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Subject: 1) 47th Ward Announcement -- 2) Volunteer event final reminder--3) Expansion Update
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Hello neighbors and Friends of Winnslie Parkway,

1). 47th Ward Announcement: Ravenswood Avenue Crosswalks, Parking, and Garden Path Improvements



23 October 2025
Hello,

CDOT has successfully built the two raised crosswalks across Ravenswood north of Lawrence Ave. These will provide safe access to the new community garden path, as well as slowing vehicles by acting as speed humps.

Over the next couple of weeks, crews will be completing small asphalt work that is outstanding, including redoing the speed hump that was poorly installed north of Ainslie.

As was announced after last year's community meeting, CDOT will also be removing some permit parking restrictions (specifically on the west side of Ravenswood south of Ainslie) to compensate for the loss of unpermitted parking spaces north of Ainslie through the construction of the (soon-to-be-protected) contraflow bike lane.

I am pleased to share that work has also begun on the construction of the community garden itself, constructing the walking path from Ainslie down to Lawrence!

Best,

Joshua Mark
Chief of Staff

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2) 🌳 Volunteer Task Overview – Friends of Winnslie Parkway

Saturday, October 25 • 1:00–2:00 PM

📍 Meet at the Winnslie Center Garden – across from 5003 N Ravenswood Ave

Forecast: 56°F and partly sunny — great weather for this kind of work!

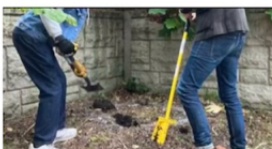
🌸 A. Planting Bulbs

Goal: Make next spring's bloom our best yet — while also supporting pollinators.

Led by: Head Gardener **Keith Clauson**, who will teach and assist volunteers.

- Dig 4–6" holes in marked areas and space bulbs 4–6" apart. (Keith has a special tool for this.)
- For large groupings, use shovels to dig broader areas instead.
- Place bulbs **pointed side up** and cover gently with soil.
- Lightly water once all bulbs are in place.
- We'll be **restocking bulbs around the telephone pole** at the north end.

Planting bulbs for next spring's display



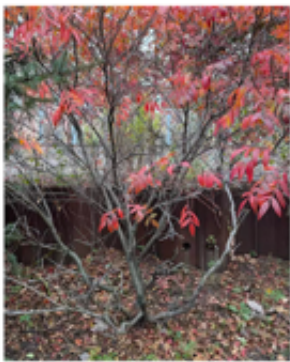


B. Pruning Bushes

Goal: Encourage healthy growth, and improve appearance.

- Remove dead or crossing branches at the base of the bush.
- Prune deadwood with shears close to the main branch.
- Collect trimmings for pickup or composting.

Light pruning improves a plant's health and appearance



Before



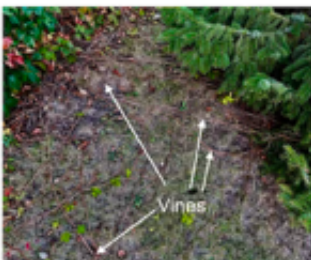
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C. Removing Virginia Creeper from Evergreens

Goal: Prevent vines from choking and shading out evergreen trees.

- Cut vines with pruning shears near the base and pull them free from lower branches.
- Note that some vines come over the top of the fence to the trees.
- Wear gloves, long sleeves, and eye protection.
- Bag vines for disposal.

Invasive vines grow from the fence along the ground to the evergreen trees.



Before

After

✓ D. Safety & Comfort

- Gloves, eye protection, and sturdy shoes required.
- Long sleeves and pants recommended.
- Water provided, take breaks as needed.
- **RSVP:** winnslie@gmail.com

If you have your own pruning clippers or saws, please bring them.

3) 🏗️ Expansion Area Update – From David Bier

“Construction is going very well. Asimow Landscaping is completing the abutment walls at the south end. Once finished, work will move north toward the raised crosswalk and Ainslie wall. If the weather stays dry, we may begin earthwork and topsoil grading this fall.”



- *Photo (left) Moving abutment blocks to the south end.*
- *Photo (right) Reconstructed retaining wall taking shape near Lawrence Ave.*

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

Warm regards,

Mark Weber, Tim Gillengerten, and Roy Wesley

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