



## **2016 was a Good Year for Carefree**

It seems hardly possible that Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season are upon us once again. Where did 2016 go?

At the close of every year it seems appropriate to reflect upon what has been accomplished, moving us closer to our goals.

Two of our primary goals were to provide greater enjoyment and pride in Carefree for our residents, and to attract an increased number of visitors. To address these goals, we:

- Sponsored the "Enchanted Pumpkin Garden" event ranked in the Top 5 Things to Do in 2016 by Phoenix Magazine attracting over 50,000 visitors to the Gardens in October
- Sponsored the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Carefree Christmas Festival held on December 9-11, 2016
- Built new entry Gateways into the downtown Carefree area on Tom Darlington and Cave Creek Roads
- Broke ground on the Keystone Homes Eastwood Community Project
- Transformed the new Council Chambers into a Sales Center for The Easy Street Luxury Condo Project preparing for a ground breaking in the next few months
- Collaborated with Bashas and new Spanish Village owners on their dramatic renovations
- Opened the new Kiwanis Splash Park in the Carefree Desert Gardens
- Completed the installation of the Bike Lanes on Tom Darlington, Cave Creek and Pima Roads greatly enhancing safety and encouraging fitness
- Completed new xeriscape landscaping in the medians, complementing the new Bike Lanes and the entry Gateways
- Installed new street lights throughout downtown Carefree for pedestrian friendly walks

All of these were accomplished while the Town met its obligations in other areas and increased its financial reserves. I hope you and your family enjoy these revitalizations and improvements as much as we enjoyed making them become a reality.

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Mayor Les Peterson, Town of Carefree

