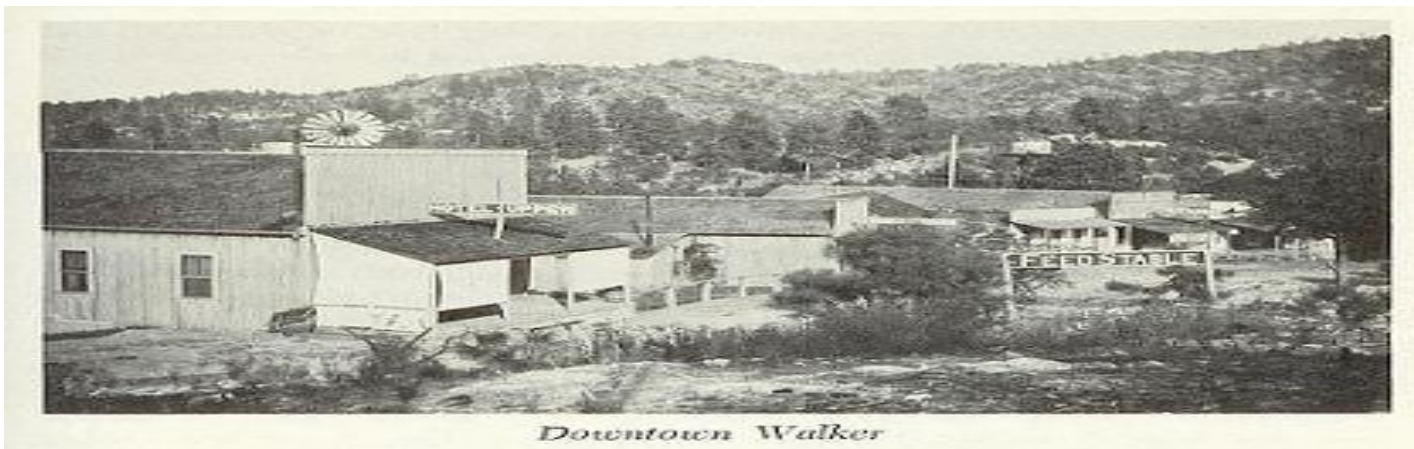


THE WALKER CHRONICLE



SERVING WALKER, BIG BUG AND POTATO PATCH AREAS



Wow, how quickly this year has almost passed and a marked year at that! Brexit, the Cubbies win and a Presidential election were all events that could be characterized as a roller coaster ride regardless of what side of the field or aisle you were on. Unprecedented, perhaps but one thing for sure is that things can and do change and our call to action then requires us to continue to learn and move forward. There is no other nation on earth where events nationally or globally can be discussed, even argued furiously and in the end, be better for it. What a wonderful country we are blessed with!

We are also blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers that are the essence of the Walker Fire Protection Association and our community. These volunteers have the same busy schedules and commitments as you or I but somehow, they find ways to extend enormous commitments of time and efforts for the benefit of our community. Continuous training, operational planning and calls for help at all hours of the day and night-to make our community better and to move it forward. Please, extend a generous thank-you to these volunteers-your neighbors, for their commitment to you and the WFPA!

In the following pages of the Walker Chronicle, you will find updates from your Fire Chief and officers of your WFPA board, helpful information regarding living in and being a part of your community and an assortment of pictures that highlight the year that soon will end to welcome a new year.

And please, remember your WFPA needs your financial support. If you have already made your 2016 donation please accept our sincere thanks as we cannot do it without you too. If your 2016 donation is still pending, please visit our website and make your tax deductible donation-this is the spirit of community and volunteerism that truly makes "our neck of the woods" so special.



FROM THE FIRE CHIEF...



The Walker Fire Protection Association had another successful and productive year. Our active roster has increased to 28 members.

First we should offer a thank you and congratulations to Assistant Chief Mark Keegan for successful completion of the paramedic program at Yavapai College. It was a tremendous undertaking in terms of time and will benefit the community immensely.

It has been quite a while since we've had any full time residents join the department and this past year we've added two new full-timers; Bob Mesa and Charles Nyborg and Harry Xenetelis is making his way through the training process.

More broadly speaking, so many of the firefighters have been with the department for years which speaks to the opportunity that the community provides to us in terms of equipment and financial resources to meet needs beyond equipment. For this, all the firefighters are very grateful.

After taking delivery of Water Tender 83 last year we appear to be set for the time being in terms of large capital expenditures but it continues to the nature of our department's structure and revenue model that when the need for a new piece of large equipment arises we will need to ask for your help above and beyond the annual donation request.

With winter coming please take the time to either check the batteries on your smoke detectors and if the smoke detectors in your home are more than ten years old please consider replacing them altogether. After ten years the sensors that make detectors work can wear out but yet the device can still test properly. Also please consider having your chimney swept. If you've burned more than a cord of wood, especially pine, since your last sweeping you are probably due. Also, please consider closing the doors inside your home when you leave. This can limit a fire's ability to move through your house or at least slow down its flow.

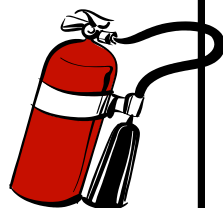
Thank you,
Roger Nusbaum
Fire Chief



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 or if the unit is over 10 years old (cheapies might need to be replaced at 5 years). When was the last time you checked them? Make sure you have CO2 detectors too! Less glamour, but can be just as important.



**The Fire Station is
unattended,
so if you have an
emergencyCall
911**

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The WFPA continues to be operating effectively and efficiently. If you follow the Board of Directors meetings you see the Agenda's are short and the financial position remains strong. The Board meeting minutes are posted on the web site Walkerfire.org as are recordings made of those meetings.

As I contemplated what to include in this article, I realized I needed to break my thoughts into several segments. I have been fortunate enough to be selected as the President for the WFPA for the last 6 years. In that position I have been able to meet a large number of our Members, Especially new property owners as they settled into the Walker Community. Because there are so many new owners some of this will be repetitive for us old timers, but hopefully useful for all.

WFPA BUSINESS

The WFPA is a unique association. Everything you see at the Fire Station has been donated by the Members. There is no tax money except for occasional grant money for specific items. Other than a small payment to the Volunteers who provide what we call "Severity Patrol," none of the Volunteers are paid. Severity Patrols in recent years include a Paramedic since the majority of our calls are medical in nature. These patrols are during the weekends in the dry season May-June and some holidays. Our volunteers are a great and talented group dedicated to helping us stay safe. They attend trainings on their own time and are helpful at all our events as well. This is especially true for Roger Nusbaum, our Fire Chief who volunteers his time to keep us up to speed in the ever changing world of Fire Fighting.

This volunteer effort requires participation of the Members. People come to Walker because of the quiet peaceful surroundings found here. Fortunately there are always people who step forward to keep us viable. Not only with time but also with financial contributions.

There are some 1,300 distinct property owners and 1,500 different parcels within the 3 mile area we designated as our Membership area. We also respond to calls outside that area and provide service to anyone in need. There is no "Membership Fee" or "Dues". We live off contributions. Aside from supporting our Walker Fire Protection Association, our contributing Members also choose the Board of Directors and vote on any issue brought before the Membership. As I said earlier our service is provided to whoever calls us and we are able to respond.

WFPA SOCIAL EVENTS

While the focus of the WFPA is to operate the Fire Department, there are several social/fundraising events held primarily in the summer.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Pancake Breakfasts are held on the last Saturday of the month April-September 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Attendance ranges from 100 to 200 or more. It's a free-will donation. We can get a \$100.00 thrown in the bucket as well as pocket change from a 9 year-old. Your support is all pretty amazing. A large part of this event's success is your neighbor, Carl Zimmerman, who donates the sausage, bacon and ham along with mix and syrup. Thanks Carl!

Everyone who attends gets a ticket for the drawings held every half-hour. The prizes can be "conversation pieces" and kids get tickets too. They can select a prize from the box as they arrive. They take their time picking out just the right thing and sometimes come back to swap it out for something else they discover. The kids can wander the creek, finding Lady Bugs, Blackberries and all sort of interesting things.

BINGO

Our Bingo has turned into more of a finger-food Pot Luck. While Bingo is often used as a major fund raiser for non-profits, we charge a one-time fee for however many cards you want to buy and play all night for that fee. We try to split the take as prize money so if 10 people come it's a shorter night than if 30 people are there.

Bingo is the 3rd Saturday 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. May through September. A fun gathering, not too expensive and a great place to meet new friends.

WALKER DAY

Held at the end of June first of July this is a major fund raiser. A small Artists Show, a big rummage sale, a Cake Walk (Members donate a lot of cakes), Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chip and Drinks. This is a major



undertaking and a signature event for the WFPA.

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION PIG ROAST

This evening is dedicated to thank the Volunteer Firefighters and medical team. We have done this several years and it has grown every year. Well over 200 people came this year.

We roast a 90 pound pig in a handmade smoker. (We'd get a bigger pig but it would not fit in the roaster). We also cook another 60 pounds of pork in roaster ovens and two roasters full of beans to supplement the Pot Luck brought by the Members. A real trifecta of great music, food and fun!

This event is held early in October. Check the calendar at Walkerfire.org for the date.

KIDS DAY AT THE FIREHOUSE

This year we instituted a "Kids Day".

Help during a month with 5 Saturday's (July this year {and next}) to avoid conflicting with other events, it's designed specifically for kids. They had face painting, trail walk, a variety of craft activities, a scavenger hunt (you know find a crooked stick, a smooth rock, a pine cone). We provided hot dogs and it was a special day. We had not put out a donation jar, but the parents asked for it and were more than generous.

We plan to repeat this event next year and add other activities such as First Aid for Kids and the Hug a Tree if Lost program. (teaching lost kids to stay in place and not wander)

It's not a drop off the kid's thing, parents and grandparents are needed to guide the little ones. We also found a way to entertain the teenagers so everyone can play.

WFPA ANNUAL MEETING

This is mandated by our By-Laws to be held the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. This is where the Board of Directors is elected and any issue that needs Membership attention is addressed. In ours, as in all other associations, there are differences of opinions. Fortunately the last few years have not had much controversy for the WFPA. Although it's been quiet, I would rather have things discussed in this meeting than fester in the background until they boil over out of control.

This is also a Pot Luck, while votes are counted. The new Board meets and selects the Officers for the coming fiscal year.

WFPA MERCHANDISE

The WFPA has T-Shirts, Hats, Sweat Shirts and a variety of items for sale. This function is again handled by Volunteers. Currently Karen Gonzales has taken this on and is doing a super job. You can find her at all the functions other than Bingo.



WALKER CHURCH

While this is not a function of the WFPA Walker Church has been one of the topics I found myself thinking about as I set to write this.

The outside church was called "Walker Sunday School" for many years beginning in 1962. The Sunday School was operated by my Grandmother Alvina Potter with Thelma Driscall. My Grandparents arrived in Walker in 1947 and built the cabin we still have. The Driscall's were the social center for the then small community. Their house (still standing but in great distress) was the site of many social events including Square Dancing. Thelma played an organ at the Services that the kids took turns pumping the organ for her.

In recent days I have found a package of notes from the meetings in 1971 and 1972 in my

Grandmothers things. The names of the attendees and the amount of money raised and spent each week are documented. Names include my parents, my children, Millie and me along with many I recognize and others I just can't remember.

For instance, on July 11, 1971 there were 40 people there (including kids). They brought in \$15.00 and had a \$48.17 cash balance. I've put these notes on the web site Walkerfire.org if you would like to see them.

Thanks' to all those who participate to make our events and the WFPA the successful all volunteer operation it is. Long winded I know. Walker is a great place; it holds many memories for my family and is a place of refuge for us all.

Bill Loughrige



FROM THE TREASURER...

On behalf of the WFPA I would like to thank the residents of the Walker Community for their generous donations during the first 4 months of the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year. I would also like to thank those individuals and businesses outside of our community that made contributions, both financial and in kind, to support the WFPA. In addition to these contributions we continue to pursue and enjoy other fund raising events such as Walker Day, pancake breakfasts, bingo and grants from local and federal programs. All of these efforts continue to make WFPA financially sound.

Our year-to-date financials through September 2016 show Assets of \$293,562. Our Profit and Loss for this same period shows \$37,970 in Total Income and \$36,875 in Total Expenses for a Net Income of \$1,096. No major capital expenditures were made during this reporting period, however, a contribution of \$4,966 was made for the annual community chip and haul program.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of WFPA.

Steve MacIntosh
Treasurer, WFPA



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 WFPA.BOD@walkerfire.org

A note for the desk of the WFPA Secretary.

Wow, what a summer it has been! First, I want to thank the entire community of Walker for electing me to the position of Secretary of the Walker Fire Protection Board. This has been a great opportunity as a newcomer to get to meet so many of the residents at the various events over the summer starting with Walker Day, Kids Day, Bingo, and the great Pancake Breakfasts.

It has been a learning experience for me in this new position. My fellow board members have been very helpful and have been a great resource over these last few months. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their encouragement and support.

As I reflect on this experience three things come to mind. First, Walker is an awesome place to live with the forest and all that this unique lifestyle has to offer its residents. Second, I am thankful for all the volunteers who spend countless hours and resources in support of the Fire Department and its charter. Lastly, as a newcomer, I feel we are fortunate to have such a professional Department. The staff of firefighters and paramedics under the guidance of our Chief is there to serve the residents of this community and they do it selflessly.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

With warm regards,

Ed Antonowicz





Amazon Smile gives to the Walker Fire Protection Association!!!

And all you have to do is change your existing bookmark for Amazon or Amazon Prime to smile.amazon.com then select Walker Fire Protection Association (Prescott location), as your charitable donation recipient. This selection does not alter your purchase history or any other set up information you may have, that information is retained. By setting your "favorites" or bookmark to smile.amazon.com, Amazon aggregates your total purchases for credit to the WFPA.

As simple as that with no cost to you and no further steps with future purchases. Then every time you shop via your new link to Amazon Smile, Amazon Charities will donate one-half of one percent to the WFPA!



Walker Community Action Alliance 2016 Recap

It was a busy year for Walker Community Action Alliance (WCAA) activities. The year's activities started off in June and continued through November. Many Walker residents enjoyed some, if not all, of the events. Following is a recap of events and highlights:

June, GPS Poker Ride

This ride encompassed the Bradshaw Mountain loop. There were forty-four riders who tried to lay claim to over \$200 in prize money with the best two poker hands.



July, August, September, "Sundae Saturday"

This was a wonderful triple dipper of an event. This free event ran from 1 to 3pm at the fire station. Folks loved the opportunity to visit with neighbors, meet new neighbors and really enjoy some homemade hot fudge topping on their ice cream.

July, EMS Thank You Brunch

The WCAA hosted a brunch for our volunteer firefighters and emergency medical team at the fire station. Food was provided by the wonderful WCAA cooks. It looked like everyone put a few pounds on that morning.

October, "Fall Chili Fest"

This annual community pot-luck event had over 100 people queuing up for some of the best chili in the area provided by the WCAA chili team. Music was provided by "Me, Myself, and I" to dance off those calories.

April-October, Winter Coat Drive and Thanksgiving Dinners

This year 215 winter coats were gathered bringing the total for all seven years to 995 coats. It looks like we have to wait until next year to break that 1,000 coat number. Over 20 Thanksgiving dinner gift cards were able to be purchased due to pledges given by the folks here in Walker.



November, "Bizarre Bazaar"



This "unique" pot-luck event was a great kick-off to the Holiday Season. A live auction of bidding on someone else's "unloved" past gifts received is a total evening of enjoyment.

There are a number of "ongoing" events at the WCAA which include the Salvation Army Christmas Angel program, the Yavapai Food Neighbors project, the Adopt-A-Road group and the Walker yearly calendars.

If you are interested in the WCAA, go to Walkercaa.org for information on joining. You are always welcome at all Walker Community Action Alliance meetings which are announced through a community bulletin.

We wish everyone in Walker the Happiest of Holidays and a Healthy New Year!

Jeff Morhous
President



WALKER FIREWISE

Walker Firewise wants to take this opportunity to thank all of the Walker residents who have taken steps to reduce the wildfire fuel load on their property. Your participation not only helps to protect your own property, but it also helps protect the entire community from the threat of the spread of wildfire. You are to be congratulated.

This year, Walker Firewise completed 30 Wildfire Risk Assessments on private properties that resulted in the clearing of 13 parcels consisting of 11.81 acres. We have in the works more than twice as much acreage currently being treated that will be in next years report.

Once again the annual Chip & Haul program was a huge success. The two-month long slash collection event for 2016 resulted in 760 cubic yards of chips. Community members reported 542 volunteer hours valued at \$9,756.00. 508.9 miles driven for a value of \$279.90, amounting to a total of "in-kind" reporting valued at \$10,035.90. The \$12,710.03 cost of this event was paid by:

WFHF 14-206 Arizona State Forestry Grant	\$ 5,547.71
WFPA contribution	\$ 4,965.95
WCAA fund raising events (Sundae Saturdays, etc.)	<u>\$ 2,195.37</u>
	\$12,710.03



FORECAST:

A new 90/10 grant for year 2017 has been awarded, however the final plan has yet to be approved and Walker's share has not been determined. There will be no funding permitted for Chip & Haul in this grant. The grantors oppose funding "Chip & Haul" events because the properties from which slash is collected cannot be identified in advance and they consider much of what is collected, is associated with "maintenance" activity versus "mitigation". Walker Community Action Alliance (WCAA) is determined to continue a Chip & Haul program, and with the help of the Walker Fire Protection Association (WFPA) and your generous donations, Walker will have an event in 2017.

To find out more about Firewise and how you can protect your home, visit:

www.firewise.org

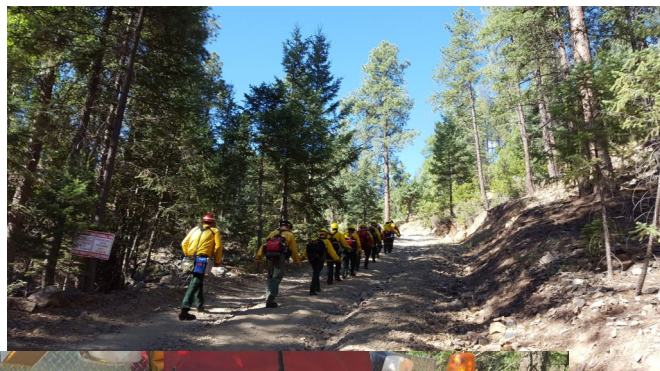
www.yavapaifirewise.org

www.walkerfirewise.org

Contact Walker Firewise at: walkerfirewise@gmail.com for a free "Wildfire Risk Assessment" of your dwelling and property.



Firefighters at Work



Visit the Walker Fire Department [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/walkerfiredept/) page at <https://www.facebook.com/walkerfiredept/> for a library of pictures and posts! Get to know your volunteers and do a "photo & post" ride along with your favorite fire department!

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 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!

WALKER KIDS DAY



Mining for Gold
"There's riches in them thar hills"



BBQ Lunch, yummy!
The BBQ Chefs!



Ice Cream in a bag, yummy!

Take a Hike

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE HUNT

- { } Something colorful.
- { } A pinecone.
- { } An acorn.
- { } Something smooth.
- { } Something rough.
- { } Two kinds of leaves.
- { } Two kinds of sticks.
- { } Something bumpy.
- { } A flat rock.
- { } Something fuzzy.
- { } Something pretty.
- { } A chewed leaf.
- { } A flower or petal.
- { } A piece of litter.
- { } Something you think is a treasure.



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 made their 2016 donations reward our hard working volunteers with funds to provide insurance protection, safe equipment and continuous training in order to serve you better... a handsome return of your investment dollars.

Any one of the many calls 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... save a stamp, an envelope, a trip to the post office, and

2) Use our 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 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.

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 2016 Annual Donation Drive

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p>	<p>Walker Property Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ email: _____</p> <p>Donation Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> \$300.00 Other: _____</p> <p>Check enclosed: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa: <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Card #: _____ Exp: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please include me in all Walker emails and news</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No change in any of my contact information</p>
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Walker Day June 25, 2016



Walker Sunday School Rd. Church



Winter Words from Walker Wi-Fi (article re-run from 2015-really helpful)

As I have visited with many of you over the years in Walker; one topic I hear about that makes me cringe are the stories of extensive water damage due to burst water pipes from frozen water in Walker cabins. There have been cases where the whole cabin interior had to be demoed and replaced. ...And it's so avoidable!

Frozen water in pipes will burst them. Once the ice melts water from the leak can do a lot of damage, especially if it's in a wall or inside your cabin.

To avoid having a bad story to tell this year:

Keep your heater running, but if the power goes out and you don't have an automatic generator, you may have an issue;

Use water pipe heating tape, but again, if the power goes out and you don't have an automatic generator, you may have an issue;

If you're not going to be at your cabin for a while, it's best to drain the water pipes and leave the lower drain open, (making sure any drain water runs out of the house,);

No matter what, it's a good idea to turn off your well pump and even better, bleed off the water pressure when you leave your cabin for more than a couple of days (that way if you do have a leak, the water won't run).

One very handy gadget for your cabin is a Wi-Fi Thermostat! It can do several really neat things to make your life better and happier:

When you're headed up to Walker, you can use an "app" on your smart phone to turn up the heat so it's nice and toasty when you arrive.

When you leave and forget to turn the heat down, you can use your phone app to turn it down.

If the power or the internet goes out, you will get an email message letting you know (the thermostat company server sends the email out).

You can set up a low temperature limit that will alert you by email if it is reached so you can act.

There is no monthly cost to use the Wi-Fi thermostat.

It will make you feel so glad you're using Walker WiFi!

Here is an amazon link for the Wi-Fi thermostat that I recommend for ease of installation (wiring and Wi-Fi set up), ease of use and features. There are others available as well. Go to Amazon and search for Honeywell Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat TH9320WF5003.

Have a great and safe day!

WALKER AREA REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Courtesy of Sharon Bencze, High Country Realty, LLC

2016 activity through October 31st. . .

CABINS/HOMES

SOLD - 29

PENDING - 5

ON THE MARKET - 23

VACANT LAND

SOLD - 15

PENDING - 5

ON THE MARKET - 36



RECAP OF 2015:

CABINS/HOMES SOLD - 32

VACANT LAND SOLD - 13

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

U R Special!!! And each one of our Members have special skills and expertise that could greatly help support the WFPA and your community. We could use your help for a few hours a month, at a special event, or with a fundraising effort. We have a real current need for someone with a few hours and computer graphics or with a facilities management expertise. The WFPA is a fully donation and volunteer sponsored organization, there many ways to participate and meet your neighbors and help your community. Please email president@walkerfire.org and one of our volunteers will reach out to you with a big thank you and make it easy you for you to become involved.

Your 2016-2017 Board:

Bill Loughrige-President
 John Ohanesian-Vice President
 Ed Antonowicz-Secretary
 Steve MacIntosh-Treasurer
 Rudy Erdman
 Dan Daugherty
 Terry Piske

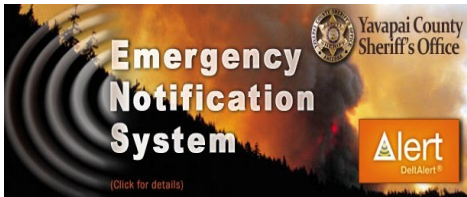


**BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD
 MONTHLY**

The 2nd Saturday of each month

9:00 AM at the Fire Station

Everyone is Welcome



**Register for Yavapai County's Emergency Notification System (ENS)— —
 Update, please read**

You should verify your contact phone numbers and property locations in Yavapai County as some numbers have inadvertently been dropped from this service. To sign up or verify your information, look for the Emergency Notification System dropdown and select the "Click here to sign up" banner 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 landline phone numbers are automatically included in the database, registering with the site will permit you to add additional contact methods (cell phones, text and email addresses).



Arizona 2-1-1 Community Information and Referral Services is Arizona's referral services site to give help and get help at a community, county, state and federal level. Community members needing assistance with housing, employment, health and other human services can type in the hyperlink <https://211arizona.org> for a centralized internet library of resources that may assist.

WALKER TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES

TIME TO RENEW YOUR TRASH SERVICE

Walker Trash collections Service runs from January to December. We leave the combination until Jan. 31st, but we would appreciate early renewals to avoid a last minute rush.

Dumpsters are located on the Fire Department property behind the Fire Station at 4980 E. Walker Rd. They are not only a service of convenience but in large part to avoid having people burn trash with the resulting fire danger that it produces.

We have had some volume issues at times this year, with construction waste and the occasional large box that has not been broken down. The dumpsters are for household trash and garbage only! **NO** hazardous material, construction debris or slash clean up should not be put in the containers. We base the number of containers and pickups on subscriptions for household trash, construction material causes overfilling and extra cost.

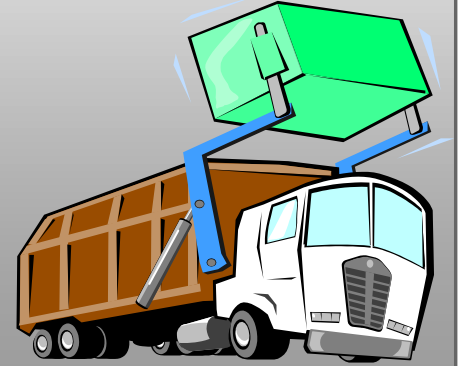
The fees are as follows:

Full Year (January - December) = \$180.00

6 Months (you choose the 6 months) = \$120 for 6 months

One time/special use = \$30.00 a month

There is a link on the web site at <http://walkertrashcollectionservice.com/> 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.



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 three 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 and copy to 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!!

WALKER MERCHANDISE OVERVIEW

Hi Walker residents, I am Karen Gonzalez, I currently oversee the purchase and sales of our Walker Merchandise. Many of you that have attended some of our social events may have had the opportunity to see the many "Walker" items available for purchase (T-shirts, Sweatshirts, hats, and many other misc. items). All of the funds proceeds go to support the WFPA.

Good news. If you would like to order any of the merchandise we offer, you don't have to wait until the next event (HINT: With Christmas around the corner, these make great gifts). You can send me your request through email:

- Send an email to: merchandise@walkerfire.org
 - Include your name, phone number, merchandise you are requesting (include size and color - we have adult/youth/infant sizes)
 - I will respond with the prices of the items and a confirmation from you prior to placing your order

I'd like to give a BIG CHEER out to all of the volunteers that have helped at the merchandise booth during these past summer events (you know who you are)! I am always looking for additional/new volunteers so if anyone is interested in helping out in 2017 please let me know (RSVP to merchandise@walkerfire.org).

Our Firefighters and EMTs modeling our classic attire-Perfect for the Holidays!!



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

When you are away tell someone 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.

Sign up for APS Outage alerts...

You can sign up for APS alerts that include alerts for billings, power usage and power outage notifications at; <https://www.aps.com/en/residential/accountservices/alerts/Pages/home.aspx>. Of course, if you are in your home when the power goes out, the alert may be an aggravating “blinding flash of the obvious.” The service does however, provide when available, the general location of the outage and an ETA of power resumption. This alert can be set up for any property in the APS service area. For second homes or when on vacation, this alert may be a helpful notice, especially with cold winter temperatures coming.



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Please consider an ad in our Spring 2016 newsletter and help our members shop local. Email newsletter@walkerfire.org to place an ad.

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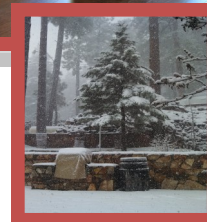
\$25-eighth page (business card size)

If you have a trade or service you provide, please consider placing an ad in the Chronical. The cost is extremely competitive and your fellow WFPA Members are always looking for local providers for the trades and general handyman services to name a couple. And with winter approaching, snow removal services, fire wood and heating needs are sure to come up!

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WFPA Fall Newsletter Inside!



***Results of our May Membership meeting and new
and re-elected board members***

Some fun pictures and just a lot of great information for you.

Check it out!

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