



Dear Lockwood Park Neighbor;

January 14, 2019

The City of Webster Groves is fortunate to have a reconstructed Missouri native prairie in Lockwood Park. The two-acre prairie is located in the center of the park and features a variety of native Missouri wildflowers and grasses, which attract many birds and butterflies.

An important component of maintaining a healthy native prairie includes removing non-native, invasive plants and conducting periodic prescribed burns. Historically, prairies regularly experienced fire through both human and natural causes and native plants became fire tolerant. Today, prescribed burns return vital nutrients to the soil and increase native seed germination. They also assist with controlling non-native species.

The St Louis County Public Health Department has issued the City of Webster Groves a permit to conduct a prescribed burn of the Lockwood Park Prairie. **The first scheduled date for the burn is Monday January 28, 2019 with alternate burn dates the same week as weather permits.** An MDC Certified Burn Boss working in conjunction with Parks staff and the Webster Groves Fire Department will conduct the prescribed burn. All safety measures will be implemented including closing adjacent park areas and using burn techniques to slow the fire and reduce smoke. There may be some smoke visible during and some lingering odor following the prescribed burn.

PLEASE NOTE: On the day of the burn, both the Newport Rd. and Page Ave park entrances and pathways located in and surrounding the park will be closed to the public. The burn will begin around noon and will conclude by 4pm the same day.

Many factors contribute to conducting a controlled burn including specific atmospheric, weather and soil conditions. It is possible for the 2019 window to expire without holding a prescribed burn if the correct conditions are not present.

For more information on the Lockwood Park prairie controlled burn, please visit our website: www.webstergroves.org.

Sincerely,

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