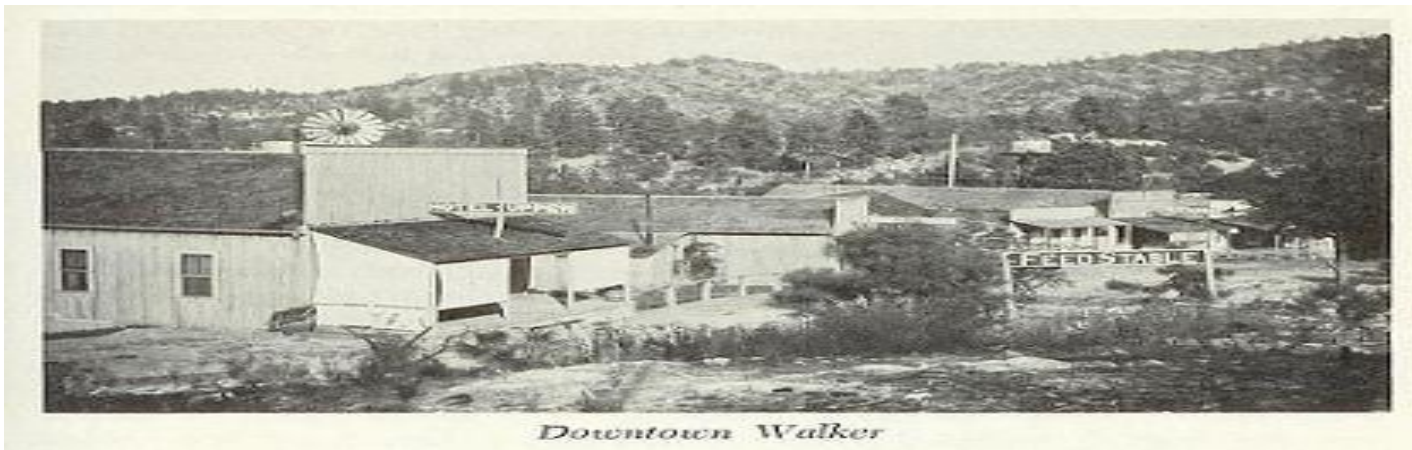


# THE WALKER CHRONICLE



## SERVING WALKER, BIG BUG AND POTATO PATCH AREAS

### We Need Committee Members

The WFPA Board has formed several committees and needs your help! We are seeking members who have an expertise or interest assisting in the following:

- Facilities Committee - Funding Committee - Regulatory Committee -
- Volunteers/Training Committee - Community Outreach Committee -
- Facilities and Equipment Committee

We are setting some very high goals for the WFPA in 2013 and need our Members help to reach them! Even a few hours can make a difference. You can view the Planning Committee Worksheet in our website ([www.walkerfire.org](http://www.walkerfire.org)), for more detail. Please email us at [walker-bod@walkerfire.org](mailto:walker-bod@walkerfire.org) if you are interested.



### The Fall 2012 WFPA Member Survey

The WFPA wants to hear from you! We have over 1,000 property owners in the area served by the WFPA and we would really like to know what is on your mind regarding our fire department. So, to that end, the WFPA has put together 16 quick questions that will help us understand your community profile and what you feel is important in the planning future of our fire department.

The survey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WFPAMemberSurvey112012> and is conducted through SurveyMonkey, a well-known and respected survey site. Just copy the preceding link into your web browser and you will immediately be taken to the survey. Or if you prefer a paper survey, you may call Bill Loughrige, Board President (480-223-8034), and he will mail a survey to you. All responses are confidential and will provide the Board and Fire Chief with valuable information about how you think our fire department is doing and if there are other services you would like to see our WFPA offer. We ask that you complete the survey only once per household and that your responses are candid and constructive. We are hoping for strong participation to reach the greatest number of our Members ever. We really want your input!

## *FROM THE PRESIDENT...*

We have had another productive, successful and exciting season.

The Gladiator Fire brought us the reality of our fragile environment and the importance our fire departments responsiveness. It really pulled our community together on many levels. We had neighbors reaching out to neighbors to share information and our email communications were broadened. We are very thankful to the Forest Service Fire fighting teams that were able to control the fire to an area only miles from us.

Our Fire Fighters and EMT's have continued with their training with major assistance from the Mayer FD. We have an outstanding group of individuals and our pool of Volunteer's continue to grow as well as becoming better prepared.

This was demonstrated in the recent structure fire on Walker Road. Twenty-one volunteers answered the call. Prescott FD and the Central Yavapai FD also arrived to help.

The Type I Structure Fire Truck we purchased this year was used. It's quite a truck and preformed as we expected it to (it's a Beast). This truck and the structure training our volunteers have received has helped improve our fire department.

A Big Thank You to Fire Chief Roger Nusbaum and his team of Volunteers!

I know the community understands and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of these volunteers. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fire Fighter Appreciation Day / Pig Roast was attended by over 150 people and it was a great event.

In addition to the new Type I Truck we purchased this year, the community contributed the funds to construct a building on the Big Bug. Housing a fire truck there should contribute to faster response times to any calls in that area. A big thank you to those who contributed time, skills and additional funding to help this project become a reality.



We hope to do the same at Potato Patch/ Misty Mountain Loop area. (Breezy Pines too)

There continues to be a large Firewise effort to clean up our forest. Loren Bykerk headed up the program and we literally hauled tons of flammable slash away. He has acquired additional grant money for the coming months. More information will be coming.

Once again, we have a good Board of dedicated Community Members.

## *AND MORE FROM THE PRESIDENT..*

We are working to stabilize our finances. You will see some funding ideas floated including a pledge drive in order for future Boards to better plan our Budgets. A survey is being drafted and its website link is included in this Newsletter. We value your feedback.

While we depend primarily on mailed in donations for the major source of our budget, our fund raising events such as Walker Day and the Rummage Sale are hugely successful too. They are fun events. Bingo and the Pancake Breakfasts are humming along as well.

Thanks to all who participate in the fun and volunteer their time for such events.

I have no idea what makes the Bingo so much fun. It's not a big fund raiser, players only pay a onetime fee and play all night. Myra Nathenson has been bringing a 6-foot long sandwich and there is a variety of Pot Luck Food. I think it has to do with every number being exciting, disappointing and anticipated. John Horvat calls the numbers and tells some awful (but funny) jokes. It is a great social atmosphere and hard to beat.

The Pancake Breakfasts are another great social gathering. The Kids can't wait to get into the creek, pick and eat the Blackberries (there is a Blackberry bush on the edge of the apron at the Fire Station). One Saturday there was a hatch of Lady Bugs. Four girls 5, 6, 7 and 9 spent the morning squealing and putting those bugs in their hair. You cannot get better experiences than that at Disneyland.

All of us have our own special memories from our experiences in Walker area. Mine started when I was 5 years old. All my kids and now the grandchildren are experiencing the quiet peaceful life here.

The WFPA has operated for over 40 years with your support. There are many individuals, formally and informally, that are working hard, sharing their expertise and talents to better this Department for the community.

I want to Thank You for your many outstanding accomplishments and the continued movement forward on all our initiatives to better our WFD services.

**Bill Loughrige**

## **WALKER COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

The Website is your 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. The site also contains the community directory, sections for Walker history, forest service issues and more. To be part of our Community Website Directory and to be included in our e-mail data base, go to [www.walkerfire.org](http://www.walkerfire.org) and click on the "Create an Account" link on the left side of the home page in order to go to the registration page. When you finish filling out the form click the Register button and you are done!

## FROM THE TREASURER...

When my wife Flo and I moved to Walker two years ago, we loved the area but had only met a few folks. In short order, we attended numerous potluck dinners (which added to my pot) and had made many new friends. We were struck by the diversity of people we met but hadn't met anyone we didn't like. But then came the dreaded words... *Fire Department*. These words invoked incredible divisiveness between people that I had never seen in any other community. We listened to folks with all sorts of opinions and there seemed to be no room for civil discourse. I figured there had to be some fix to the drama, so I agreed (after Myra Nathanson broke my arm) to run for the board in May of 2011.

So here we are a year and a half later with a board that has divergent views but at all times has shown respect for each other. So what changed? The board not only listened to each other's opinions, we have gone out of our way to listen to the community's opinions. Whether it was *do we need a new truck for ISO* or *what kind of a truck should it be* we held public forums to hear folk's opinions. All this has led to an improved mood in the neighborhood.

Ok, so now I'm the treasurer. Wow, what a job this is. The first thing I did was to get the past three treasurers to come over to the house for coffee to discuss how the job of treasurer should be handled. The most important thing to come from that meeting is that the job has out-grown the ability of a volunteer to perform it.... unless they don't have any other life. So here is what we have now. We have a PO Box where our mail will be sent. This mailbox is monitored by our bookkeeper. He will pull all checks and accounting information. Donor data will also be maintained by our bookkeeper and kept accurate with the help of Joyce Loughridge and Russ Courtney. Bottom line is we have developed a system that will continue to work when treasurers come and go from year to year.

Our finances remain strong, but fundraising though up a considerable amount from the year before, still needs to be grown. There are yet many folks who do not donate. In keeping with the board's desire to hear various opinions, Greg Stava has agreed to head a planning committee which will look at what the community wants from the fire department and how it will be paid for.

For now, I urge all those who have not donated in this fiscal year to do so. It's the only way we will be able to serve you. And to those who have given and increased their donations... thank you.

**Vic Hencken, WFPA Treasurer**



### LEAVE A LEGACY

If you have been helped by our Walker Fire Department, or maybe over the years you have been a volunteer and you believe in our future, you might want to leave a gift for Walker Fire in your will or trust. This gift could be in your memory or in the memory of a loved one for a specific use.

It makes perfect sense to leave gifts that will enhance our community and support the good work that benefits all of us.

For more information, email [walker-bod@walkerfire.org](mailto:walker-bod@walkerfire.org)

# FROM THE FIRE CHIEF..



## Wildfire season

After starting out with a scare from the Gladiator Fire in May, the 2012 wildfire season came and went uneventfully for Walker and our neighboring communities. Of course the possibility for a wildfire always exists and so everyone needs to be conscientious when doing any kind of activity that involves fire.



## Firefighting training

This has been a very productive year for firefighter training. We have had 12 firefighters successfully complete the Basic Firefighter Skills class which is a great stepping stone to more advanced structure fire training in the future. We now have 16 of our firefighters trained in hazmat awareness or operations which is a new field of study for our department. We hope to close out the year with technical rescue training which is also new for the department.

## High participation rate

We routinely have 15-20 firefighters come to our twice monthly trainings which is a fantastic turnout. This shows a deep sense of commitment on the part of the volunteers to serve the community and strengthen the department. We can always use more volunteers. We typically have training on the first and third Saturdays of the month, there is some classroom work and a physical requirement to be a firefighter. It is fun and challenging work and if you would like to learn more please send an email to [fire-chief@walkerfire.org](mailto:fire-chief@walkerfire.org) or call the station at 777-2424.

## What to do for a medical call

If you dial 911 for any sort of medical call the EMTs and Paramedics that arrive will need a list of medications that the patient takes. The best way to prepare for this is to write out one list of medications for each person in the home and post the lists on the side of your refrigerator. This will save having to remember a potentially long list of names in favor of just remembering that the list is on the fridge.

It would also be helpful if someone could go outside to flag down the first responding medical team. This could be a helpful neighbor who does this for you or if there is a third person at home when the call is made.

## Substation on Big Bug Rd

Some very exciting news is that we now have a substation on Big Bug Rd near Herrin Hollow and Randy Lane. This should allow for a faster response to a fire up there which in reality means allowing qualified eyes to safely assess the incident and more quickly call for the correct resources needed. A big thanks for this goes out to Mark Herrin and all the neighbors in the Big Bug area who came together to make this happen.

## Burn Permits

To be compliant with county ordinances on burning, the correct procedure for burning is to go to the City website to apply for a permit. If burning is allowed then this will be a rubber stamp process that will then notify Walker Fire. If burning is not permitted (usually due to high winds) then the website will not let you even apply for the permit. <http://www.cityofprescott.net/services/fire/permits/>

The only time to call the Walker Station or the Fire Chief about burning is if you are trying to obtain a variance during burn restrictions which usually run from early May until mid-July which is roughly the duration of the fire season. We would request that any activity requiring a variance instead be completed before or after the fire season.

## Water use agreements

For anyone who emailed in offering their water tank for use during an emergency, we hope to get legal paperwork out to you this fall. The next step after that would be to relay information about any plumbing needs for the water tanks. We can always use more water so if you have not already done so, we can use your help. Please email [fire-chief@walkerfire.org](mailto:fire-chief@walkerfire.org) if you would be willing to let the fire department access your water tank during an emergency.

## Prepare for winter

Now that it is getting colder and more of us will be using our fire places or stoves, it is important to make sure that you do so safely. Please make sure your chimneys and stove pipes have been adequately cleaned and while you're at it please check all of your smoke detectors.

Thank you,  
Roger Nusbaum, Fire Chief

**The Fire Station is unattended,  
so if you have an emergency ....Call 911**

## 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 over forty 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 no funding from the government and has historically relied on 35% to 40% of the Walker Membership that donate 100% of it's operating revenues.

Your WFPA Board and fire department volunteers are extremely frugal and have managed the departments finances prudently over several challenged years. The department has no debt and a reasonable cash reserve to insulate it from an unforeseen events. However, without increasing the financial participation of our Members, equipment upgrades or additions may be out of reach and added services out of the question. We need your help.

For those Walker Members that have contributed their 2012 dues, thank you. If you have been unable to consider a donation in the past and are now able, or have overlooked your donation for the current year, please complete the attached donation form and forward your dues in the envelope enclosed with this mailing. Please remember the one-in-three or four Members that are carrying the full financial load for your fire department can use your help. They are the dedicated volunteers, your neighbors and friends and are just as committed to protecting your property as theirs. Please consider lending them financial your support with a donation to the WFPA.

**Please make your check payable to WFPA. We ask that you return the tear-off donation slip with your donation and note any updates to your personal information so we can keep our records current and you "connected."**

Mail your donation to: Walker Fire Protection Association  
P.O. Box 10174  
Prescott, AZ 86304

Remember to keep a copy of your remittance as a dues payment or donation to the WFPA is tax deductible.

-----Tear Off and Return-----



-Please note any informational changes below and insert form and donation in the enclosed envelope-

# Walker Fire Protection Association 2012 Annual Dues Drive

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Walker Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount:  \$250.00 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed:  Visa:  Master Card:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include me in all Walker emails and news

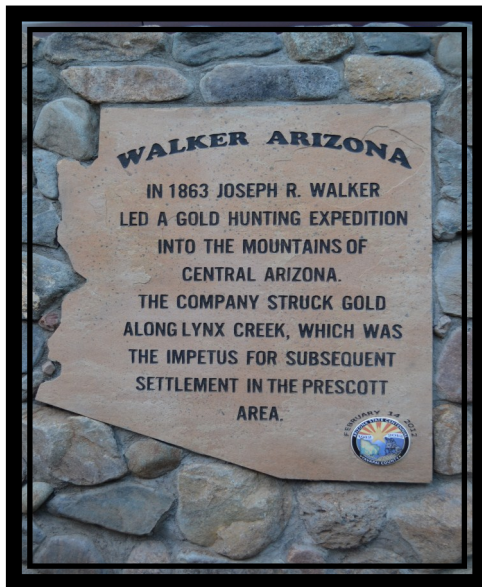
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## **Annual Meeting Updates-**

In June, our Membership approved the new 2012 Amended and Restated By Laws. The last By Law modification was over ten years ago in 2001

### **Your 2012-2013 Board:**

Bill Loughrige-President (re-elected)  
Chuck Bowers-Vice President (newly elected)  
Russ Courtney-Secretary (newly elected)  
Vic Hencken-Treasurer  
John Ohanesian  
Greg Stava  
Scott Stratmann (newly elected)



## **2013 WFPA PROJECTS**

### **Projects Still in Process or Consideration**

(Your 2012 and 2013 Donations will be tremendously appreciated)

PLACE FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES IN BREEZY PINES AND POTATO PATCH-Shortens response times to reports of fire calls

REPLACE AGING FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES-Two of our fleet needs to be replaced

COMPLETE NEEDED MAINTENANCE ON THE FIRE STATION-Move the Generator, Build More Storage Space

POUR A CONCRETE LANDING PAD FOR THE EMERGENCY HELICOPTER-The Native Air Pilot made this request

CONTINUE EXTENSIVE TRAINING AND PREPARATION FOR OUR UPCOMING ISO REVIEW-Much Needed Operational Expertise to Ensure the Best of the WFPA

ADDED COMMUNITY SERVICES DRIVEN BY THE SURVEY RESPONSES?

## WALKER FIRE AUXILIARY (WFA)

Exactly, what is the WFA? Simply, the WFA is an organization that serves with the discretion of the WFA Board of Directors, and is responsible to the Board for its various functions and activities. We try to help the Board in any way we can with their various events throughout the year and are now starting to plan for 2013.

We had a successful 2012 with the return of Walker day, thanks to John Ohanesian and a great group of volunteers. This fundraiser was a great success with over 400 area residents and friends visiting to enjoy the live music, BBQ, games for the kids and to renew neighborhood friendships. The event started with the traditional yard sale at 9AM, Walker Day fun at 11AM and was wrapped up by announcing the silent auction and 50/50 raffle winners at 2:30.

The third annual Firefighter Appreciation Day and pig roast was another great success. Over 150 area residents turned out to honor our volunteer firefighters and enjoy a good ole fashioned pig roast with family and friends. This was the best attended, most enthusiastic two hour party we have ever had. This is a "no donation" event sponsored by the WFA, supported by our community and to honor our volunteers for all they do for Walker.



The "all you can eat" pancake breakfast was a continuing favorite. The breakfasts are held on the last Saturday of the month from April through October and are always with all the pancake trimmings and a nice opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors. This is a donation event and every penny goes to support the fire department.



## *WALKER FIRE AUXILIARY (WFA) con't.*

Bingo nights (April through October), is also a favorite and continues to grow in popularity. Nearly 60 area residents and friends show up to enjoy what has become a fun community pot luck... with cash prizes. Nearly 1/2 of all the money brought in is paid out in prizes and the rest goes to support your fire department. Can't beat that payout!



These community events are what make Walker the unique community that it is. If you have never attended any of these functions, you are really missing a lot of fun and an opportunity to create memories and friends that you and your family will remember forever.

### **A VERY IMPORTANT Note.....**

Remember, our homes are in an area susceptible to fire. If this should happen, you, your family and friends that visit should have an evacuation plan. The Yavapai Sheriff's Jeep Posse will manage the evacuation. However, just in case you are separated from your family in this unhappy type of situation, it will make it much better if you have a plan to meet at a specific location. It is then everyone's job to get there and stay there. Having someone to call to leave messages or your family able to retrieve voice messages is a good idea. Be sure to include pets. These plans can be as simple as meet at the Safeway in Prescott Valley (The Costco will be a zoo) or an advanced plan with bug-out bags, food supplies and detailed instructions. Anything is better than nothing.

Is your fire extinguisher up to date? What? You don't have a fire extinguisher? Uh-Oh, they are cheap enough and can save you!

Smoke Detectors save lives. Not if their batteries are dead. When was the last time you checked them?

Make sure you have CO2 detectors too! Less glamour, but can be just as important.



## WALKER AREA REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Courtesy of Sharon Bencze, High Country Realty, LLC

### CABINS/HOMES

As of October 25, 2012, there have been 28 cabins/homes sold this year--6 of which were bank-owned properties and 4 were short sales. (In 2011, total cabins/homes sold was 34--16 of which were bank-owned properties and 3 were short sales.)

There are 29 cabins/homes on the market right now---1 of which is bank-owned and 2 are short sales. 8 of the 29 have contracts pending on them.



### VACANT LAND

As far as vacant land is concerned, there have been only 4 sales in 2012--1 of which was bank-owned. (In 2011, total land sales was 6--2 of which were bank-owned and 1 was a short sale.)

There are 36 parcels of vacant land on the market right now---2 of which have contracts pending on them.

As you can see, total sales for 2012 will likely end up being very comparable to 2011. In general, our selling prices were lower this year than last. However, our number of bank-owned properties is way down--which is a VERY GOOD sign!

Number of properties on the market right now is almost exactly the same as last year at this time.

Above includes only those properties listed/sold through the Prescott MLS.

For additional information or if you have questions,  
please call Sharon at 928-308-3338 or 928-759-9664.

**BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD**

**MONTHLY**

**The 2nd Saturday of each month**

**9:00 AM at the Fire Station**

**Everyone is Welcome**

**Local**

**Support...**

**Local**

**Patronage**

# NEW WFPA STATION 82 ON BIG BUG!

The new WFPA Station 82 in Big Bug is finished and we're moved in! Total contributions in monetary donations were a little over \$25,000, and other contributions totaling approximately \$15,000 made it all possible. This station has been a goal of the department for over ten years, so it's been great to see it finally come to fruition. The generous commitment in time, labor, materials and of course money, of the Big Bug neighbors/WFPA Members, various trades and volunteers are to thank for this big accomplishment.

The new station now houses Patrol # 81 ("P-81") and affords a big jump in response time for the area. P- 81 is a fully equipped fire protection brush truck outfitted with compressed air foam. In the event of a fire call, this vehicle will provide first response capabilities that may buy precious time while other trucks and manpower are en route for support.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE EMBRACED THIS PROJECT IN ORDER TO HELP FACILITATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL!!!!

## GROUNDBREAKING:

## COMPLETED STATION:



# YOUR TAX DOLLARS- COMING BACK TO WALKER TO IMPROVE WALKER



## Roadwork on Walker Road

If you haven't heard, the Yavapai County will be making major improvements to Walker Road, starting from Costco to the intersection of Walker Road and Bug Mesa Road. Roadwork began on Monday 10/22/12 to replace the old cattle guard and is expected to be completed (weather permitting), by December 18, 2012. Construction crews are on the job site Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6 pm. The resurfacing project work is being conducted by Asphalt Paving & Supply in conjunction with the Yavapai County Department of Public Works.

## Roadwork on Big Bug Mesa Road

The Big Bug Mesa Road work will begin as soon as funding is received from the Forest Service. Likely timing is spring. Funding is coming from a grant of Title II monies. This effort has been pushing forward for over three years, persistence after several years and applications resulted in working up the priority list each time. Although the request was for \$150,000 originally in total funding, reductions in available federal funds resulted in an approved amount of \$90,000. Still a big win for much needed improvements on Big Bug Road! Per Mark Herrin, a significant participant in this effort, "we will be cleaning out the bar ditches and culverts, contouring the roadway, and then applying a cover coat of spec grade AB gravel. It will make the roadway far better than its ever been since I've been around."



## EPA to Earmark \$1,000,000 in Remediation funds for the "Sheldon Project"

The EPA informed the WFPA Board this summer that they planned to inspect and repair past remediation performed on the Sheldon mine site.

Dan Shane of the EPA is the project manager for this effort and has advised that release of funds for this work may occur in December with work being started in April. As you may recall from our email blast in August, the Sheldon Project (the mine tailings and waste rock sites at approximately Sheldon and Mary May Roads), will involve the capping the breached areas of each of the sites with soil from a borrow pit in Walker. There will also be repair work done on the Gabion wall which supports the bottom of the waste rock pile, contiguous to the wash that eventually empties into Lynx Creek. The project may be split into two phases with the tailings work IN Phase 1. The EPA will also coordinate this effort with the county (roadwork/improved drainage), the Forest Service (borrow pits/some site access) and our community to ensure as little disruption as possible during this work.

This project is focused on the containment of mining waste by "capping" the sites to lessen runoff into the creek beds and the transfer downstream. The project cost is estimated at approximately \$1 million, this is a secondary containment project of the sites following the joint effort in 1975 by the EPA, Forestry Service and the University of Arizona. The WFPA has provided detailed maps of the area to assist in logistics and traffic concerns and will invite Dan Shane to one of its board meetings to detail the plan once funds are released and the project timing confirmed. Stay tuned, we will forward an updated email blast when available.

## FIREWISE in WALKER

This year Walker Firewise conducted two Chipper Days. The first, in January, which utilized the last of the Title III Forest grant funds acquired in 2011 and in June, the second was financed by a cooperative joint grant from the Walker Fire Protection Association (WFPA) and the Walker Community Action Alliance (WCAA). Both events were very successful. However, the June Chipper Day accomplishments were huge. Four 40-yard containers were filled and a large pile of overflow chips were deposited on the ground for the community's use and all have been utilized. Many thanks to everyone who donated their time and helped make this chipper day one to remember. Also, a special thank you goes out to the Smokey Pines chipping crew for their long, arduous hours of hard work.

This year also saw the WCAA successfully acquire two new grants to help Walker citizens reduce the fire fuel load on their properties. Combined, these two grants will infuse \$88,950 of funding into the Walker Communities for 2013 Firewise programs. Upon securing the new grant funds, your Firewise Committee will initially contact homeowners on the list of unmitigated properties followed by new requests for mitigation.

The Firewise Committee wishes to thank the following for their letters of support, which helped secure the yet unfunded State Forestry Assistance (WFHF) Grant of \$48,200.

Kurt Wetzstein – Prescott National Forest

William Loughrige – Chairman, WFPA

Roger Nusbaum – Walker Fire Chief

The Walker Firewise Committee is tentatively planning the following activities for 2013.

1. Needle Week – (Spring, tentatively April or May -TBD) A weeklong event is planned to allow for Spring cleanup of pine needles, leaf litter and small tree limbs.
2. Firewise Day – (Also in Spring) A day of educational opportunities for citizens to speak to experts about how to best protect their homes from a devastating forest fire.
3. Two Chipper Days – (Summer) One Chipper Day planned for mid and the other for late Summer.
4. Ongoing – Your Firewise Committee members will be conducting free assessments of “Home Ignition Zones” (HIZ) and assisting home owners with vendor contracts for conducting mitigation of their individual HIZ. In addition, under the auspices of our newly acquired grants there will be other opportunities to provide homeowners with education and assistance in implementing techniques to increase the protection of people and property from wildfires. As always, the goal of the Firewise Committee is to create a mosaic of mitigated properties within the greater Walker area to help minimize the risk of a potential wildfire.

For more information please visit our website at [www.walkerfirewise.org](http://www.walkerfirewise.org) or contact us at [walkerfirewise@gmail.com](mailto:walkerfirewise@gmail.com).

**Walker Firewise Committee:**

**Loren Bykerk—Chairman**

**Chuck Bowers**

**Tim McFarlan**

**Roger Nusbaum**



## WALKER TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES

Walker Trash Collection Service continues to provide fee for service household trash disposal to its members. Dumpsters are located on the Fire Department property behind the Fire Station at: 5881 S. Walker Rd.

Effective January 1, 2013, Patriot Disposal will be the provider of the dumpsters. Patriot will sort the trash and remove the recyclable material. You will no longer need to sort your garbage, Patriot will do that for us.

The 6-month subscription was used by several families and did not hurt the revenue of the LLC.

The fees for 2013 are due January 1<sup>st</sup> and we will change the lock combinations on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The fees are as follows:

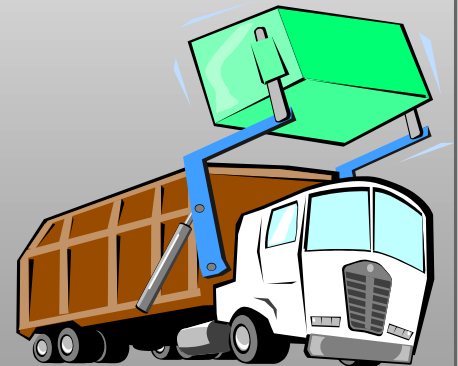
Full Year = \$180.00 (\$15 a month)

6 Months = \$120 for 6 months (\$20.00 a month)

Occasional users on a one time basis = \$30.00 a month

These services are for household garbage and not for construction clean up or pine needles.

There is a link on the web site at [walkefire.org](http://walkefire.org) where you can find the agreement. Send your checks and signed agreement to the WTCS 5881 S Walker Rd 86303. Bill Loughrige (480) 223-8034 oversees the bookkeeping and Shad Bruce and Linda Emmett (928) 778-2566 handle the mail, locks and any issues with the dumpsters.



## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

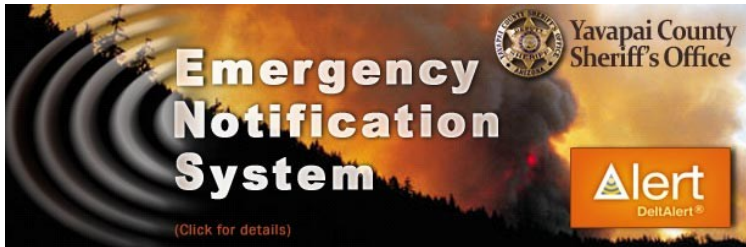
Hello Walkerites,

When you are away tell a neighbor to watch and be aware of any unusual activity. Deter theft whatever way you can, light timers, motion detector lighting, etc.

If you see something suspicious call Sheriff's office at 928-771-3260 or dial 911.



## Yavapai County's Emergency Notification System (ENS) is Up and Running



It's back! The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office announced the new ENS in July with an ever easy way to register your contact phone numbers and property locations in Yavapai County. Look for the "ENS Alert" tab at [www.ycsoaz.gov](http://www.ycsoaz.gov), follow the prompts for your opt-in registration and preferred phone number, contact method (email, text, voice...), and enter your property address. The site will convert the address to GPS coordinates automatically and will confirm registration once saved. You should note that all Yavapai County published residential and business landline phone numbers are automatically included in the database, registering with the site will permit you to add additional contact methods (cell phones). For more information, see the site at [www.ycsoaz.gov](http://www.ycsoaz.gov).



### ***Water, Water Anywhere?***

***Wait, my property doesn't have a hydrant! What will my Walker Fire Department do for water in the event of a fire??*** Great question and one of the biggest shortfalls of rural fire departments. The WFPA has two water "tenders" which are always filled with 2,000 gallons of water each, in addition a few hundred gallons stored on first response fire trucks. Since we do not have piped water to hydrants, the tenders must transport water to the fire trucks and once emptied, must refill and repeat the process as quickly and safely as possible.

### ***Where do the tenders get their water?***

The fire station has 10,000 gallons of stored water and there are some local private contract water tender owners in our community that might be able to respond in the event of need. Otherwise, the WFPA tenders must make their way down Walker Road to refill in Prescott, a long and timely process using precious minutes. And in the event of fire, the water in the tenders and at the station will surely be used up very quickly.



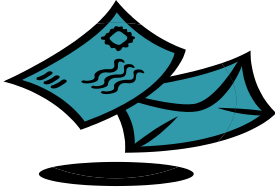
### ***Isn't there anywhere closer the WFPA might access water??***

YES and you might be the answer depending on where a fire incident occurs. The WFPA knows there are water ponds, reservoirs, contract tenders and private water tanks scattered throughout our community. But two things must happen before our thirsty tenders can effectively use local water; 1) the WFPA must have authorization in advance and 2) they have to map this authorized water by address/GPS points to know where it is when they need it.

### ***I want to help!***

That's great. Send your "I Want to Help" email to: [walker-gis@walkerfire.org](mailto:walker-gis@walkerfire.org) and copy to [firechief@walkerfire.org](mailto:firechief@walkerfire.org) and include your name, address, GPS point if available and type of water resource/size. We are working on maps and hope to have authorization forms completed soon. Thank you in advance... from everyone in the Walker Community!!

## *We have changed our mailing address!*



The WFPA has opened up a local PO Box to receive our mail. Our new address is:

Walker Fire Protection Association

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Native Air's rapid response and air medical capabilities enhance efforts of local emergency medical service responders and healthcare facilities throughout the region providing patients an immediate, highly specialized link to tertiary care with a single phone call.

You can find more information about your Native Air services and Air Methods at <http://www.airmethods.com>. Native Air provides a subscription service for \$49.95 annually that can save a lot of money for an unplanned helicopter ride (air evacuation).

The following link <http://www.phoenixmag.com/lifestyle/valley-news/201104/mesa-s-native-air/>, describes this service. For additional information or a copy of the application for service, contact Abrahn McCann, Native Air Business Development Manager-Northern Arizona, 575-218-5353.



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***Results of our June Membership meeting and new board members***

***Member Survey-We need your response***

***Big public works projects planned in Walker...***

***Just a lot of great information for you.***

***Check it out!***

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