



YHRG, Inc.
April, 2016 Report
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The activity at the Yarnell Hill Fire Memorial Park®, corner of Shrine and 89, may have caught your attention as many have worked to make the big wall rise quickly over the last couple of weeks. Volunteers have been helping Jack Rauh and the construction savvy businesses to dig the ditch, bend and place the rebar, pour the footers and assemble the cement/foam blocks into the incredible 10 foot high serpentine wall you can now see as you drive by. This wall provides privacy for the neighbors, and offers a feeling of enclosure for activities and individuals who will come to reflect on the sacrifices made in the fire on June 30, 2013.

We want to thank Dan Chouinard and his gang at Earth Friendly Block for all their generosity in helping get the wall up.

If you would like to help but can't get in and dig dirt? Go to the "Yarnell Hill Recovery Group" web site (www.YarnellHillRecoveryGroup.org.) and look for the Memorial Page where you will find other ways to donate. Or stop by the Park with cookies and lemonade for the workers. It's all appreciated. If you would like to be there working alongside the volunteers, call Linda Ma at 415 823-3131 to find out when the next workday is scheduled.

The Yarnell Hill Recovery Group, Inc. held a short Membership Meeting on April 14, getting the by-laws approved (now posted on the website). At the Community Meeting, immediately following the Membership meeting, a representative from Dollar General announced their Grand Opening on April 23, and some of the features of the new store. Dave Roberts from the Wickenburg Lion's Club made a brief presentation, PVFD Chief Heckman announced the installation of a 5000 gallon tank of water for Model Creek, and YFD Chief Palm reported the clearing of 80 acres of brush, and the availability of Knock Boxes (eliminating the need for Fire personnel to break doors or windows in an emergency). Residents were strongly encouraged to cut grass and weeds, as fire season has already begun (234 fires in AZ already this year, compared to 147 by this time last year). To help with the brush clearing, Yavapai County is having free slash days in Congress until June 11. The Congress station is open on Tues., Thur., Fri. and Sat. from 8 am – 4 pm.

The YHRG website has been updated considerably over the past month and you will find the current Unmet Needs Guidelines, an updated calendar, and readily available forms and links. The Board It has decided to move to a once a month board meeting, at 2 pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

The next Community Meeting will be the Annual Yearly Meeting on July 13 at 6 pm. Elections will be held for the three board member positions, Chuck Tidey, Linda Ma, and John Moffitt, that are coming up, a review of the year, a look at the progress in the park and the ongoing discussion of the future of the YHRG, Inc.

The Board is continuing to receive requests for help from home owners as they work to rebuild their homes and the various groups in the community. Anyone who lost their home and is possibly looking for help can call Flo Hencken, the Red Cross Case Manager for YHRG Inc. at 928 830-9288 or 928 778-0076 to get information and the application process started.

Approximately 38 people were in attendance. The meeting concluded with the drawing of nine gas vouchers at Mountainair valued at \$175 (these are monies donated specifically for gas vouchers).