



Downtown Carefree Development- May 2016

The Next Phase

For the past year the Carefree Town Council, along with many generous local individuals and businesses, have focused on making significant improvements to the downtown commercial area and the Carefree Desert Gardens. These improvements have been designed to make this area better suited to fulfill resident's needs and a more enjoyable experience for residents and visitors. Notable improvements include the addition of the Kiwanis Splash Park within the Gardens suitable for families looking to cool-off in the warmer months, new street lighting and lamps throughout the downtown area and "Gateways" to mark key entry points into the downtown area. The remaining major element is to landscape the medians in the primary roadways after the current construction of the bike lanes are completed.

The next development phase of the Town consists of developers and existing property owners building and renovating to create even more excitement. Developer Ed Lewis has launched his "Easy Street Luxury Condo" along Easy Street in the downtown area soon to break ground in July. Harry Vardakis, Broker/Owner/Palm Desert Realty, broke ground at 7405 Nonchalant Ave. offering luxury office suites for the executive desiring a home office away from home.

Complementing this new construction is a major remodel of the Bashas' Grocery Store, which starts in late July and is scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving 2016. The remodeling will take place at night so the business will remain open during regular business hours to accommodate the store's many customers. The project will include a Starbucks, as well as a wide range of capital improvements such as a salad bar, sushi bar, improvements to the dairy and meat cases and an entire new interior decorating approach to dramatically improve the customer's shopping experience.

Carefree is continuing to move into several phases of exciting developments and I encourage you to explore the Town and see for yourself. For more information VisitCarefree.com.