



WFPA CHRONICLE

Walker Fire Protection Association Annual Membership Meeting and Pot Luck Social

Where: Walker Fire Station - 4980 E Walker Rd

When: Saturday, May 28th, 2022

Starting Time: 9:00 a.m.

At this year’s membership meeting we will have four board seats up for election with three of the current board members seeking re-election.

Per the by-laws of the association nominations will be taken from the floor. There will be a period to ask questions of the nominees so come prepared with your questions.



In the event you are not able to make it in person to vote please have your signed proxy returned by either by mail (returned by May 26th, 2022), email or deliver it at the membership meeting by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the vote. (Keep in mind USPS can take longer than normal times to deliver.) The proxy form with instructions is located on page 17 of this chronicle. You can also download it from the WFPA website at <https://walkerfire.org/>

POTLUCK DETAILS

The annual potluck lunch will follow the annual membership meeting. Keeping with tradition please see below for what type of dish to bring based on the first letter of your last name.

If your last name starts with:

A - H please bring a side dish

I – R please bring a main entrée

S – Z please bring a dessert

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and potluck!



From The Fire Chief:

Winter 2022, as of this writing, has been remarkably dry. If the dry conditions persist, we can expect relatively high fire danger this coming summer. Preventing a wildfire from becoming a huge incident requiring weeks of work from outside resources with potential homes lost requires an all-community effort in terms of being smart and safe as well as making sure new neighbors understand the dangers we face in the summer, what behaviors are riskiest and how seasonal fire restrictions work.

We can't expect people who just bought their cabin a couple of months ago or people who come up to stay in a short-term vacation rental to truly understand the fire risks. Please be proactive with new homeowners and rental owners, please make sure information about fire dangers and restrictions are posted in spots in your cabin that are impossible to miss like eye level on your refrigerator.

Burn restrictions are often announced in May but could come anytime. Once restrictions are imposed, there is no activity allowed outside involving any sort of flame or sparks or an activity that could potentially cause sparks. This includes warming (camp) fires, work like welding, cooking with charcoal, smoking outside; about the only activity allowed in this context is cooking with propane.

Quite a few years ago in this letter we talked several times about paperwork to allow the fire department access to private water tanks around the area in case of emergency and the response was fantastic.



We'd like to kick that up a notch and ask people without water tanks to consider adding one to their property. Brand new, they appear to run \$1500- \$2000. I was able to get a used 2500-gallon tank for our property last year for \$500. During the Goodwin Fire in 2017, Walker personnel worked in conjunction with outside resources cleaning up properties, removing fuel (small diameter trees and light brush) to hopefully reduce the odds of fire spread. A next step if it had been needed would have been to set up sprinkler kits provided through the organization managing the fire, as shown below, all over the community.

On the day that the fire poses its biggest threat, these sprinklers can be run which raises the humidity for hours and can be the difference maker. Each sprinkler head needs about 5 gallons per minute and ideally, you'd have two or three per house. One water tank trying to protect a group of houses will run out of water very quickly but one tank per house can provide protection for a couple hours which is a lot considering the highest fire danger period in the summer is roughly 2pm-6pm. Fire apparatus can be the water source for a time but when human safety dictates that crews leave, the sprinklers can be switched over to private tanks and then checked on the next day. The more tanks in the community, the better the odds for success.

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



Winter 2022, as of this writing, has been remarkably dry. If the dry conditions persist, we can expect relatively high fire danger this coming Please take advantage of the Chip 'n Haul opportunity to clean your property and take wood, slash and other forest debris to the station house for the duration of the event. The community owes a huge thanks to Loren Bykerk for quarterbacking the community's Fire Wise program including the Chip N Haul events.

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

In our newsletter from last fall, we talked about a big evolutionary step that Walker Fire took in the 2021 fire season with our new off district program. Last summer Brush 80 helped on fires in Arizona, Montana, Washington and California. We are optimistic that we can expand the program in 2022 to include Rescue 81 also helping on these sorts of incidents.

The benefits to the department include being a revenue source which can lead to modernizing our fleet, experience and training that we hope our firefighters would never get in Walker. Personnel participating in the program have the opportunity to earn money and the success of our program also serves as a recruiting tool.

Although we have developed this new revenue source, Walker Fire remains a donations-based (non-profit organization) fire department. Donations are vital to support 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 your annual donation to Walker Fire today.

Thank you,
Roger Nusbaum
Fire Chief
Walker Fire Protection Association

From The President:

Well, here we are at the end of winter 2022, but more importantly at the beginning of summer.

In addition to the fire season, which we live through every year, summer is the social time at the Walker Fire Protection Association. As you will be getting this at the end of April-first of May, the first pancake breakfast might already be behind us. Bingo will be all the third Saturdays until September. Pancake breakfasts are the last Saturday except for May. That Saturday is for the annual membership meeting for the WFPA. Walker Day, Kids Day and Firefighter Appreciation Day all attract great crowds too. Watch for these events on the website Walkerfire.org. Fun times.



In the beginning Walker was primarily a summer destination, summer cabins if you will. More and more it has become the full-time residence for many of you. For those of you in your first year you've learned quickly that public services are pretty much non-existent, and we depend on each other and community goodwill for a LOT. Especially access and help with the roads that are difficult to deal with. That's been the beauty of Walker. Not only the silence when you stand outside and hear the breeze in the trees it's your neighbors.

In the last newsletter I mentioned of the health of our association. The importance of that is that we will be able to buy equipment as we need it rather than ask in the traditional way for a fundraiser to pay for what has most likely been used equipment. I think there are only two pieces of equipment in our inventory that have been purchased new. During these past few months, the Board has decided to add another truck. In our nomenclature typically it would be a type III which means a wildland fire truck. But we are looking for one with capabilities that would-could make it a structure rated truck.

(Those are Type I trucks) They are necessary and critical for our ISO rating. (We have a terrific Type I now, but it is getting old(er))

The ISO rating is the insurance industry system for determining rates for homeowners' insurance. As many of us have found out in recent years the insurance companies are more and more likely to not

want to cover properties in our kind of wildland area. The Type I and Water Tenders are essential for that rating.

Roger and his crew found a truck that sounded like it would be perfect. As most things that are or sound like too good to be true, they generally aren't true. The truck while not perfect is certainly serviceable and would be a great asset but the asking price is way too much. The Board has allocated \$200,000 for the purchase and equipment necessary to make the truck operational. This is a big purchase for us.

After the disappointment of this truck, we learned that a grant might be available. By adding the funds allocated for a used piece of equipment, we can actually use our \$200,000 in addition to the grant and buy the perfect truck. NEW (Well as perfect as a truck can be)

This is a multi-month process and we are still looking for the used truck and if one pops up will take it but in the meantime we are in the grant process and I hope we will find ourselves with a brand new truck.

We have been prudent with your money and because of the experienced firefighters that we have, we are able to go out with our equipment onto wildland fires. As a result of payments for that, we have a nice nest egg. Not that we can rest on our laurels and say all we have enough money now. The firefighting scene is constantly changing the demands on our services continue to grow as the community grows.

Our goal is to continue to provide quality service. We have operated on the generosity of you, the community and you have been more than generous over the years and you are the reason we are successful.

Thanks
Bill Loughrige
President

From The Secretary:

Welcome to all the new residents! The Walker Fire Protection Association twice a year sends out a newsletter. This newsletter is a way to reach all of our residents and give them information regarding things like status updates within WFPA, information about our area including fire season, chip and haul, weather tips and more. It is a tool that lets us connect with you directly and we look forward to creating these communications for you - the community.

Over the last few years I have served as your WFPA Secretary and I thank you for supporting WFPA and my role within this fine Board. Every board meeting it an important one - it lets us know where we are, where we want to go and how can we get there. It is a constant goal of myself and the board to find ways to be better and do better for WFPA and the area. Last year it was made a priority to communicate more often with the residents on important matters. With the newsletter being sent twice a year there are things that come up and need to be shared with residents that can't wait until another newsletter and email has been a great way to achieve the goal of better and faster contact when time is of the essence. As secretary I hope those have been helpful to you.

Another way we want to make improvements is through streamlining the Walker Trash payment and form processing system. Our old system has worked for years however, we can always find ways to do better. The old system required mailing your completed forms and check payment. Then that was processed through volunteers, then sent to the accountant for the work on their side, and then a code mailed out and as you know it took time. Our attempt will be to make this process easier for residents. Utilizing online processing for the required Walker Trash forms and then offering online payment processing should help make the process of receiving the new trash code a quicker process. Please bare with us as we try to service this area better.



Our WFPA Website is a community area for all things related to the fire association, board meeting minutes, trash forms, community events and much much more. This is an area that also needs some updating and efforts to make it more user friendly. Look for those changes coming to over the next few weeks/months.

Each of these updates and changes is going to take a bit of time. These “to-do’s” are all accomplished through our board (volunteers). Volunteers coming up with the ideas during our monthly meetings. Volunteers giving their time to implement those ideas.

Walker is a special place and many of us are here year around and get to enjoy our beautiful surroundings daily. Over the next few months we move into prime-time cabin season for our part-time residents. This also prime-time WFPA activity and fundraiser season. Pancake breakfast, B-I-N-G-O, Walker Day and Fire Fighter Appreciation are just a few of those upcoming events. Volunteers are also what make each of these events possible to hold. Each person that takes their personal time and donates it towards one or more of these events if so valuable! I am looking forward to getting these events underway and enjoying seeing everyone again. If we haven’t met yet please come and introduce yourself - I truly want to get to meet and know my neighbors here in Walker and Potato Patch.

If you ever have questions, I am here to serve for WFPA and can be reached at secretary@walkerfire.com or give me a call at 480-329-8443.

Kind regards,
Clyde McKay
Secretary

From The Treasurer:

Hi fellow Walkerites, we are heading into another spring/summer season. Not soon enough for me! I have enjoyed the few snows and winter activities. It was good to see many of you out to cheer on Brush 85 in the Prescott in the Christmas Parade last December.

We are heading into another fire season and thanks again to your support we are in a good financial position to be ready. We are largest volunteer department in the state. It is amazing how the team has worked together to keep this machine rolling. In the last half year, we have worked hard to

improve banking, insurance review, accounting and stewardship of the funds given to us to run the department.

I have tried to keep the community up to date through the monthly board meeting reports which can be found on the website. Still much to be done.



From time to time there has been mention of challenges for maintaining an aging fleet. Although we do have some older equipment, our fleet is in top condition and ready to serve. Constant maintenance is expensive and critical, not just the trucks but the equipment aboard. One example is the medical monitor on Rescue 81. It is functional but no longer supported for annual inspection by the manufacturer. Chief Roger put out a request to the community to help reduce the hit to the budget and you responded in true Walker fashion. A new replacement is on the way and will serve us for many years to come. Chief Roger is also working hard on grants and we are now in a position to consider a new truck replacement.

The Wildland Program continues to grow. Not only does this generate some revenue for the department but has brought us additional experienced volunteers to support the department.

Chip and Haul is coming up and we are working with the WCAA to keep this much needed service supported. Prevention is always better than suppression but still has costs. Your donations help greatly.

I am looking forward to our summer events. Pancake breakfasts, bingo, Walker Day, all great ways to enjoy our little mountain community and each other. Can't wait to see you all and refresh my winter warn Walker wear with some fresh swag.

Thanks,
Lance Gilbert
Treasurer

The Crooks Fire:



As we all suffered the agony and anxiety of watching the Crooks Fire grow and threaten Walker, our Volunteer Firefighters had been making Herculean efforts to help keep our houses safe. Fire Chief Roger Nusbaum cut his vacation short to return and coordinate, oversee and manage our resources.

They are truly heroes.

While not completely out of the woods as I write this, things are looking like the fire on our end has been pretty well contained.

The Crooks Fire has been the most scary threat to Walker in my Memory since the 1970's. It was 400 yards from homes on Snowdrift Mine Road. Way too close.

We delayed the distribution of this Newsletter and added four pages to include remarks from Roger, stories about behind the scenes efforts, some pictures where available and our testament to the Firefighters.

Another factor has been the work of Loren Bykerk as the Firewise program has mitigated a huge area that helped control the fire.

Again, thanks to our Volunteers. Words cannot express my gratitude for their personal dedication and sacrifice to work as hard as they did to keep this fire from destroying our lives.

Bill Loughrige
President
WFPA



As of 4/28/2022. We wanted to extend the regular spring newsletter to address the Crooks Fire. Similar to the Goodwin Fire in 2017, the Crooks is a very close call, probably more so than the Goodwin. As we write this, there is increased confidence that the fire is winding and that the containment lines blocking the more dangerous pathways into Potato Patch and Walker will be effective. It is worth remembering that anything is possible with a wildfire but the probability of a terrible outcome from this has diminished and hopefully by the time you are reading this, the fire will be over.

Over the last ten years we've seen a serious increase in the number of large wildfires, known as Type 1 incidents. This reality puts a spotlight on the need for all of us to increase our engagement in mitigating our own properties, reaching out to Walker Firewise and Loren Bykerk for help, investing in a water tank and sprinkler system to essentially drown your house remotely if/when a fire gets to your property.



When these incidents threaten Walker, our volunteer fire department jumps into action.

Each day, we had 10 to 15 volunteers coming to the station to be there to support the operation of the incident, essentially being good hosts to the outside resources and then for this incident, we did structure protection in the path that the fire was at greatest risk to come through. We did not take undue risk, we worked several days out in front of the fire potentially coming through. We are not always assigned structure protection for large incidents, yes for the Goodwin and the Crooks but not the Gladiator from back in 2012.

We feel very fortunate to have all the equipment that the community has provided over the years and speaking personally, it is a gift to have opportunity to be able to try to be part of the solution when the community is threatened by fire. It's a fantastic expression of *skin in the game*.

Thank you,

Roger Nusbaum
Fire Chief
Walker Fire Protection Association

Photos Taken During the Crooks Fire



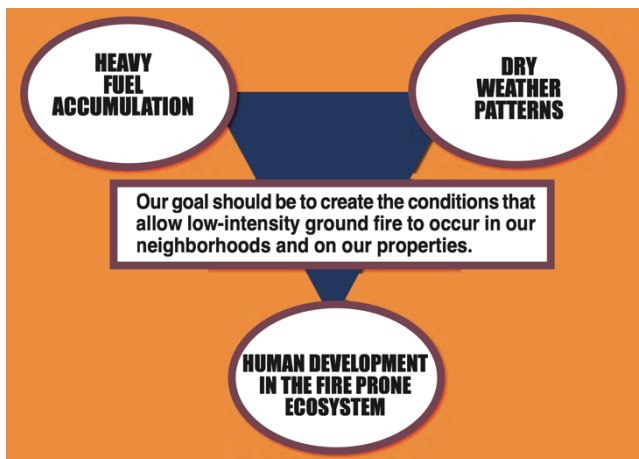
Living With Wildfire

Much of the Southwest is considered a high-hazard fire environment. Based on recent history and experience, these areas possess all of the ingredients necessary to support large, intense and uncontrollable wildfires.

Within this hazardous environment are individual houses, subdivisions and entire communities. Many homeowners, however, are ill-prepared to survive an intense wildfire. It is not a question of "if" a wildfire will occur but when. As such, the odds of losing human life and property are growing.



Our ability to live more safely in this fire environment depends on pre-fire activities. These are actions taken before a wildfire occurs that improve the survivability of people and homes. The National Firewise Communities/USA program as administered by the State Forester so communities can pursue a comprehensive approach to having a Firewise community.



The look of our Southwestern forests has changed dramatically during the Twentieth Century. In many instances trees are smaller but are far more numerous. This situation has led to destructive fires in recent years. The build-up of fuel coupled with recent insect and disease outbreaks has greatly increased potential for severe wildfires. Climatic factors such as drought and warmer temperatures also plays a role.

Please visit the following website for some excellent information to help you better understand more about fire behavior, protecting your home from wildfire and creating defensible space on your property.

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5339207.pdf

WFPA Website:

The Website is a good 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 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 database, go to www.walkerfire.org and click on the "Create and 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/

51st Annual Walker Day:

Walker Day is the single BIGGEST fundraiser of the season. This event it is a giant yard sale with items that are donated from the community. Walker Day draws people from all over including our community, Prescott Valley, Prescott, etc.

This year's Walker Day takes place at the Walker Fire Station on Saturday, June 18th, 2022 - 11am to 2 pm (Yard Sale from 9 am to 1 pm). Come join us for some good old-fashioned family fun and live entertainment among the beautiful cool pines. Help us to raise funds for our local volunteer fire association!

The community yard sale always has a large amount of items ranging from antiques and collectibles to furniture, tools, household wares and much, much, more...

Other activities taking place are:

- Old fashion cake walk – win one of many delicious cakes
- Free face painting for kids
- Live music
- Walker Merchandise available for purchase
- BBQ Lunch – Hot Dog or Burger with chips and a soda for only \$5!!
- Classic Car Show
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 raffle drawing Walker



How Can You Make Walker Day A Success?

Now is the perfect time to clean out those closets, cabinets, garage, etc. at home. Some of our residents have homes in the valley and a clean out there can be a big help to our event. Those items that you no longer need/want can be donated to the Walker Day event. These donated items are then for sale at our Walker Day yard sale where all the money generated goes to support our WPFA. It is a win win for all!

Beginning May 01st we start accepting your donations. These donated items can be dropped off at the small fire station building which is behind the main fire house building. Please have items boxed if possible as it assists us in storing items until the sale.

DO NOT drop off big items that typically do not sell such as washers & dryers, couches, big chairs, box springs, mattresses etc.

Another way you can help is to be a volunteer for this event. We can definitely use the help and it truly is a lot of fun and a wonderful way to meet new neighbors and see some you maybe haven't seen in a while. If you would like to volunteer to help at Walker Day, please let me know.

Clyde McKay
secretary@walkerfire.org
480-329-8443

Meet The Election Candidates:

The board has seven total positions. Each position has a two year term. Four are elected one year and three are elected the next year.

This year there are four candidates to fill positions for on the board.

Three of our current Board Members are running for re-election.

Bill Loughrige

For re-election

My Grandparents first rented a summer cabin here in 1947. It was the Pine Mountain patented mining claim. (I was 5 years old) The mine was being worked by Art Dahlin with Bob and Jon Rose. The Rose family lived in what would be the middle of Walker Road where the Pink Car is. It wasn't pink then. Art Dahlin in addition to mining ran a pack of Lion Hounds hunting lions all over Arizona. Pete Fair (a Veteran of the Spanish American War), Dave Barry (with his 3 Burros) and Anton Burrilla (101 years old) were all old hermits living in Walker. Loren Bykirks Grandfather was living where the Fire Station is now and there were a smattering of summer cabins and the Sheldon Mine was in full swing. My Grandparents bought the Pine Mountain North claim in 1948 and the family has been on the property ever since. My Granddad was the first President of the newly formed WFPFA in 1967.

Things have changed. A paved road, a first class all Volunteer Fire Department, more permanent residents and the word cabin, can hardly be used to describe the homes being built here.

In 2010, I was elected to the Board of Directors and have served as President since 2011. Our terms on the Board are two year and you have the opportunity to tell us how we are doing.

I am asking for your vote to remain on the Board. I enjoy working for the community with the other Board Members. Your Board Members are a dedicated and very professional group. Things are certainly different now from 1947. The next 74 will bring changes too. We will need to remain alert and flexible to grow to keep up with these changes. I believe I can help do that.

Clyde McKay

For Re-Election

When my wife Shelley and I purchased our home 6 years ago in Walker we and our three children made an immediate effort to become involved in the community. My wife and I noticed there was a way to bring more of the residents together by creating a page for all homeowners to share information, sell items, get to know each other, etc and saw that Facebook was a great way to do that. We set up a private Facebook page for homeowners called "Walker and Potato Patch, AZ Bulletin Board". We enjoy running this page and feel it has been a great tool for the community. If you are a homeowner and would like to join this group you can search by the name above, or use this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/488567811530963/?ref=share> or use the QR Code below. During these years I had enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many in our area. The past 5 years I have served on the WFPA Board and it has been a true privilege to volunteer and serve with the goal of assisting WFPA in all ways possible. My work background in owning and running various businesses over 30 years has taught me so much and I bring that experience to WFPA where I am able. I try and use my previous experiences in life and work towards my involvement to WFPA - thinking and making ideas and decisions as I would similar to running a business. One thing I am always striving for is to be looking for what is best for the community and for our Fire Association and Board volunteers as well as always trying to find ways we can do things better, more effectively and more cost effectively. I would very much like to continue serving on the board and dedicating my volunteer time to our amazing community.



Dan Daugherty

For re-election

As a USCG Veteran and retired Peace Officer, I have long enjoyed living, playing and serving here in Walker. My wife Irene and I have raised our family on a part-time basis for 10 years since 2004 and have lived here on a full-time basis since 2014. In addition to snow plowing during the winter to keep our Snowdrift Mine Road and Big Bug Mesa Road communities open year around...I've served the Walker Fire Department in various capacities. Prior to joining the Board of Directors in 2015, I served as the station boss overseeing general maintenance and repairs. Since joining the Board of Directors I've served as Treasurer and on several other event committees throughout my tenure. My main

focus has always been to make sure that our firefighters get the right equipment and resources that they need to safely do their jobs. It's been such an honor and privilege to serve the department and community, and to have a small part of growing the Walker Fire Department to what it's become today. I hope to continue serving as a Director on our board.

Jeff Anderson

New Candidate

Are you a full or part time Walker community member? How long?

- My Wife and I moved up here full time in October of 2021 but her family has owned the cabin since 1963.

Is it likely that you can attend all the monthly meetings?

- Yes I will be able to make the meetings

Why are you interested in being a board member?

- Would like to get involved with the community and help out Walker Fire anyway I can.

What role do you see playing on this board? (ie...chairing committees, doing research on topics, becoming an officer, etc...)

- I would be happy to serve in whatever capacity help is needed.

What unique qualities do you bring? (ie...other BOD experience, run you own business, etc...)

- I have been in business in Phoenix for the last 37 years. From running car dealerships with 250+ employees to most recently owning and operating a wholesale business with my son. I have had the privilege to serve on the boards of many churches and nonprofits. Including vice president of the Arizona independent automobile dealers association for 5 years.

If you are elected to join this board, what would you hope to get out of the experience?

- Get to know more of the Walker Community and to understand the workings of the fire department and all that goes with that.

Paul Zampini

New Candidate

New candidate

Are you a full or part time Walker community member? How long?

- In 1997, my wife Nancy and I bought our "slice of heaven" in Walker with the intension of building a cabin within 3 years. Of course, like many good intensions, we had to postpone our plans. Our kids were young and we were working full time in Phoenix. Since then, the kids are all grown and moved on and we both recently retired. Nancy worked over 35 years as a Pediatric Speech Pathologist. I was employed over 30 years in local government. My career included working for the cities of Glendale, Goodyear and most recently Peoria. We are not full-time residents of Walker, but let's call us "most-timers".

Is it likely that you can attend all the monthly meetings?

- Very likely, I plan to be here most of the year, if not in person, certainly via Zoom.

Why are you interested in being a board member?

- Since we've been able to spend more time in Walker, I have been looking for an opportunity to become more involved with the community. Being in the public sector in community service for my whole career, I believe this is a perfect fit. Working as a board member is a way I can continue to serve the community I live in and love.

What role do you see playing on this board? (ie...chairing committees, doing research on topics, becoming an officer, etc...)

- My government career was spent in Marketing Communications and in Economic Development. If there's a marketing, or communication committee position available, I could help fill that role.

What unique qualities do you bring? (ie...other BOD experience, run you own business, etc...)

- I currently serve on the Board of Directors for Heart for the City. HFTC is a non-profit organization that focuses on at-risk youth's lives (physical, intellectual, spiritual, and social-emotional) through academic mentoring, sports programs and work force skills building. small outdoor wedding venue.

I also contract marketing services for the City of Surprise and the City of Avondale. My wife and I are also owner/operators of Arbor Heights Weddings – a small outdoor wedding venue.

If you are elected to join this board, what would you hope to get out of the experience?

This position would allow me to serve the Walker community in a different capacity and hopefully make a positive difference. I spent my whole career as a public servant. I would be honored to serve the Walker community BOD as well. I hope to provide "next-level" service needed to continue the great work of this board. I consider myself to be a person of strong character with the integrity required to become a board member

Stacie Johnston

New candidate

Who are you?

- New resident to Potato Patch
- Wife and mom of 3
- Problem solver and idea generator
- Articulate, organized, passionate

Are you a full or part time Walker community member? How long?

- Part time
- Purchased home in November 2021

Is it likely that you can attend all the monthly meetings, (second Saturday)?

- Yes

Why are you interested in being a board member?

- Get to know other people in the area
- Serve the community

What role do you see playing on this board? (ie...chairing committees, doing research on topics, becoming an officer, etc...)

- Whatever role is needed (I do work full time and do not have a finance background)

What unique qualities do you bring? (ie...other BOD experience, run you own business, etc...)

- Executive with 15+ years managing staff, clients and \$150M+ annual revenue

If you are elected to join this board, what would you hope to get out of the experience?

- Relationships
- BOD knowledge and skills
- Satisfaction of making a difference
- Fun!!!

Walker Merchandise:

Summer's here (almost) and we know what that means...fun fun fun at the fire station! Throughout the summer the Walker Fire Department hosts events for the community as we support our awesome volunteer fire department (see the events calendar on walkerfire.org). We sell our very

popular Walker Merchandise at these events to help raise money for the WFPA.

We offer apparel in all sizes (T-shirts, Vests, Sweatshirts, etc.) displaying a Walker Logo as well as many other items; Walker coffee mugs, knitted beanie caps, baseball caps, kids plastic firefighter hats, Historic Walker License Plates and our new Walker hand towel, to name a few. This years new logo that will be on a lot of the apparel as well as our new hand towel.



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You can see samples of some of our merchandise on our walkerfire.org website just click on the proper links. First event is the April 30th Pancake Breakfast. Come check us out! All proceeds benefit the Walker Fire Department. Any questions, feel free to text or call me, Karen, at (623) 521-2092.

Firewise:

Walker Community Action Alliance (WCAA) is continually striving to find ways to help the citizens of Walker. WCAA's "Walker Firewise" is one of many, and has become our largest. Walker's Chip and Haul is only one small, but expensive part of what we do.

WCAA can't do it alone, so we partner with and maintain contracts with several governmental agencies, county, state and federal, along with other non-profits including the Walker Fire Protection Association (WFPA, Walker Fire) and various commercial companies. WCAA negotiates grants and other programs to financially assist Walkerites, to encourage folks to take steps to treat their own properties for wildfire protection. Our goal is to reduce the likelihood of a devastating wildfire spreading through our beautiful environment. We also partner with the Prescott Area Wildland/Urban Interface Commission (PAWUIC, aka YavapiaFirewise.org) who provides training through monthly meetings and assists us with state administered federal grants. Our most important partner is you, both part-time and full-time residents of Walker. With your help and support, we can become an example for other wildfire prone communities.



Our stewardship is large. It ranges from the Bannie Mine Road community on the north to Mountain Pine Acres on the southern end.

1214 total parcels, 662 that have structures, and approximately 1324 total residents. Currently WCAA is administrating four different Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) projects, one Yavapai County Title III grant and one new federal grant through the State of Arizona. Each is a formal, negotiated contract and each has similar but different fulfillment rules, reporting, and legal

requirements. WCAA offers free Wildfire Risk Assessments and is the first step in obtaining grant consideration. Contact walkerfirewise@gmail.com to get started.

Mark your calendar to attend the 2022 Walker Firewise Day on May 29th at the Walker Firehouse. Bonus – A showing of Art Dahlin in 1989 leading a tour of historical places in and around Walker.

Loren Bykerk, President – WCAA

www.walkercaa.org

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Volunteer Showcase:



Chris Galbo has been a firefighter in Walker for four years. He joined the fire department within a couple of months after moving here in November 2017. Chris immediately fit in with the group and is probably our most popular firefighter. More importantly, Chris comes to everything: calls for service, trainings and fund-raising events. When extra work needs to get done, like putting snow chains on the trucks, he's always able to come lend a hand. Chris also arranged for Walker Fire to get an RFID system for inventory management for free. We're very lucky to have Chris on our crew.

Angi, Bailey and Chris Alex have been very active for the last 10 years helping the WFPA.

Angi is the hero behind the table at pancake breakfast organizing all that food making sure that the ice cream is out the chocolate milk is there, fruit juices all the goodies that you can select from. She keeps the inventory so we can be sure to get what we need each month.

Bailey is our 16-year-old who started as a 7-year-old. She put the tablecloths on and helped hand out the toys for the kids. Then she graduated into cutting strawberries a little bit and then actually becoming a strawberry queen making sure that the strawberries are on the table. As she moved into her teenage years she continued to come despite her various activities as a teenager-learning to drive buying a car being in the band.

Chris took on the role of our webmaster and has kept that website up and running. No small task since I think that website was developed in the 1960s before there was even an Internet or so it seems. We will eventually have to redo that website because he has a lot of work to keep that thing running. He is the custodian of our email list. Nobody else not even the Board Members has access to it so it can't be used for personal reasons. You'll recognize Chris behind the grills at the pancake breakfast cooking all kinds of pancakes-but never chocolate chip pancakes anymore. (They are terrible on the grill)

Chris and Angi are frequent attendees at the bingo. Chris has a way of livening up that evening picking on the caller of course. But he can handle it.

Angi & Bailey help with the kid's day and they all help with Walker Day, Firefighter Appreciation Day and anything and everything behind the scenes that help keep the WFPA running smoothly.

The WFPA board is happy to recognize the Alex family for all they do and introduce them to those of you who might not have met them.

Walker Trash Collection Services:

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.

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We have video surveillance surrounding the dumpster area to help monitor activities.

If the dumpsters are full, please don't leave yours on the ground.

Please take all other materials to the dump. The City of Prescott Transfer Station is located at 2800 Sundog Ranch Road.



The Walker Trash Collection Services website is located at <https://walkertrashcollectionservice.com> We recently made improvements to the way you can subscribe. Instructions are on the website.

If you see anyone dumping illegally, or issues with the dumpsters, please let me know.

Clyde McKay
secretary@walkerfire.org / 480-329-8443

Board Meetings Are Held Monthly:

WFPA Board Meetings take place the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:15 am at the Fire Station. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Can you Help The WFPA? We could use your help for a few hours a month, at a special event or with a fundraising effort.

The WFPA is a fully donation and volunteer sponsored organization. There are 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 for you to become involved.

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 28th, 2022. Proxies are available upon request by email at secretary@walkerfire.org, or by phone request at 480-329- 8443 or available for download on the WFPA website at www.walkerfire.org. A proxy for each person voting must be correctly completed, signed and returned either by mail to WFPA, PO Box 10174, Prescott, Arizona 86304 or emailed to: secretary@walkerfire.org, attention WFPA Secretary and received no later than Thursday May 26th, 2022, or can be physically delivered to the WFPA Secretary at the Annual Meeting between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., on May 28th, 2022.

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 May 28th, 2022. 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 matters to come before the Walker Fire Protection Association, Inc., Annual Meeting to be held on May 28th, 2022, at 9:00AM 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 2016 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

_____ Bill Loughrige _____ Clyde McKay _____ Dan Daugherty _____ Jeff Anderson
_____ Paul Zampini _____ Stacie Johnston

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: _____

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 departments 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 2022 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 Members well being or property.

Please review the following donation information and consider the significant community benefits provided by your volunteers at the WFPA... and please contribute

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 86303
2. **Paypal**- Use the PayPal link on our website at 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 update your personal info on our website by selecting the "Contact Us" form.

Walker Fire Protection Association – 2022 Annual Donation Drive

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Please include me in all WFPA email and news. No change in any of my contact information

Calendar of Events:

April 30th – Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 am – 10:00 am

May 14th – Board Meeting - 9:15 am – 11:00 am

May 14th – BINGO – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

May 20th – Chip and Haul Ends

May 28th - Annual Meeting – 9:00 am – 11:30 am

June 11th – Board Meeting – 9:15 am – 11:00 am

June 18th – Walker Day – 11 am to 2 pm (Yard Sale 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

June 25th – BINGO – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

July 09th - Board Meeting – 9:15 am – 11:00 am

July 16th - BINGO – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

July 30th - Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 am – 10:00 am

August 13th - Board Meeting – 9:15 am – 11:00 am

August 20th - BINGO – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

August 27th - Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 am – 10:00 am

September 03rd – Fire Fighter Appreciation Day – 4:00 - 6:00 pm

September 10th - Board Meeting – 9:15 am – 11:00 am

September 17th - BINGO – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

September 24th - Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 am – 10:00 am

October 08th - Board Meeting – 9:15 am – 11:00 am

November 12th - Board Meeting – 9:15 am – 11:00 am

December 10th - Board Meeting – 9:15 am – 11:00 am



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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). For more information, see the site at www.ycsoaz.gov.

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Ready, Set, Go! is a nationwide program adopted by the 15 Arizona Sheriffs that educates residents about proactive measures to take before an emergency and actions to follow when communities are threatened. For more information, please visit <https://ein.az.gov/ready-set-go>

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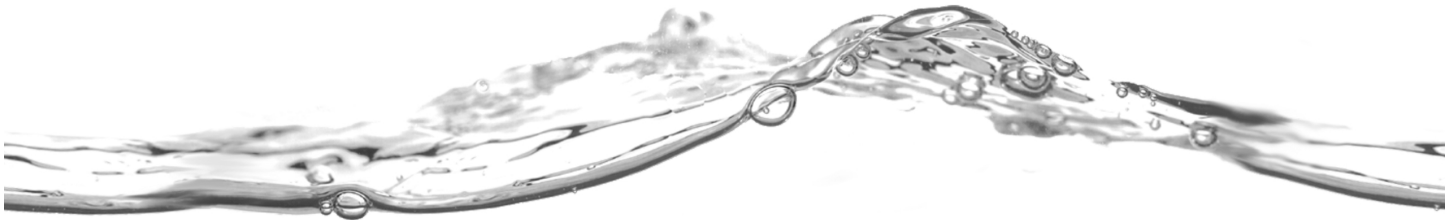
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To raise funds for the rural forested community of Walker, located in Yavapai County Arizona.

To focus on creating awareness and providing education and services to citizens, including but not limited to: fire protection and emergency medical services, disaster and environmental related issues, disaster preparedness crime prevention, establish a recognized "Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Area", emergency evacuation, search and rescue, public health and recreation.

To educate the community on the history of the Walker area and to recognize and protect the historical sites located within the community and surrounding area.

Funds raised will be the result of voluntary donations, fund raising events, public/private grants.

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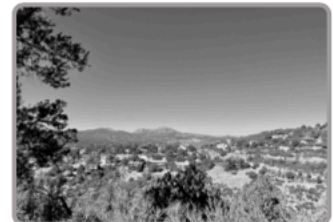
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Annual membership meeting details, special dates and updates from your fire chief and board inside.

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