

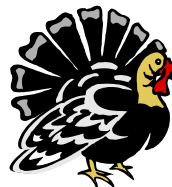
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Thanksgiving is a time for remembering and appreciating the special people in our lives.

Our home is warmed by the love of family and friends."

-- Anonymous



THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Canadians will host this special dinner in the Clubhouse on Thursday, November 22nd.

Watch Channel 95 and the Bulletin Boards for date of ticket sales.

Robbie Hansen, #871



THE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Jingle bells, jingle bells!



The Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 14, in the Lake Bess Room at 12 noon. This is one way we can say thank you to our employees for their hard work caring for our park throughout the year.

Monetary donations will be accepted on the employee's behalf on November 11 at the gazebo following the Veteran's Day Observance or may be given to Sue Aber, Lot 554; Anna Giese, Lot 785; Shirley Dussl, Lot 475 or Ruth Lerom, Lot 858. Checks may be made payable to Sue Aber and they may also be mailed to Sue Aber at Lot 554.

Sue Aber, #554

A long overdue "THANK YOU" to our Carefree family and friends for all your prayers, concerns and support during my back surgery and recovery last spring. What a great place to recover and move forward.



Love and Hugs to All of you.

Patti Lundberg #635

We would like to THANK all of the good Carefree people for their many prayers, cards, e-mail messages and phone calls in regards to my sister Jackie. She is still improving everyday so please keep praying for her and her husband Gary.

Thanks again Elsie & Frank Van Bree Lot # 853

Thank you for the cards, calls, food and visits during Lloyd's illness. All were deeply appreciated! Carefree is the greatest place and we are glad to be a part of it.

Lloyd & Dorothy Hoffner, # 346

Let's play .

CRIBBAGE

It starts Friday, October, 26th....
Then every Friday
at 7 p.m.
Upper Clubhouse

For more information, contact Bev Lewis, #456

Activities Are For You and Need You!



A community the size of Carefree is fortunate to have a monthly calendar filled with activities. We don't have a paid staff to plan events, but what we do have are dedicated volunteers who give their time and talents for the majority. Many of these volunteers have filled positions year after year, and they deserve a chance to sit back on your laurels. In other words, we need residents who have enjoyed these activities to now give of their time and talents. If you're a new resident, don't wait to be asked to volunteer. If you're a resident of long standing, but haven't volunteered, now is the time. If we don't have volunteers the programs and special events that have brought smiles to our faces will disappear. Many of these activities have made funds available for community projects too numerous to mention. Without these funds, projects would not have been completed or our annual fees would have to be adjusted. Personally, I'd rather attend a dance or buy a dinner ticket knowing I've had both fun and donated for future community improvements. With that being said, following are volunteer opportunities that need to be filled by YOU!

- Continuing Events Coordinator
- Christmas Decorations Committee
- Welcome Committee
- Home Show Committee
- Carefree Bears Coordinator
- Volunteers for Special and Continuing Events

I encourage you to call me or stop at #448 to find out more about the positions that are available, the coffee is always on and the soda is always cold!

Activities appreciates the work that Elsie Van Bree, Judy Kiriluk and Marion Roberts have accomplished for the benefit of Carefree, you will be missed.

Kay Dawson, Chair, # 448

... FROM THE EDITOR!



A special thanks to Shirley Francis, # 718, and her Committee for again volunteering to deliver the Carefree Times each month. Thanks too, to Jean Petrie for preparing the calendar and list of committees again this year. For those of you who are new in our community, the Carefree Times is delivered directly to your home.

The Carefree Times will be published monthly from November 2007 until April 2008.

The deadline for articles for the December issue will be Monday, November 19th!

Ruth Armstrong, # 533

Samaritan's Wallet



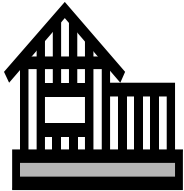
This program begins its 3rd year.

FREE help for widows and the handicapped.

Check the bulletin board in the hallway to the pool to sign up!

Carl Benhase, # 613

RESALES & MARKETING



A special thanks to Dan & Marion Novodvorsky for heading up the resales this summer.

There were 4 units sold this summer.

At the present time there are 7 units and 1 lot for sale.

Betty Hall, Acting Chairperson, # 622

CAREFREE BOOK CLUB



Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Golf Center.

The Book will be "Devil in a White City" by Erik Larson

Everybody Welcome.
For more information contact:
Kay Hathaway # 348 (324-7167) or
Pat Retherford #815 (325-9891)

HAND & FOOT



Starts on Tuesday, November 6th at 2 p.m. in the Upper Clubhouse



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

RECYCLING will start on Thursday, November 15th.



We will recycle plastic bottles, tin cans, glass, aluminum cans and newspapers.

Please rinse and drain all containers. Remove all lids and caps. Crush all plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

Your co-operation and support in this project is appreciated.

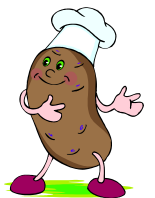
Ed Richards, Chairman, # 712

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Convenors are needed for the February and March Square Dances.

A volunteer from 6th Street is needed to coordinate "Top the Tater" in February.



Two volunteers for the Carefree Christmas Decorations.

Call Loree Rumpel at 324-2069



**THE CAREFREE
GREY EAGLES**

We will meet on Monday,
November 19th at 10:45 in the
Upper Clubhouse.

We'll renew old friendships over a cup of coffee
and a donut! New members are welcome!

Hopefully we will see you then!

Art Tomes, # 552

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Welcome back. We hope you had a great summer. The
health Committee will be busy again this year with a
variety of important items for you.

The Blood Bank of Central Florida will give a presentation
on November 16, 1:30PM in the Upper Club House re-
garding recent changes to the plan. Items covered will in-
clude who may donate, medicines that are now allowed,
red cell donations, the blood credit
system and the need for blood in this
area. Refreshments will be served.



In addition, we are planning CPR
classes, 55 Alive Driver Training
classes, blood pressure screening and
a Bloodmobile visit once every fifty
six days. The first Bloodmobile visit will be December 15.
Watch for further details.



It is not always easy to spot con art-
ists. They're smart, extremely persua-
sive, and aggressive. They invade
your home through the telephone and
the mail, advertise in well-known
newspapers and magazines, and
come to your door. Most people
think they are too smart to fall for a
scam. But con artists rob all kinds of
people – from investment counselors
and doctors to teenagers and eld-
erly widows of billions of dollars every year. Be espe-
cially aware of roofing and air conditioning scams. These
con artists scare you into believing that you need a new
roof or air conditioner when yours is perfectly fine.

But remember – **IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE
TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!**



**"55 & Alive"
being offered again**

This is a class for 50 years old and older to refresh their
driving skills. Upon completion you will get a certificate
to turn in to your insurance to get a lower car insurance
rate.

This class will run for two days – November 12th from
10:30 to 2:30 p.m. and again on Tuesday the 13th from 9:30
to 1:30 p.m. in the upper Clubhouse. Watch for the sign-
up sheet on the bulletin board in the lower Clubhouse.
Class limit is 20.

Edna Danielson, #235 – 325-0929

DANCES – 2007-2008

Sat. Dec. 1 Welcome Back Dance
7:30 – 10:30 p.m. Heartland Band
Conveners: Don & Janis King # 250

Mon. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dance
8:15 – 12:15 a.m. Heartland Band
Conveners: Fred & Katie Ducham # 769
 Howard & Carol Houghton # 472

Sat. Jan. 12 Brats Dinner-Dance
5 – 6 p.m. Dinner
6 – 9 p.m. Dance – Roger Schultz
Conveners: Del & Carolyn Hapke, # 337

Sat. Jan. 26 Winter Dance
7:30 – 10:30 p.m. Double Take
Conveners: Tucker & Joann Gray, # 243
 Bob & Martha Thomason, # 238
 Bud & Mary Lou Field, # 263

Sat. Feb 9 Valentine's Dance
7:30 – 10:30 p.m. Second Time Around
Conveners: Dick & Rae Pearson, # 611
 Dick & Sondra Hausker, # 133
 Ron & Sharon Nelson, # 610

Sat. March 8 St. Patrick's Dance
7:30 – 10:30 p.m. Len & Lois
Conveners: Ralph & Norma Domras, # 523
 Larry & Bonnie Heezen, # 812





LINE DANCE

**BEGINNER-ADVANCED
BEGINNER REVIEW**

STARTS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

This class will meet on Mondays from 9:30 am until 10:30 am in the Upper Clubhouse.

**ADVANCED BEGINNER-INTERMEDIATE REVIEW
STARTS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

This class will meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 am until 10:30 am in the Upper Clubhouse.

Both of these classes will review the dances learned during the 2007 season. The line dance program for 2008, will begin Wednesday, January 2.

NEW CLASS FOR 2008

TRAIL DANCING

Trail dancing is a form of couple's dance that utilizes all of the steps of ballroom in a defined pattern. The first class will begin with the waltz, followed in successive weeks with the polka, cha cha, east coast swing, rumba, and western four count. Prior knowledge of dancing is helpful but not required. All dances will be taught at the beginner level. The class will be limited to 15 couples. A couple does not have to be male-female. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse, Monday, December 10.

Alice Gilbertson, # 257

CAREFREE CHAPEL
COMMITTEE



Carefree Chapel services will begin this year on November 11th. Since we have grown accustomed to worship during November and December I will lead the worship services then because Pastor Ray will not arrive in the park until the first of the year. Pastor Gil has accepted a call in Indiana and will not be with us this year. Pastor Ray Haugland will lead worship services starting in January through Easter.

Since November 11th is also Veteran's Day, Chuck Loftus has planned his program for Veteran's Day with an outdoor service being at 11:00 a.m.

We invite you to worship with your neighbors on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Jean Westermann, Chapel Chair, Lot # 1005



**HONOR OUR
VETERANS EVERYDAY!**

The Veteran's Day program will be held on Sunday, November 11th, immediately following Sunday services at 11 a.m.

If you want to bring your own chairs feel free to do so, although chairs will be provided. Come and greet your friends and neighbors in remembering our veterans.

Veteran's Day should not be a special day, but everyday as our troops are in foreign countries, fighting for us.

Chuck Loftus, #473

CAREFREE
CHAPEL CHOIR



The first choir rehearsal will be on Saturday, November 3rd at 9 a.m. in the upper Clubhouse. There will also be a rehearsal on Saturday, November 10th at 9 a.m.

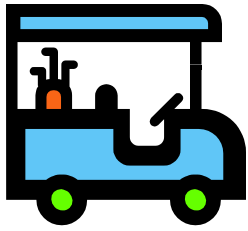
The first chapel service will be on Sunday, November 11th.

Jean Petrie, # 772



Byron Bratlie's column, "Carefree Natural History" will begin again in the December Issue.

'FORE' YOUR INFORMATION



Welcome to your 2007-08 Carefree golf season! Am happy to report that many of the course problems have been resolved. As you play your first round this season, take a moment to see all the improvements Mike and his staff have accomplished. Along with all fairways and greens being re-seeded, the green damage on #3, 7 and 9 have been solved. Personally speaking, those of us who have played think Mike and his staff have done a super job. Take a moment to express your gratitude for a job well done.

With the help of each of us and with a little consideration for all players, our course can stay in great condition. Respect the greens and tee boxes. Fix your ball marks plus one other, fill your divots on the tee boxes, and please DO NOT move the markers. Markers are adjusted daily to keep tee boxes as good as possible.

The Golf Committee is looking for two couples or three individuals to chair this year's Club Championship. If this is a volunteer opportunity you'd be interested in please contact me. And, if it's YOU, thanks for stepping up.

Paul Dawson, Chair #448

NOTE FROM OUR CAREFREE HISTORIAN!



We are collecting stories and photos on the history of Carefree Country Club for our "History of Carefree Country Club" publication which will be published in 2008.

If you brought information from your "Northern" home please deliver it to me so we can include it in our collection.

Material for the history book can be delivered to Les Horn at Lot 807.

Les Horn, # 807

Articles for future issues of the Carefree Times should be e-mailed to:

times@carefreecountryclub.org

VOTE ON COVENANTS PASSES

Last April the Documents Review Committee, with the approval of the Carefree Board, asked all Carefree members to vote to "amend the Covenants amendment process". Members were asked at that time to change the amendment process from 400 of 500 voting interests to 251 votes to amend. Over 400 members voting to amend the amendment process in the Covenants have been received in the office. The Documents Review Committee will meet to verify the vote count in early November and request the Board to take appropriate action as soon as possible to formally amend the Covenants as directed in the voting instrument.

You may recall the Carefree Board appointed a Documents Review Committee last year to review all corporation documents and recommend changes for board and membership consideration. The review committee met numerous times in December through April and made significant progress, but also realized that amending the Covenants amendment process language was an important first step.

The committee will resume meeting in November and, if all goes well, begin informational meetings with the board and members in January and February to discuss proposed amendments to the various documents.

Members of the committee are: Sal Aquilino, Jerry Lerom, Charles Rogers, Diana Strejc, Frank Weis and Duane Zaun.



**Somewhere, there is someone
who dreams of your smile and finds in your
presence that life is worthwhile.
So when you are lonely remember it's true;
somebody, somewhere is thinking of you.**

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"May today be especially beautiful for you!"

CAREFREE BEARS



A big welcome to Sandy Arthur as the new facilitator for the Carefree Bears. Sandy knows all about the Carefree Bears as she not only makes them here during the fall/winter months but also makes them all summer while in Michigan. Sandy lives on Lot #830 and will be arriving at Carefree around the first of November. All are welcome to join in the making of our very own Carefree Bears; these cute, huggable little bears are distributed to Winter Haven Hospital, the Polk County Sheriff's Department and our Carefree Fun Band will be distributing them to the residents at each nursing home they visit.

Come and join the Carefree Bear creators beginning on Thursday, November 8th and each Thursday thereafter (except for Thanksgiving Day) from 1:30–3 p.m. in the Lake Bess Room

We would also like to express our thanks to Marion Roberts, for doing a fantastic job leading our bear makers during the past four years. We hope that Marion and her husband, Tom, enjoy their new home and all that extra space....Thank You Marion for all your hard work in making the Carefree Bears project a huge success in our community and County.

Carolyn Hapke, # 337

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & ART/CRAFT BAZAAR

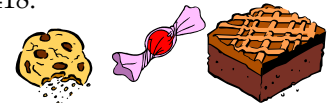


Mark your calendar and join in the fun on Wednesday, November 14th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the upper Clubhouse. There will be baked goods; hand crafted items made by park residents and Attic Treasures Shop for old treasures! Then make a plan to sit down and visit with your friends and neighbors over a cup of coffee and a goody. Don't forget to take chances on our Christmas

Raffle! Door prize drawing will take place every ten minutes beginning at 1:40 p.m.

All residents are encouraged to make their favorite baked items or candies to be sold at the Bake Sale. Please bring them to the Clubhouse between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If you have some treasures (we do not accept any clothing items) to donate to the Attic Treasure Shop, please bring them at the same time you bring your baked goods.

Do you have craft items that you would like to sell? Tables are available to Carefree residents at \$6 for an 8 ft. table and \$3 for half of a table. To reserve your table, or if you have questions regarding the Holiday Bake Sale and Art/Craft Bazaar, please call Carolyn Hapke at 326-9698 or Joy Gordon at 324-2418.

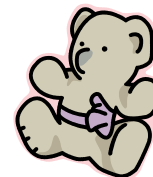
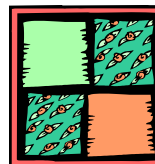


ARTS & CRAFTS SCHEDULE BEGINS

An invitation is extended to all Carefree residents to join in all Arts & Crafts session/classes held throughout the year. Below you will find the scheduled activities for November along with the facilitators' and their phone numbers. If you see something in which you would like to participate, please call the facilitator for details of the class. Sorry to say, but due to room limitations and/or the complexity of classes, class size is limited. If the classes/sessions are full, you may request that your name be put on a waiting list. All classes/sessions are held in the Lake Bess Room.

<u>Class/Session</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Starting Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Knife Painting	Monday	Nov. 19	8:30—noon	Rosalind Moloy	318-9733
Beginning Oil Painting	Tuesday	Nov. 27	1:30—3 pm	Margaret Groves	324-3876
Advanced Oil Painting	Tuesday	Nov. 27	9 am—noon	Margaret Groves	324-3876
Quilting	Thursday	Nov. 8	9 am—noon	Jean McPherson	318-0083
Carefree Bears	Thursday	Nov. 8	1:30—3 pm	Sandy Arthur	Lot 830

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET? I am looking for someone who would be willing to teach these crafts to members of our community. Call Carolyn Hapke at 326-9698 to volunteer your services.



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Ledger Newspaper: Homeowners that would like the Ledger delivered to their home must call the newspaper directly at 863-299-2141 for next day delivery. The arrangement that we once had with the circulation department is no longer available.

Carefree Directory: The directory for 2007/2008 is now available in the office. You will sign for your copy - one per household. Please do not allow this directory to be copied or given to others out of the park. This is for security purposes as well as controlling solicitation.

Mail Service: Numerous problems with the post office have been reported by many homeowners. In just the past few months we have had problems with forwarding, lost, damaged and missing postage money. Complaints should be filed individually with **Dave Lessa** at the Florence Villa Post Office - 863-292-0087, and at the Consumer Affairs office toll free number - 800-275-8777. ALSO - Mail needs to be addressed with a name, preferably first and last - Grandma Smith or Grandpa Johnson w/o lot number cannot be delivered (one was received prior to Mother's Day with simply Mom @ 9705, no lot number, no last name and no name on return address!!!!)

Walkers: When gate is closed, use your clicker - DO NOT force gate open.

The 20 yard dumpsters are for brush only: Tree limbs, branches, leaves, etc. No lumber. If what you have will not fit in the 8 yd dumpsters, contact the Salvation Army or the office for assistance. DO NOT LEAVE BESIDE THE DUMPSTERS.

Lamp Posts: **DO NOT** allow vines or bushes or Christmas decorations to cover the numbers on the lamp post. Also, decorations may interfere with the sensor that controls the light bulb. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the light bulb is working; bulbs can be obtained from the office.

Register: It is important that **ALL** owners (and renters) inform the office if they will be gone from the park for 24 hours or more. This allows for a more accurate report (that we monitor twice weekly) and door to door deliveries. Fall check in and spring check out are required and necessary information may be missed if the office is not updated. (Includes Times delivery, Rules updates, Carefree Directory, Annual notices, summer departure check list, Ledger sign up, Phone and address changes, Verify keys, New owner info, etc).

Renting Units: The office **MUST** have the rental transfer agreement signed by the owner **BEFORE** the renter arrives and the \$100 fee is paid (or he has no privileges). Minimum rental is 30 days and a maximum of 2 rentals per year. Renters Insurance - Occupational License - State & Local Taxes are all the owner's responsibility.

Work Orders: Anyone requesting work done on lots (sprinklers, light posts); commons (picnic tables); Clubhouse - please inform the Office and a work order will be forwarded to maintenance. Please **DO NOT** directly contact the maintenance department. Work is done as maintenance can schedule it.

Gate Openers: If you need a gate opener, you will need to purchase "The Clicker" model # CLT1 D at Wal-Mart or The Home Depot and bring it to the office to be programmed.

Carefree Car Stickers: People are reminded to put park I.D. tags on their cars and lot numbers on their golf carts. These are available in the office.

Got a Suggestion/ Complaint? : Suggestion and comment box is located in the office - we encourage everyone with good ideas to bring them forward.

