

## A Message From The BoA

May 4, 2020

We appreciate everyone's cooperation during these last few weeks with complying with mandates and recommendations to maintain a safe environment at Carefree. As the state starts to open back up slowly, Carefree will be doing the same. Mowing has resumed and will be weekly on Tuesdays.

**Starting the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>, weekly property inspections will resume.**

Below are a few reminders:

1. Everyone is reminded that we must keep a **three foot (think "yard stick") clearance at the end of driveways and along the curb property line**. Cars, carts and RVs may not encroach on the 3 ft. easement from the curb – we must maintain three feet clearance to ensure fire and life safety vehicles can appropriately access the community.
2. Is it time for you to **take a look at your gutters and roof trim**? We're noticing some that need attention – cleaning out those gutters will help your roof last longer, mitigate water damage to your homes, and cleaning roof and trim will keep our community looking its best! Do you have anything on your property that must be stored away if you are leaving for an extended time period? For example, some ARC approvals required that items (which could become projectiles during high winds) be removed/stored if you are leaving CF for more than two weeks.
3. **Exterior Light fixtures** (such as rope lights, spot lights, motion sensor lights, garden lights – including solar garden lights) must be approved in advance via The ARC committee approval process. Motion sensor and exterior spot lights should NOT be pointed into your neighbor's yards or out into the street. Lights INSIDE ENCLOSED lanais do not require ARC approval.
4. **Pest Concerns**. As you prepare your home for your extended absence, we recommend a thorough walk-around to ensure your 'dry stack' (the area beneath your home) is appropriately protected. Many Carefree residents have installed wire around the perimeter of the house (behind the brick facing) to help keep out unwanted guests (think raccoons, fruit rats, etc.). **Remember, we are in the middle of a conservation area and 'wild things' are prone to seek shelter during wet and stormy weather.**
5. Please remember there is **NO CAR PARKING at the mailbox kiosk** The corner area near the kiosk is a high-risk safety spot for traffic issues. Please walk, ride your bike, or drive your golf cart to pick up your mail.
6. Owners, Renters and Guests are reminded that your **safety comes FIRST at the gate**. If you have concerns about someone attempting to access Carefree, do not put your safety at risk. Please, if there is someone you are concerned about trying to gain access to the community – take note of the make, model and color of the vehicle and the license plate number and call the non-emergency Sheriff's phone number: 239-477-1000.
7. Take some time to look at the **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS presentation** -

which will soon be updated on the CAREFREE web page.

8. Remember - while some **'stay at home orders'** have been lifted - wearing masks, keeping safe distance, and gatherings kept at a maximum of 10 are still in order for the safety of our friends and neighbors!

Your BoA and Management