

Thank You for Making Chip the Parkway 2025 a Success!

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you so much for making this year's *Chip the Parkway* event such a great success! We had 17 hard-working volunteers join us, and we refreshed the entire walking path in just one hour and five minutes. The remainder of the time was spent spreading mulch around the trees and flower beds, leaving Winnslie Parkway looking amazing.

We kicked off the morning socializing over coffee and donuts generously donated by **Roy Wesley**, and fresh tangerines donated by **Robert Bania!**

A special welcome goes out to **Tom Lynch** and **Eileen Murray**, who joined us for the first time this year. We're so glad to have them join the team!

This year's volunteer crew included:

Mark Weber, Roy Wesley, Keith Clauson, Dan Bell, Sarah Brotherton, Brian Bullington, Casey Brazeal, Arlo, Randy Neufeld, Susan Geil, Paul Rubrich, Kristel Rubrich, Tim Dollear, Lynn Wysoglad, Tom Lynch, Robert Bania, Jonathon Byrd, Nicole Byrd & Cameron, and Eileen Murray.

We also want to thank those who supplied essential equipment:

Stephen Christy, Fabian Perez, Brian Westphal, Barbara Cooper, and Randy Neufeld for supplying the wheelbarrows (we had six in total!)

Robert Bania for providing buckets

And thanks to the many of you who brought shovels, rakes, and pitchforks

We'd be remiss if we didn't also thank our landscape contractors **Fred Schanmier** and **Angel Gonzalez** and their crew, who completed the spring cleanup just this week. They also edged the pathway to widen it and keep the encroaching grass at bay. Special thanks to Angel for delivering the mulch on time on Friday afternoon—Angel's expert handling of the truck made it look effortless.

♥ *We also received a generous \$200 donation during the event!!—thank you to volunteers Lynn Wysoglad and Tim Dollear, as well as to all our early donors who are listed on our website [donation page](#)!!* We are now over the 50% mark toward our \$4,000 fundraising goal for 2025. As the parkway continues to bloom, it's a great time to stop by, enjoy the scenery, and consider supporting our efforts. Every contribution helps us maintain and improve this valuable green space. Donations can be made via our [website](#) or by check to FOWP, 5003 N Ravenswood Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, IL 60640.

While we didn't have time for the "**Clip the Vines**" project, we plan to host a separate volunteer session in the coming days to

tackle the invasive vines on the juniper trees in the expansion area. If you'd like to help with that effort, please email us at winnslie@gmail.com.

Again, thank you for all your hard work in helping maintain our parkway. Your efforts make a real difference.

Warm regards,

Mark Weber, Tim Gillengerten & Roy Wesley

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The volunteers!



and a brief 20 sec video to give you a sense of the work in progress!

Keep your eye out for the **Dan Bell** video of this event coming to our [YouTube channel](#) soon!

