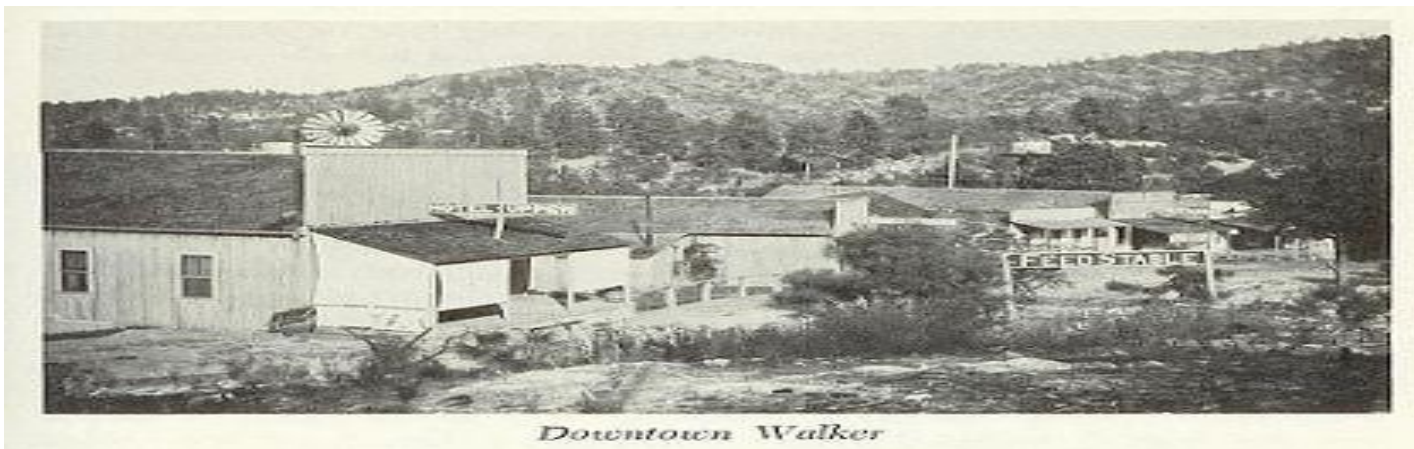


THE WALKER CHRONICLE



SERVING WALKER, BIG BUG AND POTATO PATCH AREAS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Vote for Our 2017–2018 Board Members



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

WHEN: Annual Meeting & Brunch, Saturday **May 27, 2017**

STARTING TIME: 9:00 AM

At this year's membership meeting, we will have three 3 board seats that are up for election with three current board members asking for your vote for re-election. Nominations from the floor are permitted as well so come prepared with your questions and nominations!

This year's Annual Membership Meeting promises to be another short one with plenty of time to socialize and enjoy the potluck-after the vote for three open board seats concludes. Get reacquainted with neighbors and meet new Members while enjoying the beautiful Walker weather. Don't forget to thank our volunteers for their considerable service to us through the Walker Fire Protection Association, your WFPA! *And in the event you can't make it to the Annual Membership Meeting, please fill out your proxy (located on page 7 or download it from the WFPA website), and return it to the WFPA secretary.*

Brunch will follow after the meeting.

Please bring your special dish to share while we are waiting for the counting of the votes.

We hope to see you on the 27th!



FROM THE FIRE CHIEF...



The big driver this past winter may have been the power outage in late February that lasted several days. The estimates for the duration of the outage in real time varied significantly. Most people had power restored after approximately 72 hours. This may have been about a day short of this incident escalating into an emergency.

Walker Fire was in close contact with County Emergency Management starting to plan for resources like showers, toilets and food. The positive that emerges from the outage is that we are on the county's radar should we ever have another incident that does transition from nuisance into emergency.

In terms of calls we continue to be lucky enough to have a light call volume with most calls for service being medical in nature. As a reminder, it would be very helpful to be able to have a list of medications that any patient might be taking. This is potentially crucial in determining what advanced care is provided both on scene but also at the hospital. Additionally, if there is a third person in the home at the time of a medical call it would be helpful if that third person could meet us outside or otherwise wave us down so that we get to the scene faster.

Participation in the department remains at a high going back at least 14 years with 26 on the active roster. We continue to have interest from retiring firefighters from neighboring departments about joining Walker Fire which helps us to enhance the service we try to provide. We continue to engage in regional events with the Prescott fire community and hold joint training exercises with local departments and agencies and plan to continue to pursue these opportunities.

In our report last fall we suggested getting your chimney swept as a preventative measure for structure fires. Now, headed into wildfire season we would suggest cleaning up around your home including the removal of large "dead and down" trees on your property, removing smaller diameter litter and raking in the immediate area around your house.

The fire season will of course be starting soon, likely in early May and running through until the Monsson starts to bring rain in what is usually early July. It has of course been a relatively wet winter and the statistics that measure drought conditions are nowhere near as severe as they have been in past years which is certainly encouraging should not be taken as a greenlight for complacency. A low fire danger, which is merely an assumption for now, does not mean the threat is not serious.

In most years, the County imposes restrictions on burning, welding and other activities that could pose a threat of starting a fire and we should expect that to be the case this year. If you have work of this sort that you need to get done, we would request you do so before the fire season starts or after it ends.

Every so often the department needs to make a large purchase, Water Tender 83 most recently, and when these needs arise we reach out for extra help from the community. Fortunately, there is no immediate need for a capital-intensive acquisition but our ongoing budgetary needs do rely on donations from you, reading this letter as well as your neighbors. If you have not already done so, please make your annual contribution today.

The fire department would like to express its gratitude to the community for that it provides us and allows us to do.

Roger Nusbaum
Fire Chief



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

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello everyone,

2017 marks the milestone of the Golden Anniversary of the WFPA. We were incorporated on September 11, 1967. (Really September 11th, who knew). What an amazing accomplishment that shows all the hard work, dedication and commitment to our Walker community by our Members.

I think I have mentioned before I have the first Presidents letter in 1967 requesting donations from the property owners to fund the WFPA. It could have been written this year. While much has changed the funding remains voluntary donations by the Members.

I am including a brief look at the early years of the WFPA. I will be talking to a lot more people to get the complete picture of who did what when. I will provide those details in Email blasts throughout the summer leading up to our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday September 3 during the Labor Day Weekend. Mark Your Calendars.

The original WFPA was initiated and formed by Bob Potter, Chester A. Welshenbaugh, Tom Russell and May Russell they approached John Koenig to help because he was a fire insurance underwriter. A total of 17 people participated in the planning and designated themselves as incorporators.

John Koenig and his family are still frequent summer visitors to their cabin on Good Hope Rd.

The only other surviving 'Original' Incorporator is Louise Gribbon.

Welshenbaugh was an employee of the forest service. The first fire truck was actually an Air Force truck acquired from the Forest Service most likely through the State of Arizona Surplus Property Program with approval from the State Fire Marshall.

The first Fire House was on Tom and May Russell's property. They had a carport that had collapsed during a snowstorm in 1967. Tom Russell basically rebuilt it into the firehouse on what is now Hummingbird Hill Rd next to his store (Referred to as "Russell's Store" a place where the kids went to get soda and candy and adults could get a loaf of bread or a quart of milk) This spot was the original starting point to hike up to the Charcoal Kiln (Bee Hive). That first Fire House 'Garage' building now sits behind our current Fire House, I'm not sure if it was rebuilt over the years.

The first fire was shortly after incorporation. It was a fire near the Potato Patch. Someone in Walker heard about the fire from someone in the Potato Patch probably by CB radio and they gathered people up and went up to fight that fire; getting there before the forest service. The Forest Service said the Walker Volunteers looked like a bunch of mad cats working on the fire. The FS started to refer to the WFPA as Walker Wildcats (our first nickname).

Bob Potter was the first President, but resigned due to health issues. He was 74 years old at the time and suffered a pulmonary embolism. (He was a WWI Veteran and carried a Special Sheriff's Deputy Credential. He caught more burglars than I did as a Phoenix Police Officer in the 1960's). He was very active in the Walker Community starting in 1947. He lived to be 96 years old.

After Bob Potter resigned as President, Welshenbaugh became President. The next year Koenig became the third president. Tom Russell was the first Fire Chief and served for a long time.

At some point Al Powell became Fire Chief. The succession of all the Fire Chief's is not clear, but our current Board Member Rudy Erdman was one of them.

I have a large gap from those early years until the mid 1980's the Sumner's and the Lee's became involved.

The first 5 or so Walker Days were held on the Potter place (at the end of Potter Lane). It moved to the open area near Knapps Gulch where Heavenly Heights Loop takes off from Walker Rd. After that it was held at the intersection of Walker Road and Big Bug. After the current Fire Station was built, Walker Day was moved to that location where it is still held today.

In those early years remember there was no paved road and only 16 party line telephones. Communication was by CB radio (ask your parents if you don't know what that is). A Siren was played to notify the community. That Siren sounded every Saturday at Noon.

If a fire was reported the CB network went to work. All those who were able and heard the call or the siren responded. There was no formal training. People showed up to fires in flip-flops, tennis shoes, shorts and shirtless. One event that caused a little stir was a lightning strike in a snag that was controlled by a fire line dug with claw hammers by Matt and Doug Crater. I know I responded in the

early 1970's with a friend from CA to a house fire. I had absolutely no idea what was going on and luckily it was more smoke than fire and more knowledgeable volunteers had a handle on it.

Eventually, in the 1980's, the three day Forest Service Wildfire Academy became mandatory. Proper clothing was issued and required. Five people including Jon Sumner, his son Jay Sumner and James Lee attended a 60 hour course on Wildland Interface Practices. They actually became Incident commanders on fires even outside Walker.

The late 1990's saw the community come together to build the current Fire Station. Everything that's been done is the result of the community making it possible.

I know there are big holes in the details but we are looking for input. If you have any information please let me know.

We owe a large debt of gratitude to those who have given their time, money and effort to build the WFPA to the point it is today. Were financially healthy, are well staffed with qualified volunteers and led by a dedicated Fire Chief in Roger Nusbaum.

We appreciate your continued support.

Bill Loughrige

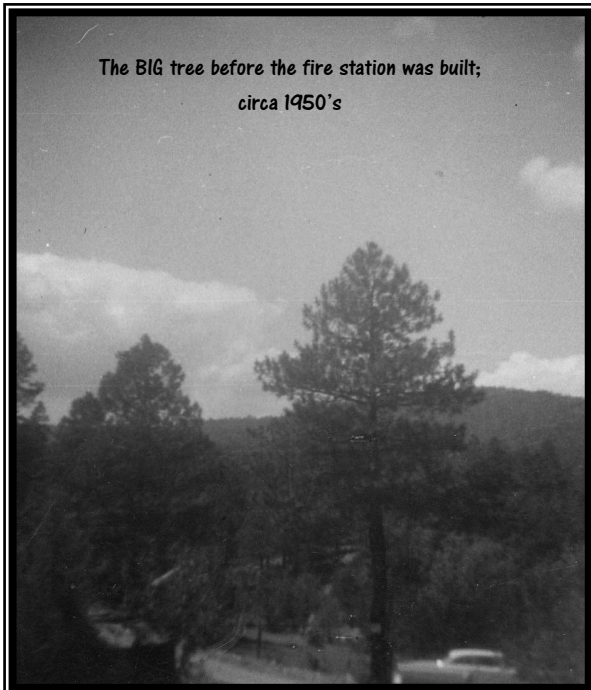


The tree at the edge of the Firehouse has been taken down.

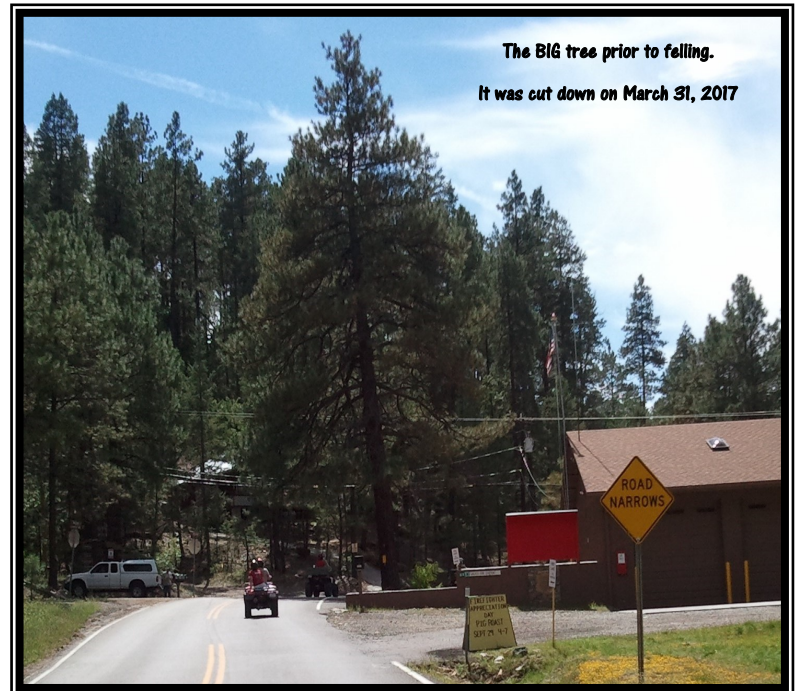
We have all watched as this Iconic tree has slowly turned brown. Yavapai County enlisted the assistance of APS to finally remove it.

This tree was HUGE. And while some of those old Ponderosa's can be hollow this guy was solid. In its perch next to Walker Road it watched all the comings and goings the last 100+ years. Despite its rakish angle leaning over the road it was solid as a rock.

This old guy will be missed.



The BIG tree before the fire station was built;
circa 1950's



The BIG tree prior to felling.
It was cut down on March 31, 2017

FROM THE TREASURER...

On behalf of the WFPA I would like to thank the residents of the Walker Community for their generous donations during the first 10 months of the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year. I would also like to thank those individuals and businesses outside of our community that made contributions, both financial and in kind, to support the WFPA. In addition to these contributions we continue to pursue and enjoy other fund raising events such as Walker Day, pancake breakfasts, bingo, merchandise sales and grants from local and federal programs. All of these efforts continue to make WFPA financially sound. In addition we were fortunate during the past year that we didn't have any serious fire or emergency incidents.

Our year-to-date financials for 10 months through March 2017 show Assets of \$283,224. Our Profit and Loss for this same period shows Total Income of \$68,710 versus a budget of \$79,800 and Total Expenses of \$76,694 versus a budget of \$91,371 for a favorable variance in Net Income of \$3,587. No major capital expenditures were made during this reporting period. Once again, thank you for your continued support of WFPA.



Steve MacIntosh
Treasurer, WFPA



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

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

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

WALKER AREA REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Courtesy of Sharon Bencze, High Country Realty, LLC

2017 activity through February. . .

CABINS/HOMES

SOLD - 5

PENDING - 5

ON THE MARKET - 16

RECAP OF 2016:

CABINS/HOMES SOLD - 28

VACANT LAND

SOLD - 1

PENDING - 2

ON THE MARKET - 37

VACANT LAND SOLD - 16



MEET THE CANDIDATES

At our annual WFPA Member's meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 28, 2016, three board of director's seats will need to be filled for the 2016-2017 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:

Name: John F. Ohanesian (AKA Johnny O)

Previous WFPA or Walker community involvement:

I am the current WFPA BOD vice president, Chairman of Walker Days and I Co-Chair the Fire Fighters appreciation day pig roast.

My wife, Janet, and I have been full time Walker residents for 10 years. I also serve at my church and for other various non-profits.

I've been on the WFPA board for the past eight years. It's been a great experience. I'm good for a few more years, though I'd be happy to give up my position to someone that would like to step up and lend a hand. It's important for us to leave the door open to new ideas or just to give someone else a chance to serve their community.

I've learned a lot and seen a lot of changes. All good! Right now, we have an awesome fire department. We keep a tight belt on spending, but lack nothing operationally. We could be a model for fire departments as others keep crashing due to over spending and politics.

I'm ready to commit to another two years if you need me.

For Re-election:

Name: Dan Dougherty

Previous WFPA or Walker community involvement:

Hi my name is Dan Dougherty, my wife Irene and I have been part of the Walker community since 2004. I retired from the Phoenix Police Department in 2014 after working in a multitude of different jobs during my 29 year plus career.

In addition to serving the last two years on the WFPA Board of Directors, I've served as the fire department's station boss where I've facilitated the maintenance of the buildings. As a director on the board my primary concern has been to make sure that our firefighters get the training and equipment that they need to do the job that they signed up to do. As the station boss I have been able to facilitate the necessary routine maintenance, and have responded to problems that have emerged as needed so that the building is kept operational. Over the past few years I have overseen the installation of the new water heater, new truck bay heaters and a new door on old Station #1. Additionally I oversaw the research, purchase and installation of the new emergency backup generator for the station.

My wife and I enjoy hiking the cool pines, touring on our motorcycle, watching over our grandchildren and family, serving at our church and spending time with our neighbors. Additionally, Irene and I worship and serve at Prescott Christian Church where we volunteer our time serving our church community as well.

For Re-election:

Name: Rudy Erdmann

Previous WFPA or Walker community involvement:

I'm a current board member and hope to continue in that service. I've been a Walker home owner for 46 (1971) years and am currently a full time resident.

In that time I served as Fire Chief, rode patrols with our volunteer retired sheriff, Al Powell, watched us grow from party phone lines, CB radios, TV antennas and dirt road from the cattle guard to the mailboxes to satellite service, paved roads and an unmatched fire and EMT department.

I have a Bachelors degree from Michigan State University and a Masters from ASU in construction management and have managed up 150 people which taught me that things get done best when you get along and earn respect.

I still consult on construction contracting but spend most of my time managing my art career and am currently displaying my wood carvings in 4 galleries in AZ.

Living in Walker, seeing it grow in a positive way and contributing to the betterment of our community is very rewarding. It's a special place where old and new friends, family and neighbors can enjoy each other as well as a place where solitude can be had.

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 27, 2017. 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 26, 2017, 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 4th, 2017. 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 27th, 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 2017 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

_____ John F. Ohanesian	_____
_____ Dan Dougherty	_____
_____ Rudy Erdmann	_____

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 2017"

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



PANCAKE BREAKFAST-Last Saturday of each month (April - August),
from 8:00am –10:00am (no breakfast on May 27th due to annual meeting)

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING, ELECTION and POST ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH-May 27th starting at 9am



WALKER DAY-June 17th from 11 am to 2pm

Note: THE YARD SALE STARTS AT 9 am and ends at 1 pm.

Walker Kids Day – July 22nd from 10am to 3pm

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

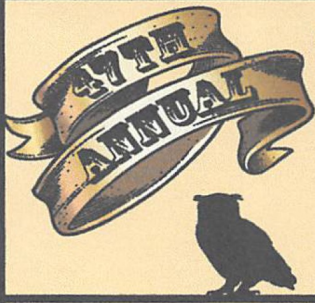


WFPA 50th & ANNUAL FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION/PIG ROAST

September 3rd from 10am to 2 pm

Note: Check out our website 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.

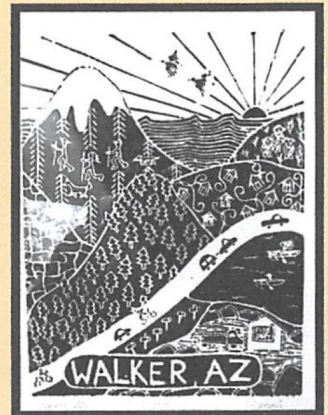
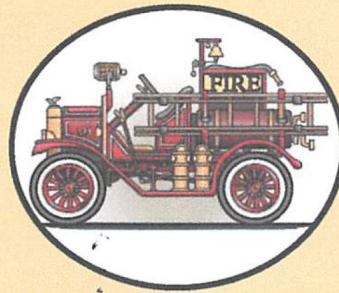
These community events are what make Walker the unique community that it is. If you have not attended any of these functions, you are really missing a lot of fun and an opportunity to create memories and friends that you and your family will remember forever.



WALKER DAY

Come join us for some **FAMILY FUN & ENTERTAINMENT** among the beautiful cool pines and help raise funds for our local volunteer fire department!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017
11 AM TO 2 PM
(YARD SALE 9 AM TO 1 PM)
WALKER FIRE DEPARTMENT
7 MILES SOUTH OF HWY 69
ON WALKER ROAD**



**ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY
TO WALKER FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

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LOCAL BIG BAND**

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WIN ONE OF MANY DELICIOUS
HOME MADE CAKES**

**MOUNTAIN ART MARKET
ART AND HOME MADE CRAFTS**

SILENT AUCTION



BBQ LUNCH !
DOG OR BURGER, CHIPS,
SODA AND DESSERT
\$ 5.00

Free face painting and kids games!

COMMUNITY YARD SALE FROM ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES TO FURNITURE & BUILDING SUPPLIES



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK
OUT OUR WEBSITE WALKERDAY.ORG**



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

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

Fire department volunteers and your Board are extremely frugal and have managed the department's finances prudently over several challenged years. The department has no debt and a reasonable cash reserve to insulate it from an unforeseen events. However, without increasing the financial participation of our Members, equipment upgrades or additions will be out of reach and added services out of the question. We need your help.

Participating Walker Members that have already made their 2017 donations reward our hard working volunteers with funds to provide insurance protection, safe equipment and continuous training in order to serve you better... a handsome return of your investment dollars.

Any one of the many calls last year could have become a much more serious incident to a Member's well being or property. Please review the following donation information and consider the significant community benefits provided by your volunteers at the WFPA... and contribute!

DONATION PAYMENT METHODS:

1) Make checks payable to the WFPA, complete the donation slip and return to:

Walker Fire Protection Association

P.O. Box 10174

Prescott, AZ 86304

Or... save a stamp, an envelope, a trip to the post office, and

2) Use our PayPal option-located as a link in our website homepage at www.walkerfire.org. PayPal is one of the most secure methods to make electronic, encrypted payments and can accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express cards for donations. A receipt for tax records is generated within minutes to confirm the donation and saves the WFPA postage and handling costs so more of the donation dollars stays with your fire department.

When donating through PayPal you do not need to send in the donation slip if you have no personal information updates. If you need to update your personal information, you can do so in our website by selecting the "Contact Us" tab and filling out the requested information. There is also a comment section for additional information that you may want to provide.

Remember to keep a copy of your remittance as a dues payment or donation to the WFPA is tax deductible.

-----Tear Off and Return-----



-Please note any informational changes below and insert form and donation in the enclosed envelope-

Walker Fire Protection Association 2017 Annual Donation Drive

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

Ahh...those lazy, hazy Walker Days



Courier / Tom Hood



The community of Walker held its eighth annual Walker Days Saturday in the cool pines southeast of Prescott. The event helps raise money for the community's fire protection service. Approximately 400 residents and visitors attended the party. Shown is Walker resident Bill Lutes, far left, tending to the barbecue, Larry Tatalovich, top, taking a nap on his all-terrain-vehicle, and three-year-old Casey Whitlach trying his hand at gold panning.

High - 78
Low - 42
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Season ends for Suns
104-94 loss puts Phoenix out of the playoffs. Page 7

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Walker's streets get official names

BY STEPHANIE HANVILLE
The Prescott Sun

Walker community now has official street names.

The county board of supervisors voted to adopt the official Walker Community Street Name Map at its Tuesday, July 6, meeting.

The historical significance of the area has been preserved through naming the roads.

Accidental, Blue Jay, Combination, Eureka, Goliath, Grasshopper, Hillside, Kate B., Mark Twain, Mary May, Midnight, Morning Star, New Strike Silver Dollar, Stockbridge, Transcendent, and White House are names of mining claims taken from an 1881 map of the area.

According to James Lee, vice-president of the Walker volunteer fire department, Walker residents wanted to name a road after a longtime resident who was born in Walker, but they were told that a county ordinance would not allow them to name a road after a living person.

A road is named after a man named Rupert, a Walker community native who died four years ago.

Another street is named Potter, after Alvina Potter author of *Many Lives of the Lynx*, a book on the history of the Walker area.

It has taken nearly three years of work by community members, the volunteer fire department and various county and state agencies to name the streets and remap the area.

Mountain Bell, APS, the sheriff's department, the Forest Service, the Walker volunteer fire department and a representative from the county planning and zoning department comprised a committee to assist in the mapping and naming.

According to Lee, there are 425 parcels of land in Walker, some with homes, some without.

Some community members were against the road naming, accusing the volunteer fire department of trying to turn Walker into a city with street signs and street lights, according to Lee.

"There has been a big problem trying to identify where people live," Lee said.

Lee told the story of a friend who had a heart attack and lay on

the floor for thirty minutes while he talked the ambulance into where his home was located.

The purpose of naming the roads is to improve emergency services to the area and to bring in enhanced 911 service, Lee said.

The mapping and the street naming of the Walker area is part of a county wide addressing program.

The addressing program was instituted to name all streets and address all parcels so all areas of the county will be eligible for enhanced 911 informational system.

The Camp Verde area has been completed and the Williamson Valley area is 90 percent completed according to information released by the county planning department.

Little squirt



Courier / Tom Hood

Walker Fire Department volunteer James Lee, right, shows five-year-old Prescott resident Eric Seastrand how to use a water pack for fighting fires during Firefest '94, held Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Fifteen different agencies, including the Prescott Fire Department and the Central Yavapai Fire District, held the annual event which featured live demonstrations and displays.



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!



A VERY IMPORTANT Note.....

Remember, our homes are in an area susceptible to fire. If this should happen, you, your family and friends that visit should have an evacuation plan. The Yavapai Sheriff's Jeep Posse will manage the evacuation. However, just in case you are separated from your family in this unhappy type of situation, it will make it much better if you have a plan to meet at a specific location. It is then everyone's job to get there and stay there. Having someone to call to leave messages or your family able to retrieve voice messages is a good idea. Be sure to include pets. These plans can be as simple as meet at the Safeway in Prescott Valley (The Costco will be a zoo) or an advanced plan with bug-out bags, food supplies and detailed instructions. Anything is better than nothing.

Is your fire extinguisher up to date? What? You don't have a fire extinguisher? Uh-Oh, they are cheap enough and can save you! Smoke Detectors save lives. Not if their batteries are dead or if the unit is over 10 years old (cheapies might need to be replaced at 5 years). When was the last time you checked them? Make sure you have CO2 detectors too! Less glamour, but can be just as important.



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AIM
SQUEEZE
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U R Special!!! And each one of our Members have special skills and expertise that could greatly help support the WFPA and your community. We could use your help for a few hours a month, at a special event or fundraising effort (see page 17 regarding the Gazebo project interest/funding) . We have a need for someone with a few hours and computer graphics or with a facilities management expertise too 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 2017-2018 Board:

- Bill Loughrige-President
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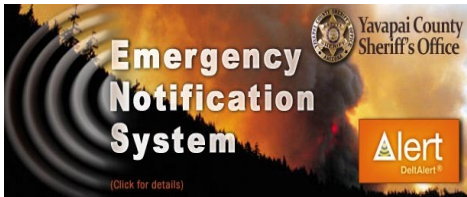


BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD MONTHLY

The 2nd Saturday of each month

9:00 AM at the Fire Station

Everyone is Welcome



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

You should verify your contact phone numbers and property locations in Yavapai County as some numbers have inadvertently been dropped from this service. To sign up or verify your information, look for the Emergency Notification System dropdown and select the "Click here to sign up" banner at www.ycsoaz.gov. Follow the prompts for your opt-in registration and preferred phone number, contact method (email, text, voice...), and enter your property address. The site will convert the address to GPS coordinates automatically and will confirm registration once saved. You should note that all Yavapai County published residential and business landline phone numbers are automatically included in the database, registering with the site will permit you to add additional contact methods (cell phones, text and email addresses).



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

WALKER TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES

TIME TO RENEW YOUR TRASH SERVICE

Walker Trash collections Service runs from January to December. New combinations were set in January so if you would like summer service or need new service, see the information below. Any excess funds from the trash service benefits the WFPA so please sign up as early in the year as possible.

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

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

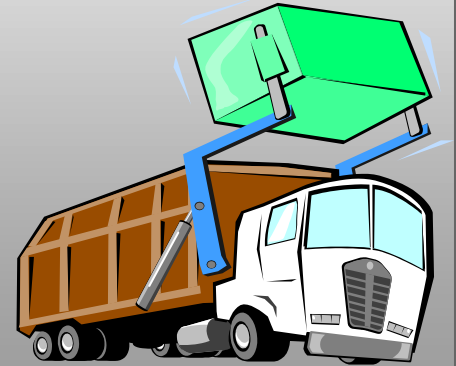
The fees are as follows:

Full Year (January - December) = \$180.00

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

One time/special use = \$30.00 a month

There is a link on the web site at <http://walkertrashcollectionservice.com/> where you can find the agreement. Send your checks and signed agreement to the WTCS P.O. Box 10174 Prescott, AZ 86304. The accountant keeps the records, Shad Bruce and Linda Emmett (928) 778-2566 handle the mail, locks and any issues with the dumpsters.



Water, Water Anywhere?

Wait, my property doesn't have a hydrant! What will my Walker Fire Department do for water in the event of a fire?? Great question and one of the biggest shortfalls of rural fire departments. The WFPA has three water "tenders" which are always filled with 2,000 gallons of water each, in addition a few hundred gallons stored on first response fire trucks. Since we do not have piped water to hydrants, the tenders must transport water to the fire trucks and once emptied, must refill and repeat the process as quickly and safely as possible.

Where do the tenders get their water?

The fire station has 10,000 gallons of stored water and there are some local private contract water tender owners in our community that might be able to respond in the event of need. Otherwise, the WFPA tenders must make their way down Walker Road to refill in Prescott, a long and timely process using precious minutes. And in the event of fire, the water in the tenders and at the station will surely be used up very quickly.



Isn't there anywhere closer the WFPA might access water??

YES and you might be the answer depending on where a fire incident occurs. The WFPA knows there are water ponds, reservoirs, contract tenders and private water tanks scattered throughout our community. But two things must happen before our thirsty tenders can effectively use local water; 1) the WFPA must have authorization in advance and 2) they have to map this authorized water by address/GPS points to know where it is when they need it.

I want to help!

That's great. Send your "I Want to Help" email to: walker-gis@walkerfire.org and copy to firechief@walkerfire.org and include your name, address, GPS point if available and type of water resource/size. We are working on maps and hope to have authorization forms completed soon. Thank you in advance... from everyone in the Walker Community!!

WALKER MERCHANDISE OVERVIEW

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

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

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

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

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



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

When you are away tell someone to watch and be aware of any unusual activity. Deter theft whatever way you can, light timers, motion detector lighting, etc.

If you see something suspicious call Sheriff's office at 928-771-3260 or dial 911.



THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS!!

Ads placed in the Walker Chronicle and the WFPA website help in offsetting the cost of communications and keep your donations hard at work supporting our fire department. Please consider advertising then our Members, fire department and community all benefit! Email newsletter@walkerfire.org to inquire or place an ad.

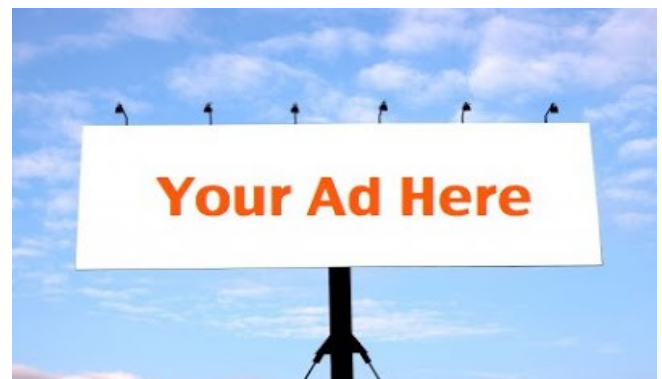
Ad pricing:

\$200-full page

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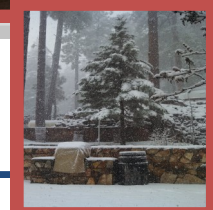
\$25-eighth page (business card size)



THE MARY MAY INN— WALKER, ARIZONA

This updated and meticulously clean holiday cabin in Walker, AZ is available for short term rentals. Have visitors coming to visit but not the room? This 1,590 square foot, 3/1 bedroom/bath rustic cabin is amply outfitted for your guests relaxation and enjoyment in the pines. Offered by 11-year Walker property owners Greg & Lani Stava (also your Walker Chronicle publishers since 2012).

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



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



Visit the Walker Fire Department [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/488567811530963/) page titled **Potato Patch/Walker** page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/488567811530963/> for a library of pictures and posts!

This is a great place for the community to post things like lost and found dogs, pictures of wildlife, announcements about things happening in Walker, stay in touch with your neighbors, (full timers or weekenders) and anything you think is interesting.



Community and Volunteer Outreach

Over the past year, your WFPA Board has been approached about building a permanent gazebo type shelter in the orchard area adjacent to the helipad at the fire station. The early, estimated cost is in the \$20,000 range.



As this project is more “community” benefitting versus an operational need of the WFPA, the WFPA board is seeking Membership input and volunteer assistance to determine community support and special fundraising needs that would be required to move forward. Please contact a member of your WFPA board (contact information is in the WFPA website), if you would be willing to assist.

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WFPA Spring 2017 Newsletter Inside!



Candidate profiles for your WFPA Board, election dates for our May Membership meeting and dates for special events throughout the year.

As always, 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

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