



## 1. Notice from Josh Mark – 47th Ward Update

Hello,

Last week, crews successfully milled the old asphalt on the east leg of Ravenswood and put down the first layer of asphalt to ensure smooth driving. They also identified areas where the pavement base is damaged and needs to be patched.

They will be focusing on making those patches over the next couple of weeks. In the 47th Ward, this includes:


- Nothing **between Wilson and Leland**: I told the crews to remove No Parking signs from that block;
- Friday: patching **between Leland and Ainslie**. They will strive to let traffic through (including CTA buses);
- Tuesday: Remaining patching **between Leland and Lawrence and between Ainslie and Winnemac**. Because of the location of the patches (at narrow parts of the street, and on the narrow block north of Ainslie), this will require a road closure.

**Ravenswood will be closed to traffic Tuesday for up to 4 hours between Leland and Lawrence, and for most of the day between Ainslie and Winnemac.**

After Tuesday, patching should be complete and crews have been instructed to remove No Parking signs.

They currently aim to pave the second and final layer of asphalt as soon as the week of 8/18 (weather permitting).

Joshua Mark, Chief of Staff, 47th Ward.

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## **2. Expansion Area Community Meeting – Summary**

Our recent meeting drew ten engaged attendees, including Ben Helphand from NeighborSpace. David Bier presented an updated, more detailed plan and was appauded for his work. We skipped the walk-through to allow for a full hour of discussion.

Highlights:


- Grading and stonework are planned for this fall; planting of trees, bushes and plants may occur this coming spring instead.
- A pilot native plant section will test community maintenance capabilities.
- Current design favors more lawn than pollinator areas, but that could shift depending on pilot results.
- There's still time to share feedback with David before planting begins. Contact him at this [link](#).

 **Attached to this email (below):** Updated planting handout from the 3rd community meeting.

 Video summary: In production.

### **3. Special Thanks – Tree Removal by Schanmier Landscape**

Fred Schanmier and his crew removed the dead Amur Maple on the south end of Winnslie Parkway — a 30-minute, three-worker project valued at **\$400 in donated labor**. This work, which required professional tools, keeps the Parkway looking its best.

 **A big thank you to Fred** for his generosity and continued support of our special projects.

Mark Weber, Tim Gillengerten, and Roy Wesley  
Friends of Winnslie Parkway



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