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This spring, the Park Maintenance and Waseca Fire Department will be working together to restore native prairies, wetlands and park landscapes within Waseca through prescribed burning. Park Maintenance developed a three- to five-year burn rotation plan that will encompass specific park areas in Waseca. The City of Waseca properties currently planted with prairie grasses include the two shoreline restoration properties on Loon Lake – Loon Lake Park and Loon Lake storm water diversion area, and Northeast Park storm water retention pond.

There are significant benefits to conducting prescribed burning:

- Removes built up material and weed seeds.
- Invigorates new growth and seeding of desirable native plants, trees and wildflowers.
- Helps to control invasive tree and shrub species that threaten the ecosystem's native species.
- Minimizes the spread of pest insects and disease.
- Improves habitat for threatened and endangered species.
- Reduces hazardous fuels, protecting communities from extreme fires.

To minimize risk to residents and property, the timing of burn events is subject to weather conditions, including:

- Conditions dry enough for fuels to burn.
- Moderate wind velocities, 5-15 mph, in a direction that minimizes smoke impact on residential areas.
- Appropriate humidity 35-80%.
- Air temperature 32-65 F.

Burns are scheduled to be conducted April 26 through mid-May. However, because of the variables in the weather, the exact day and time may not be known until the day before or the same day. Please contact Brad Dushaw if you have any questions or concerns.

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