

# The Sentinel



## NEWSLETTER

### PURPOSE

The **Sentinel** newsletter is a way to communicate a variety of topics. The newsletter will focus on the community, topics of interest, reminders, upcoming meetings, etc. The purpose is to inform and provide a positive forum for residents.

**Submissions are welcome!**

## CONTACT US

SUGGESTIONS /  
REQUESTS



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FROM THE DESK OF LARRY SCHNEIDER

I hope this issue finds you all well, and everyone is enjoying the beautiful, warmer weather and precipitation we have had. It makes for amazing sunsets and lots of new growth, as well as more residents enjoying the outdoors.

This edition focuses on current and spring-related topics. Road resurfacing, preparing for wildfire season, lighting tips to enjoy our starry nights, and pedestrian and driving safety.

Additionally, the HOA has published our first edition of the *Voluntary Resident List*. For participating residents, contact information is shared with other participating residents. The purpose is to reach each other in emergencies, lost / found pets, to report suspicious behavior, or to organize neighbor get togethers. Any use for marketing or business purposes or sharing with third-parties is prohibited. Any resident who has not agreed to participate will not have their personal info shared, nor will they receive a copy so that the list remains reciprocal. As neighbors join or leave the community, the list will be updated for those who want to participate. If we've missed you in the first edition or you've changed your mind about participating, email us & provide what information to share (e.g., Phone, address, email), and you will be included in future publications. An updated version is planned for next week, so it's not too late to get in the first edition!

## ROAD RESURFACING

### DELAYED DUE TO RAIN

Please check with the Town for the latest update on the road resurfacing project. The latest update from the Town was published March 5th stating the final slurry coat would resume March 11<sup>th</sup> (which has passed). The Town should publish updates here [https://www.carefree.org/news-detail?item\\_id=20343](https://www.carefree.org/news-detail?item_id=20343), via email, or social media (Instagram or Facebook). If you receive an email you'd like to share with the community, please email the HOA.

NOTE: The slurry cannot be driven over until it has been set for a minimum of several hours.

## WILDFIRE CAUTION

### PREPARATION

Mid-April through September marks the brush fire season in Arizona.

**Stinknet or Globe Chamomile** is an invasive species quickly spreading, damaging our ecosystem & creating a fire hazard. *Stinknet outcompetes other plants, taking away the balance of soils in large, dense, continuous patches and creating vast amounts of flammable material that allow wildfires to spread faster – Mohave Desert Land Trust.*

*Arizonans can do their part to prevent stinknet from spreading by killing the plant before it dries and turns to seed in the early summer. Resistant to some herbicides, this*

## PEDESTRIAN & DRIVER SAFETY

### TIPS / AWARENESS

**Sentinel Rock** does not have sidewalks, yet it is a highly walkable community. Cars, pedestrians, & cyclists share the road.

**Drivers:** Please slow down and follow all traffic laws. If you park on the street or are headed to the mailbox clusters, it is illegal to drive across the street to park facing traffic (both actions are illegal), as you could hit a pedestrian crossing. When picking up mail, either park across the street or pull up in the legal / driving direction. It is the law.

**The HOA has reached out to MCSO requesting a patrol unit to come through the neighborhood to help with drivers speeding and running stop signs.**

**Pedestrians:** When there are no sidewalks, pedestrians should walk facing the direction of oncoming traffic (left side). **It is the law.** [AZ Leg: 28-796 Pedestrians on Roadways](#)

Walking facing traffic allows you to make eye contact with a driver to ensure they see you, giving you time to react. Ultimately, it is your decision. However, when you meet another pedestrian who is on 'correct / lawful' side of the road, you should yield. Personal choices should not affect others. Driver & pedestrian safety tips: [NHTSA.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov)

**Think this couldn't happen in our community?**

## NIGHT LIGHTING

### ENJOYING THE NIGHT SKY & RESPECTING OUR

NEIGHBORS  **DarkSky**

Many people move to Arizona to view the night skies. Ever wonder why Sedona is magical at night? It is a certified dark sky community! Doing our part to reduce light pollution allows us all to look up and enjoy the night skies.

Follow the 5 Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting: [Dark Sky Lighting Principles](#)

### Did you Know?

The Town of Carefree Code Ordinances & our HOA guidelines both work to protect the night skies & to ensure we respect each other's privacy and ability to enjoy the darkness uninterrupted.

## SR HOA Guide: Exterior Lighting

2.4 Any lighting to be installed in the front yard of a Lot must be approved in writing by the Architectural Committee. **All spot lights must be shielded and directed away from the street and surrounding Lots. Landscape lighting should be of the low voltage and low intensity type. Any other lighting is restricted to sixty (60) watts shielded as not to adversely affect surrounding Lots.**

[Carefree Exterior Lighting Ordinance](#)

weed is tough to eradicate. Digging it out by hand or using professional chemical control can stem infestations. – AZ Central.com

### The Town of Carefree Fire Department

#### Create a Defensible Space

Three R's of Defensible Space are:

- Removal
- Reduction
- Replacement

We recommend creating a 30-foot area of defensible space. Using the 3 R's (Removal, Reduction, and Replacement) the homeowner creates an area free of dried grass or other highly flammable dry vegetation - around the home.

A properly designed and maintained defensible space provides an area where firefighters can position themselves to protect your home. Also, the elimination of potential fuel sources reduces the probability of the house being consumed in a wildfire.

### Carefree Town Code: Section 6-1-2 Owner to Maintain Premises

No owner, occupant or lessee of any property within the limits of the town, including buildings, grounds, lots, or contiguous sidewalks, streets and alleys, shall permit debris to accumulate or remain on such property if such material constitutes or may constitute a blight on the appearance of the neighborhood, a threat to surrounding property values or a hazard to public health and safety. **Help us keep our community beautiful & safe!**

[Carefree Pedestrian Injured by Hit & Run](#) (Stagecoach Pass / Tom Darlington)

[Jogger Killed in Hit & Run](#) (New River)



#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

MCSO: 602-876-1011  
Rural Metro: 480-945-6311

For safety issues, please contact authorities first. The HOA is happy to cascade information to residents raise awareness of concerns, but it should not replace the authorities.

#### Section

### 9.12 Exterior Lighting

(1) Searchlights, exposed neon elements, mercury vapor, or high pressure sodium fixtures are prohibited.

(2) Between the hours of 10 p.m. and sunrise, tennis court lighting, sport court lighting, or any temporary lighting is prohibited.

(3) **Motion-activated security lights (incandescent lamps with a maximum of 75 watts) that are shielded and automatically cycle off after five (5) minutes** and fossil fuel fixtures are exempt from this Ordinance.

(4) All free-standing light fixtures shall not exceed a height of four and one-half (4.5) feet unless otherwise approved by the Development Review Board.

(A) In commercial zoning districts, the maximum height of parking lot lights shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet from finished grade.

(B) Parking lot lights that exceed four and one-half (4.5) feet in height shall be based on a photometric plan to ensure no light spillage occurs over the property line onto adjacent properties and that the parking lot is evenly lit.

(5) Wall mounted lighting shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet above finished grade and shall be shielded to avoid up-lighting and concentrated hot spots (light) on the structures to which they are mounted. Security lighting may be mounted on a structure no higher than twelve (12) feet from finished grade.

(6) **All outdoor light fixtures with a light source greater than 25**

watts shall be fully shielded such that the bulb is not visible from neighboring property or public right-of-way. Those light fixtures exempt from this Ordinance are not required to comply with the shielding requirements. Recessed lights in exterior soffits, eaves, or ceilings shall have the light source (bulb) recessed so that it is not visible.

(7) Light illuminating a sign shall be shielded and shall not project above, below, or beyond the sign area.

(8) Landscape up-lighting shall not exceed twenty-five (25) watts per fixture and shall be no closer than twenty (20) feet to another landscape fixture.

Landscape lighting is intended to highlight a landscape feature and shall not illuminate beyond the subject feature it is intending to highlight.

(9) All light fixtures lawfully erected under County zoning regulations at the effective date of incorporation, annexation, or under previous zoning regulations in effect at the time of adoption of this Ordinance, or any amendment thereof, shall be deemed legal non-conforming until such time as the light fixture is replaced.

