

February 27, 2024

Re: Prescribed Burn Notification

Dear Neighbor,

Semper Fi Land Services, Inc. is currently contracted by the Village of Orland Park to perform a prescribed burn of the natural areas located within the Olde Mill Subdivision. We anticipate performing this prescribed burn in the next week or two, as weather and site conditions allow. The estimated duration of this burn is one working day.

Fire is an important natural process to which our native ecosystems are well adapted. Re-introduction of fire will improve the overall ecological health of natural areas where regular burning has ceased. Prescribed burning will be conducted to facilitate nutrient uptake, reduce accumulated biomass, and improve habitat. Fire will also help decrease encroaching non-native species by promoting a competitive advantage to fire adapted native species.

Prescribed burning is a safe process that is carefully controlled by trained personnel. This burn is conducted with the approval of the local Fire Department and the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency), which has issued Semper Fi an open burning permit. Semper Fi has created a burn plan which outlines the weather conditions, personnel, equipment, and other parameters needed to conduct the burn safely. Fire breaks will be created as necessary to help control the fire in addition to specialized fire suppression equipment. Prescribed burning is conducted in a slow and deliberate manner to monitor and control its spread and minimize smoke production to the extent possible. Due to the weather dependent nature of burning, it is difficult to predict the exact date it will occur, but typical burn hours are 9 AM - 6 PM.

If you have any questions, concerns, or special needs that require you to be notified by phone on the day before/day of the burn, you may contact me at:

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