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Dear Friends of Winnslie Parkway:

**Matt Martin**   
**47th Ward Alderman**

### 1. From the 47th Ward: 4800 N Ravenswood Closure Update 10/10

Dear neighbors,

We have received word that starting on **Monday, October 13, 2025**, the **Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)** will close the **4800 block of N Ravenswood Avenue** in order to build **two raised crosswalks** between **Ainslie St. and Lawrence Ave.**

- **The Detour route will be as follows:** W. Lawrence to N. Hermitage to W. Ainslie
- **Local access:** Local traffic will still be able to turn left at Ainslie to travel south on N. Ravenswood up until the full street closure.
- **Timeline:** Contractors expect work to be completed **within two weeks**
- **Updates:** The 47th Ward will provide updates on this project as we receive them. **To receive updates directly from the 47th Ward, send your email address to**

*info@aldermanmartin.com.*

*Best,*  
**Lucy Nye**  
Director of Development, 47th Ward

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## 2. Volunteer Event – Rescheduled due to Citywide Event

Please note that our volunteer event (**invasive vine control, bulb planting, and pruning**) has been rescheduled:

- **New Date: Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 1:00-2:00 PM**
- **Location: Winnslie Center Garden** (across from **5003 N Ravenswood Ave**)
- **Rain Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 1:00-2:00 PM**
- **Contact:** Interested volunteers may email [winnslie@gmail.com](mailto:winnslie@gmail.com) ↗

Pruning tools and eye protection will be provided. Please wear **sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and long pants** for safety.

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## 3. Report – October “Walk the Trail” Event

During the October *Walk the Trail* event, FOWP staff assessed the spread of **invasive vines** along Winnslie Parkway. It was determined that **initial removal efforts can be managed by FOWP staff**, with support from volunteers as needed.

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## 4. Expansion Area Progress

Work is now underway on the **Winnslie Expansion Project**. Highlights of recent progress include:

- Major site cleanup
- Pruning and selective tree removal
- Initial placement of **abutment blocks** at the Lawrence Gateway area.
- **Pathway staking** has been initiated.
- Additional work will continue **as weather permits**

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 **Thank you, as always, for your continued interest and support.**

Warm regards,  
**Mark Weber, Tim Gillengerten, and Roy Wesley**  
Friends of Winnslie Parkway Board of Directors

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