

Good afternoon everyone..

I want to pass along some pre-burn FYI to everyone.

Starting next Tuesday (20Jan26) morning, I will be conducting a controlled burn at Foxfire Country Club. The actual burn location is between the first hole of both the red and grey golf course.

This location is protected partially by McKenzie Lake and the golf course irrigation on the remaining portion.

Further information...

I have secured a burn permit through NC Forestry and another permit through the Village of Foxfire.

The debris pile to be burned is in an area protected 3/4 way around by an 8 to 10 foot high earth wall.

Lake McKenzie offers protection on one side of the prescribed burn area, while the golf course irrigation system protects the remaining areas,

I will be on location all day to keep an eye on it,

I will have radio contact with 9-1-1 and West End Fire Department,

The permit is written from 20Jan26 through 27Jan26, but the actual burn itself should last just Tuesday 20Jan26,

The fire will continue to smolder through the entire week,

Plans are to allow the fire to burn down to the edge on Lake McKenzie and burn its way around to the blue tee area of hole #2, and this area is if you're standing on the dam on South Shamrock and looking across Lake McKenzie to the golf course. That is where the fire will be stopped.

You will see smoldering piles, and you may see some flame flare ups especially at night, but it won't be anything to be concerned about. OF COURSE...should you feel uncomfortable about a possible blaze...please don't hesitate to dial 9-1-1 or you can call my cell. (910)690-7079. I will head out and check out your concerns as I live about 1 mile away.

Why do we burn this time of year?

Because the poison sumac, poison ivy and poison oak have gone basically dormant. If I burned in the summer months, the smoke with the poison would have us all itching for weeks...as this area is covered with all three poisonous plants.

I also want your homes to be buttoned up, doors and windows closed, and folks won't be outdoors grilling this time of year.

Should the winds pick up...I will refrain if the winds are to the point of being dangerous and I will also be in contact with the forestry service, prior to starting the burn; checking out any burn restrictions they may place on any burns...regardless of my permits. Everyone's safety is our outlook.

Thank you for your understanding on the burn, the lingering smoke next week. We ask that you be patient with this lingering smoke.

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Captain, West End Fire and Rescue