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Dear Friends,

We have some exciting updates to share: a paving alert from the 47th Ward, highlights and videos from our 3rd community meeting, and details for our upcoming **Walk the Trail** event in September.

1. 47th Ward Update (shared Aug 14)

(apologies for the late notice)

Hello,

Crews were wrapping up patching and manhole structure adjustments south of Winnemac for the week of August 10th.

They still aim to pave the second and final layer of asphalt this week, the week of August 17th, though they have not yet shared an exact date. Please keep an eye out for new **No Parking** signs; all roadway and parking lanes will need to be clear so they can be repaved.

Best,
Joshua Mark
Chief of Staff

 To receive updates directly, email Josh at info@aldermanmartin.com.

2. 3rd Community Meeting – Video in Two Parts

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[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

Meeting Highlights

At our third community meeting, updated landscape plans were shared for the expansion between Lawrence and Ainslie.

- **Gateway Garden & Allee:** A welcoming garden room with benches, flowering trees, shrubs, and native plants such as coneflower, butterfly milkweed, winecup, and prairie dropseed.
- **South Crosswalk:** Seating area framed by golden ginkgo trees and bald cypress for seasonal interest.
- **North Crosswalk:** A curved arc of repurposed concrete pilings with surrounding plantings will form a dramatic new entrance to the pathway from Ravenswood.
- **Evergreen Garden:** Yews, stone seating, and pines create a shaded transition into the existing parkway.

The design uses **native plants, historic rail materials, and safe raised crosswalks** to create a greener, more connected community space.

 All seven videos from the three Expansion Area Community Meetings can be found here:

 <https://www.winnslie.org/expansion.html>

3. September Walk the Trail Event

Our next **Walk the Trail** event will be held **Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:00 PM** at the **Winnslie Parkway Center Garden** (across from 5003 N Ravenswood Ave). Rain or shine — if needed, we'll move indoors to **5003 N Ravenswood Ave, Unit 1**.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the **Winnslie Expansion Project**. FOWP board members and associates will be available to answer questions, and we'll also lead an optional walk along the expansion area.

We're also excited to welcome the organizer of the **Lakeside Palace Garden Club**, who will join us to discuss their new grant-supported project at N. Clarendon Ave. and Lakeside Place. Their garden will feature **native plantings**, and we'll be sharing ideas and suggestions together.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP at winnslie@gmail.com.

Thank you, as always, for your continued interest and support — your involvement is what makes this project possible.

Warm regards,
Mark Weber, Tim Gillengerten, and Roy Wesley
Friends of Winnslie Parkway Board of Directors

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