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November 2017

Pullman Civic Organization

11111 S. Forrestville Avenue

House Tour 2017

Pat Brannon and Cindy McMahon

This was the 44th Annual House Tour co-sponsored by the Historic Pullman Foundation and the Pullman Civic Organization. We are the longest running and most successful House Tour in Chicago (at least in my mind). The combination of outstanding homes, live music, inviting food, garage sales, and the antique car show plus great weather creates a festive event for our guests. It would take another page to thank all those who volunteered from those who manned the houses, to those who worked the ticket sales, to the homeowners and to the committee people who dedicated a substantial amount of their time to create this successful event. Thank you all.

This House Tour displayed a unique array of housing that spread from the south end of the District to the north end. This was truly one of the most varied array of homes ever presented in Pullman.

This year’s House Tour was a great success based on the number of visitors and the compliments tendered by the attendees. Each visitor walked away with a positive impression of Pullman. As we know many of today’s homeowners purchased their homes as a result of being on a House Tour. A wonderful side benefit of House Tour is half of the proceeds go back into the neighborhood via the Facade Reimbursement Grant.

We are already looking for homes for next year for our 45th Annual Pullman House Tour. Let’s make it one of our best.

Thank you to the homeowners and committee members who dedicated some serious time and effort to make this a successful House Tour: Paul Belloni and John White; Lynn Crivello; JB Daniel and Amy Lindner; Erica Roewade and Rob Johnson; Lisa Burback and Russell Baltes; Diahann Sinclair; Bruce Martin; Greenstone Church; Pullman School; Thomas Dunbar House; Al Quiroz; Pat and Mike Shymanski; Carol and Larry Lagadinos; Bob and Jane Bushwaller; Ellen Kaulig; Jenn Greco; Jacob Hogan; Mary Ann Kopchak; Tony Dzik; Marsha Adduci; Natasha Tarpley; Ann Alspaugh; Judith Kubida; Jeanne Schulman; and Susan Schoephoester.

We would also like to thank Annie Lira and the Garden Club for hosting the Friday night volunteer wine and cheese party. This event starts the whirlwind weekend known as “House Tour.” It really does take a village!

Beman Committee

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

2017 has seen a lot of great façade improvement projects happen in our community, and we couldn’t be happier to see many of them finish up in these last few weeks of good (or maybe just decent) weather. From windows, porches, slate roofs and paint, this has been another exceptional year for improvements in Pullman.

As we do each year, the PCO Beman Committee will be recognizing those homeowners who have made significant improvements to the facades of their homes at the January PCO General Membership meeting, where we’ll be presenting our Certificates of Stewardship along with a series of before & after photos. Nominations for Certificates are now open, so if you or someone you know has made significant improvements to the façade of their home this past year, please email pcobemancommittee@gmail.com with details.

Looking ahead, there’s no better time than the winter months to start planning projects for the coming year. Applications and Guidelines for the 2018 Façade Reimbursement Program will be made available starting with the December PCO General Membership meeting, and will be due March 1 of 2018. So start planning those projects, and let’s make 2018 another standout year!

Pullman Wall Mural

Tom McMahon

On a Saturday in September a group of high school students from 5 local high schools descended on our neighborhood. Corliss, Carver, Gwendolyn Brooks, Harlan, and Richards High Schools were invited to help with painting a new wall mural on the viaduct at 111th street. This viaduct will be the future gateway for thousands of tourists coming to Pullman and our National Monument. It is only fitting that the new wall mural depicts the significant historical structures of Pullman and the building of Pullman Cars. On the Friday night before, the award-winning artist Rahmaan Statik, outlined his vision on the blank wall. The next day, the students brought life to the outline. Now the viaduct is a great tribute to President Obama and George Pullman, two men with vision and a love of our neighborhood.

This could not have come to fruition without the help of our neighbors. Alderman Beale was the catalyst to get the City of Chicago to sponsor the artist. Sherwin Williams donated the paint and materials. Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives assisted with student transportation and tee shirts for the volunteers. Pullman Arts supplied team leadership and the 005th District Caps supplied labor as did the entire staff of the 9th Ward Alderman’s Office. Neighborhood residents provided breakfast and lunch to the volunteers.

This was a total community project. Special thank you to Jim Badali, Claudia Flores, and Fernando Rosique for cooking the food. Thank you to Larry Lagadinos for assisting in the project managing and the great neighborhood residents who assisted in so many ways.

By the time you read this article, the final touch ups of the mural will have been completed. Walk by and look at the transformation that has taken place done by a community of students and volunteers. On November 16th a small awards ceremony will be held for the students and the official unveiling of the mural will take place. In recognition of their efforts, an area on the south wall will have the names of students who participated. Their names will remain on the wall as long as the mural is still there. Thank you to all who made this happen... you are the greatest of neighbors.

HISTORIC PULLMAN



The Historic Pullman Foundation presents the 22nd annual

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

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Pullman Arts
Ann Alspaugh

We have exciting news to share with our Pullman community. At the PullmanArts October board meeting, a slate of new officers was presented, voted on and unanimously approved. The current PullmanArts Executive Board Officers are: President - Erica Roewade, Secretary - Debbie Newman and Treasurer - John White. The entire Executive Board of PullmanArts would like to thank outgoing officers, Ann Alspaugh, Beverly Ash-Larson and Dee Smith for their tireless dedication, leadership, and generous volunteerism during their three consecutive terms.

The Pullman Artspace Lofts team has received lots of questions lately about the details and timing of the Pullman Artspace Lofts project. The team has put together an update, as well as some answers to questions that have been asked frequently.

A Spring Groundbreaking
The project partners – PullmanArts, Artspace, and CNI – are eagerly looking forward to a Spring 2018 groundbreaking for Pullman Artspace Lofts, the first affordable live/work housing to be built for the community’s burgeoning artist/craftsperson population.

Located on Langley Avenue, just south of 111th Street, the housing involves the construction of a new building on an 18,500-square foot empty lot and the restoration of two long-vacant, historic buildings on either side of the lot. The \$18 million development will include 38 affordable, live/work apartments and 2,000 square feet of community space intended for use as a gallery, meeting place, and community room for special community arts classes. Over the winter, the three-organization team is working to finalize construction plans and pricing, as well as to finalize financing details with all the government partners.

In 2016 the project was approved by local, state, and federal authorities to proceed as proposed following the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. The Pullman Artspace Lofts will utilize federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), which will provide \$14+ million in equity to the project’s capital budget. Also in 2016, the project received approvals from the City of Chicago Department of Planning & Development and the City of Chicago Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards to proceed as designed. The Commission on Chicago Landmarks has also reviewed and approved the proposed project.

Getting Ready for Construction
Pepper Construction, well-known builder and general contractor for the project, currently is completing the permitting and subcontractor bidding processes. Minority and Women Business Enterprises are particularly encouraged to apply and may contact CNI for more information. Subcontractors can direct information and questions to Ciere Boatright at cboatright@cnigroup.org.

Financing Requirements
In 2016, the Pullman Artspace Lofts project received approvals from the City of Chicago’s Department of Planning & Development, Committee on Zoning, Landmarks, and Building Standards to proceed as designed. To ensure affordability to a broad spectrum of artists and their families, including veterans and those with disabilities, the Pullman Artspace Lofts applied for and received approval for rental assistance from the Chicago Housing Authority for six of the 38 live/work spaces. This funding in turn requires one more public input process, which is being managed by the City of Chicago Department of Fleet and Facility Management. If you do not receive a direct communication from the City, please mail comments by 12/11/17 to:

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Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting 2018. For more info on the project and frequently asked questions please visit <http://www.artspace.org/our-places/pullman-artspace-lofts> and http://www.artspace.org/sites/default/files/public/downloads/place/faq_pullman_artspacefinal_0.pdf

Garden Club
Susan James

The new parkway trees are in!

A total of 31 new trees have been added to Pullman parkways, mostly oaks, but also including Black Gum and Kentucky Coffee. The Bushwallers, Larsons, and Ann Alspaugh worked on getting trees planted in front of their properties. Norma Zarris, Tony Dzik, and Lynne Collins came out to supplement those receiving trees.

It was the coldest day of the season so far with drizzle and a sharp wind as well, so the visiting volunteer TreeKeepers were the mainstay, coming from Beverly, Ravenswood, and beyond, with four or five Openlands employees. They set up a welcome tent near the Visitor Center, with coffee and snacks to get us started. After signing waivers, the project head even lead us in some stretching and warm-up exercises!

An impressively well organized group, they brought plenty of tools, gloves, and wheel barrows. First, they dropped off the trees and mulch at the pre-arranged sites via pickup truck, and then teams were assigned by block with color coded maps. Many of the TreeKeepers had done several similar projects before. We didn’t finish until just about 1pm, and believe me we were wiped out!

The Garden Club thanks student groups from the University of Chicago for two visits to the community, with supervisory assistance from members Norma Zarris, Mike McMahon, and Lynn Smith.

We appreciate having a continued connection with both the incoming freshmen willing to “Engage Chicago” and learn about service opportunities, as well as the students from the Law School who came out for workday afternoons this summer. Most all were newcomers to our city, as well as our neighborhood, so it was especially good to welcome them to the National Monument, see them enjoy the Visitor Center, and take their souvenir photos in front of our two murals. We said, “Thank you and all are welcome back in future.”

Last month our members enjoyed a special visit to the U.S. Bank top floor for a view of progress on the surrounding building construction visible from above. Looking forward to seeing the projects again on completion.

Community Safety and CAPS:
Carol Lagadinos

With the extra hours of added darkness, garage burglaries are proved to spike upwards in Chicago during the winter months, Most burglars are looking for an easy target and the cover of darkness makes life simpler for them. With winter approaching now is a good time to be sure your garage is secure. “Safe” neighborhoods are typically the first place criminals look for their next burglary.

The first tip to prevent garage break-ins is to not leave your garage door open! This is basically inviting burglars in. Breaking in is not the most common way thieves enter a homeowner’s garage. Usually, they simply walk into an unlocked or raised garage door. Lock the service door entry to the garage with a quality deadbolt. If you will be away for a few days, unplug an automatic garage door to make it more difficult for a thief to enter.

Install motion sensor lights above your garage door and side service entrance. Enhance security by adding lighting to your back fence and yard. Make sure that alley lights are working and report bulbs that are out immediately by contacting 311.

Place your address in the back of your property on the gate or the garage so if you have to report a burglary, the police can identify the correct location.

UPCOMING CAPS EVENTS...
Nov 28 - Court Advocacy Meeting at 10am. Discussion will focus on current cases, new cases, as well as a speaker from the within the judicial system.
Nov 30 - 5th District CAPS “Operation Warm” will be held from 3pm-7pm at the 5th Dist. auditorium. Officers will be handing out winter coats at this annual event.

No CAPS meetings in November or December!

Find out more of what is happening with CAPS on the Facebook page...
Chicago Police Department District 005



This N’ That
Nancy Gahan

Neighbors who celebrated their birthdays in October: Dee Dee Fabris, Sharon Quattrin Campagna, Mike Shymanski, Luanne Wethington, Milena Melnyczenko, Lorraine Brochu & Jim Judi.

Our November Birthdays: Theresa D’Adam, Patty Lawson, Craig Pfnister, Susan Melnyczenko, Christopher Melnyczenko, Charlotte Melnyczenko, Robert Czaikowskyj, Laura Ruiz-Stephan, Renee Frigo, Chuck Lira and Lizette Meza.

We lost several wonderful neighbors over the past few months, along with a mother of two of our neighbors.

Dave Nydam passed away peacefully in September, surrounded by his family. We wish to extend our condolences to Tina, his wife and Emily and Katy, his daughters. Dave owned Dave’s Muffler & Brake Shop in Calumet Park and was the most honest and generous man you would ever want to meet.

Si De’Antoni died and our sympathy goes out to his brother, Bruno and his nieces, Patricia Scott and Susan Scott Duffy. Si was a devoted member of Holy Rosary Church and sang in the choir for years. Well, the angels are singing to him now. ‘When the Saints Go Marching In’ sounds like a good entrance song.

Michelle Cash and Brenda Ogden lost their mother, Irene Connor, recently. She was born in Bronzeville and died in Hyde Park. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She was a devout Catholic and belonged to St. Ailbe’s Parish, where she was active practically till the day she died.

Turkey Day is coming up and we wish you the best Thanksgiving ever.

Please don’t forget that the PCO’s annual holiday celebration will be held at the Visitors’ Center located at 112th and Cottage Grove on December 20th at 7:30pm. All are welcome and please bring a dish to share.

Ladies Luncheon Group

Join the Ladies Luncheon Group for lunch at Bistro on Sterling, 1040 Sterling, Flossmoor, which has wonderful food, great service, and comfortable atmosphere. We will meet on Wednesday, November 29, due to the fourth Wednesday being the day before Thanksgiving. 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.

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Pullman Calendar for November-December 2017		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
Sun 7 pm	Pullman Morris and Sword Practice	773-297-6714 for info/location
Sun 7-9 pm	S C R A B B L E	773-568-5890 for info/location
Mon 4-7 pm	9th Ward Residents Night w/ Ald. Beale	34 E 112th Place 773-785-1100
Wed 8 pm	Walking Group - meet at Arcade Park	Group 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	Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center open to public	773-785-8901
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
Sat 11/11 11am	PCO Veterans Day Program	Pullman School Auditorium
	Refreshments to follow at Historic Pullman Center, 614 E 113th St	
Sun 11/12 7pm	2017 Terrain Biennial short film @ The Hotel Florence	11111 S Forrestville
Tue 11/14	No CAPS meeting until 2018	
Wed 11/15 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St
Thurs 11/16 4pm-7	Pullman Mural Unveiling & Awards	Visitor Center 112th St
Thurs 11/23	Happy Thanksgiving!	
Tues 11/28 10am	5th District Court Advocacy Program/Meeting	Carol White bcarol01@msn.com
Wed 11/29 Noon	Ladies Luncheon - Bistro on Sterling (Flossmoor) RSVP to Norma 568-2441	
Wed 11/29 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting **note day change	HPC 614 E 113th ST
Sun 12/3 10:30am	Greenstone Kick-off Workshop Celebration	Greenstone Fellowship Hall
Sun 12/3 1pm	Greenstone UMC Anniversary Luncheon (\$)	Visitor Center 112th St
Wed 12/6 7:30 pm	Garden Club Monthly Meeting	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sun 12/10 11am	Advent Anniversary Worship Celebration & Reception	Greenstone Church
Sun 12/10 4-7:30pm	Annual Candlelight Holiday Home Tour (\$)	Visitor Center 112th St
	Four festive homes, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, refreshments and silent auction, with Traverso singers	
Wed 12/13 7:30 pm	PCO Exec Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sat 12/16 tbd	PULLMAN YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY	Greenstone Fellowship Hall
Wed 12/20 7:30 pm	PCO Holiday Party (no business)	Visitor Center 112th St
HAPPY HOLIDAYS		
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