

CAREFREE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Carefree Club member,

The pools will be open June 20, and members will notice some changes that were put into effect due to COVID-19:

- Members will need to sign up for one of three 2.5 hour swim sessions each day. The signup button is on the club's website: **www.carefree.org**. A schedule for sessions will be released weekly. Each session will have a maximum of 100 members, and this number will increase to 125 in the next couple of weeks.
- Those with a lot pass or youth pass will need to bring ID to check-in to verify that they are an actual member.
- Please review the addendum to the pool rules regarding COVID-19 and social distancing (see Pg. 2)
- There is currently 30 minutes built in after each session for disinfecting. After the end of each session, members should leave as quickly as possible so the disinfecting can begin. If it takes members longer to leave the premises, then the sessions will be shortened by 15 minutes to allow additional time for disinfecting.
- The chairs and tables will not be in use, so please remember to bring chairs to sit on.
- There isn't a concession this year, so please bring your own food and drinks.
- No guests are permitted.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the pool.

Thank you,
Carefree Club, Inc. Board of Directors

CAREFREE CLUB COVID-19 POOL GUIDELINES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following measures will be put in place to help protect the health and safety of the lifeguards and members using the pools.

Upon entry, members should read the sign regarding risk factors of COVID-19 and act accordingly:

- Do you have a fever greater than 100.4 or any of the following COVID-19 symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing? If so, thank you for waiting to use Carefree pools until you are symptom-free without medication for 24 hours
- In the last 14 days, have you been in close contact (within 6 feet) with someone who has a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis? If so, thank you for waiting to visit the Carefree pools until you are symptom-free for 14 days after your last contact with them.

Members ages 65 and older and/or at high risk are urged to use caution and limit their exposure at the pools. If you have children who have difficulty social distancing, they should not be brought to the pool

A waiver signed by one deeded owner of each member lot is required in order to enter the pool facility

There will be three three-hour sessions each day (2.5 hours swimming followed by 30 minutes for cleaning/disinfecting), with signup available on the club's website. Limited walk-ins may be available. Your lot pass/tag will be required for entry. Members with cards will be required to show identification. Members are to leave the pool quickly at the end of each session so that cleaning and disinfecting can be completed prior to the next session.

A maximum of 100 members can enter the pool facility for each session. No guests will be permitted at this time. We will reevaluate as the season progresses.

Social distancing while waiting to check-in to the pools and while on the decks is required. Face masks are recommended, but are not permitted in the pools. Social distancing guidelines will be self-regulated by members once you have entered the facility, although we do reserve the right to ask groups to separate or leave the facility. A lifeguard will be on deck to assist with social distancing in the pools and on the decks.

Members should bring their own chairs to sit on while at the pools. Flotation devices (rafts, pool noodles, rings, etc.) will not be allowed in the pools. Toys should not be shared with non-household members. Chairs and toys must be taken home at the end of each session. Except for valuables, lost and found items will be thrown away at the end of each day. If you think you left something at the pool, please call us or stop back by and pick it up by the end of the day.

- The restrooms will be open, but please do not linger inside. Showers will be closed.
- Only one swimmer at a time may use the lap lane.
- Those using the diving board will need to stand on the tape marks to keep six feet apart.
- The concession stand will not be open, so please bring your own beverages and snacks. The water fountain will not be turned on.
- The shelters, grills and tables will not be available.
- After-hours pool/patio rental will not be available

These rules are subject to change and the most current version will be posted on the club's website and at the pool.

NEW DIVING BOARD INSTALLED

With pools reopening comes a special treat: a brand new diving board. Although the diving board was installed last fall, this will be the first time that it is in use. Hopefully the diving board will provide another layer of enjoyment to the Carefree Club experience.



SURVEY RESULTS

Recently, the Carefree Club members were mailed a two-question survey regarding possible improvements to the Carefree Club Property.

The first question in the survey asked members if they were interested in having the pool deck expanded to encompass the east basketball court. The results to the question were close with 164 members for the expansion and 169 members against it.

The second question proposed having the tennis courts redone. Due to the current condition of the courts, the renovation would not simply entail filling the cracks, for that is only a short-term solution. 195 members voted for the renovation, and 135 members voted against it.

Although the survey has been completed, the board hasn't yet taken action on either of the issues at this point.

LOGO CONTEST RESULTS

The results for the 50th anniversary logo contest are in. . .and it's a tie! The winners are Max Peeples and Levi Miller. Although they originally submitted individual logos, the selection committee admired both pieces of work and decided to combine elements of both logo submissions. The new logo will be featured on future T-shirts, displays, and literature. A big thank you to those of you who submitted a logo design.



FLOWERBEDS REDONE



New flower beds have been put in recently around the Carefree property. The new flowers will help brighten up the environment around the Carefree pool. Thank you to **Rob Jacobson**, our new grounds chairperson, for doing a wonderful job.



LIVING IN CAREFREE - GEORGE MCLAREN

Recently, one of our members, **George McLaren**, reflected on living in Carefree. Worth reading to the end:

Sunday morning was beautiful and I was out for my usual walk early around Carefree. I bumped into a friend walking the other way, and he did a U-turn and joined me. My friend has lived with his wife in Carefree for 50 years! He immediately began talking about what a beautiful day it was, and how beautiful Carefree is. He showed me where his favorite house in the neighborhood is, and talked about what it was like 50 years ago when they moved in. He asked me what I liked about Carefree and I mentioned how the mature trees remind me of a state park, and how I'm constantly amazed at the wildlife diversity - I've identified 79 different bird species around my yard, and saw a bald eagle in Carefree on New Years Day.

As we walked, we saw other walkers and bicyclists and cars going by. Everyone waved or said hi. I really appreciate the friendly neighbors we have - I've had nothing but positive, friendly interactions with Carefree people.

As we got to the end of our walk, my friend said, "Thanks for getting me home!" and walked up his driveway chuckling.

I felt grateful for knowing good people in our neighborhood, and lucky to live in such a great community.

When I walked home past the pool and clubhouse, I felt a little sad over the delay in getting the pool open this year, with families missing out on the fun. However, I felt a deep sense of sadness about the 114 people who have died in Johnson County in the past few months from this horrible illness striking our communities. Around our county, 114 families are grieving.

I'm relieved the Carefree pool board has been cautious, but also hopeful they will find a way to get the pool open soon with the lowest possible risk for our families.

So what's the point of this story? Carefree is a great place to live with great neighbors. The board is filled with elected volunteers - also our neighbors, also good people - who have been trying to find the right balance between reducing risk for the pool community they serve, and allowing families to enjoy the pool.

Please try a little more kindness and a little less hostility. And please try to avoid badmouthing the Carefree community online - you are only giving your own neighborhood a bad reputation.

4TH OF JULY SUMMER CELEBRATION CANCELLED

Due to the size of the Carefree property and the number of members, we will not be able to hold our annual 4th of July Summer Celebration.

Unfortunately, it would be impossible to hold the celebration and follow social distancing guidelines at the same time.

While the Club sponsored event has been cancelled, a few neighbors have scheduled a celebration that includes some food trucks and a water slide bounce house. The event will be held on **Sunshine Court** and take place on the **4th of July** from **4:30 to 11:00 p.m.**

We hope that you remain safe in the way the you choose to celebrate the holiday, and we look forward to celebrating with you next year.

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets the **second Monday** of each month in the clubhouse (or currently by ZOOM due to COVID-19) starting at 7:00 p.m. The next board meeting date is posted at **www.carefreeclub.org**. If a member has a question, comment, or concern, please send your name and subject to **board@carefreeclub.org** 48 hours in advance to be placed on the agenda.

REACH OUT TO US

Have any ideas on how to make Carefree Club a better place? Looking to stay up to date on the most recent information regarding the club?

Head to our website **www.carefreeclub.org** to stay updated on club news. You can also find the email of the board members in order to reach out to them. If there is not an email listed for the particular member you want to reach out to, contact the president and they will pass along your information.

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