



## From The President

*“Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their country.”*

Never was that old typing class exercise more appropriate.

As we are all aware the stringent “Social Isolation” protection from this deadly virus has caused the suspension basically of all social gatherings. That includes those of the WFPA. The plan is to open them up again as soon as it’s safe according to medical expert’s guidance. The hope is for later in the summer, but at this point, that is still a moving target.

We live in an extraordinary culture and now we are faced with an extraordinary challenge. We’ve been here before and we will still be here when it’s finished, stronger than ever. But this virus has affected all of us.

The challenge is to bring our thoughts back to Walker and see if we can get some perspective.

In the early 1900’s Walker was basically a wasteland. Pictures from the era show the logged off and burned off hills that are today so beautifully clothed in Pine, Spruce and Oak. Our wildlife abounds. Game cameras, The Ring and other online cameras are

reminding us of all the creatures living among us. About the only things I haven’t heard about are any Elk or Antelope. It just points out, we always bounce back. It’s just our nature.

The old joke has always been the kids hope the school burns down, but now they are chomping at the bit to get back. We, in the Walker area, have an amazing place to escape to. It’s always been a place of solace for me.



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# 3 Reasons Why You Should List Now



## Things Are Changing

For the last 2 months, it seems the Walker real estate market has been holding it's breath, waiting to see what will happen.

In the last few weeks, things started to change. Buyers are calling. Sellers are calling.

Here are 3 reasons now is the time to list.

- 1. The Season** - It's the traditional time of year when the Valley gets hot and people want to escape to the cool mountain air.
- 2. Social Distancing** - People are motivated to move away from the densely crowded city. How can you be more "socially distanced" than a cabin in the forest? Tell a friend!
- 3. Prices Are Holding** - With all of the economic chaos we've had in the last 2 months, I wasn't sure what to expect, but prices are staying high.

No matter what the future holds, I'm thankful for today.

Let's keep moving forward.

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Of course, even with our social distancing, we can all devise things to do in the forest. Our Kids Day had scavenger hunts, trail walks, gold panning; all things families can do together, just like the 1950s; only now with electricity and running water. (I don't imagine modern parents are going to give a 10 year old an ax and tell him to go chop firewood. And that's too bad! I learned a lot swinging an ax. First of course was to not hit yourself with the business end.)

The WFPA is following the suggested guidelines. The Fire Department has been planning and preparing to deal with the virus and as always, we are fully functional and answering all calls.

As each of you is affected by this awful circumstance, I hope you can make the best of it. These tall pines, cool nights and quiet peaceful atmosphere will help us all get through this.

My hope is for you all to stay safe and healthy in these uncertain times. And my gratitude goes out to all those on the front line battling this virus and assisting those that have it.

Bill Loughrige

## From The Fire Chief

We are hopeful that our wet and snowy winter will have the effect of shortening the fire season this year which would come as a nice reprieve after the last couple of years, but it is too early for any visibility on that outcome.

Usually in May, the county issues restrictions the 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.**

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.



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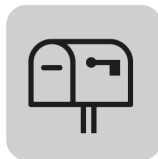
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The department will again post the signs pictured below for the fire season that say Fire Ban! No Burning!

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.



As has been the case the last couple of summers, your best source for reliable and current information during an incident is the department's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/walkerfiredept>

This winter we again had problems with people leaving cars at the fire station without permission due to road conditions as well as thinking it's OK to leave cars there for social events.

This is not ok to do as indicated by the many signs on the grounds. No one lives in a place where it is OK to park in front of the local firehouse.

Very simply, this impedes department personnel's ability to respond quickly if they have to spend extra time looking for a place to park.

As most of the community knows, Walker Fire is a donations-based (non-profit organization) fire department.

We rely on donations to support for the costs of training, equipment and all other expenses incurred in running a fire department.

We receive no tax revenue and our non-profit status makes it very difficult to find grants for which we are eligible to apply.

Like just about every other aspect of life, the fire service is becoming increasingly complex and increasingly expensive.

If you are not already doing so, please consider making a donation to Walker Fire today.

Thank you,  
Roger Nusbaum  
Fire Chief  
Walker Fire Protection Association

## From The Secretary

Hello community! This newsletter is coming to you all at a difficult time in all of our lives. I hope that you and everyone in

your family are staying healthy and safe.

Though there is a lot going on in the world, all of us continue our work to improve things in our community. Last year we installed new cameras around the Fire Station and the open area surrounding the dumpsters. These continue to be monitored to reduce the amount of illegal dumping and they are working. We appreciate those who are cooperating and please note that anyone caught illegally dumping will be turned over to legal authorizes.

As winter brought the area a good amount of snow and precipitation the creeks are running, water collection tanks are full and the area lakes are benefitting greatly. There were a few larger snow storms and

our community rallied. We saw so many people helping one another whether offering to get driveways blowed, pulling out cars/trucks struck from the snow or spreading cinders on the main roads to help their friends and neighbors. One thing I really appreciated this winter was how we did not have the amount of power outages like over the past few years. APS have done a great job working in our area to upgrade the equipment and continue to do so.

The Board Meetings have been going well and it is nice seeing some of the community show up for meetings. If you would like to keep up to date on the board activities, residents are able to find the monthly WPPFA Board Meeting Minutes on our website at <http://walkerfire.org/board->



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The WFPA website will have all information regarding upcoming activities at <https://www.walkerfire.org>

Another great source for information can be found on the Walker Fire Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/walkerfiredept/>

Last but not least another good social media secret/private group is the one Shelley and I set up called the “Walker and Potato Patch, AZ Bulletin Board”. This page is for immediate homeowners in the area. If you know someone already on the page they can invite you or you can contact me directly. It is by invitation only which is done to protect the members/homeowners privacy. This group has been a great source of information, beautiful photos of everything from nature to kids building their snowmen and most recently residents offering to help each other during this virus whether picking up food, running errands and more. You all are so amazing!

Thank you all and looking forward to seeing you when we are able to hold upcoming events at our Fire Station.

Clyde McKay  
Secretary  
Walker Fire Protection Association  
[secretary@walkerfire.org](mailto:secretary@walkerfire.org)

## From The Treasurer

Hello my fellow Walkerites, hope all are enduring well through this difficult time. It's spring time on the mountain and I'm sure we are all ready for some warmer weather!

Although plans for fund raising and social gatherings are under heavy consideration due to the Covid 19 concerns, we are doing our best to stay connected to the community.

Now more than ever is the time to help each other. Minding social distancing, running an errand for someone, it all helps.

Financially the WFPA is doing OK.

We have had some larger expenses with building maintenance, the new Potato Patch Garage and major truck repairs but thanks to the generosity of our community we have been able to cover these costs.

I am still in the process of working through my first year as treasurer. Our past treasurers have built a solid financial platform for the WFPA.

I am doing my best to continue that work by interfacing with our accountants, bank and neighboring organizations.

Every month I provide a brief report on my activities and also post a statement of assets and liabilities on our website.

This really does not show the true financial status. I am working on

improving my report to show summations of expenses and funds received. I hope to roll this out soon. As always, I am happy to answer any questions and take suggestions.

Thanks,  
Lance  
WFPA Treasurer

## WFPA Fundraiser Wrap Up

Hey folks,

I am the fund raising chairman for the Walker Fire Protection Association, (WFPA). In the past 10 years, we have seen a tremendous amount of excitement and support through our numerous social events. It's been fun for everyone

and a great way to help fund our fire department.

Obviously, in the interest of public safety, will need to put our fundraisers for this season on hold.

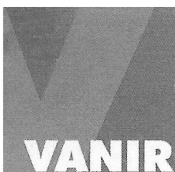
We will start adding them back as soon as soon as the environment stabilizes.

This is a new reality for all of us...for now.

This too shall pass and we will be back to cake walking, eating pancakes, playing bingo and enjoying fellowship with our wonderful, Walker friends.

Take care and be safe!

Johnny Ohanasian  
WFPA Fundraising Chairman



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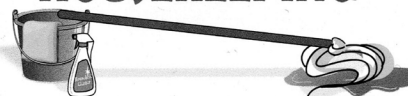
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# About the WFPA and How You Fund Our Services

We are a Member funded/driven, not for profit, section 501(c)(3) volunteer organization formed 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 any 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 2020 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!

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## DONATION PAYMENT METHODS:

**1. Check** - Make checks payable to the WFPA, complete the donation slip and return to:

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

**2. PayPal** - Use the PayPal link on our website at [www.walkerfire.org](http://www.walkerfire.org). If you use PayPal, you do not need to send in the donation slip. Keep a copy of your receipt because your donation to the WFPA is tax deductible.

You can also update your personal information on our website by selecting the "Contact Us" form.

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Please note any changes below. Insert form and donation in the enclosed envelope.

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# Walker Firewise

## Walker FireWise

This year Walker Firewise, sponsored by the Walker Community Action Alliance, celebrates 10 years of service to the Walker Community.

Much has been accomplished, and a whole lot more is waiting to be done to lessen the threat of an uncontrollable wildfire within our little spot of heaven here on earth.

The heavy, wet snow in March of this year has brought down many trees and limbs.

It would've been a great year for a Chip & Haul event, but sadly this year there is no money to pay for one.

We will continue to seek funding opportunities. Next best solution is the Yavapai County "Free Slash Drop-off Program" until June 1, 2020.

County transfer stations are located in Black Canyon City, Congress, Mayer, Paulden, Seligman, and Skull Valley.

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accepted. No lumber, stumps, roots, cactus, metal or garbage.

All must be removed from plastic bags. For locations and hours, please visit: <http://www.yavapai.us/Portals/30/TransferStationList.pdf>

Activities this past winter have been rather slow due to, not only weather conditions, but there have been changes of personnel at the local level of Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management that has caused a disruption in one of our main resources for our wildfire fuel abatement program.

Interviews for a new crew leader are currently being performed, however, COVID-19 could easily determine how soon the crew will be permitted to resume projects.

Until the current health crisis is over, Walker Firewise will not be performing Wildfire Risk Assessments for property owners.

If you are not receiving emails from Walker Firewise and would like to receive timely Firewise information, sign up at [walkerfirewise@gmail.com](mailto:walkerfirewise@gmail.com).

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## TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES

The only given this year is that we don't have any idea what's going to happen.

Our trash collection service is for household garbage only. With all that's going on we all might have more time to spend in Walker until this virus blows over.

If so there will be an increase in use of the dumpsters. We have plenty of volume for normal usage. Construction debris and large cardboard boxes affect that volume. As do holiday weekends.

We can't really add additional dumpsters, so please work with us to keep the trash off the ground.

If the dumpsters are full either hold your garbage until the next pick up (They pick up on Mondays and Fridays), take it home or to the transfer station yourself. (In the winter they miss when it's icy)

This service has become a popular one and we need your cooperation to keep it viable.

### FEES

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.

For those who donate \$1,000.00 or more to the WFPA, we provide a yearly subscription. Donations over \$500.00 receive a six month subscription.

We change the lock combination at the end of each January.

The Walker Trash Collection Service web site is located at:  
<http://walkertrashcollectionservice.com/>

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## Walker Merchandise

The community of Walker is what so many of us call home or our home away from home.

As we all spent the last few months at our homes trying to stay healthy, our hopes and prayers are that the summer will find us out and fully enjoying our community once again.

Don't let staying home or inability to attend the events at the fire station stop you from supporting our Walker Firefighters.

Walker merchandise is available all year long and all proceeds go directly to the WFPA "Walker Fire Protection Association" (i.e. apparel for all ages, coffee mugs, baseball caps, etc.).

You can purchase these items anytime several different ways:

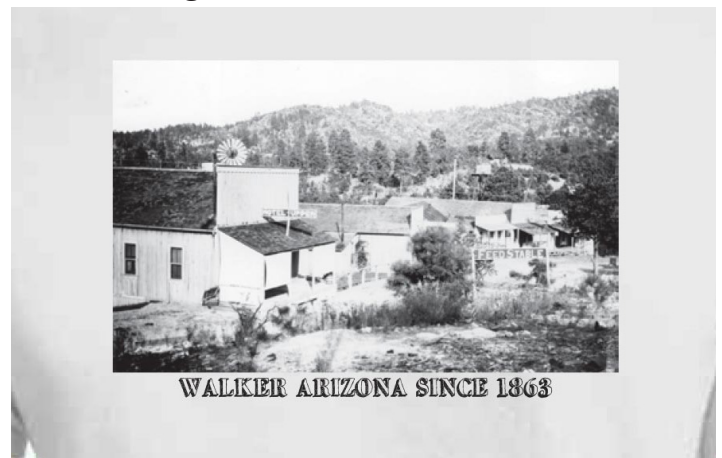
1. Online at [walkerfire.org](http://walkerfire.org) (just click on the "merchandise" link). You can view many of the items offered.

2. Text or call Karen at (623) 521-2092 to inquire or place an order

These items can be picked up at the fire station or other pick up location as arranged when your order is placed (they can also be mailed for a fee).

3. Attend the monthly pancake breakfasts or our many summer events at the Walker Fire Station. (The events are currently on pause, but will return.)

## New Designs!



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For questions or an order form please contact Karla at [kmacy1911@gmail.com](mailto:kmacy1911@gmail.com) or Karen at [1karengonzo@gmail.com](mailto:1karengonzo@gmail.com)

Karen Gonzalaz  
WFPA Merchandise Chairman



## WFPA Website

The website is your source for the latest news and announcement of events concerning our Walker Community. See the "Events" page for info.

You can read about upcoming Board meetings, community gatherings and scheduled firefighter training.

The site also contains the community directory, sections for Walker history, forest service issues and more.

To be part of our Community Website Directory and to be included in our e-mail data base, go to [www.walkerfire.org](http://www.walkerfire.org) and click on the "Create an Account" link on the left side of the home page.

You can also visit the Walker Fire Department Facebook page for pictures, posts, and the latest news at:  
[www.facebook.com/walkerfiredept/](http://www.facebook.com/walkerfiredept/)

## Code Red Alert System

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office now utilizes CodeRED® as its Emergency Notification System.

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## BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD MONTHLY

The 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:15 AM at the Fire Station.

Everyone is welcome.

## 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.

## House Numbers

As a request from the fire department, please make sure you've posted house numbers in a place that allows us to find you easily in an emergency.

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