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Dear Friends of Winnslie Parkway:



Expansion work starts soon— TreeKeepers training— Report on Sept. Walk the Trail— — Last Volunteer Event—

Winnslie Expansion Area: Fall Work Begins + Updates

Summary

1. Volunteer event (invasive vine control, bulb planting, and pruning) moved from Saturday, November 1 at 10 am to **Saturday, October 18 at 1 pm**, due to cooler weather expected later in the season.
2. Winnslie Expansion work begins this fall; major plantings scheduled for spring 2026.
3. Winnslie Expansion area featured in September's Walk the Trail and the 47th Ward Bike Ride.
4. Head Gardener Keith Clauson joins the TreeKeepers program.
5. October Walk the Trail (Last reminder): Wednesday October 1st, 5-6pm. Winnslie Parkway. No special event planned for this month, but FOWP staff will be available to answer questions and register volunteers.

FOWP Updates

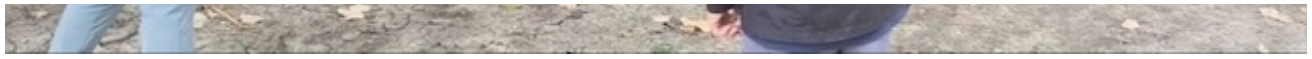
1. Volunteer Event – Saturday, October 18 at 1:00 pm

Join us at the Winnslie Center Garden (across from 5003 N Ravenswood Ave.) for an afternoon of planting bulbs, removing invasive vines, and pruning bushes along Winnslie Parkway. The date has been moved up to **Saturday, October 18 at 1:00 pm** due to cooler weather later in the season. The later start time accommodates our Head Gardener's TreeKeeper course that morning. Please RSVP to winnslie@gmail.com ↗ if you plan to attend. More details to follow.

2. Winnslie Parkway Expansion

Work begins this fall with site cleanup, pruning, and placement of stone abutment blocks. Major plantings are scheduled for spring 2026, with more to follow as grant funding allows. Watering and establishment are funded through the 2026 growing season.





3. September Walk the Trail

On Sept. 3, David Bier led participants through the Expansion site, mapping design plans to their actual pathway locations. A video recap is in progress.



4. 47th Ward Bike Ride

On Sept. 12, Alderman Matt Martin's annual bike ride stopped at Winnslie Parkway. Josh Mark highlighted Ravenswood Avenue improvements, and Mark Weber shared updates on the Winnslie Expansion—the 1,000-foot long area that will extend gardens south to Lawrence Avenue and improve public transit access to Metra and Buses. Watch Alderman Martin's TV interview here: [\[link\]](#).

5. TreeKeepers



Head Gardener Keith Clauson has enrolled in the



[Openlands TreeKeepers Certification Course](#). This training in tree planting and care will strengthen FOWP's ability to maintain and expand our green space while contributing to Chicago's urban forest.

6. October Walk the Trail, Wednesday October 1st, 5-6pm, Winnslie Parkway (Last reminder)

No special event is planned for this month, but a FOWP board member will be at Winnslie Garden from 5:00–6:00 pm to meet with community members interested in learning more about Winnslie Parkway.

Beginning next season, Walk the Trail events are expected to alternate between the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm and the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.

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

Warm regards,

Mark Weber, Tim Gillengerten, and Roy Wesley

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