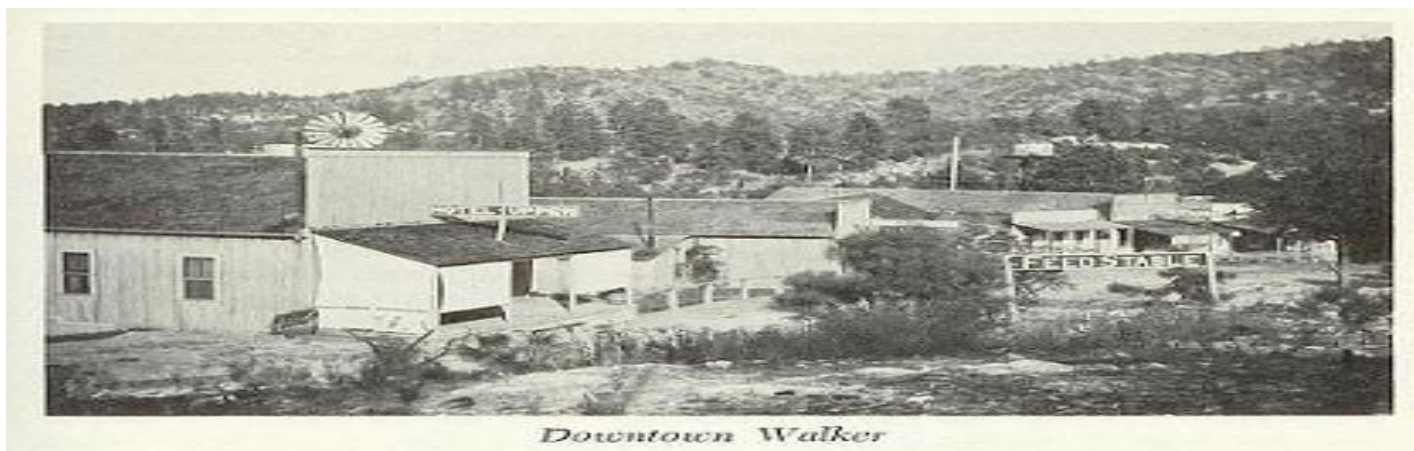


THE WALKER CHRONICLE



SERVING WALKER, BIG BUG AND POTATO PATCH AREAS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Vote for Our 2013–2014 Board Members and Amendment to the
WFPA Articles of Incorporation



WHERE: The WFPA Fire Station at 4980 E. Walker Road

WHEN: Annual Meeting & Potluck, Saturday May 25, 2013

STARTING TIME: 9:00 AM

At this year's membership meeting, we will have three board seats that are up for election with two current board members asking for your vote for re-election. Nominations from the floor are still permitted under the amended and restated By-Laws passed last year, so come prepared with your questions and nominations!

In addition, Members will be asked to approve the Completely Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation for the WFPA (see page 14 for the summary and document).

And in the event you can't make it to the meeting, our amended Bylaws permit voting by proxy-see page 13 for proxy instructions and the proxy form (or download it from the WFPA Website).

The annual potluck lunch will follow the meeting.

Our always delicious annual potluck will be the feature after the vote. Please bring your appetite and special dish to share and delight.

Please bring food items as follows, based on the first letter of your last name:

Side dishes, S to Z, Main entrée A to H and Dessert I to R.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The WFPA continues to be well supported by our Members in our effort to provide firefighting and emergency medical response services to the Community. Our Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical personnel answered over 50 calls last year including 3 structure fires and several search and rescue missions. Our first response and collaboration with the Prescott Fire was a positive experience as we continue to build on our partnership.

For the last few years, we have managed to hold calm and efficient Board meetings open to all whom want to share their ideas and suggestions with the Board. We continue to prioritize and work on projects that most impact our Association. Not everyone agrees with all that is done, but all are welcome to address the Board.

Your Directors have all pitched in and work together to conduct ourselves in a businesslike manner. There is a wide diversity of opinions on the Board and all aspects of the community are being represented. We have nearly a \$122,000.00 budget and we are very aware of our responsibility to maximize your contributions.

Last month you received a dues letter outlining the needs of the WFPA. Thank you for those who are able to contribute and continue to support our efforts. I cannot add to Rogers well done communication. The WFPA is improving all the time under Roger's leadership.

There are plenty of projects to work on. We are still working with the Potato Patch to house a Fire Truck there for faster response times. The department expanded it's locations with a sub station and truck on the Big Bug... In addition, you will find articles about the EPA working in our area and Firewise initiatives organized by Loren Bykerk and Chuck Bowers in this Newsletter. All done by people volunteering time to help keep our community safe.

Many thanks to all of you who volunteer, we can't exist without you.

The County has been working on address corrections and will be changing the Firehouse address to 4980 E. Walker Rd. The current address was established with the original firehouse that was located next to Hummingbird Hill Rd. They will be processing this change sometime this quarter.

There will be three openings for new Board members at our Annual Meeting held Saturday, May 25th Memorial Day Weekend. Please consider running, it is a very rewarding thing to do.

The social aspects of the WFPA are also very important. We will begin Bingo (3rd Saturday of the month, April through October) and the Pancake Breakfasts (last Saturday of the month, April through October. The Post Annual Meeting Potluck will be May 25th, Walker Day June 22th and the Pig Roast Fire Fighter Appreciation Day in September/October are also fun events. There will be an Art & Craft Show on August 10th hosted by Timi Stirewalt. Don't forget to watch for the Saturday afternoon dances May 11th & June 8th (other dates TBD) hosted by Phil & Peggy Zink.

The Web Site has undergone changes and is an ongoing project to help us communicate better with those that use the internet. We are working to see if we can develop an Email list for these large mass mailings of Newsletters and dues notices. We understand not everyone uses Email but there are a large number of you that do. We are asking that you let us know if you want to receive the Newsletter via email. It will save us postage and additional handling fees.

Walker has always been a place of refuge for our family over the years. Not only for the beauty and peaceful atmosphere, but for the friends we have met and know because of our affiliation in Walker. As you know this has been a tough year for the Loughrige family. The outpouring of support, prayers, and well wishes from you for Millie's health issues, the death of my Mother in June and more recently for our son Wayne and Grandson Joey in January have been overwhelming and humbling.

Bill Loughrige-President

FROM THE TREASURER...



GREAT NEWS... contributions to the WFPA are up for the past two years. BAD NEWS... expenses are up also and increasing yearly. You all read the dues letter that went out a couple of weeks ago. I think the case was made very clearly on why expenses are going up. So what do we do about it?

Three years ago the community was in heated debate over the dreaded "District" model and made it clear this was not the choice of most. Currently the "status quo" model is working with contributions for the most part equaling expenses. As the treasurer, I can assure you this model will not work much longer if we continue to operate as we are now. Given the complexities of running even a small fire department, costs will very soon easily overtake our contributions.

In the recent survey that went out to the community, residents made it clear they wanted a strong fire department and wanted added medical coverage. Roger Nusbaum, our fire chief, has done an excellent job developing additional EMTs (he being one of them) and working hard to insure a great cadre of firefighters. It doesn't come cheap.

Greg Stava is chairing a committee looking at the future of the fire department. This includes how it will look five to ten years out and then develop a plan for financing it. They will look at all models of how to fund the department and then make their recommendations.

So what do we do now? It seems there is always a segment of our community who doesn't like something and stops giving. I implore everyone in this community to dig deep and give. That is the easiest solution. At the end of the day, if you have a heart attack at your home, you won't be thinking about what made you mad. You want to see that ambulance show up with trained professionals to help you.

I implore this community to pull together to make the WFPA strong. For those who have never given... PLEASE give it a try. We all need to be part of the solution.

Vic Hencken
Treasurer

		Jun '09 - May 10	Jun '10 - May 11	Jun '11 - May 12	Jun '12 - Jan 13	TOTAL
Income						
	Designated Donations	16,174.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,174.00
	Donations	756.46	0.00	83.00	0.00	839.46
	General Fund	5,340.45	4,990.26	2,115.57	0.00	12,446.28
	4100 · Contributions	77,327.28	70,111.75	88,653.25	28,060.50	264,152.78
	4110 · Memorial Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
	4130 · In-Kind Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	120.00
	4200 · Fundraising Income	38,349.55	9,716.06	9,870.76	11,536.40	69,472.77
	4300 · Grants	7,854.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,854.65
	4350 · State Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,693.96	1,693.96
	4400 · Interest income	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.06	69.06
		0.00				
	Total Income	145,802.39	84,818.07	100,722.58	41,579.92	372,922.96

NEW STREET ADDRESS FOR THE FIRE STATION:

As it happens the address we have been using is from the old Fire Station that was down by Hummingbird Lane. We just kept the same number even though were now on the even side of Walker Rd. and that section is now an East West designation, so the new address will be:

4980 E. Walker Rd.

Prescott, AZ 86303

NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR BILLING, CORRESPONDENCE AND DONATIONS:

PO Box 10174

Prescott AZ 86304

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF...

Winter Recap

The Walker Fire Protection Association had a very busy winter. We had two wildfires and three structure fires in addition to several medical calls. Any fire behavior analyst will tell you that wildfires can happen anytime and this winter proved it. Before this year we'd only had two structure fires in the last ten years, but as mentioned we had three this winter which allowed us to put our recent training to work. In all three instances the fires were contained within the houses avoiding a total loss. We are grateful for the help received from Prescott Fire and Central Yavapai in these incidents.

Preparing For Wildfire Season This Summer

As of this writing there has been little in the way of specific forecasts for the 2013 wildfire season but anyone in Walker in mid-March knows by how quickly we went from snow to mud to dry roads (all in about one week) that conditions are very dry and will only get drier. Please be very careful with any sort of activity that involves flame or anything that can cause sparks. It is likely that burn restrictions will start in early May and run through to the start of the monsoon season. We would request that whatever cleanup or other projects (think burning and chainsaw work) be completed before burn restrictions start or be put off until the rainy season starts.

Evolving Fire Community

The community of fire departments and agencies is evolving in the Prescott area with a new Fire Chiefs Association and Regional Wildland Group and fortunately Walker Fire is involved. This should allow us access to new training opportunities, potential procurement efficiencies and being better able to keep up with the professional departments.

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.

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.

Thank you,

Roger Nusbaum, Fire Chief

**The Fire Station is unattended,
so if you have an emergencyCall 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 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 department's 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 will be out of reach and added services out of the question. We need your help.

Participating Walker Members that have already contributed their 2013 dues, 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 50 calls or so last year could have become a much more serious incident to a Member's well being or property. Please review the following donation information and consider the significant community benefits provided by your volunteers at the WFPA... and contribute!

DONATION PAYMENT METHODS:

1) Make checks payable to the WFPA, complete the donation slip and return to:

Walker Fire Protection Association
P.O. Box 10174
Prescott, AZ 86304

Or...

2) Use our new Paypal option-located as a link in our website homepage at www.walkerfire.org.

Paypal is one of the most secure methods to make electronic, encrypted payments and can accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express cards for dues and donations. A receipt for tax records is generated within minutes to confirm the donation and saves the WFPA postage and handling costs so more of the donation dollars stays with your fire department.

When donating through Paypal you do not need to send in the donation slip if you have no personal information updates. If you need to update your personal information, you can do so in our website by selecting the "Contact Us" tab and filling out the requested information. There is also a comment section for additional information that you may want to provide.

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



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

Walker Fire Protection Association 2013 Annual Dues Drive

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Walker Property Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation Amount: \$250.00 Other: _____

Check enclosed: Visa: Master Card:

Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Signature: _____

Please include me in all Walker emails and news

No change in any of my contact information

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.

Bingo nights (April through October) and the first one is April 20th from 4:00PM—7:00PM. 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!



Saturday afternoon dances are hosted by the WFA and Phil and Peggy Zink. The first two dances in January and April were a hoot with over 50 hoofers in attendance. Great cardio, great people and just plain fun! And all of the proceeds benefit your fire department!

SAVE THE DATE!!! JUNE 22, 2013

WALKER DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER

Please come celebrate with us and help raise funds for our local Volunteer Fire Department's 43rd year!

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013

TIME: 9:00am - YARD SALE
11:00am - 3:00pm Walker Day Celebration

PLACE: WALKER FIRE DEPARTMENT,
4980 E. Walker Rd., Prescott, Az 86303
(7 miles south of Hwy 69 on Walker Rd.)

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

COMMUNITY YARD SALE - Donated items from antiques & collectibles to furniture and building supplies
BBQ Lunch - Complete Hot Dog/Burger picnic lunch with dessert for \$4.00
LIVE MUSIC - Courtesy of local musical artists "Guy's With Day Jobs"
CAKE WALK - Win one of many home made cakes in an old fashion cake walk
SILENT AUCTION - Bid on quality items donated by local residents and area merchants
50/50 Raffle
Kids games, gifts and face painting

For more information please call John Ohanesian @ 928-445-8358
(100% of the proceeds go directly to the Walker Fire Protection Agency)

"IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBERS FOR 2013"



BINGO 1st one April 20th , 4:00PM—7:00PM
(3rd Saturday of the month from April—October)



PANCAKE BREAKFAST 1st one April 27th, 8:00AM—10:00AM
(Last Saturday of the month from April—October)



SATURDAY AFTERNOON DANCES June 11th, July 9th
(other dates TBD)



POST ANNUAL MEETING POTLUCK May 25th, 2013



WALKER DAY'S June 22, 2013



ARTS & CRAFT SHOW Aug. 10, 2013



ANNUAL FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION/PIG ROAST Sept./Oct. 2013
(date to TBD)

Note: For "TBD" dates, check out our website for dates as they are set or sign in to the website for email blasts and the most current updates for events and announcements.

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.

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:

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

Your WFPA has many planning functions that need only a moderate amount of time with enough volunteers. Our talented and diverse Membership has continually stepped forward and lend a hand to keep our department and community humming. Please consider volunteering, even a few hours can make a difference. You can view the Planning Committee Worksheet in our website (www.walkerfire.org), for more detail. Please email us at www.walker-bod@walkerfire.org to get involved. .

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



The fall Chronicle ran this announcement and we have since had some Members ask for the information again. Here we go... The Yavapai County Sherriff's Office announced the new ENS in July 2012 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, 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 land-line 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.

WALKER COMMUNITY WEBSITE

The Website is your source for the latest news and announcement of events concerning our Walker Community. Recently, a Paypal link was added to the website as a means to bring more security and versatility for donations provided by our Members. Upcoming Board meetings, community gatherings and scheduled firefighter training are also included in the site as well as a 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 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 "connected."

Annual Meeting Updates-

Last June, our Membership approved the new 2012 Amended and Restated By Laws. The last By Law modification was over ten years ago in 2001. This year we are asking our members to approve an articles of incorporation restatement and elect three candidates to the WFPA board.

Your 2013-2014 Board:

Bill Loughrige-President (term expires May 2014)
Chuck Bowers-Vice President (term expires May 2014)
Russ Courtney-Secretary (term expires May 2014)
Vic Hencken-Treasurer (up for re-election)
John Ohanesian (up for re-election)
Scott Stratmann (term expires May 2014)
Open board seat-to be filled



2013 WFPA PROJECTS

Projects Still in Process or Consideration

(Your 2013 donations will be tremendously appreciated)

PLACE FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES IN BREEZY PINES AND POTATO PATCH-Shortens response times to reports of fire calls
(back to the drawing board in 2013)

REPLACE AGING FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES-Two of our fleet needs to be replaced
(saving nickels and dimes for replacements)

COMPLETE NEEDED MAINTENANCE ON THE FIRE STATION-Move the Generator, Build More Storage Space
(nice to have-delayed for funding)

POUR A CONCRETE LANDING PAD FOR THE EMERGENCY HELICOPTER-The Native Air Pilot made this request
(currently obtaining bids)

CONTINUE EXTENSIVE TRAINING AND PREPARATION FOR OUR UPCOMING ISO REVIEW-We need to maintain our 8b rating
(continuing training and preparation throughout the year)

EXPANDED EMT VOLUNTEERS AND COVERAGE-in following with responses to our Membership survey in December, 2012. (thanks to Chief Roger Nusbaum and EMS Chief Stephen Nathenson-the WFPA has authorized the hiring of paramedics to facility severity patrol this season)

WALKER AREA REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Courtesy of Sharon Bencze, High Country Realty, LLC

As of this writing . . .

CABINS/HOMES

SOLD - 1

PENDING - 4

ON THE MARKET - 19

VACANT LAND

SOLD - 0

PENDING - 3

ON THE MARKET - 27



I am happy to report that out of all of the above listings, there are no short sales and just one parcel of vacant land is a foreclosure.

RECAP OF 2012:

CABINS/HOMES SOLD - 40 (8 Foreclosures; 5 Short Sales)

VACANT LAND SOLD - 5 (1 Foreclosure)

To date, we have not seen price increases in our area. However, we remain hopeful that our values will start to climb back up this year. This will depend somewhat upon our appraisers. I lost several high-end deals last year because the appraisals came in under our agreed-upon purchase price.

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

EMS Chief Stephen Nathenson and Chief Roger Nusbaum arrange for the first ever seasonal hire of paramedics to participate in this summer's severity patrol. The WFPA Board unanimously approved this trial expansion of our emergency medical support for the 2013 severity season!

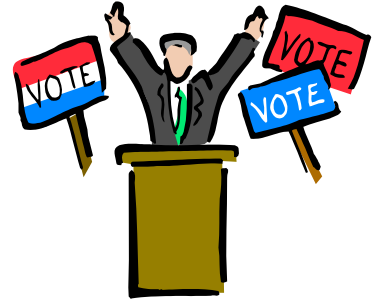
What this means is that subject to finding qualified paramedics, the WFPA will pay these paramedics as the second person in our severity patrols-alongside a WFPA firefighter. The paramedic will be required to be a qualified fire fighter and will be available during the eight hour shifts covering the higher trafficked weekends during the height of the fire season.

The department leadership and the WFPA Board 's approval of this trial run answers our Members call for expanded emergency services in a way that the incremental cost is manageable for our department (and ultimately our Members). This action also is in following with our December 2012 WFPA survey results that indicated that EMS is one of the top three priorities of our Members, after fire fighting operations and ahead of ISO (insurance rating requirements) rating.

Adding paid emergency personnel is an expensive proposition and any expansion of this program will be highly dependent on our financial resources. So if you are a Member that voted to expand medical services or have been withholding dues to the WFPA until more was done in this area, now is your chance to show support-both in terms of communication to the Board and your financial support of the WFPA and this expansion.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

At our annual WFPA Member's meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 25, 2013, three board of director's seats will need to be filled. Pursuant to our current By-Laws, nominees are recruited through a Nominating Committee or can be nominated "from the floor" on the day of the annual meeting. The following candidates have completed applications for the board and are presented for your review.



For Re-election:

Name: VIC HENCKEN Phone Number: 928-778-0076

Walker address: 5735 E. Big Bug Mesa Rd.

Number of years as a Walker property owner/resident: 4 years

Typical number of days per year in Walker area: full time

Previous WFPA or Walker community involvement:

I am a current board member and would like to continue on as Treasurer to finish the work I started in "modernizing" our systems.

Previous Board/Non-profit experience:

Served on the board of directors Farmers & Merchants Bank (Baltimore County), numerous non-profit boards including Chairman of the Board American Red Cross of Northern Colorado.

Personal Information:

I understand that if elected, I will be required to attend month board meetings. Other tasks will be asked of me as well to include; participate/lead committees, assist with Walker fundraising events and other tasks that may be assigned by the President of the Board. I expect to make myself available during the month to expedite the Board's business, advance informational needs and communicate among the Board members, in person, by phone or by electronic means to advance WFPA business and in preparation of the monthly board meetings during my term of office.

For Re-election:

Name: JOHN F. OHANESIAN Phone Number: 928-445-8358

Walker address: 7557 S. Randy's Lane

Number of years as a Walker property owner/resident: 5 years

Typical number of days per year in Walker area: full time

Previous WFPA or Walker community involvement:

Over the past 4 years, I have been on numerous committees and assisted in writing grants, by-laws and the Articles of incorporation. I am the current chairman of Walker Day and Co-Chairman of the Firefighter Appreciation Day.

MEET THE CANDIDATES (cont'd)

Personal Information (John Ohanesian continued):

I have a degree in business and retired from Prudential as a financial planner in 2003. Last year, Janet and I welcomed in a 14 year old foster girl to our mountain living experience. Janet and I are also active servants at Cornerstone Church in Prescott. We love the Walker area and being part of this unique community.

I feel the Walker Fire Protection Association is the strongest it's ever been. We have a dedicated and proficient resident Fire Chief (Roger Nusbaum), well trained volunteers, (including SCBA and structure), excellent equipment and the respect of the local fire fighting community. Last year, we successfully wrote and passed new articles of incorporation and a good, working set of by-laws. These items off the table, for now, have enabled us to focus on other important department issues.

I have enjoyed being part of the WFPA's BOD's. I am happy to continue on for as many years as I am effective.

Thank you,
John Ohanesian

New Candidate:

Name: RUDY ERDMANN Phone Number: 480-406-0968

Walker address: 4020 Blue John Lane

Number of years as a Walker property owner/resident: 42 years

Typical number of days per year in Walker area: 250

Previous WFPA or Walker community involvement:

Volunteer work, manned art booth, organized first annual art show



Previous Board/Non-profit experience:

No Board or Non-profit experience but years of directing, leading , organizing, planning meetings, chairing committees and memberships in numerous professional and personal organizations.

Personal Information:

I've been a senior executive for 37 years in the large commercial construction field and understand management, planning, compromise, rules, getting along, achieving goals, the power of the internet, budgets, organization, learning from others, fund raising, keeping things on an even keel and humor. I was responsible for 150 employees and learned that listening and compromising gets everybody to their individual and collective goals. The positive changes I've seen over the years here in Walker are significant and were only achieved by hard work and the dedication of individuals who really care about our community and only want to continue that trend. I am one of those.

My work schedule previously precluded extensive involvement but with our tenure and full commitment to Walker, I'd like to be more engaged in ensuring that we protect and serve our unique and singular community by offering my skills and dedication to further what we've achieved. I do work hard.

Walker Fire Protection Association, Inc. Proxy Ballot and Instructions

As provided for in the bylaws of the Walker Fire Protection Association, Inc. ("WFPA"), proxy voting is permitted for the Annual Meeting which will be held at the WFPA Fire Station located at 4980 E. Walker Road, Prescott, AZ 86303 (formerly 5881 S. Walker Road), at 9:00 AM, Saturday May 25, 2013. Proxy ballots are available upon request by email at secretary@walkerfire.org, or by phone request at 480-223-8034 or available for download on the WFPA website at www.walkerfire.org. Proxy ballots must be correctly completed, signed and returned by mail to WFPA, PO Box 10174, Prescott, Arizona 86304 or emailed to secretary@walkerfire.org, attention WFPA Secretary no later than Wednesday, May 22, 2013 or can be physically delivered to the WFPA Secretary at the Annual Meeting by 9:00 AM, the day of the vote.

WFPA Member eligibility to vote is defined by the WFPA bylaws, Article III "Members Voting" and summarized as owning or participating in the ownership of property within a three mile radius of the Fire Station, property included in the Potato Patch Area Association or otherwise accepted as a Member under guidelines/criteria adopted, from time to time, by the WFPA Board of Directors.

The number of total votes eligible by Members shall not exceed one vote per Member and no more than two votes for property ownership held in "joint" ownership interest as defined in Section 3.2.4.1 of the WFPA bylaws. The total votes eligible are limited as defined, regardless of the number of parcels owned or ownership participation.

Proxy ballots will be verified for eligibility and against a Member roster with a record date of April, 22, 2013. Ballot qualification will be reviewed and verified with final eligibility determined by the WFPA Secretary. Any proxy ballot not signed, not in proper order or not matching the Member roster will be set aside and considered invalid.

Walker Fire Protection Association, Inc. Proxy Form

Know All Men By These Presents:

The undersigned owner, or their voting representative, at the Walker address of: _____, hereby constitute and appoint the Secretary of the association, his designee, or _____, as nominee, and proxy with powers of substitution for and in the name and place of the undersigned, to appear, represent, and cast votes only as I specifically instruct in reference to the following matters to come before the Walker Fire Protection Association, Inc., Annual Meeting to be held on May 25th, at 9:00AM at the Walker Fire Station located at 4980 E. Walker Road, Prescott, AZ, 86303 (formerly 5881 S. Walker Road).

Limited powers

I hereby specifically authorize and instruct my proxy to cast my vote in reference to the following matters.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Please check the name you would like to see elected to the Board of Directors. You can vote for no more than three people.

	Write In's
_____ Rudy Erdmann	_____
_____ Vic Hencken	_____
_____ John F. Ohanesian	_____

APPROVAL OF THE COMPLETELY AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF WALKER FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.

_____ Yes _____ No

The undersigned ratify and confirm any and all acts that this proxy may do or cause to be done in the premises, whether at the meeting referred to above or at any change, adjournment, or continuation, and revoke all prior proxies previously executed.

Date: _____ (Signature) _____

Completely Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation for the WFPA up for Member’s Approval

WFPA Members will be asked to approve the following Completely Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation at the annual membership meeting or by proxy vote. The WFPA board approved this amendment on April 17th by a vote of 6-0. The amendment presented was prepared by the WFPA attorney, Bill Whittington and condenses the February 12, 2011 articles amendment, removes several articles better served in the WFPA bylaws and appoints Bill Whittington statutory agent of the organization. The WFPA board recommends approval.

**COMPLETELY AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
WALKER FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

This Completely Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Walker Fire Protection Association, Inc. is hereby duly adopted this 25th day of May, 2013 by the Board of Directors and an action of the members.

The following Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation supersedes the original Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto and all prior restatements thereof.

ARTICLE I

Corporation Name

The name of the Arizona non-profit corporation is:

WALKER FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.

The corporation shall have perpetual duration and succession in its corporate name.

ARTICLE II

Statement of Character of Affairs

The objects and powers of the corporation, the general nature of its business and the activities in which it may be engaged include, but, are not limited to:

All objects, purpose and powers which an Arizona non-profit corporation may engage in, including operating a fire company/fire department, providing initial emergency medical services, and assisting in the reduction of fire hazards.

The Corporation may also engage in any such other incidental activities as are appropriate in the conduct of its activities.

ARTICLE III

Names and Address of Each Person to Serve as Director

The current directors are:	Bill Loughrige	Chuck Bowers	Russ Courtney
	Vic Hencken	John Ohanesian	Scott Stratmann
		Greg Stava	

each of whom will serve until their successor is duly elected and qualifies.

The names, and addresses of the original incorporators were:

John A. Koenig	2409 W. St. John Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85023
Albert H. Powell	Walker Route, Prescott, Arizona 86301
Mae Russell	Walker Route, Prescott, Arizona 86301
Thomas E. Russell	Walker Route, Prescott, Arizona 86301

ARTICLE IV

Name and Street Address of the Corporation’s Statutory Agent

The corporation hereby appoints William R. Whittington, 125 N. Granite Street, Arizona 86301, as statutory agent for the corporation. The Board of Directors may at any time remove the corporation’s statutory agent and appoint another statutory agent.

ARTICLE V

Street Address of the Known Place of Business

The known place of business of the corporation shall be at:

4980 East Walker Road, Prescott, Arizona 86303.

ARTICLE VI

Members

The corporation shall have members whose rights shall be defined in the corporation's Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

Limited Liability

7.1 The directors, officers and members of the corporation shall not be individually liable for the corporation's debts or other liabilities. The private property of these individuals shall be exempt from any corporate debts or liabilities. To the fullest extent that Arizona law permits and in accordance with and within the limits of Section 10-3202(B) of the Arizona Revised Statutes, (i) no member, director or person who serves on a board or council of the corporation in a voluntary capacity shall be liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty and (ii) any director or person who serves on a board or council of the corporation in an advisory capacity shall be immune from civil liability and shall not be subject to suit directly or by way of contribution for any act or failure to act resulting in damage or injury. If the Arizona Revised Statutes are hereafter amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of members or directors, then the liability of a member or director of the corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent that the Arizona Revised Statutes, as so amended, permit. Any repeal or modification of this Article VII shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the corporation existing at the time of the repeal or modification.

7.2 The corporation shall indemnify each of its past, present and future members, directors, officers, employees and agents, which includes uncompensated or volunteer members of advisory boards and councils of the corporation, against all expenses they incur, including, but not limited to, legal fees, costs, judgments and penalties, which may be incurred, rendered or levied in any legal action brought against any of them for or on account of any action or omission alleged to have been committed while acting within the scope of their authority as members, directors, officers, employees, members of advisory boards or councils, or agents of the corporation. Whenever any person reports to the corporation that a legal action has been brought or is about to be brought against the person, for or on account of any action or omission alleged to have been committed by the person while acting within the scope of the person's function as a member, director, officer, employee, advisory board or council member, or agent of the corporation, members of the Board of Directors, who are not parties to the action, suit or proceeding, at the next regular or at a special meeting held within a reasonable time thereafter, shall determine, in good faith, whether, in regard to the matter involved in the action or contemplated action, the person acted, or failed to act, in good faith and in the manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful. If the Board of Directors determines that the person did so act with regard to the matter involved in the action or contemplated action, indemnification shall be mandatory and shall be automatically extended as specified herein; provided that the corporation shall have the right to refuse indemnification in any instance in which the person to whom indemnification would otherwise have been applicable shall unreasonably refuse to permit the corporation, at its own expense and through counsel of its own choosing, to defend the person in the action. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement or conviction, or upon a plea of no contest or its equivalent shall not by itself create the presumption that the person acted or failed to act other than in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful. The corporation shall provide for indemnification in accordance with this Article VII and Section 10-3850 et seq. of the Arizona Revised Statutes and to the fullest extent that Arizona law permits.

7.3 The members of the Board of Directors shall not be liable to the corporation nor to, the corporation's members for money damages for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, as a director, except liability for any of the following:

7.3.1 The amount of financial benefit received by a director, to which the director is not entitled,

7.3.2 An intentional infliction of harm on the corporation or the members,

7.3.3 A violation of Arizona Revised Statute § 10-3833,

7.3.4 An intentional violation of criminal law.

7.4 The corporation shall indemnify the members of its Board of Directors from liability, as to any person for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, as a director, except liability for any of the exceptions described in the above Section 7.3.

7.5 Liability, for the purpose of this Article VII, is as defined in Arizona Revised Statutes Section 10-3850.

ARTICLE VIII

Earnings and Dissolution

8.1 No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall Inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or In opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal Income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

8.2 Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments of the Articles and/or Bylaws

9.1 Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation and/or to the Bylaws of the Walker Fire Protection Association can only be made in the following manner. The Walker Fire Protection Association Board of Directors (“Board”) may vote to refer amendments to either these Articles of Incorporation and/or to the By-Laws to the members of the Walker Fire Protection Association at any regularly scheduled or special Board meeting with notice to the members. The Board must approve any such amendment referrals by a 2/3 affirmative vote of all of the members of the Board.

9.2 Once the Board approves referring any proposed amendments of either or both the Articles of Incorporation and/or the By-Laws, the revisions shall then be referred to the members. Any amendment to these Articles of Incorporation and/or to the By-Laws shall be made only by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members at the annual meeting of the members and/or at any special meeting held for that purpose.

ARTICLE X

Voluntary Dissolution

10.1 The corporation may only be voluntarily dissolved by a 2/3 vote of the Board, followed by a 2/3 vote of all of the members of the corporation. The members may vote on dissolution at any regularly scheduled or special meeting with notice to the members.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2013

CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT

AS STATUTORY AGENT

I, William R. Whittington having been designated to act as Statutory Agent of Walker Fire Protection Association, Inc., an Arizona non-profit corporation, hereby consent to act in that capacity until removal or resignation is submitted in accordance with the Arizona Revised Statutes and acknowledge notification of said appointment by said limited liability company.

DATED: _____, 2013.

William R. Whittington

OUR FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING AND PROTECTING YOU!

Training requirements in the fire service continue to become more stringent and time consuming. While most of our Saturday trainings are two-three hours, in the last year we have had four trainings that lasted all day; Hazmat, CPR/First Aid, Basin Ops interagency drill and the fire line refresher. We had 10-15 firefighters attend all four. In addition to these all day trainings we had a dozen firefighters go through a four day training class on structure firefighting.

The department has 24-25 regular trainings per year and most of the group comes to more than ten of them which shows an amazing commitment level on the part of the firefighters when you consider the department is all volunteer.

The group makes a tremendous time commitment which allows them to stay safe while serving the community. There is much that makes Walker special including the willingness of its members to be generous with their time.



WFPA turnout training event was more specifically a blindfolded obstacle course with full turnouts and SCBAs.

Our fire fighters staged at a burn building in the Scottsdale fire training facility during the 2012 AZ State Fire School



And finally, some on the job training at the December 2, 2012 Sheldon Fire. Although we really prefer to avoid emergencies in our community, there's nothing like having our well trained volunteers at the scene! Thank you WFPA Volunteers!!

Public Works Projects in Walker-Updates...

The Sequester Stall-Roadwork on Big Bug Mesa Road

The Sequester has impacted the Big Bug Mesa Road improvement project. The three-year effort and initial budget for improvement work was \$150,000. Funding is coming from a grant of Title II monies through the federal government via the Forest Service. The request was finally approved but for a reduced amount of \$90,000.

Then our federal budget crisis came to a head and the Sequester! Per Mark Herrin, a lead participant in this effort, the sequester will delay the final release of funds and there is a chance the amounts may be reduced.

Due to the order the requests were approved, however, a best guess is that the funds will be released sometime in May in which case the Big Bug Road Improvement will proceed when the rainy season starts in June/July.

Mark advises further that "when everything is a definite "go", he will send out email notices to the affected property owners and will forward details of the work to the WFPA Board for broadcast to the community. There will definitely be impacted travel times on Big Bug Road, as well as increased traffic on Walker Road from the nearly 200 dump truck loads of material which will be brought in for the project.

EPA Remediation Project-Sheldon Mine Tailings



Over the last several weeks, board member Chuck Bowers has worked closely with Dan Shane of the EPA and project manager the Sheldon mine tailings remediation project to coordinate needed traffic notices and information exchange between the EPA and WFPA Members. WFPA Members that are signed on to the website and email blast directories have received at least three updates over the last 30 days to prepare for traffic flow and traffic and on the project which began on April 15th with the movement of equipment into the Walker area. The project is expected to be completed by June 1st.

This project is focused on the containment of mine tailings waste by removal of some of the tailing material and "capping" the site to lessen runoff into the creek beds and the transfer downstream. A French drain will be installed to assist water diversion which will also require some road work in the affected area. A traffic control plan has been posted by the EPA is available at

the following link-http://walkerfire.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/EPA_Fact_Sheet_with_Traffic_Control_Plan.pdf

For any questions or updates, call the EPA community hot line for this project at (928)-771- 0270.



WALKER FIREWISE



Announcing Grinder Month April 20 - May 20, 2013

Reduce the risk of losing your home to wildfire and take advantage of FREE yard debris disposal. Create and maintain defensible space around your home and recycle your needles, branches, brush, shrubs and limbs for FREE! This is a timely solution to rid those limbs in your yard resulting from the recent high winds and winter's storms.

As always - Vegetation Only! No Lines - No Waiting - Your Schedule - 24 Hour Access - The equipment will handle vegetation only! Please, no household trash, no tires, no refrigerators, no washing machines, no pipes, no rocks, etc. Walker Firewise has arranged for free drop-off of vegetation such as: pine needles, leaf litter, branches, limbs, trees, logs, rounds, etc.

There will be two different drop locations, both at the Walker Fire Station:

First, there will be a 40-yard container located in parking lot of the fire station. This is where you may deposit pine needles, leaf litter, small branches, etc. Deposits may be either bagged or not.

Second, is a **designated area** of the parking lot where you may pile large stuff like branches, trees, logs, rounds, etc. We plan to bring in the Yavapai County Vermeer HG4000TX Grinder on May 20th to grind everything previously collected. The last time we employed this large grinding machine we processed over 340 cubic yards of forest fire fuel. **So, don't hesitate!** If you need assistance getting your forest fuel to the Fire Station, please contact the Firewise Committee at the numbers below.

Chipper Days:

Additional Chipper Days may be scheduled later in 2013 if there are funds available. Announcements will be posted on bulletin boards, roadway signage and via email broadcasts when a date is firm.

Funding:

In late 2012, The Walker Firewise effort was enhanced with the financial assistance of a Yavapai County Title III 90/10 grant for \$40,750. This grant was obtained through the efforts of Walker Firewise Committee and the Walker Community Action Alliance, which administers it. This grant also provides the resources for your Firewise Committee to conduct the above Spring clean-up **Grinder Month**.

Currently:

The Firewise grant has paid out \$18,175.62 to date. There remains approximately \$22,574.38 dollars of the original grant with approximately \$3,850.00 committed to pending mitigation jobs.

Mitigation:

Since the inception of this County grant 50 persons have been contacted concerning mitigation assessment of their property and 29 still remain to be contacted. Assessments have been conducted on 13 properties with one still pending. So far, a total of eight (8) properties have been mitigated and three (3) property mitigations are pending (awaiting contractors or bids). In all, total fuel reduction accomplished through Firewise programs has amounted to 123 trees over inches in diameter and untold numbers of smaller trees and under story having been removed.

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Mitigation Registration

Why not do your part to help reduce the risk of a structure or forest fire by signing up for HIZ mitigation and receive a free assessment of the forest fuel load on your property. You can do so by contacting Walker Firewise at: walkerfirewise@gmail.com or call 928-443-9747, 602-370-8020 (cell) or (fax) 928-445-0590. You may also sign up by contacting any Firewise Committee Member.

Firewise Contact information:

To be included in future Firewise emails containing Chipper Day announcements, newsletters and other Firewise related or community information, contact walkerfirewise@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email list. If you would like to serve on the Walker Firewise Committee, contact any of the current members.

Walker Firewise Committee:

Loren Bykerk, 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 4980 E. Walker Rd.

This year, 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. Please note that the dumpster use is for household garbage and not for construction clean up or pine needles.

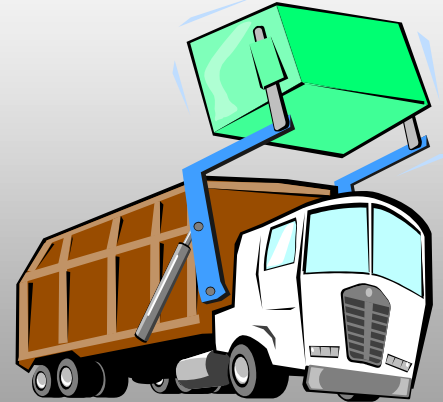
The fees for 2013 are due January 1st and we will change the lock combinations on February 1st.

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



There is a link on the web site at walkfire.org where you can find the agreement. Send your checks and signed agreement to the WTCS P.O. Box 10174 Prescott, Az 86304. The accountant keeps the records, Shad Bruce and Linda Emmett (928) 778-2566 handle the mail, locks and any issues with the dumpsters.

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.

The WFPA Water Use Agreement is now available on the WFPA website!



What is the WFPA Water Use Agreement and why is it needed?

The Water Use Agreement on the WFPA website is needed for two specific reasons;

- 1) The WFPA's only viable local water source is water stored in tanks, throughout our community, at the WFPA station or in limited surface water basins.***
- 2) The WFPA needs our Member's consent for stored water and needs to locate and index this "authorized" water in the event of a fire in our community so that our water tenders do not have to lose precious travel time to gather water in Prescott.***

If you have stored water or an available tender that the WFPA or fire responders can call upon in the event of a fire emergency, please visit the WFPA website at www.walkerfire.org for more details and consider authorizing your water with the Water Use Agreement.

Please remember a fire anywhere in or near our community is a huge risk for all.



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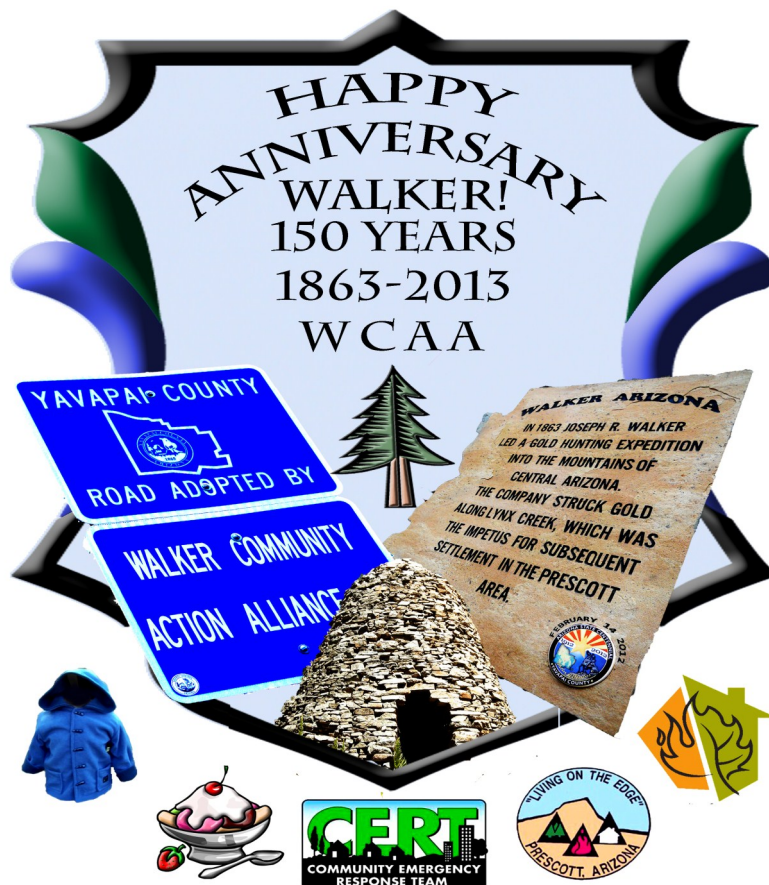
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Many Thanks to: Sharon Bencze (High Country Realty); Abrahm McCann (Native Air), Nick Wold (Walker Wi-Fi), Ken Coleman (Sir Speedy) and Loren Bykerk of the WCAA for their sponsorship and contributions to the WFPA!

Please Support Your Supporters!!

Ads in the mailed newsletter are in black and white, the version posted in our WFPA website is color. If you are interested in advertising in our next Fall newsletter, please contact Greg Stava at

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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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