


From: Mark Weber markweber@mac.com 
Subject: Re: Upcoming Zoom Talk: Winnslie Parkway & the Ravenswood Greenway
Date: February 2, 2026 at 4:12 PM
To: Mark Weber markweber@mac.com



On Feb 2, 2026, at 4:11 PM, Mark Weber <markweber@mac.com> wrote:



Dear Friends of Winnslie Parkway,

We are pleased to invite you to an upcoming community presentation featuring **Mark Weber**, President of Friends of Winnslie Parkway and urban green space advocate.

Wednesday, January 28, 2026
9:00–10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

Mark will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the **NE Levy Center Village**, where he will present:

From Winnslie Parkway to the Ravenswood Greenway: Past, Present, and Future

The talk looks beyond Winnslie Parkway to explore the broader Ravenswood Greenway and the role of urban green space in Chicago neighborhoods. It places today's efforts in historical context, recalling the coordinated embankment cleanups and greening initiatives of the 1990s and early 2000s under Alderman Gene Schuler, with leadership from community advocates such as John Klonder and landscape work by Fred Schanmier.

Mark will discuss how Winnslie Parkway—located between Winnemac and Ainslie—has been continuously maintained since its creation in 1999, and how the formation of Friends of Winnslie Parkway made long-term maintenance possible. He will also share plans for expanding the parkway south from Ainslie to Lawrence Avenue, tripling its length and creating a continuous half-mile garden corridor from Lawrence to Foster by connecting

with Christy Gardens.

Construction is expected to resume in spring 2026 with support from the 47th Ward, DPD, CDOT, and NeighborSpace. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of sustainability—highlighting why long-term success depends on durable partnerships between private donors, the City, volunteers, and community organizations.

Agenda

1. Guest speaker presentation
2. Community updates
3. NE Levy Center Village updates

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680912480?pwd=EoYqEbHO3RxONxEIUksMnsBP9CFo11.1>

Meeting ID: 886 8091 2480

Passcode: 142325

Call-In Number: 312-626-6799

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If you would like to register or receive additional information, please contact **Sean Dolan** at sean.dolan@cityofchicago.org.

We hope you'll join us for this thoughtful look at how Ravenswood's green spaces have evolved—and how we can work together to protect and sustain them for the future.

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Friends of Winnslie Parkway