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**Pullman Civic Organization** 

**11111 S. Forrestville Avenue** 

#### President's Article **Rachel Kovarsky Smith**

"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together" African Proverb

So much is happening in and around Pullman. As many have noticed, the signs have been installed on the newly constructed storefronts on 111th and we are happy to welcome Laney's Bakery, a dry cleaners, and Potbelly's. Each new business brings opportunities for employment, convenience and economic promise. Please make a point to patronize these businesses when they open. Their success will send a signal to other businesses that Pullman is a great place to invest.

Some in the community have been concerned that development will impact Pullmanites ability to get around and will increase traffic in the area. In response, Alderman Anthony Beale has released the Pullman National Monument Transportation and Access Plan, stating "Building on the community-driven vision in Positioning Pullman, this plan defines the transportation improvements that will benefit all who visit Pullman, and who live and work in the community." The plan, developed by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), Sam Schwartz Consulting, Teska Associates and Volpe, The National Transportation Systems Center can be found by downloading from: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/ Ita/pullman.

Many know that my daughter Sydney is a creative and spirited soul who attends Poe Classical School. She thrives because of the supportive teachers, the energetic Principal Eric Dockery and the interesting and challenging curriculum that a classical school offers. I'm proud to say that Poe Classical has earned the designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the US Department of Education. It's a prestigious award based on the high academic performance and is the first-ever National Blue Ribbon award for a CPS elementary school on the city's South Side. Poe Classical is one of only 16 public schools in Illinois and 342 schools nationwide to be honored with this distinction in 2017. Go Ravens!

Finally, I want to take a moment to thank the House Tour Committee, especially Cindy McMahon and Pat Brannon (co-chairs), Ellen Kaulig (volunteer wrangler), the Historic Pullman Foundation, the Pullman Civic Organization, Tom and Mike McMahon (car show), Pat and Mike Shymanski, Jim Badali and the crew (refreshments), the MudCats, the Quombo, the gracious homeowners who opened their doors and shared their homes and the many volunteers who offered their time, talents, resources, and finances to make this year's House Tour successful. You make our community look so good!

- "Sometimes you gotta create what you want to be a part of."
- Geri Weitzman

#### **PCO Membership Drive** Beverly Carli, Chair

As you read this month's issue of the Flyer, have you ever given thought as to how our newsletter arrives at your door? It is through the volunteer efforts of 27 block captains and 8 zone directors! The zone directors receive the Flyers for their area, and distribute accordingly to each of their block captains. They, in turn, deliver to each and every household. How's that for dedication – each and every month?

So the next time you see these people, say "thanks for your service to Pullman" and join the PCO so that the Flyer and all the services that our Pullman Civic Organization provides can continue. The nominal \$10. membership fee that you pay each year goes a long way to alleviate the cost of printing our monthly newsletter. More importantly, it allows our Pullman residents to be kept up to date on what is happening, and what is being offered, in our historic district. If you haven't yet joined, please do so NOW!

## **Program and Book Signing**

Program and Book Signing by Arthur Pearson, author of "Force of Nature" Saturday, November 4, 2017, 1-3 p.m. Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center Co-sponsored by the Pullman National Monument and the Historic Pullman Foundation

You're invited to a program about Arthur Pearson's new book, Force of Nature: George Fell, Founder of the Natural Areas Movement. Following in the footsteps of John Muir and Aldo Leopold, Fell is among the most important conservationists in our nation's history. Inspired by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, he was the driving force behind the founding of The Nature Conservancy, now the largest conservation organization in the world. It was Fell's vision and decades of hard work that led to the establishment of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, which today provides permanent protection for more than 400 dedicated Nature Preserves throughout the Prairie State.

Arthur Pearson dedicated fifteen years to completing the book. He will share an overview of Fell's life and work, and talk about the challenges of writing a biography. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase – at a special 25% discount. Refreshments will be provided by the Pullman Cafe.

In addition to being a long-time Pullman resident, Arthur is Director of Chicago Program for the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, where he helps guide the Foundation's grant making in support of land conservation, the arts, and collections. He has written extensively about conservation issues for numerous print journals and blogs – including his own blog about his quest to visit every Illinois Nature Preserve: http://arthurmelvillepearson.com/.

#### Education

Cheryl Briscoe

Congratulations to Edgar Allan Poe Classical - Poe Classical won the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award from the Department of Education. Since its inception in 1982, it has been awarded to 21 schools in the State of Illinois. Secretary Betsy DeVos will make the official announcement (video from Washington) and a reception will follow on the school grounds. Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other dignitaries will be in attendance. The official award ceremony takes place in November in Washington DC. Job well done Poe Classical!!!

George M Pullman Elementary received a donation of an Immersive Learning Technology Lab with equipment (20 student devices, 20 VR Viewers, 1 teacher tablet, and over 600 expeditions for students to experience. This is a partnership with EX3 Labs, Conagra Brands, 1871 (and Pullman Elementary). Principal Rader made the announcement and introduction at the Open House followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony.

School supplies left at the Visitors Center were donated to Pullman Elementary. Thank you Pullman Community! Pullman Elementary will be open during the 44th Annual House Tour.

\*\*\*Get well soon! to Ms Rebekah Horton, preK teacher at Pullman Elementary. Correction: Assistant Vice Principal at Pullman Elementary is Mrs Leeth-Hampton\*\*\*

Chicago State University's College of Education celebrates 150th Year Anniversary & CSU Sesquicentennial Celebration.





#### Beman Committee

#### John Christie & Wyatt Ollestad, Email: pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

As we all now take a well-earned breather from the House Tour excitement, the PCO Beman Committee would like to once again thank all of the hard-working individuals who dedicate countless hours to make each and every year's Tour better than the last. The positive momentum continues to build as we see our community coming together year after year in actions big and small to make this weekend something special. Every little bit counts, and the sense of pride we feel in our community is unmatched during this very special weekend.

And as the weather cools and the leaves continue to fall, be sure to take a look around at all of the great restoration work that has happened in Pullman this year. It seems like everywhere you look there's something happening, and it's truly inspiring to see so many homeowners doing great work in improving our community. Visitors to House Tour get to see Pullman at its very best this time of year, but we get to see the sometimes slow but always steady progress being made all the time that makes our community something special to experience.

Of course, no post-House Tour report would be complete without a mention of its importance to the PCO Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Project. Many of those projects you see throughout the neighborhood are happening at least in part because of funds from the Façade Reimbursement Project, which is contingent upon the success of each year's House Tour. We like to think it's the best kind of partnership – House Tour helps fund restoration projects that in turn help to make Pullman a more and more beautiful place to visit (and of course live) year after year. We look forward to continuing to strengthen this partnership, and are always looking for interested members to join us in our preservation efforts.

# Community Safety and CAPS: Auto Theft Prevention

#### **Carol Lagadinos**

Living in a city of over 2.7 million, crime is inevitable but oddly, most auto thefts are committed by someone the victim knows or because the keys were left in the car. Anyway, here are some common sense measures you can take to prevent your vehicle from being stolen.

- Try to park in well-lit, well-traveled area, as close to destination as possible
- When you park, roll up the windows, lock the doors and take the keys with you
- Never leave the motor running to run into a store or back into the house
- When parking, turn your wheel sot the curb and apply emergency brake to avoid being towed by a thief
- If you park in your garage, be sure to lock both the car and the garage
- Do not leave your garage opener in the car.
- Keep your title at home, not in the car.
- Periodically check to see if the VIN # is intact
- Carry a card with the that includes the VIN, license plate, and engine type and body style so you can accurately report that information if your vehicle is stolen
- Install anti-theft devices
- If you see someone tampering with your vehicle, don't approach. Instead call 911 to report auto theft in progress
- If selling, don't let prospective buyer test drive alone
- If purchasing used car, verify the sellers name and address and verify VIN on car is same as registration card.

#### MORE from CAPS

The last official CAPS meeting of the year will be Tuesday, October 17. Court Advocacy subcommittee is planning their 2nd annual dinner in November

Always report any incidents that happen to help police ID patterns. Reminder to trust your instincts and report any suspicious activity.

## Ladies Luncheom Group

The Ladies Luncheon Group will meet for lunch on Wednesday, October 25, at the new Hibachi Steakhouse, where your meal is prepared at your table, at Chi Tung Restaurant, 9560 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. We leave Pullman at 12:00 noon. All Pullman ladies are invited. To RSVP and to arrange car pooling, please call Norma at 773-568-2441.

## October Tasks and Pleasures: Green Spaces and Places

Lynn Smith

If you've ever been to the Chicago Botanic Garden you might have smelled the richness of the soil amendments, which I am told is composted only with the City of Glencoe's leaf litter! It looks and smells good – and the same product is easily gotten through using leaf litter in your own composter, given at least a period of several months to break down. In any case, October is the time to rake up fallen leaves for eventual use as a soil additive. This is the time to clear leaves out of ponds and remove pumps for the winter.

You can continue planting evergreen and deciduous plants before the winter in early to mid October. If you do this be sure to continue to water them well through the fall until frost. This is especially important for evergreen trees since they will need the additional moisture to get through the harshness of winter. Root growth is of primary importance for plants in the fall. One of the most important part of the health of any plant is the strength of the roots, reminding us that much of the health of the plant happens below ground.

Finally, fall is a time to harvest seeds, plant bulbs, admire berries, and note the changing of the seasons. Some trimming of boxwood and evergreen hedges is possible in the third week of October, but I would not extend this trimming much later, as the plant needs time to "harden off" before the temperature changes of winter... and we'll keeping talking...

## From the Dining Car: Halloweenie Eaties

**Patty Lawson** 

Do zombies eat popcorn with their fingers? No, they eat the fingers separately. ~Unknown Author

October 31 is a day to dine on all types of concoctions and potions that the big box stores have been pushing on us since shortly after the 4th of July. Well, I'm here to offer a Halloween treat that doesn't include nougat, caramel, or chocolate. Shudder! (This would be the perfect spot for a grotesque emoji of disbelief.)

As a matter of fact, this snackie-dinner is just enough to fill up the tummies of the little boils and ghouls in your house before they go a-haunting. It wouldn't hurt you either, if you plan to partake in the potent potions, aka adult beverages, being served at your favorite watering hole.

# HAIRY HOTDOGS OR SCARY SPAGHETTI Ingredients

Hot dogs, polish sausages, bratwurst (you get the idea) Spaghetti

Pasta sauce (if you like)

Start by cutting your hot dogs into four pieces. As hot dogs are soft, this is great for the kiddies to do.

Now comes the fun part. Thread a few pieces of spaghetti through the hot dogs. Add to a cauldron (or kitchen pan, if you will) of boiling water and cook until the pasta is soft.

Drain and add the blood red pasta sauce of your choice.

#### TIPS OF THE MONTH

Don't leave any lighted candles or Jack-O-Lanterns where they could be knocked over by a swinging tail or a bratty cat. Not only could your pets start a fire but they could severely burn themselves in the process.

Make spider chocolate chip cookies by using a toothpick to draw legs while the chocolate chips are still warm.

Need a costume idea? Go as an eclipse. Dress all in black and stand in front of things.

Bonus Recipe of the Month
Eye of newt, and toe of frog,
Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork, and blind-worm's sting,
Lizard's leg, and owlet's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble,
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble. ~Shakespeare, Macbeth
(Let me know how it turns out.)

Do you have a favorite recipe for the stove, oven or microwave you would like to pass along? Got a useful kitchen or household tip? How about a quick fix for a cooking catastrophe? Simply email me at fromthedining-car@yahoo.com or place it in my mailbox at 11122 South Champlain. Please include your name, phone number and/or email address.





#### **Pullman Garden News**

New Parkway Trees Coming Soon!

Congratulations Pullman residents on being accepted for TreePlanters Grant! Approximately 20 homeowners will be getting new parkway trees on October 28th from 9am-1pm, with the help of Openlands, Historic Pullman Garden Club and Susan James (main contact). Please note, the event is rain or shine!

Here are some things you may see happening:

3-4 weeks prior to event - Openlands staff will mark final planting locations with green paint on the curb and submit for permits from the city. 2-3 weeks prior to event-Trees will be selected for delivery (no additional changes to addresses can be made).

The week of event- Utilities will be marked. Mulch will be dropped at planting locations. The recipient will have a volunteer to help plant. If you are able to volunteer that day, please contact Sue James at 773-568-4669. The assistance could be at the registration table, to help check off volunteers as they arrive, hand out gloves or stay at the event table to help answer questions, not just with the planting tasks. Thank you!



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES			
Sun 7 pm	Pullman Morris and Sword Practice	773-297-6714 for info/location	
Sun 9 am	Pullman Disc Golf @ Factory Site	773-568-5890 for information	
Sun 7-9 pm	SCRABBLE	773-568-5890 for info/location	
Mon 4-7 pm	9th Ward Residents Night w/ Ald. Beale	34 E 112th Place 773-785-1100	
Tues 6 pm	Pullman Disc Golf @ Factory Site	773-568-5890 for information	
Wed 4pm-7pm Wed 8 pm	Pullman Game Night - all are welcome!  Walking Group - meet at Arcade Park Group	Pullman Café 11208 St Lawrence up email list: astrid@uchicago.edu	
Sat 10:30am-12:30pm	Tiger & Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts	Greenstone Fellowship Hall	
Email to arrange	Beginners bridge class	kristoferthomsen@aol.com	
Tues-Sun 11am-3pm			
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS			
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact	
Sun 10/15 7pm	2017 Terrain Biennial short film @ the	e Stable Building 509 E 112th St	
Tues 10/17 7pm	5th District CAPS Meeting - Beat 531	Greenstone Fellowship Hall	
Wed 10/18 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St	
Sun 10/22 7pm	2017 Terrain Biennial film @ mosnart visiting artist project, 11319 St Lawrence		
Tues 10/24 10am	5th District Court Advocacy Program/Meeting	Carol White bcarol01@msn.com	
Tues 10/24 7pm-8pm 9th Ward Community Meeting (Ald. Beale) @ Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St			
Wed 10/25 Noon Ladies Luncheon - Hibachi Steakhouse (Evergreen Pk) RSVP to Norma 568-2441			
Wed 10/25 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th	
Sat 10/28 tbd	OpenLands Tree Replacement - Parkway Trees in Various Locations		
Sat 10/28 tbd	Youth Halloween Program	Greenstone Church Fellowship Hall	
Sat 10/28 2pm-8pm	The NearReal - A Gallery of Speculative Art	541 E. 112th Street	
Sat 10/28 8pm Theatre-Hikes presents Nightfall with Edgar Allen Poe (\$) Tickets 872-202-4963			
Sun 10/29 2pm-8pm	The NearReal - A Gallery of Speculative Art	541 E. 112th Street	
Sun 10/29 7pm	2017 Terrain Biennial film - Under the arches of Market Square 112th & Champlain		
Sun 10/29 8pm	Theatre-Hikes presents Nightfall with Edgar Allen Poe (\$) Gather at Visitor Center		
Wed 11/1 7:30 pm	Garden Club Monthly Meeting	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th	
Sat 11/4 1pm-3pm "Force of Nature" Program & book signing with author Visitor Center 112th St			
Sun 11/5 7pm 2017 Terrain Biennial short film @ The Greenstone Church 11211 St Lawrence			
Tues/Wed 11/7 & 8	City of Chicago Street Sweeping Sched	uled - Please move your vehicle(s)!	
Wed 11/8 7:30 pm	PCO Exec Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th	
Sat 11/11 tbd	PCO Veterans Day Program	Pullman School	
Sun 11/12 7pm	2017 Terrain Biennial short film @ The F	lotel Florence 11111 S Forrestville	
Wed 11/15 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St	
Sun 12/10 4-7pm	Annual Candlelight Holiday Home Tour (\$)	Visitor Center 112th St	
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