CAREFREE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President,

Happy winter season, neighbors. I don't want to waste the opportunity to remind everyone we're only four months away from pool season! On behalf of the rest of the Club Board volunteers, thank you for electing us to serve and manage the affairs of our neighborhood's clubhouse, pool, and property.

I took some time recently to review the documents that founded our Carefree Club. On July 22, 1970, the Carefree Club was created to, "promote the health, safety and welfare of certain residents with a subdivision known as Carefree." The initial Club also took on a host of responsibilities no longer needed, and then this...

"...and insofar as permitted by law, to do any other thing that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, will promote the common benefit and enjoyment of the residents of the Properties."

Much has changed in 55 years. Many of our neighbors are first and second generation owners, and some of us may be new to Carefree but have lived in the area for decades. Yet others live next door and walk by that may have called other states or nations home before settling in down the street. It is my hope that the original, neighborly commitment to the common benefit and enjoyment of the neighborhood still matters in 2025 like it did in 1970.

Be a neighbor. Look out for each other. Introduce yourself, and get to know the folks next door. Wave when you see the family or kids you know when they drive past. Don't pass up an opportunity to say hello or help an elderly neighbor clear some limbs after a storm. If you can, snowblow a driveway lane when you see their ancient snowblower finally call it quits. Share a (root)beer with a neighbor after a long day of spring cleanup. Pay extra attention to walkers, kids on bikes, dogs on leashes, and please...please try to keep it to 25 mph. Small things make the difference between a place you live and a neighborhood all feel safe to call home.



Letter from the President, continued

In 2025, we're looking to build on the work of the last few years in assuring the Club's success for years to come. Some things aren't as exciting to report; we're continuing to fund and manage our reserve fund to make improvements while ensuring things run smoothly when something breaks down or needs to be replaced. We're reviewing bylaws, standardizing financial practices, approved our budget, and are making small changes to make board leadership transfers easier in the future.

And yet, we're doing our best to make things better. This year, after a few seasons of additional annual donations and the incredible generosity of an anonymous neighbor, we're planning to install an accessible pool chair lift. Our activities chairs are planning events to bring us together. The Carefree Crocodiles and swim lessons will be back in action. I'm looking forward to it all.

As always, members of the Carefree Club are welcome at monthly board meetings. We make room in our agenda for member Q&A, and you can always reach out to the Board via Board@carefreeclub.org.

Matt Randall

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Clean Green: Eco-Friendly Cleaning Products for your Home

Learn how to clean your homes with eco-friendly ingredients, many of which are pantry staples. Participants will make an all-purpose cleaner to take home as well as take home recipes for other household cleansers. Ages 18+

Date & Time:

February 3, 2025 6:30pm - 7:30pm FREE Event

Location:

Greenwood Public Library

310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, IN 46143

questions@greenwoodlibrary.us (317) 881-1953

Great Backyard Bird Count

Learn how you can help scientists better understand and protect birds around the world by participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count from February 14 - 17th! Indiana Audubon will be here to talk about this important initiative and will highlight some of the species you may see in your backyard. Wild Birds Unlimited will also be on hand to help you get ready to participate in the GBBC.

Date & Time:

February 6, 2025 6:00am - 7:30pm FREE Event

Location:

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CAREFREE CLUB Easter Egg Hunt & Shred Day Event

Located in the Clubhouse parking lot. Food trucks too! More information to come ~ **Saturday, April 19** Time to be determined



Greenwood is giving away 1,000 trees on Arbor Day April 25, 2025!

Trees will be available at the Greenwood City Center and Craig Park Shelter, 10 E. Smith Valley Rd. Greenwood, IN 46143

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or until gone.

Trees to choose from will be: Pecan ~ Redbud ~ River Birch ~ Black Cherry ~ Silver Maple

CAREFREE CLUB ONLINE CALENDAR

Rental Rates					
Carefree Clubhouse can only be rented to Club members.					
View Carefree Club Calendar for Availability					
Mon – Thur.	Half Day \$60	Morning: 5AM – 4PM	Evening: 5PM – 4AM		
Mon – Thur.	All Day \$100	All Day 5AM – 4AM			
Fri, Sat, Sun, & Holidays	Half Day \$90	Morning: 5AM – 4PM	Evening: 5PM – 4AM		
Fri, Sat, Sun, & Holidays	All Day \$150	All Day 5AM – 4AM			

The Carefree Club website has a <u>new calendar</u> allowing members to view available rental dates **and** submit clubhouse rental requests online. The new calendar also shows all the fun events and activities happening in Carefree.





The clubhouse now has *free* Wi-Fi for rentals and activities! Members will be able to connect when inside the facility.

VISIT https://www.carefreeclub.org/ and our Facebook page for up to the minute information.

CAREFREE CLUB ACTIVITIES



3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Genealogy Discussion Group

Carefree Clubhouse

Need help finding your ancestors? Need help with research? Come play with us! Join the lively discussion, listen to success stories or break down the walls we've encountered looking for our ancestors.

For more information contact Cheryl Wisdom cherylewisdom@gmsil.com

Thursday, February 13th at Noon

WATER AEROBICS PITCH IN

Carefree Clubhouse

In the summer months we meet at the pool for aerobics and in the winter months we meet at the Clubhouse once a month for a Lunch or Dinner Pitch In. Bring a dish and come join us!

Have an activity you want to share? Contact newsletter@carefreeclub.org

Carefree Club oversees the pool, clubhouse, tennis and basketball courts and playground area.

The Club is NOT a HOA and has no jurisdiction over property related issues other than Club dues. The dues are associated with the facilities mentioned. All property related questions or concerns should be directed to the county or Sheriff's department.

The contact information is: **Sheriff non-emergency - (317) 346-6336** County information (317) 346-4700

Carefree Club Board Members

Please feel free to reach out to any <u>board member</u> with questions you may have about Carefree Club.

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