:** Story on Page 2 or visit <http://carefreecrocodiles.org/>

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## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

**Easter Egg Hunt: April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 1 pm at the Carefree Clubhouse. Over 600 eggs filled with candy and prizes. Children and grandchildren welcome - bring a big basket! This will happen rain or shine.

**Grounds Cleanup: May 14<sup>th</sup>** - 9 am – Noon, bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrow for working in the playground area. We'll be striping the parking lot and installing new parking curbs. **Bring a neighbor.** Meet at the Carefree Clubhouse.

**Plant Exchange: May 14<sup>th</sup>** - from 9-11 a.m. at Carefree Clubhouse Patio. Got extra plants in your yard or need to split them? Please bring plants in pots or plastic bags marked with the name of the plant to exchange for other plants. Also, pictures of the plants would be helpful.

**Garage Sale: June 4<sup>th</sup>** - The annual Community Garage Sale will be Saturday, June 4th, starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be an ad in the Indianapolis Star about this community event as well as a sign on the clubhouse property,. This event brings a lot of people to Carefree North and South neighborhoods. Start looking through those closets for things to sell!

**Annual Summer Party:** Saturday, **June 25<sup>th</sup>** from 6-10 p.m. Bring your family and friends to this annual event. Back by popular demand, Stevie and the Dynamos will play from 7-10 p.m. Soft drinks and snacks provided; bring a dish to share if interested. No glass bottles, please.

**Carefree Crocodiles Fun Run – June 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.** Meet at the Carefree Clubhouse for a 5k Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run. Registration available at [Crocodiles website](http://Crocodiles website) or call Eric Bauer at 888-4191.

**Crocodile Swim Team:**  
**For more information [click here](#)**  
**Carefree Crocodile Swim Team:**

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The Carefree Crocodiles Swim Team is a recreational program offering children ages 5-17 from Carefree and surrounding communities an opportunity to "get their feet wet" with a splash of competitive swimming and has been in existence over 30 years. Our team members practice for 50 minutes four times a week at the Carefree Club Pool. Practices are mornings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. During practices, our coaching staff provides instruction on proper stroke technique, starts, turns, and other components necessary to compete in meets. Please note that the Swim Team is NOT a "Learn To Swim" or swim lessons program. If you are interested in such a program, please visit the swim lessons page on our website. While it's not a requirement for team members to know all the strokes or to have perfect technique, they must be able to swim comfortably in deep water.

The Swim Team is a member of the Community Swim Conference, and we swim against four other teams from the Indianapolis area in dual meets. At the end of the season, a conference meet is held with all five teams participating. The dual meets are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning in mid-June and are usually 2 to 2 1/2 hours long. The conference meet is tentatively scheduled for July 30th. Our website will be updated within the next few weeks. Hope to see you this summer!



**Carefree Clubhouse:** Our Carefree Clubhouse has had a lot of **updates** in the last four years. If you have not been in the Clubhouse in the last few years, call to set up a time to see what is new. Call 625-CLUB (2582).

For the convenience of Clubhouse patrons, a few kitchen utensils have been provided, however, many of them have walked away. If you have any kitchen utensils which are clearly marked "Carefree Club" please return them. Thank you.

**Book early** for 2011 high school and college graduations. These dates go fast. Call the Clubhouse phone 625-CLUB (2582) or email the Club at [clubhouse@carefreeclub.org](mailto:clubhouse@carefreeclub.org) Steve Wisdom - Carefree Clubhouse Committee Chairman, 937 Dreamy Street.

**Clubhouse Rental Rates**

Mon thru Thu \* half day \$50 entire day \$75  
Fri, Sat, Sun \* half day \$75 entire day \$125

The **dumpster** in the Carefree Clubhouse parking lot is for the use of clubhouse rentals and for the pool. Please refrain from dumping/leaving your personal trash.

**Lawn Care Tips by Jeff Williams, Owner of Green With Envy Lawn Care and 9 year Carefree North resident**

Last year's drought took a heavy toll on many lawns in the central Indiana area. We have been extremely busy this spring with lawn repairs and renovations. Here are some tips to successfully over seed your lawn and to spot repair bad spots within your turf area.

**1) Timing:** Late summer or early fall is the absolute best time of the year to over seed with cool season grasses. I know this isn't an option for many of us desiring a decent lawn this summer so a spring seeding may be the ticket. Spring seedings can be very successful and one of the advantages seeding in the spring does have is over late summer or early fall is we probably get some help from nature with adequate rain fall. If you have a lawn service company, make sure they have not applied a pre-emergent herbicide before you begin the seeding process. If you have a lawn service you will want to notify the company that you plan to seed your lawn and they should check with you before making any applications.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@carefreeclub.org).

<b>Baby Sitting - Emily Morrow</b> 13y/o completed Safe Sitter Program. 881-7545	<b>Baby Sitting - Alyssa Inman</b> 17 year old Safe Sitter 809-3718 or 865-9500	<b>Baby Sitting - The Overton Sisters</b> Ages 18, 21, 24 888-2150
<b>Pet sitting: Emily Morrow (13)</b> 881-7545 Will care for your pet in your home with Mother's supervision. Experienced with pets.	<b>PC Support:</b> <b>Senior Geek for "Seniors"</b> Dave Matlock 882-1474 <a href="mailto:matlockinc@aol.com">matlockinc@aol.com</a> Available mid May thru mid October Free to "Seniors"	<b>Plumber:</b> Doug 432-9813 Licensed and experienced with pride in work, gives honest answers and pricing
<b>Jodi Meyer's Alterations and Sewing:</b> Bridesmaid dresses, women's, men's and children's clothes. Many satisfied customers. Call Jodi 887-1203	<b>Free Gold Fish</b> for your pond: Steve Wisdom 457-5205	<b>Extreme Clean – Home &amp; Office</b> Ann Gough 908-0879 Ann-gough@sbcglobal.net 11 years in business
<b>Notary Public – Polly Krockenberger</b> 440-7070 or <a href="mailto:mpollyk@yahoo.com">mpollyk@yahoo.com</a> No Charge	<b>Green With Envy Lawn Care</b> <b>Jeff Williams, Owner</b> , 626-9922 e-mail at <a href="mailto:jeff@green-withenvy.com">jeff@green-withenvy.com</a> <a href="http://www.green-withenvy.com">www.green-withenvy.com</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/greenwithenvylawncare">www.facebook.com/greenwithenvylawncare</a>	YOUR AD HERE WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO OFFER? Call <i>Debbie 441 4178</i> or <i>Cheryl 985-0304</i>

<p><b>Spring Cleaning Tips</b> By: Ann Gough - Owner of Extreme Clean - Home and Office – 317.908.0879</p> <p><b>10% discount to all Carefree residents for their home or office cleaning</b></p> <p>Cleaning windows for spring is a wonderful way to welcome this new season.</p> <p><b>No streaking formula:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 quart water</li> <li>1 tsp. dishwashing soap</li> <li>2 tsp. vinegar</li> <li>Splash of rubbing alcohol</li> </ul>	<p>Mix together in a spray bottle and use newspaper to wipe off the windows.</p> <p>Another great idea is to wear a tool belt with pouches and pack on your cleaning supplies especially good if cleaning high places and using a ladder.</p> <p><b>Cleaning mirrors formula:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 cup club soda</li> <li>½ cup water</li> <li>Mix together in a spray bottle</li> </ul>
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**2) Choose quality grass seed:** Seed is not all the same and you want to be certain you are choosing a high quality grass seed with a high germination rate. The percent of certified seed content should be available on the bag of seed. Bluegrass and perennial rye combinations are often a good choice for our area and there are many quality turf type tall fescues on the market that would be an excellent choice. You may want to do some research to determine the best grass type for your lawn. For more information about seed selection you may contact our friends at Glenn's Valley Feed & Seed at 888-7887.

**3) Mow Your Lawn Short:** One of the big reasons to avoid scalping your lawn most of the time is that it opens your lawn up to weeds. But the same conditions that give weeds an easy entrance also make it easy for your newly over seeded lawn to take hold. You want your new lawn seeds to have as much contact with the soil as possible, so scalp away.

**4) Prep your Soil:** You need to give the new seeds the most hospitable home possible. Remove thatch, and consider aerating your lawn. Loosen the soil with a strong raking as well. This is also a great time to test your soil and amend your soil, whether it's upping its phosphorous levels or adjusting its ph. **Continued on page 4**

**5) Spread Seed/Starter Fertilizer:** Determine how much seed your project requires. You will need to know the approximate square footage of the turf area you plan to seed or over seed. The seed you select should have the suggested application rate listed on the bag. You should use a drop spreader or a rotary “broadcast” spreader to achieve even coverage. You may need to calibrate your spreader. To do this set the spreader drop rate according to your normal walking pace. How fast you walk will influence the coverage and your spreader settings. Your spreader will have instructions for doing this. Fill your spreader with half of the seed and spread the seed evenly walking in one direction. Next, fill the spreader with the other half of the seed and over seed walking perpendicular to the previous direction. Whether you overlap each row slightly depends on whether you are using a drop spreader or a broadcast spreader. With drop spreaders, you do not overlap-but you do precisely line up with your row. Broadcast spreaders require overlapping the throw pattern by about 1/3 on the next pass.

**6) Top dress/Erosion Control:** While generally not necessary, especially when just over seeding to fairly established turf, you may want to consider adding a top dressing to the newly seeded area or installing an erosion control blanket or just using straw. You may want to research these options especially when seeding to a historically “problem area”.

**7) Water:** If possible, you want to water newly seeded areas lightly and frequently until you notice the new grass begin to establish itself. On established turf the opposite is true and it is best to water deeply and infrequently. Try to keep foot traffic and animal activity to a minimum on newly seeded areas.

Check out the next Carefree newsletter for additional lawn & landscape tips!!

Lawn Renovation tips submitted by: Jeff Williams owner/operator of Green With Envy Lawn Care. Green With Envy is a full service lawn care & landscape maintenance company based out of the Greenwood area. Jeff is a 9 year resident of Carefree North and Green With Envy provides services for about 25 homeowners in Carefree North and Carefree South. GWE offers “neighbor” pricing to Carefree residents and are always happy to provide free estimates or answer any general questions Carefree residents may have. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jeff at 626-9922 or via e-mail at [jeff@green-withenvy.com](mailto:jeff@green-withenvy.com). Check us out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/greenwithenvylawncare](http://www.facebook.com/greenwithenvylawncare) or visit our website at [www.green-withenvy.com](http://www.green-withenvy.com).

## **TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS**

**2011 Annual dues** – Prompt payment of the 2011 Carefree Club dues by May 1, 2011 entitles you to receive 24 complimentary Guest Passes. Payment of dues by May 1 also will allow you entry into the pool which opens on Saturday, May 28, 2011.

**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](mailto: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 doggie 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.

**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!**