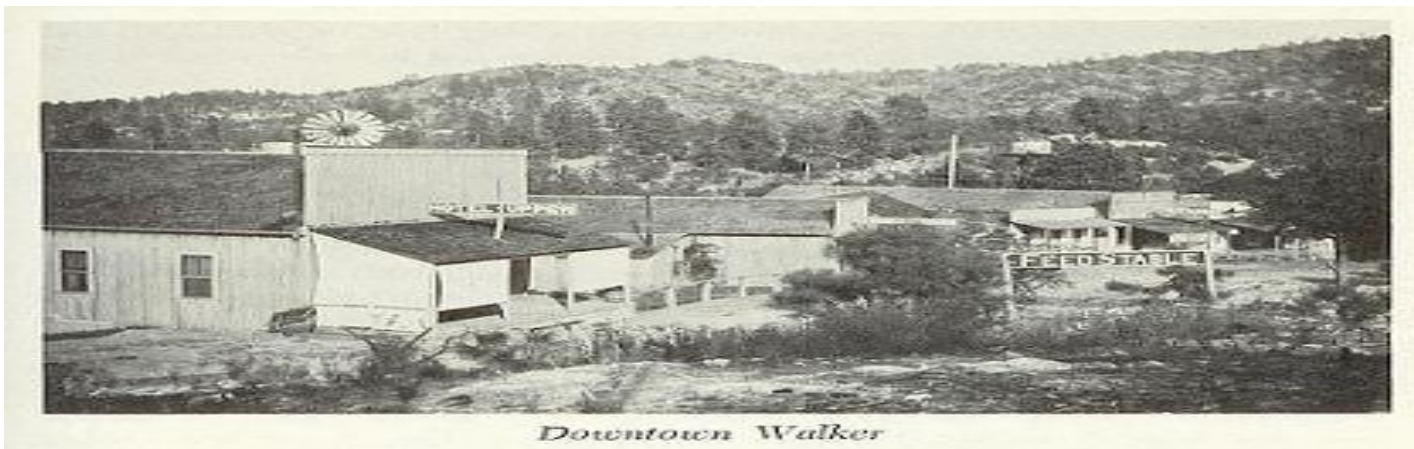


THE WALKER CHRONICLE



SERVING THE WALKER, BIG BUG AND POTATO PATCH COMMUNITIES

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Vote for Our 2018—2019 Board Members



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

WHEN: Annual Meeting & Brunch, Saturday **May 26, 2018**

STARTING TIME: 9:00 AM

At this year's membership meeting we will have four board seats that are up for your consideration. Inside the pages of your Spring Chronicle are the bio's of the candidates, three new and one upping for re-election. A qualified bunch that are eager to keep your WFPA running smoothly and supporting our volunteer force of fire fighters and EMT's. As permitted by our By-Laws, nominations from the floor are permitted so come prepared with your questions and nominations! And by all means, if you are unable to attend please follow the instructions on the included proxy to ensure your vote is counted.

Following the Board's business, nominee presentations, the Vote and while we wait for the final count, we will have our traditional potluck with all the yummy dishes and heavenly deserts. Please bring your special something-somethin' for all to enjoy. Both bragging up your dish and compliments are free so spread generously.



And appreciation... one of the greatest gifts that can be given is the gift of appreciation. Please take a minute to thank your firefighters, EMT's, our Fire Chief, Board and community volunteers.



Looking forward to seeing you on the 26th!



FROM THE FIRE CHIEF...

As everyone probably knows we had an unusually warm and dry January (although February and March were a little better) which creates visibility for an early start to a very long fire season. There have already been several fires in the Prescott area at lower elevations. Roughly 90% of fires are human caused whether that is intentionally or unintentionally which means that our safety relies extensively on our behavior.

Usually in May, the county issues restrictions that prohibit fires which means no burn piles, no warming fires, no smoking outside and no work outside that generates sparks. In case it is not clear THIS INCLUDES PRIVATE PROPERTY. **This year, the Stage 1 Ban* was put into effect on April 20th.** We are all stakeholders in this, the way we succeed in preventing fires is by working together to not only watch our own behaviors but also by talking to our neighbors and talking to visitors. If you rent out your cabin, please take extra time to explain the dangers to your renters.

Please start cleaning your property now, before the fire season starts. It would be far better to have only a couple of hours of cleanup in June if we are threatened by a fire as opposed to several days worth of cleaning to do.

The department has purchased 100 small signs for the fire season that say **Fire Ban! No Burning!** If you live on a relatively busy street, or on the way to some sort of popular destination up here (like the Charcoal Kiln as one example) we're hoping you'd take a sign or two and post them strategically when the fire season starts (we'd notify you as to when to post the sign). If you're willing to help out with this, please email fire-chief@walkerfire.org.



As was the case last summer during the Goodwin Fire, your best source for reliable and current information during an incident is the department's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/walkerfiredept/>

Thank you,

Roger Nusbaum

Fire Chief

Walker Fire Protection Association

* The web address below describes the Stage 1 Fire Ban and notes that the county is going along with the ban which impacts Walker, Potato Patch and other surrounding areas. **No activity OF ANY KIND involving flames or sparks outside permitted.** Per the article: "Violation of these fire restrictions is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 and imprisonment for up to six months."

<https://www.dcourier.com/news/2018/apr/13/stage-1-fire-restrictions-begin-april-20/>

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Here we are already kicking off the 2018 Summer Season. Hopefully you're as excited for it as I am. Each year I get to reacquaint myself with old friends and meet new neighbors at our WFPA events.

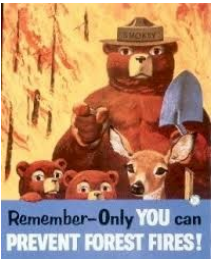
Winter has certainly brushed past us this year. Just enough moisture to make us think we might be OK. But, it's pretty dry. These cold fronts bringing in the wind and Red Flag warnings aren't helping.

All the more important for all of us to be prepared. The WFD is in good hands under Roger's leadership. The Board is working nicely and you the community continues to support us...Thank You.

Last year we lived through a pretty big scare with the Goodwin fire. Our guys responded and fit in where they could. In anticipation the fire would get into Walker there was a big effort to clear space around as many homes as possible to mitigate the possibility that the buildings would burn. Our Fire Station was used as a staging area and our Firefighters participated in those efforts.

The mitigation issue emphasizes the importance of the Firewise program. Loren Bykirk has been very active trying to mitigate as many properties as possible. There is a long way to go in that effort.

Unfortunately this year Yavapai County's grinder used for the Chip and Haul has broken down and probably won't be ready until fall. (See Loren's Firewise article in this Newsletter). The community has certainly benefited from that program and unfortunately it's been delayed.



There have already been wildfires in Arizona this year. As always the majority of these fires are caused by human activity. Yavapai County has already issued burning bans. Please be aware of the burn regulations and follow those guidelines. We will try to assist in those communications. See the web site walkerfire.org.

The WFPA is a 501 (c)3 organization formed to provide fire fighting emergency medical support to the area. We exist on donations and support from the community. We are not a tax-based entity and receive no public monies.

Everything you see comes from your donations and all the events are staffed by volunteers. Please donate what you are able and if you can, help with the events. Anything is welcome (and rewarding).

Last year was our 50th Anniversary and I had talked about some of the founding personalities.

As I have been writing this I found some old files from my parents. In that stuff was a clip board with all the details of building "Another Fire Station" from 1982.

I have attached the signup sheet for doing the work. Hopefully Greg and Lani Stava can find space for it in this Newsletter. On the list is John Koenig (an original incorporator and who still has property here and visits). Another currently recognizable name is Rudy Erdman (Currently on the BOD), There is a John Tomek on the list. He was the father to Gene Tomek who lives here full time and has been active with the WFD. That family has been here since 1958.

The documents include the materials lists and estimates and a blue print of the Fire Station. That building is the small garage behind the current Fire Station. We'll get the blueprint framed and hung in the Fire Station.

A great example of how the WFPA has been able to function over the years.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting. If you can't please send your Proxy so your vote can be counted.

Fish and Game has asked for some time to speak the community about ATV's and feeding wild animals. We have also asked the Forest Service if they would like a few minutes. The plan is to have them speak for a short introductory message and then have a table available for those that are interested to ask questions.

Thanks again for your continued support of the WFPA.

Bill Loughrige
President

Our community at work- "Another Fire Station" Circa 1982



I'll HELP BUILD ANOTHER FIRE STATION -

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>
JOHN KOENIG	CARPENTRY & PAINT
ROBERT DOREAK	HAMMER & PAINT
RUDY EROMANN 1-994-1837	CARPENTRY & CONCRETE
HEATHER	HANDY MAN
EDO'CLAIR	CARPENTRY
DAVE ATTWOOD	CARPENTRY
Leonard Poff	Helper - Truck
Dennis Gubelin	Carpentry - paint
Parson Bouton	" "
Kenneth Barnes	" "
Rick McDonald (contact Marion Bouton)	Carpentry Block layer
Alan Peckardt	Carpentry - paint
Eileen Hampshire	Painter
Tom Coughlin	Carpenter
Dean Mitchell	Paint, cement
John Tomek	mechanical handy man
Bob Reynolds	Carpenter & roofing
Joey Guehl	
Les Boud	carpenter & painter
Helm + Ed Apelman	any construction work
Harold Hurd	Misc. 445-2633
Bill (nameless)	General Helper

\$2.50

FROM THE TEASURER...

We are blessed here in the Walker community to have a very capable group of volunteers and a very supportive group of residents. On behalf of the WFPA I would like to thank the residents of the Walker Community for their generous donations during the first 10 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, and merchandise sales. All of these efforts continue to make WFPA financially sound.



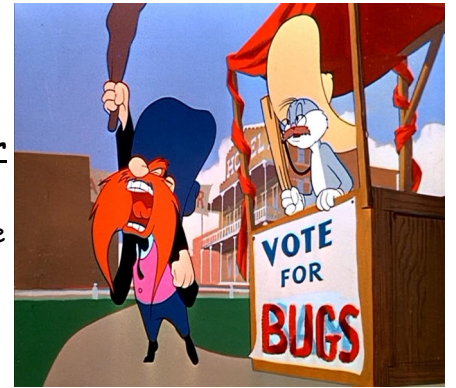
Our year-to-date financials for 10 months through March 2018 show Assets of \$308,603. Our Profit and Loss for this same period shows Total Income of \$156,050 and Total Expenses of \$136,099.

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

Steve MacIntosh

MEET THE CANDIDATES

At our annual WFPA Member's meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 26, 2018, four board of director's seats will need to be filled for the 2018-2019 fiscal years. 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:

William J. Loughrige

Please include me as a candidate for one of the four WFPA Board of Directors seats that will be available for election for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. I am a property owner in Walker and will be prepared to present myself at the annual meeting to answer questions from the board and membership.

I have had the honor of serving on the WFPA Board of Directors since 2010. The first year was as Vice President and since as President. I partner with Linda Emmett and Shad Bruce to oversee the Walker Trash Collection Service for the Board. In addition to my Board responsibilities, I actively assist with the majority of WFPA events: Pancake breakfasts, Bingo nights, Walker Day, Kids day and the Fire Fighter Appreciation Pig Roast.

I believe our mission is to support the Walker Fire Department in its effort to be able to get to any fire before it gets too large to control and provide basic first response medical assistance. The WFD responds to approximately 30 calls a year and for over 50 years, our volunteers have been successful in this mission and are more capable then ever of getting the job done.

I am asking for you support in this effort.

Bill Loughrige

New Candidates

Steve Kreis

I built my cabin in Potato Patch in the mid 1980's and have been using it ever since. We were the 60th cabin to build and upon the completion the HOA was able to take over ownership of the community park. My two children grew up escaping the brutal Phoenix heat by going to the beautiful cool pines in the Walker/Potato Patch area almost every weekend. Now they are both are very successful members of the Phoenix/Valley community.

I am looking forward to contributing to the Walker and Potato Patch communities by participating on the WFPA. I served for 38 years and retired as the Executive Assistant Chief of the Phoenix Fire Department in 2013. During that time I participated on numerous local, state and national fire service boards and committees and owned and operated a successful national fire service teaching and consulting business. I'm hoping that my nearly 4 decades of fire service experience might help the WFPA a little bit. I graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelors degree in Political Science and a masters in Public Administration. I have always appreciated the great service that the Walker Fire Department has provided and hopefully by participating on the Board of Directors I can give a little back to our communities.

Tony Legamaro

New to the community

I have been in the fire service since 1994 when I started as a volunteer. I am currently a HAZMAT fire captain with the City of Goodyear and have been with the department since 2002. Additionally, I teach HAZMAT awareness operations at Glendale Community College and enjoy being a proctor for the Arizona Fire Service Center of Excellence.

I have been a part of various committees within the City of Goodyear throughout my career. Some of my responsibilities on these committees included purchase and research of various fire and HAZMAT related tools, hiring personnel, pack tests, engineer work group and EMS.

I have been married for 12 years. My wife, Becky, works as an educator. We have two children Anna 11 and Sam 9. We purchased our home in Walker in October of 2017. Although I'm currently employed full time and splitting my time between here and the valley, I am ready to commit to part time involvement with Walker Fire, and hope to one day be able to give a full time commitment. My wife and I fell in love with the Walker community and plan to live here full time upon our retirement. As such we want to give back to and invest in the Walker community. Having started in a small town EMS/Fire department I understand the challenges that face small departments and hope to bring my skills, experience, and passion to Walker.

Chris Mesa

Hi, my name is Christine Mesa, and I am running for a position on the WFPA Board of Directors for the year 2018-19.

My husband, Bob, and I purchased our home on Big Bug Mesa Rd in September of 2015. This home is our only residence even though sometimes I think I may freeze in the winter! Bob joined the Fire Department soon after we moved here so that we could contribute to, and actively protect our community. We believe in doing our part.

Bob and I lived in the same home in Chandler, AZ for 23 years. I was a member of the board of directors of our homeowners association there for a few years, trying to help bring the neighborhood through some rough times during the last economic downturn. We moved from Chandler to California for three years for work but came back to Arizona to be closer to our two children, who live in the valley.

I have worked since I was 16 until I came to Walker and retired. I usually work in jobs that require problem solving skills, primarily in Customer Relations. I have the ability, usually, to step back and look at the overall picture, to bring people together to solve problems. I admit that issues do occasionally get personal, but I realize that and try very hard to see all sides of an issue. I am stubborn, and will work on a problem to its fair solution.

I love my home and my neighborhood. Bob and I moved here for the beauty and peace of the forest and for the privacy that living off the main drag can provide, but we also both need to contribute to our community. It is our nature to be helpful, to see things that need to be taken care of and to help with it. Bob helps with the Fire Department and I am offering my help with the Board of Directors of the Walker Fire Protection Association. I hope that you will accept.

Clyde McKay

My wife Shelley and I own a cabin at 3743 E. Sheldon, Prescott AZ 86303. We have owned it for a year and a half and enjoy lots of family time here with our three children. We have made some friends in the area and even have a few from the valley that purchased cabins in the area.

I enjoy the outdoors including hiking and I am an avid dirt bike rider. Last year we created and managed a private Facebook page called Potato Patch / Walker Bulletin Board. It has been a fantastic tool for people to get to meet each other, sell items, make or ask for local recommendations. We worked hard to provide thorough updates during the fire and have also even reunited a few lost dogs with their owners and much more.

I have run and owned businesses for many years and am currently employed by a global provider of consumer electronic products where I am Vice President of one of their divisions. I have also been involved with various functions with the BLM and State Land Services over the past ten years. I also have experience serving a local club in a volunteer manner. I enjoy being involved, helping and creating an implementing tasks and ideas.

We have a wonderful community in Walker and Potato Patch and serving on the WFPA board would be a great way to be even more active in the community and feel my knowledge and background would help with the continued support for Walker Fire.



Walker Fire Protection Association, Inc. Proxy 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, at 9:00am, **Saturday, May 26, 2018**. Proxies 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. The proxy 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 **Friday, May 25, 2018**, 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" and summarized as; 1) 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 and 2) consent by State Statute as defined in section 3.1.1.2 through 3.1.1.2.2.6.

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 3.4 through 3.4.6 of the WFPA bylaws. The total votes eligible are limited as defined, regardless of the number of parcels owned or ownership participation as defined in section 3.9 of the WFPA bylaws.

Proxy will be verified for eligibility and against a Member roster with a record date of April 18th, 2018. Proxy qualification will be reviewed and verified with final eligibility determined by the WFPA Secretary. Any proxies 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: _____ or parcel # _____, 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 26th, at 9:00 AM** at the Walker Fire Station located at 4980 E. Walker Road, Prescott, AZ, 86303.

Limited powers

I hereby specifically authorize and instruct my proxy to cast my vote in reference to the following matter and any other motion brought before the WFPA 2018 Annual Meeting.

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 four people.

Write-In's

_____ William J. Loughrige	_____ Chris Mesa	_____
_____ Steve Kreis	_____ Clyde McKay	_____
_____ Tony Legamaro		_____

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)

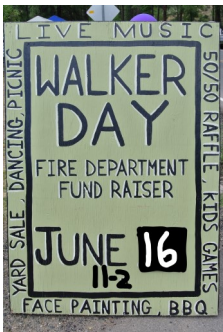
"IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2018"

BINGO-Third Saturday of each month (May - August),
from 4:00pm –7:00pm



PANCAKE BREAKFAST-Last Saturday of each month (April - September),
from 8:00am –10:00am (no breakfast on May 26th due to annual meeting)

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING, ELECTION and POST ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH-May 26th starting at 9 am



WALKER DAY-June 16th from 9 am to 2 pm

Walker Kids Day – July 17th from 10am to 2pm

(Scavenger hunts, games, arts & crafts, hotdogs & hamburgers and more)



WFPA 51st ANNIVERSARY & ANNUAL FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION/PIG ROAST

September 2nd from 12am to 2 pm

Note: Check out our website at <https://walkerfire.org> for dates as they are set or sign in to the website to sign up 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 not 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.

Firefighters at Work



“Who are those masked men?”



“If I were to guess, the pressure gauge is the second one from the left!”



“Well, I say its half full”



“The gangs all here”



Snow fire?

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!

About the **WFPA** and How You Fund Our Services

We are a Member funded/driven, not for profit, section 501(c)(3) volunteer organization formed 50+ years ago by Walker Members like you. The WFPA provides the first line of defense between hazard and safety for the Walker community. The WFPA receives minimal to no funding from the government and has historically had to rely on 35% to 40% of the Walker Membership to donate 100% of it's annual operating budget.

Fire department volunteers and your Board are extremely frugal and have managed the department's finances prudently in both good and bad times and through several challenging recessions. The department has no debt and a reasonable cash reserve to insulate it from 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 2018 donations reward our hard working volunteers with funds to provide insurance protection, safe equipment and continuous training in order to serve you better... a handsome return of your investment dollars.

Any one of the many calls each year could have become a much more serious incident to a 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 2018 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: _____ CVV # _____</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 Update - Yard Sale!!!

HEY FOLKS,

We are getting on this a little late, but we are planning to have some kind of Walker Day fundraiser on June 16th. I only had a couple people offer to help in any way with Walker Day, so we will have to do a smaller version than last year.

The BIG yard sale is a must, so please start saving your donations. We will start accepting them after May 1st and store them in the original station building behind the new station. Please try to drop them off on any Saturday morning between May 1st and June 16th so we can get them inside for safe storage. This is important as people love to "pre-shop" from the incoming donation pile (especially overnight). I'm amazed how much stuff "walks-off" Please contact me directly if you have a large amount to donate, but can't make a Saturday am drop-off.

Everything needs to be sorted and we have to dump the junk. This takes a Ginormous amount of effort, so Please, PLEASE DO NOT drop off the following items:

Beds, mattresses or box springs, (frames are OK) Couches or love seats, (they won't sell and we don't have room to store them) Televisions or large microwaves, (even if it works fine...it won't sell) Dirty items, (clothing, pet hair covered rugs, etc...) Broken stuff like that cool old table that's only missing one leg, (please test all electronics) Large, non-working appliances, (Please test, I know it worked 15 years ago when you bought the new one). If you can't test it, don't donate it.

Larger items like an out door furniture set should be dropped of on June 15th or 16th. Again, there is no place to store them and if they are nice, they might disappear.

Thanks much!
Johnny O

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!



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



Walker became a Firewise USA® Recognized Community in late December 2010. One of the primary objectives of the Firewise effort is to reduce the amount of fuels available to feed wildland fires. This is done by educating and helping homeowners mitigate their properties. Walker Firewise has been awarded a total of \$384,588.00 in grants and has treated almost 300 acres involving 238 Home Ignition Zones. Walker has approximately 2210 acres with 623 structures so we have a long ways to go.

For the past several years Firewise and the WFPA have held a Chip and Haul event where property owners could drop off slash for safe disposal.

In 2017, this event lasted through April and May with:

- 344 ton of processed and removed slash from our community
- 664 volunteer hours valued at over \$21,000 in labor contribution
- 856 miles of remediation related travel
- \$7,595 in community donated funds covered hauling, parking lot maintenance and supply costs
- Grinding costs were donated by Yavapai County Public Works Department.

On June 24, 2017 came the Goodwin Fire. A fire, aided by gusty winds that fed on tall chaparral over land that had not been treated for almost 50 years. The fire caused the evacuation of Mayer and then later several other communities including Walker, Breezy Pines, Big Bug Mesa, Potato Patch and others. We owe a huge thanks to all of the firefighters who, through their efforts, managed to stop this fire before it entered our community.

The reality of the Goodwin Fire has resulted in an unprecedented demand for Wildfire Risk Assessments and financial assistance requests to reduce forest fuels from our community. Unfortunately, the Yavapai County grinder is out of commission. As a result the Chip and Haul program for 2018 has been postponed. **DO NOT DELIVER SLASH TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Hopefully conditions will be favorable for a fall event and we continue to apply for grants to help pay for the mitigation of properties. If you have not already had your property assessed for Wildfire Risk, contact Walker Firewise for a free assessment.

walkerfirewise@gmail.com
928-443-9748
602-370-8020 cell
928-445-0590 fax
www.walkerfirewise.org

Special thanks to Loren Bykerk for providing the contents of this article and for the wonderful work he and Walker Firewise have done for our community! Please visit the Walker Firewise site for additional information regarding future remediation programs, financial assistance information and to request a Wildfire Risk Assessment.

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!

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 you or someone you know.



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.

WALKER AREA REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Courtesy of Sharon Bencze, High Country Realty, LLC

2018 activity as of April 10, 2018 . . .

CABINS/HOMES

SOLD - 7

PENDING - 7

ON THE MARKET - 14

VACANT LAND

SOLD - 0

PENDING - 1

ON THE MARKET - 38



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

U R Special!!! Every 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 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 2018 Board:

- Bill Loughrige-President
- John Ohanesian-Vice President
- Ed Antonowicz-Secretary
- Steve MacIntosh-Treasurer
- Rudy Erdman
- Dan Dougherty
- 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).



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 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 weekends like me need to use them on Sundays and they can be full especially if they've been left open or when non-household debris has 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 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: WFPA gear makes for a great gift year-round). 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



Please Consider an ad in our Fall 2018 newsletter and help our

members shop local. Email 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

Ad pricing:

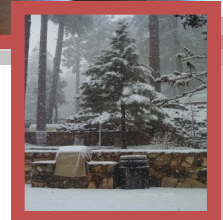
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This property is listed on the Vacation Rentals by Owner (“VRBO”), website. Just search property #884952 for additional detail



NEW COMMUNITY FORUM

A Safe, Private Alternative to FaceBook

<http://forum.walkercommunity.com>

FaceBook

The data of up to 87 million people on FaceBook was improperly shared with the political consultancy Cambridge Analytica.

I know a lot of people don't like FaceBook. They have privacy concerns or don't want to it to be a time suck.

I get all that, but I love FaceBook. I'm careful what I post, but I use it every day, and will continue to use it.

It's very useful for people in Walker. The Potato Patch group and the Walker Fire page have been valuable during the fire, or to find out snow and road conditions, or to get advice on services. I've gained new friends I didn't have before.

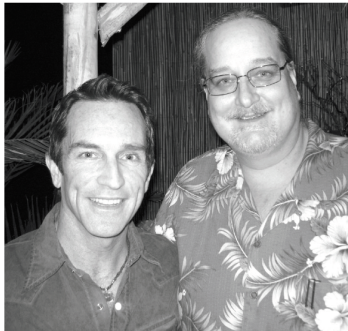
Those places are great and I don't want to replace them.

My Background

My first job as a web developer, in 1998, was working for a large video game publisher. After that, I worked for the company that developed **MySpace**. I was there at the beginning of social media.

I published my own fan web site, including hosting and moderating a forum, for the TV show **Survivor** for over 12 years and made money from advertising.

Since I'm not doing that anymore, I used my old Survivor forum software license to set up a new forum for our own use in Walker.



Jeff Probst and me at the 10 year Survivor reunion in January 2010, after 20 seasons.

A Safe, Private Alternative

I want to provide an alternative for people to get information about Walker, but who don't want to use FaceBook.

The new forum is part of the WalkerCommunity.com web site.

Forums have been around for years. The software is not as slick as FaceBook, but it gives us all of the functionality we need.

You can post photos and videos. You can share anything you want and discuss things with other people.

It is focused on Walker.

There will be no tracking, no personal information gathered beyond what you choose to put in your profile.

There is no possibility of personal information being sold, because there's no personal information being gathered.

If your property is already listed with a REALTOR®, please disregard as it is not intent to solicit the business of other REALTORS®

I want this to be a gift for the community. I'm not making any money from it, unless you ask me to help you sell your house.

Please Try It

There's not a lot of content there now, so please post something. Whatever you would post on FaceBook, give it a try on the new forum.

It should be easy to use. That's the goal. Go to to the home page and follow the directions. There is an FAQ page that answers questions.

If you have any problems at all, please let me know and I'll walk you through it.

The new forum is for people who want something different, something more secure and private.

I want to encourage people who will never use social media to use this forum. It's a safe place where everyone can be social without the concerns you might have about FaceBook.

Please check it out and let me know what you think.

Thanks.

If you want to sell your house in Walker, call me at 928.925.4428 or email me at conrad@walkercommunity.com.

See the web site at www.walkercommunity.com.

For a list of all properties for sale now in the Walker area: <http://www.walkercommunity.com/for-sale/>

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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
The Walker Fire Protection Association ("WFPA") is a volunteer fire department and a non
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