WFPA CHRONICLE





Winter is here! And so is your Walker 2025 Winter Chronicle.
Serving the Walker, Big Bug and Potato Patch Communities.
We hope that you enjoy the articles, updates and photos that this edition contains.

Greetings Walker Community -

Before we get to our regular winter newsletter portion of this report, we wanted to follow up on a couple of videos we posted on the department's Facebook page related to planning and management of the fleet.

For the last five fire seasons, we've been sending apparatus out to assist with large fires outside our area. This work brings in meaningful revenue to the department but due to the nature of personnel requirements, it is not something that we can take for granted. This has created the dynamic of striking while the iron has been hot to use that revenue to make capital improvements to our fleet and facilities.

The wildland program at first came up with the down payment for Engine 83 (a grant and community donations paid for the rest) from sending out Brush 80. Engine 83 brings in more revenue and that raised most of the money for the new Engine 86, the green truck.



The wildland program fully covers the expense for the new Brush 80. The old Brush 80 is 20 years old and the rate it would get for fire assignments would now be reduced to the point of not making much sense to send out.

As the video on October 28th noted, we bought a new pickup truck, we will take the equipment off the old Brush 80 and put it on the new pickup truck which we estimate will save us \$150,000 versus buying a completely new brush truck.

The other capital improvement to mention is the addition of a second garage which is coming from revenue earned by the wildland program.

It won't quite look like this Copilot rendering but it gives a general idea. For years we've been stacking vehicles two deep in the main station house. The new garage will make day-to-day operations much easier, also the new Brush 80 will not fit stacked up with a water tender.

Continuing to send trucks out for wildland fire assignment is personnel dependent. If the program continues next year, we plan to upgrade one of the water tenders and from there,



maybe a second water tender. All three water tenders are very old and regardless of the ongoing success of the wildland program, they will need to be replaced at some point. The improvements we've been able to make thus far have been remarkable. We owe huge thanks to the community as well as to the personnel who make this all happen.

Thank you, Roger Nusbaum Fire Chief - Walker Fire Protection Association

From The Fire Chief:

We had some interesting calls for service in 2025 with a few challenging fires and the occasional helicopter landing but fortunately that was against a backdrop of a low intensity fire season. A little rain in June helped reduce the fire danger.



Last winter we upgraded our structure fire engine, Engine 86, as we wrote about in the spring and that truck was needed for several incidents during year. The new Engine 86 drives better than the old Engine 86 and is much easier to operate.

To reduce the chance of a structure fire, please get your chimney swept, leave interior doors closed because that limits a fire's ability to move through your house, make sure smoke detectors work or if they are more than ten years old, they should be replaced and make sure everyone knows where your fire extinguisher is.

Also, we would request that you do all you can to get your road/driveway plowed after any snowstorms as well as make use of the cinders left by the county in various places in our area including behind the firehouse. The community Facebook pages are great resources to see might be available for snow removal. The Fire Department cannot set the expectation of being able to drive through a foot or two of unplowed snow in trying to get to your house. We'd get out and walk if we had to but marching for a half mile in a foot of snow would take a while.

Thank you,
Roger Nusbaum
Fire Chief - Walker Fire Protection Association



From The President:

community /kə-myoo'nĭ-tē/ - noun "A group of people living in the same locality. The district or locality in which such a group lives. A group of people having common interests."

Community is a word I often use to describe Walker and the surrounding areas — including Potato Patch, Mountain Pine Acres, Hoot Owl, and beyond. It's a word we use within Walker Fire to describe those we rely on to support the WFPA, but also those we serve when help is needed.

It's more than just a word — it's something we should all think about. How are each of us giving back to our community? Are we checking in with our neighbors? Are we offering to help others? Are we looking for ways to make our *community* a wonderful place to live?

I see examples every day that make me proud to be part of this community — like the beautiful new sign made by a Potato Patch resident and installed near mailbox row that reads "Potato Patch — 4 miles." Or the residents who quietly fill potholes when no one's looking. Or the neighbor who notices a package at the mailboxes and drops it off for someone else. As you go out for a walk, hike, or drive, I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for ways to help keep our forest and roadsides clean. I often pick up trash along the way — and if each of us takes a moment to do the same, it adds up quickly. Keeping the area beautiful not only protects wildlife and preserves the land, but it also reminds us of the responsibility we share as stewards of this community.

I encourage everyone to welcome new residents when they move into the area and help them feel part of the Walker family. A simple wave, an introduction, or an offer to answer questions about roads, trash, snow conditions, or local services goes a long way. That personal connection is what keeps our community strong. Our community thrives because of those small acts of kindness and the shared pride we take in this place we call home. Whether it's helping a neighbor dig out after a snowstorm, volunteering at one of our summer events, or lending a hand to clear brush before fire season — each effort makes a difference.

If you haven't already, join the local **Walker and Potato Patch, AZ Bulletin Board** Facebook group and visit <u>walkerfire.org</u> to sign up for WFPA emails. It's the best way to stay informed about events, volunteer opportunities, and local news. Our annual gatherings — like the **Pancake Breakfast**, **Firefighter Appreciation Day**, **Fish Fry**, **Walker Day**, **Golf Tournament**, and more — are all wonderful ways to stay connected and meet others who care deeply about this community.

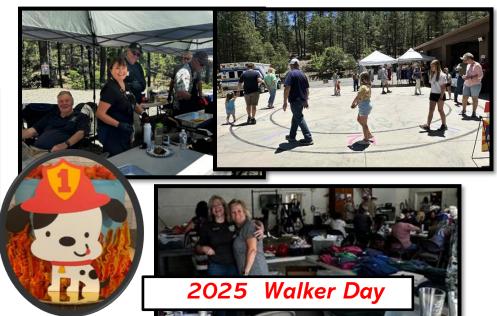
Thank you all for another year of support, service, and neighborly spirit.

On behalf of the entire Walker Fire Protection Association Board, I wish you and your families a **wonderful holiday season** and a **happy, healthy new year ahead.**

See you around the mountain, Clyde McKay, WFPA President



Photos Courtesy of : Patrice Aubrecht Shelley McKay



Walker Winter beauty!

JASON THIBODEAU

HARRY MANNING



WFPA - Board Meetings Are Held Monthly:

WFPA Board Meetings take place the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:15 am at the Fire Station. Everyone is welcome!

Can you Help The WFPA? We could use Volunteers at all of the special events, or with a fundraising effort. Volunteers make our events happen!!! We need 10 to 20 helpers for every event on set up, cooking/serving and on clean up, Walker Day, Fire Fighter's Appreciation Day, Pancake Breakfasts among other events. The WFPA is a fully donation and volunteer sponsored organization. There are so many ways to participate and meet your neighbors and help your community

Please email president@walkerfire.org and one of our volunteers will reach out to you with a big thank you and make it easy for you to become involved.

You can check out our webpage https://Walkerfire.org for info on events upcoming for the next year.



From The Treasurer:

Hello Walkerites! We are wrapping up another great event season and heading into winter. The WFPA still has a lot of work to do. This is the time we focus our efforts on rehabbing the station and outbuildings, planning next year's calendar and budget needs for the upcoming year.

We always do our best to report what has been done but I was asked to explain more about how we do it. I will start with how financially we are structured and managed.

The WFPA is responsible for funding the fire department. Over the years this has grown into 3 parts. The main part is the WFPA which obtains funds through donations, event proceeds and grants. These funds are used to operate the fire department.

The second part, WTCS (Walker Trash Collect Service) is a separate company owned by the WFPA for the purpose of household trash removal. This was started years ago to stop trash burning in the community and lessen fire danger. Leftover funds have been traditionally used to repair the parking lot after events like Chip and Haul. Any money left after that is used to support the fire department. The last several years have presented challenges like increased demand, illegal dumping costs and increases in insurance. We have made changes that have been effective in controlling costs which will yield a reduction in subscription costs for the first time.

The third part is our Wildland Program. This is where we send people and equipment outside our area to fight fires and provide medical support. Many incidents require more manpower than what can be provided locally so the Federal government has means to call in other qualified department through state Wildland agencies. Use of the equipment and people are reimbursed at a contracted rate.

This is used by many departments as a way to raise funds for fleet replacement. This is how we manage the program and after expenses the proceeds are set aside for such purposes.

All 3 parts are managed under the WFPA by the board of directors but focusing on them separately has allowed us to ensure they are providing the best return for the fire department and community.

Our community has generously provided to build this Fire Department, and your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Lance Gilbert Treasurer, WFPA



Photos Courtesy of Chief Nusbaum

<u>Walker Trash Collection Services – UPDATE 2026:</u> The rates are \$225.00 for 12 months for the calendar year, \$150.00 for 6 months.

We operate this service for your convenience and to avoid people burning their garbage, especially during the dry months. We want to thank all of our residents for their cooperation

and support with the new electronic lock system. Since implementing this system, we have seen a significant reduction in illegal dumping. This has led to cost savings for the program. We are please to pass on these savings back to the Community by lowering the annual subscription pricing. Your participation and continued support help keep this program efficient, affordable and sustainable for everyone in Walker.

THIS SERVICE IS FOR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY!

If the dumpsters are full,... PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE your trash on the ground.

Please take all other materials to the dump. The City of Prescott Transfer Station is located at 2800 Sundog Ranch Road.

The Walker Trash Collection Services website is located at https://walkertrashcollectionservice.com If you see anyone dumping illegally, or issues with the dumpsters or locks, please contact Louie Reale or Bill Good.

Louie Reale – (602)494-3175 / I.reale@walkerfire.org Bill Good – (480)329-8090 / b.good@walkerfire.org

WCAA Walker Firewise Update:

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) sponsors Firewise USA®. Their motto is: "**Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks.**" Each community sponsor must renew its membership annually to qualify as a Firewise USA® community. Walker Community Action Alliance (WCAA) is no exception. One of the requirements is to show a \$33.49 investment per resident dwelling in the community. Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out a time sheet this year. We exceeded our requirements and then some, by a lot! Due to your participation, WCAA was awarded a certificate to function as WCAA Walker Firewise for the year 2026.

Walker residents certainly demonstrated the NFPA motto with this year's Walker Firewise Chip and Haul event. All previous records were broken. There were (59), 40-yard bins filled with chips and delivered to a local vendor for recycling. Your generous donations along with a Yavapai County grant and a donation from WCAA, paid for it. Thank You.

In addition, WCAA would like to thank Walker Fire Protection Association (WFPA) for providing a place to hold the Chip and Haul event and effectively managing the momentous pile of brush. At this time, the date for the 2026 event has not been set. With the new fire station building project underway, scheduling and staging areas may change. WCAA and WFPA are actively working together to review options and explore improvements to make next year's event even smoother and more beneficial for the entire community.

Did you know? Chip and Haul is only one of the many projects in which WCAA Walker Firewise is involved. In addition to various forest conservation projects, we offer free Wildfire Risk Assessments for individual properties and obtain grants to help homeowners cover the cost of treating their properties to reduce wildfire risk. Studies have shown that homes with a nonflammable roof and 30-60 feet of vegetation clearance have a 95% survival rate, and those with only a 30-foot clearance had an 86% survival rate.

Contact us: walkerfirewise@gmail.com if your property needs treatment. Visit: www.walkerfirewise.org.

A community working together is a community worth supporting!



About the WFPA and How You Fund Our Services:

We are a Member funded/driven, not for profit, section 501(c)(3) volunteer organization formed 50+ years ago by Walker Members like you. The WFPA provides the first line of defense between hazard and safety for the Walker community.

The WFPA receives minimal to no funding from the government and has historically had to rely on 35% to 40% of the Walker Membership to donate 100% of it's annual operating budget.

Fire department volunteers and your Board are extremely frugal and have managed the departments finances prudently in both good and bad times and through several challenging recessions. The department has no debt and a reasonable Cash reserve to insulate it from any unforeseen events. However, without increasing the financial participation of our members, equipment upgrades or additions will be out of reach and added services out of the question.



We need your help!

Participating Walker Members that have already made their 2025 donations reward our hard working volunteers with funds to provide insurance protection, safe equipment and continuous training in order to serve you better... a handsome return of your investment dollars.

Any one of the many calls each year could have become a much more serious incident to a Members well being or property.

Please review the following donation information and consider the significant community benefits provided by your volunteers at the WFPA... and please contribute

Donation Payment Methods:

- 1. **Check** Make Checks payable to the WFPA, complete the donation slip and return to: Walker Fire Protection Association P.O. Box 10174, Prescott, AZ 86303
- 2. **Paypal** Use the PayPal link on our website at www/walkerfire.org. If you use PayPal, you do not need to send in the donation slip. Keep a copy of your receipt because your donation to the WFPA is tax deductible.
- 3. **Zelle** You can use Zelle as an option treasurer@walkerfire.org

You can update your personal info on our website by selecting the "Contact Us" form.

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WFPA - 2026 Community Calendar of Events

January 10th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am	
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February 14th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am	
March 14th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am	
April 11th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am	
April 11th	Fish Fry	5 pm - 7 pm	
April 25th	Pancake Breakfast	8 am - 10 am	
May 9th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am	
May 9th	Fish Fry	5 pm - 7 pm	
May 16th	Bingo	4 pm - 7 pm	
May 23rd	Annual Meeting	8 am - 11:30 am	
	and Pancake Breakfa	ast	
June 6th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am	
June 6th	Fish Fry	5 pm - 7 pm	
June 13th	Walker Family Day	11 am - 2 pm	
June 20th	Bingo	4 pm - 7 pm	
June 27th	Pancake Breakfast	8 am - 11:30 am	
July 11th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am	
July 11th	Fish Fry	5 pm - 7 pm	
July 19th	Bingo	4 pm - 7 pm	
July 26th	Pancake Breakfast	8 am - 11:30 am	

August 8th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am		
August 8th	Fish Fry	5 pm - 7 pm		
August 15th	Bingo	4 pm - 7 pm		
August 22nd	Pancake Breakfast	8 am - 11:30 am		
August 29th	Fire Fighter	4 pm - 7 pm		
	Appreciation Day &	Luau		
September 12th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am		
September 12th	Fish Fry	5 pm - 7 pm		
September 19th	WFPA Cowboy Ball	4 pm - 7 pm		
September 26th	Pancake Breakfast	8 am - 11:30 am		
October 4th	3rd Annual WFPA Golf Tournament	9am Start - 3 pm		
October 10th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am		
October 10th	Fish Fry	5 pm - 7 pm		
November 14th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am		
December 12th	Board Meeting	9:15 am - 10 am		
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See Walkerfire.org - Event Calendar for more info Sign up for WFPA Emails / Newsletters

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING - WE NEED YOU!

WINTER AND STORM PREPARATION LIST:

Recommendations -plan for minimum of 3 to 5 days

Stock up on Essentials -

Food; drinking Water; RX / Prescriptions Emergency Kit --- first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, blankets

Prepare your home

Fire wood; propane; Snow shovels; working carbon monoxide detectors; cinders / salt; Ice Scrapers; change air filters; chains for vehicles; tap water (for toilets, wash up, dishes); drinking water.

Prepare for yourself - Crampons for shoes, snow boots; outwear; gloves.



Walker Merchandise ---

Many great thanks and appreciation go out to all of you for making this past season one of the greatest merchandise sales history! We, as well as the fire department (WFPA), are grateful and truly proud of the amazing contributions and to be able to call you all our friends and neighbors!



Our Hawaiian themed Firefighter Appreciation / Luau Day and our Vintage WFPA support items were a big success this past year. Be looking for something similar this upcoming season. We are working on a new logo for 2026. A new design dedicated to our beloved "Mama" bear and her cubs! Stay tuned! She was a big part of our community and is truly missed! We love our wildlife! Big or small, we love them!

We are always looking for extra hands to help. If you are interested in joining our team or just helping for an event or two, feel free to send an email to myself (Tiffany) or Karen.

Tiffany- Serenity92131@yahoo.com // Karen- 1karengonzo@gmail.com

Check out our Merchandise at https://Walkerfire.org





The WFPA Board would like to thank Karen Gonzalez for her years of dedicated service and leadership on the Walker WFPA merchandise program. We appreciate that she will continue to help at the events. And we welcome Tiffany Flowers as our new Merchandise Lead and look forward to working with her.

2025-2nd Annual WFPA Golf Tournament at Antelope Hills Golf Course

It was another great turnout for the 2nd Annual WFPA Golf Tournament this year. We had over 80 players. Eighteen Hole Sponsors and (40) raffle prize donators. Thank you to Jeff Anderson for his energy and time on setting this up and all the volunteers that assisted with that day! We raised \$ 11,454 for Walker Fire! Check out the WalkerFire webpage Gallery for all the photos on that day.



NEW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - Yavapai County residents are encouraged to sign up.

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Yavapai County Emergency Management, is announcing an important change to the county's emergency notification system. Effective immediately Yavapai County is transitioning from the Everbridge platform to the new Smart911 / RAVE Alert Emergency Notification System.

This system delivers urgent public safety information quickly and reliably, including wildfire evacuations, severe weather alerts, missing persons, road closures, and other life-safety emergencies.

All residents, businesses, and community members are strongly encouraged to register immediately for Smart911 / RAVE to continue receiving emergency alerts.



Registration is quick and easy: Visit https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action.. or Text alertYAVAPAI to 78015. Create your profile with home, work, and family contact details. If you had Everbridge account, your information may have been transferred over.



Ready, Set, Go!

This is a nationwide program adopted by the 15 Arizona Sheriffs that educates residents about proactive measures to take before an emergency and actions to follow when communities are threatened. For more information, please visit https://ein.az.gov/ready-set-go

Yavapai County Community Health Emergency Preparedness – Functional Needs Evacuation



The purpose of this is to assist emergency response agencies in locating, providing warning to, and if possible, evacuating persons with functional needs in case of emergency. The development of a personal evacuation plan is still highly encouraged. This is not meant to be a primary evacuation plan for any household, as emergency responders can be overwhelmed during an incident and evacuation through emergency services cannot be guaranteed. To access this form, go to www.yavapaiaz.gov/CHS (Click Health Services, then Click Forms).





WFPA Website

The Website is a good source for the latest news and announcement of events concerning our Walker Community. You can read about upcoming Board meetings, community gatherings and scheduled firefighter training.

If you would like to be part of the WFPA community directory and receive emails, please go to https://www.walkerfire.org. Click on "REGISTER" on the top right corner of the home page.

You can also visit the Walker Fire Department Facebook page for pictures, posts and the latest news www.facebook.com/WalkerFire

FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY!

This year's Fire Fighter Appreciation Day – Luau event was a huge success! Over 200 people gathered together to acknowledge and thank the Walker Fire Chief and Firefighters for their continued protection for our Walker Community.

We thank everyone for attending, and for the many volunteers that cook and serve the delicious Pig Roast, and those that set up and clean up for the event.

It was a successful day for donations and big thanks to the resident that donated towards all the food!! That means a lot to the Crew and our Community!



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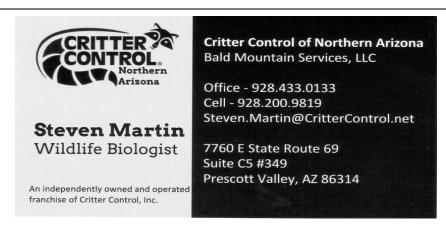
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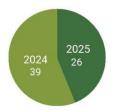


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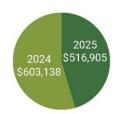
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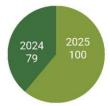
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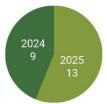
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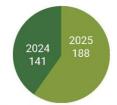


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Vacant Land Median Sold Price





Vacant Land Price Per Acre Vacant Land Median Days on Market

New Initiatives I'm Rolling Out in 2026

- Advanced video and drone marketing
- Land conceptual home designs
- · Expanded home staging and presentation tools
- New partnerships to better support clients and business growth

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