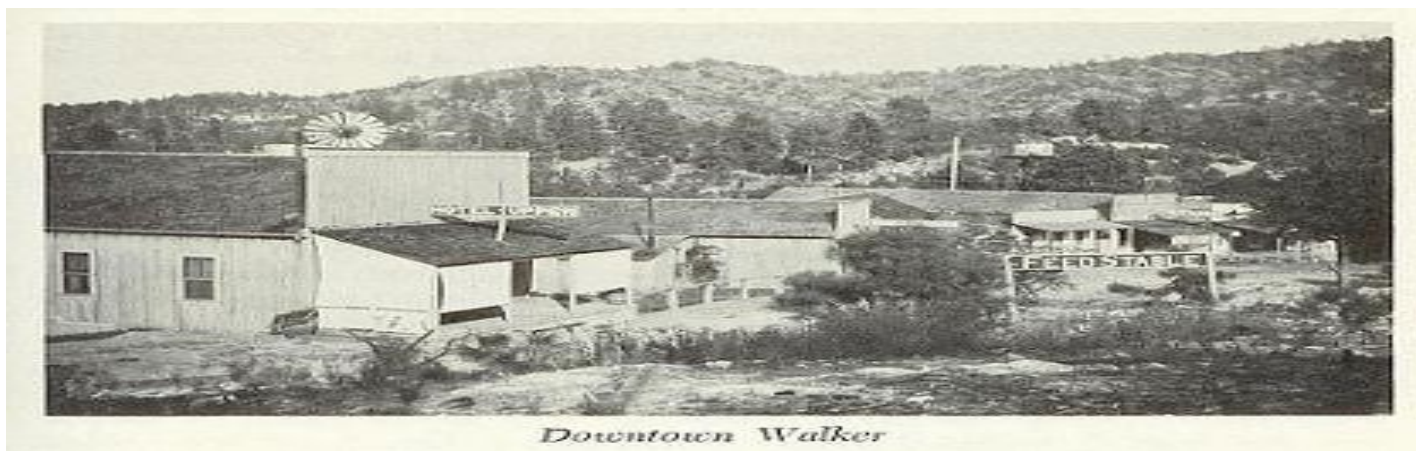


# THE WALKER CHRONICLE



## SERVING WALKER, BIG BUG AND POTATO PATCH AREAS



*Before you knew it we blew past the summer and are already in the midst of the holiday season!*

*In addition to the many things we all have to appreciate and give thanks for, we can especially be thankful for our firefighters and the coordinated efforts of all the fire protection and government agencies and volunteers involved in protecting our communities and forest from the Goodwin fire. The outcome could have been much different.*

*We are extremely fortunate and should be thankful to all of the individuals that poured their hearts and efforts into protecting us. When you get the chance, make an extra effort to say thanks or give a friendly nod or wave to those that do their best to see us from harm's way. "Pay it forward" as the saying goes, in any way that feels right for you.*

*In addition to providing updates and helpful information to our community members twice a year, the Chronicle's as important purpose is to remind all community members that the WFPA does not exist without its volunteers. The WFPA is an all-volunteer, self-funded, non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of its membership to provide financial resources for safe and protective equipment and appropriate training and support for our firefighters, EMT's and their Chief.*

*So as you reflect on the many things you may be thankful for this season, please remember our fire department-your neighbors and friends, and show them your support-generously.*

*Happy Holidays!*





## FROM THE FIRE CHIEF...

On our way to another quiet fire season our community was threatened by the Goodwin Fire which started on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. As we all know, an evacuation order was issued for Walker on June 27<sup>th</sup> shortly after 11am. We have talked about this as being an epic chapter in the department's history. Epic not only for the threat it posed but also the response of our volunteers. Over the course of the week we had 19 of our volunteers coming to the station or otherwise engaged in some aspect of protecting Walker. Additionally, we had several of our folks working on the incident via their involvement with the Incident Management Team assigned to the fire and several others working on the fire as Forest Service employees. While it was of course stressful it was also an amazing life experience for our volunteers on many levels.



The Goodwin Fire was a stark reminder of the importance of being firewise and cleaning up your property. Overgrown brush and fallen trees threaten not only your home but also your neighbors' homes. In addition to overgrown lots, storing firewood under your deck is incredibly dangerous. Pine needles in gutters and otherwise collected in angled parts of an asphalt shingle roof also greatly increase the odds of your house burning in a large incident. We hope that everyone will not only clean their properties but will also then maintain their properties going forward.

We have talked many times in these letters about the extent to which the fire service has evolved. One evolutionary aspect of the Goodwin Fire was enhanced communication through our Facebook page which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/walkerfiredept/>. This allows for faster and more direct dissemination and we hope that all residents will choose to

make use of the best technology available which for now we believe is Facebook and at some point in the future will be some other platform.

Our station boss, Dan Hauck retired this summer and moved out of the area. Walker Fire owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Dan for his reliability, his love of the department and all the work that he did to help the department. His list of tasks was lengthy and while we have started to fill in the gaps he left behind we can use more help. Please reach out to [fire-chief@walkerfire.org](mailto:fire-chief@walkerfire.org) if you would like to learn more about volunteering in a non-firefighting role. Of course, we can always use more volunteer firefighters too so please reach out in that context or just come to a training, we get together on the first and third Saturday of the month at the station house at 8am.

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.

We also wanted to devote part of this news letter to setting the correct expectations for service. We field a lot of calls from insurance companies asking us to commit in writing that we'll be able to get to a house no matter what. We view this as an attempt to shift liability onto the fire department as there will be times that we may not be able to get to a call. The simplest examples relate to acts of God like two feet of snow falling and something happening before the roads can be plowed or the bridge to your house being taken out by a tree or something else. Our response has always been on a best efforts basis, we are not changing anything about how we provide service, just setting the correct expectation which again is best efforts.

Thank you,  
Roger Nusbaum  
Fire Chief

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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

First a note of appreciation from our family for all the kind messages of condolence and support given us from members of the Walker Community at the passing of my wife Millie. It is humbling.

In the process of preparing for Millie's Celebration of Life ceremony our family reviewed a lot of pictures. Many were from Walker. One special picture is of Millie riding on my back sledding down the hill on Walker Road between what is now known as Pink Car Hill and Renegade, I'm sure we were approaching 30 MPH. Those pictures make me want to reminisce a little about Walker.

Millie and I were married in 1961. My family was well entrenched in Walker by then. My Grandparents had purchased the Pine Mountain North Mining claim at the end of Potter Lane in 1948. Their house is the subject of a poem written by a Kay Ramsdale, a family friend, titled "the House at the End of the Road." A copy of that poem follows this article. My parents owned the upper half of the Blue Jay Claim with two cabins and an outhouse. . There were several families living here (including the Pritchett's, Rose and Dahlin's. Loren Bykerk is related to the Pritchett's) and three old hermits. There was wild gray mare, three roving burros and Goswic's cattle. The Sheldon Mine was in operation and there was a lumber operation in and out.

The trip to Walker involved a LOT of dirt road. In 1961 the Black Canyon was paved to the Bloody Basin exit then off on dirt through the Cortez Ranch to the old Black Canyon Highway to Mayer, Humbolt, Dewey and finally the Walker Rd. There was no Prescott Valley, just Antelope. Then it was the final 10 miles to our property over Molly Hill (Enchanted Forest) slick with mud in the rainy season, Smith's Ravine, Smelter Hill and Rose Hill (Now called Pink Car Hill). The pink car was a rusted out black hunk of junk abandoned right next to the road and the Rose family lived in a house that would be in the middle of the existing road way.

By 1961 some modern conveniences had started to show up in the construction. Things like skill saws and other electrical tools to help with the building the cabins. Earlier houses had been built with hand saws and hammers. Our family got electricity in the mid 1950's so Millie never really experienced the kerosene lamp era. I'm not sure when the septic system went in but she did get to learn where the outhouse was.

As I watch the new construction as more and more people discover Walker, I remember the difficulty of just getting a cabin built. We are built on logs balanced on rocks with lumber milled from trees cut off our property. The lumber was sawed on the Mud Hole Mine dump that is at the intersection of Renegade Hill and Walker Road. The logs were pulled from the forest by my Grandfathers Horse Babe.

There is something about Walker. I don't think there is any other place like it. We are blessed with a quiet not found anywhere else. Even across the mountain in Groom Creek it's different. Sure, there are nice places but Walker is unique in a nice (special) way. Including the people that come here.

My Grandfather was not the earliest flatlander but he was here early. Harry Bennet convinced him to come (Bennet's property is where Phil, Joan and Suzie Murray bought.)

Who I knew as Old Man French was pacing off lots of various sizes to sell to whoever he could find with a little money. Surveyors today have nightmare projects to figure out boundaries. The French family has finally divested the last of their property in the area, including small slivers sandwiched between larger parcels. Some of the original families that purchased their property from Mr. French are still active in Walker today.

As they started to build they found themselves meeting my Grandfather. He was known to many as Mr. Potter and to a few as Bob. He made a habit of meeting everyone and of course offering advice on how and where to build. An old horse farmer from Minnesota he immediately acquired Babe and a variety of other horses for us kids to ride over the years. He was social and community oriented. He served as a Special Deputy for the Yavapai Sheriff and seemed to catch more burglars in Walker than I did as a full time Phoenix Police Officer.

He had a 1947 Willis pickup truck and put a 250-gallon water tank, a pump and a red line on the bed for use on our property and wherever else a fire might start. In 1967, he and several others formed the WFPA as I indicated in the last newsletter.

As the years have passed the roads have improved (to say the least) and more and more of you are living here full time.

Another unique feature in Walker is our Fire Department. It's hard to find any others that are based solely on donations from the residents. While we have received some grants over the years, everything you see at our fire station has been the result of donations. And we are financially viable. We have no debt and have cash for operations and for emergencies and maintenance like new roofs.

Whenever we have needed equipment or to build a building, you the Community, has stepped up.

This year of course we had the Goodwin Fire. This reminded us of how vulnerable we really are especially when you watch the events in CA as those fires roared through well-developed communities. We're not designed for that kind of fire. We depend on getting there early when the fires are small and keeping them small. Our response time has been historically good and the WFD has kept us safe.

In the Goodwin Fire, our personnel were used to help evaluate and clear properties to protect structures in case the fire swept through.

The fire reminds us of the importance of clearing our properties of down debris and ladder fuels. Loren Bykerk works like crazy to get grants for us to evaluate and clear our properties.

The WFPA is also has social responsibilities. Our social events are free and while we accept good-will offerings they are not required. As it happens you are always more than generous and we never have any problem taking in more than we spend. This is very important to the WFPA.

Your current Board is very aware of our responsibility to run the fire department as a business. We are careful with your money and have taken the politics out of the operational side.

The Firefighters all undergo extensive and continued training. They need special clothing and equipment. Roger Nusbaum is our Chief and is doing a stellar job. He is a volunteer as are all the Firefighters taking their personal time to protect our community. There are many of our neighbors who are involved as Firefighters and/or Paramedics. One of them, Mark Keegan underwent training to become a Paramedic on his own dime. It makes no sense for us as a Board to micromanage Roger. He keeps the Board informed of his actions and acts within his budget. He has led the WFD to participate with area fire departments and the Forest Service in a positive way.

There are four of us currently on the BOD whose terms expire next May. I am running again (no surprise there) but the other three will most likely not. They have all been strong, active members on the Board. I appreciate them for their commitment and contributions to the WFPA.

We need community members to step up and run for positions on the Board. It's not like there no qualified candidates in Walker. But, no one comes to this peaceful place to take their precious time and sign on to another commitment. That said we need your experience and thoughtful input. Our effort must be to maintain an efficient fire-fighting force. We can never let ourselves slip to a state where friendships dissolve and people withdraw from the community or from supporting the WFPA.

Your continued support makes us thrive,

Bill Loughrige  
President





## FROM THE TREASURER...

Our community and our WFPA were critically tested earlier this year as a result of the Goodwin Fire. Fortunately our fire fighters were able to fight back this dreadful fire and keep our community safe. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the men and women who dedicate their efforts to protect us and our properties. We are blessed here in the Walker community to have a very capable group of volunteers.

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 2017 - 2018 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, merchandise sales and grants from local and federal programs. All of these efforts continue to make WFPA financially sound.

Our year-to-date financials for 4 months through September 2017 show Assets of \$305,510. Our Profit and Loss for this same period shows Total Income of \$63,709 and Total Expenses of \$53,035. We are anticipating a capital expenditure this year to expand and rebuild the pump house adjacent to the fire station. We are in the process of getting quotes for this project.



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](mailto:WFPA.BOD@walkerfire.org)**

Hey Folks,

I am the chairman of this years WFPA Board of directors (BOD) nominating committee. We have (3) current BOD members that are about to retire from the board. I would like to encourage everyone to seriously consider serving on next years board. The best candidates either live locally or are able to attend most BOD meeting that are held on the second Saturday of each month. Meetings generally last an hour, from 9-10am.

This is not a high obligation position. You can do as much or as little as you like. You can actually have a bit of fun while helping to serve your community. We all come from different back grounds and have had different experiences. Everyone brings something to the table.

Please complete and submit a very informal candidate election form that can be found on our website (or I would be happy to forward to you). We do accept nominations from the floor at the annual meeting, but those candidate will not be included on the numerous proxy's that we receive. As a result, they generally have little chance of being elected.

Questions? Please call me at 928-445-8358 or email me at [john\\_ohanesian@yahoo.com](mailto:john_ohanesian@yahoo.com)

Thanks much,

Johnny O



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## WALKER FIREWISE

### WALKER FIREWISE

The requirement to maintain status as a FirewiseUSA Community is that of an annual report. Typically, Walker Firewise files this report in the fall. This year we are happy to report the following:

1. Hold a "Firewise Day"

This year we held three events that qualified as a "Firewise Day".

2. Invest minimum of \$2.00 per resident.

This year investments to date equaled \$39,511.58, or \$31.71.

3. We also reported that we participated in a community "Vegetation Removal project". Walker Fire Protection Association (WFPA) and Walker Community Action Alliance (WCAA) co-sponsored what we call "Chip & Haul". This year's Chip & Haul event was the largest to date and was financed entirely by donations. Yavapai County Public Works Department through the efforts of County Supervisor Jack Smith, donated the cost (easily over \$6,000.00) of the grinder, the loader and the operator, who spent 5 days processing the slash piles. Hauling costs were paid by the WFPA and WCAA and amounted to \$7,112.28.

Note: Grants no longer finance Chip & Haul activities since there is no way to either track accurately the percentage of slash attributed to mitigation versus maintenance or the number of acres treated. Grants only reimburse for costs associated with new mitigation.

Last year we hauled 19, 40 cubic yard containers amounting to 760 cubic yards. This year we hauled 30, 40 yard containers and 1, 30 yard container amounting to a total 1230 cubic yards. The total weight was approximately 344 tons.

Community volunteers reported 664.4 hours, valued at \$21,617.37 (24.14 per hour) and 856 miles driven, @ .535 per mile = \$470.80. The total value of Community Participation was \$22,088.17. Thanks to all who took the time to fill out timesheets. These reports help us retain our Firewise/USA status.

Walker Firewise has learned that it is included in a new grant to help property owners finance the costs associated with wildfire fuel abatement. This \$40,000 grant is expected to be funded in December of this year.

We offer free Wildfire Risk Assessments. To learn more, contact Walker Firewise at [walkerfirewise@gmail.com](mailto:walkerfirewise@gmail.com) and visit us at <http://www.walkerfirewise.org>.



### **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 im-



# Firefighters at Work - Goodwin Fire 2017



**the Walker Firefighters  
and  
all the firefighters from all over  
and saving our homes and towns!**



Briefing during Goodwin fire



Part of structure protection team assigned to Walker



Walker Fire-structure protection



Walker Fire on structure protection detail

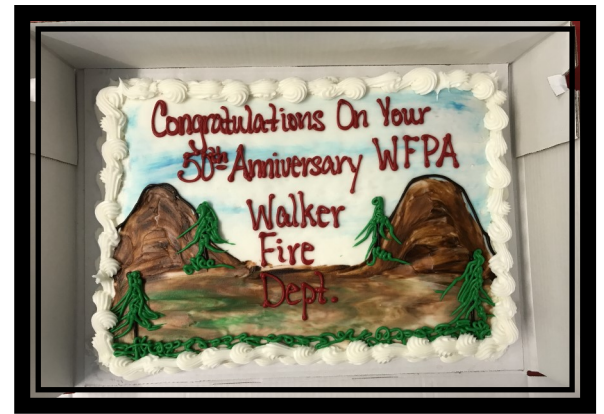
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# THE HOUSE AT THE END OF THE ROAD

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A guide to show you all the sights  
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## 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 2017 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](http://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 2017 Annual Donation Drive

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# Thinking about selling your property, but concerned Winter is coming?

Winter is the BEST time to sell because there are less properties for sale, so there is less competition. According to a study by RedFin, properties listed in Winter are 9% more likely to sell, they sell one week faster, and they sell for 1.2% more.

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Stacy and Mike Randolph

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# WALKER COMMUNITY WEBSITE

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Local Breezy Pine Business

## 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

### 2017 activity through November 5, 2017. . .

#### CABINS/HOMES

**SOLD - 33**

**PENDING - 5**

**ON THE MARKET - 23**

#### VACANT LAND

**SOLD - 13**

**PENDING - 3**

**ON THE MARKET - 41**



**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](mailto: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 2017-2018 Board:**

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- John Ohanesian-Vice President
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- Dan Dougherty
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**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](http://www.ycsoaz.gov). Follow the prompts for your opt-in registration and preferred phone number, contact method (email, text, voice...), and enter your property address. The site will convert the address to GPS coordinates automatically and will confirm registration once saved. You should note that all Yavapai County published residential and business landline phone numbers are automatically included in the database, registering with the site will permit you to add additional contact methods (cell phones, text and email addresses).



**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.

## **WALKER TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES**

### **TIME TO RENEW YOUR TRASH SERVICE**

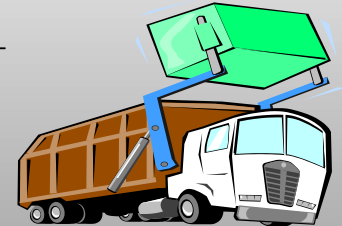
It's time to renew your annual trash subscription. The subscription runs January to December for the 12 months. Six month subscriptions are generally April-September or May-October. The rates are \$180.00 for 12 months, \$120.00 for 6 months or \$30.00 for a month. We change the lock combination at the end of January.

We operate this service for your convenience and to avoid as much as possible people burning their garbage especially during the dry months. We have struggled with volume issues because there are a few people who continue to leave the locks open and a few people who use the dumpsters to deposit all sorts of things that are not household garbage. We've had appliances, rolls of carpet, construction debris even a kitchen sink and cabinets.

This service is for household garbage. Please take other items to the dump yourself. That includes yard trimmings and large boxes. If the dumpsters are full don't just put yours on the ground. The service comes Monday and Thursday to empty the cans. If you can, time your trips to take advantage of that schedule. I know the weekenders like me need to use them on Sundays and they can be full especially if they've been left open or construction debris have been placed in them.

We run the risk of losing the service if the illegal dumping continues. Please let me know if you see anyone abusing the service.

Bill Loughrige  
President@walkerfire.org  
(480) 223-8034



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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:merchandise@walkerfire.org)).



**Please Consider an ad in our Spring 2018 newsletter and help our members shop local. Email [newsletter@walkerfire.org](mailto:newsletter@walkerfire.org) to place an ad.**

If you have a trade or service you provide, please consider placing an ad in the Chronical and our website. 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. The spring newsletter is a great time/place to spread the word for the peak spring/summer service needs!

### **Ad pricing:**

\$200-full page

\$100-half page

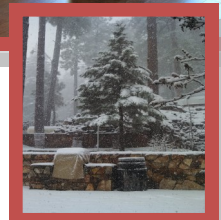
\$50-quarter page

\$25-eighth page: (business card size)

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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!***

***For an electronic version (in almost living color), visit our website at [www.walkerfire.org](http://www.walkerfire.org)  
The Walker Fire Protection Association ("WFPA") is a volunteer fire department and a non  
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