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August 6th Meeting, Parkway Progress, Tree Health & More

Dear Friends,

We have several updates and announcements to share as summer moves forward and our parkway work continues. Read on for highlights from the community, project milestones, and a preview of what's ahead.

1. 🗣️ August 6 Community Meeting + Walk-the-Trail

Join us for our third and final community meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, August 6 at 5:00 PM, hosted indoors at 5003 N Ravenswood Ave, Unit 1, directly across from the Parkway Center Garden. Due to the weather, we'll be moving the event inside to provide a more comfortable environment for the presentation.

Landscape architect **David Bier** will give a presentation, including a six-foot-long design drawing and an overview of the work he and **Anna Arbetter** of Futurity, Inc. have developed.

If there's interest from attendees, the presentation will be followed by an **optional guided walk-through** of the new Expansion Area, currently under construction.

Questions and comments are welcome throughout the presentation and walk-through. A **video of the event** will be posted afterward for those unable to attend in person. Videos from previous meetings can be viewed at this [link](#).

2. Expansion Area Work Progressing

Work on the Expansion Area of the parkway is moving along well. **CDOT** has been very accommodating in meeting the rigorous standards set by our landscape architects to ensure the new green space has an optimal soil base for healthy plant growth. We're hopeful that most of the plantings will be completed this year.

Special thanks to everyone working behind the scenes on this project — much of which we may not even be aware of. We're especially grateful to the **47th Ward team**, including **Alderman Matt Martin** and **Josh Mark**, for their ongoing support. Many thanks as well to **Stephen Christy** and **David Bier** for their leadership in keeping the project on track and moving toward a successful outcome.

3. Plant Health Issues on Winnslie Parkway

One of the core responsibilities of Friends of Winnslie Parkway is to ensure that the **trees and plantings remain healthy and well-maintained**. As part of that effort, we recently had an arborist inspect the seven juniper trees along the existing parkway and discovered that **all are affected by Juniper Scale** — a common condition that causes the trees to appear unhealthy and less vigorous.

A **professional treatment plan** has been recommended and is scheduled for **June of next season**, when conditions are ideal for effective intervention.

To better equip ourselves for long-term stewardship, we're also taking steps to become more knowledgeable about tree maintenance by getting involved with [Openlands](#) and the [TreeKeepers program](#) in particular.

More updates will follow in future emails.

4. Northside Green Council Mixer Recap

Winnslie Parkway was pleased to give a brief presentation at the recent **Northside Green Council Mixer**, held on **July 30 at Rogers Park Tap Room**. The event brought together representatives from several North Side wards to share updates and collaborate on important **environmental initiatives** across the city.

It was a great opportunity to highlight our work and connect with others who are committed to building a greener, more sustainable future.

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

Warm regards,

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