



**From:** Friends of Winnslie Parkway Board of Directors  
**To:** Community Supporters  
**Subject:** Ravenswood Repaving, Garden Crawl Success, Final Community Meeting, and Vine Alert

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## 1. 🚧 Ravenswood Repaving Announcement



We're happy to pass along this update from 47th Ward Chief of Staff **Joshua Mark**:

"Crews are now gearing up to start repaving the east leg of Ravenswood from Wilson north into the 40th Ward! They intend to **mill** the street (remove the old asphalt) and put down the **first layer of asphalt next week, beginning Tuesday, July 29th**. This will require **No Parking on the entire impacted stretch**. Our office will work to coordinate with crews to free up parking as soon as milling is complete, to give businesses some respite until the first asphalt goes down, then again when that is complete.

Once that work is complete next week, crews will spend 2-3 weeks adjusting manhole covers and making repairs where necessary, before they return to put down the **final layer of asphalt**."

Many thanks to the Ward office for keeping us in the loop.

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## 2. 🌿 Ravenswood Neighbors Assoc. Garden Crawl Recap

This year's **Garden Crawl** was a success! In just **one hour** of operation we had:

- **17 visitors**, with **6 taking the full tour of the Expansion Area**
  - **\$220 raised** from T-shirt sales and donations
  - **Brochures explained and distributed** and five new names added to our group email list
  - Big thanks to **Jon Byrd** for loaning us the tent, and to **Kate, Keith, and Roy** who helped with setup and visitor engagement
  - The Parkway looked especially nice, thanks to the excellent work by **Schanmier Landscape** and head gardener, **Keith Clauson**. A volunteer photographer from the Ravenswood Neighbors Association was on hand to capture the event in photos.
  - Across the street, the **Pop-Up Bike Tune-Up Event** drew strong interest — over a dozen bikes were serviced between noon and 7 PM!
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### 3. 🗨️ **Upcoming: August 6 Community Meeting + Walk-the-Trail**

Join us for our **third and final community meeting** on **Wednesday, August 6 at 5:00 PM**, hosted in the **garage at 5003 N Ravenswood Ave, Unit 1**, across from the Parkway Center Garden.

Landscape architect **David Bier** will give a short talk followed by a walk-through of the **new Expansion Area**, currently under construction.

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### 4. 🌿 **Invasive Vine Problem**

As mentioned in this newsletter previously, we've identified a growing issue with Virginia Creeper vines invading the Parkway. Two neighborhood volunteers have already offered to help us clear them, and we'll take a closer look at the extent of the problem once the weather cools. If it appears manageable, we'll schedule a volunteer workday and share the date and time here. However, given how physically demanding the task may be, we may ultimately need to bring in Schanmier Landscape to tackle it.

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### 5. 📧 **Stay Informed – Join the 47th Ward Email List**

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**With thanks,**

**Mark Weber, Roy Wesley, and Tim Gillengerten**

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