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**January 2018** 

**Pullman Civic Organization** 

**11111 S. Forrestville Avenue** 

# PCO President Rachel Kovarsky Smith

"Civility costs nothing and buys everything." - Mary Wortley Montague

It's not lost on me that we are living in a time of great uncertainty. Often, some of the best of us don't always show up in our best and truest selves. We can be quick to anger when experiencing a perceived slight. We can even look at our neighbors and place ourselves above them (in our minds and in our conversations with others). When, what we could be doing is remembering and practicing empathy, compassion, kindness and grace.

Remembering the words from George W. Bush...

"Civility is not a tactic or sentiment. It is the determined choice of trust over cynicism, of community over chaos."

Let's all challenge ourselves to show up every day, striving to be a better version of ourselves by remembering and practicing civility with one another. That is how Pullman will continue to grow and prosper and succeed.

Happy New Year!

#### **Beman Committee**

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Happy New Year Pullman! Here's looking forward to all of the great things we have coming up in 2018! First and foremost, Applications and Guidelines for the 2018 Façade Reimbursement Program are now available on the front door of 11307 St. Lawrence until the end of February. Applications are due back no later than March 1, so if you're planning any improvements to the façade of your home this year, be sure to stop by and pick up an Application. And remember, the Façade Legacy Project at www.pullman-museum.org/facades has a database of drawings specific to each of the facades in Pullman that can be used when bidding out contractors and submitting your Façade Reimbursement Application.

If you're looking for some inspiration, be sure to attend this month's PCO General Membership meeting, where we'll be presenting our Certificates of Stewardship to homeowners who made improvements to the facades of their homes this past year. You'll be able to see how any sized project, whether or big or small, goes a long way in improving the look of our beautiful architecture.

We'll resume our regular fourth Wednesday meeting schedule this month, starting at 7:30PM on January 24 at 614 E. 113th St. There's no better time than the start of a new year to join us and see all the great things we have in store for 2018, so if you're interested in the architectural preservation of our wonderful community come on out. Here's the start of a great new year!

# Ladies Luncheon Group Beverly Ash-Larson

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, January24, leaving Pullman at 12:00 noon. All Pullman ladies are invited. To RSVP and to arrange car pooling, please call Norma at 773-568-2441.

# 22nd Annual Candlelight Tour Cindy McMahon

The snow finally arrived lightly dusting the streets and the sidewalks of Pullman as over 150 guests walked through our neighborhood visiting the beautifully decorated homes in this year's Candlelight Walk. The homes showcased ranged from a warm cozy apartment to an executive row house. In between, guests walked through other homes decorated in family traditions. The Chicago Lionel Train Club along with Mike McMahon's trains put on a special display that brought back fond memories to attendees who sauntered into then 614 building. This all culminated with a warm festive meal back at the HPF Visitors Center.

Special thanks to the homeowners who so graciously opened their doors: Mike and Pat Shymnaski, Pat Brannon, Fernando and Claudia Rosiquez, The Thomas Dunbar House, and special thanks to my husband, Tom Mc-Mahon, who has been referred to as the Clark Griswald of 111th Street for his outside decorations. Wait until he gets the light bill.

This annual event could not have succeeded without the help of the great volunteers, Mary Ann Kopcheck, Jim Badali, Larry and Carol Lagadinos, Beverly Ash-Larson, Judith Kubida, Tony Dzik, Annie Lira, Jane Bushwaller, Jamie Skraban, Luann Wethington, Mike Hooker, Debbie Newman, Hiola Alston, Cathy Groszek, Patrick Ward, Katrina Avila, Northside Dustin and his friend, Norma Zarris, Linda Feutz, Rob Shymanski, Allison Anastasio, Patty Lawson, Mary Boesman, Judy Cashen, Jennifer, Lexi and Stacy Peponis, and Jeanne Schulman. Thank you to those who donated baked goods for the dessert table. I apologize if I left out anyone from this list. A loud shout out to our sponsors: Pullman Bank, Beyond Shades, Eli's Cheesecake, Lagunitas Brewing Co, Argus Brewery, Chicagoland Lionel Train Club, and Gotham Greens.

The proceeds from this event help to offset the ever increasing operating expenses of the Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center and the Pullman Community Center.

Also want to shout out a thank you to Josh Babiarz who volunteered his labor to remove and shingle the porch roof of the Pullman Community Center, so we could look our best on House Tour and Candlelight. Thank you, Josh.

#### Historic Pullman Garden Club Susan James

New Year's Greetings to all our members and friends in Pullman. We are looking forward to a great Lecture Series this year. So please save these dates on Sundays at 3pm at 614 E. 113th St

January 28: Robert Nevel - Food Justice and a community garden February 25: GMOs - What you need to know March 25: Kay MacNeil - Talks on Monarch Butterflies

Also mark your calendars for our Annual Membership Dinner on Wed. February 7th. All our neighbors are welcome to this potluck event, so try to reach out to someone new! Everyone brings a side dish to share (please consider salads or other veggies, as we often overdo the desserts!) Come and share a wintertime meal with friends. Gathering at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30.

New officers will be installed for a two-year term.





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#### PullmanArts Ann M. Alspaugh

Happy New Year! Thank you to all our Pullman neighbors, groups and orgs that responded to our door flyers/FB posts/Pullman Flyer post, and submitted comments by the 12/11/17 due date to the folks at the Chicago Fleet & Facilities Management (2FM) office per their request, regarding our Pullman Artspace Lofts affordable artist live/work building project. From this point, 2FM will work with HUD to determine how further project reviews will proceed for them to approve rental assistance to six units (targeted for artists that are veterans and/ or disabled) of the planned 38-units. We will keep you informed of any future opportunity for public input. Since HUD uses federal money, this review will complete the Section 106 review started in the spring of 2016.

Moving towards a spring 2018 ground breaking;

Late December the south block building in the 111th block of Langley, became the property of the Pullman Artspace LLC. As well, the Chicago building department review of project plans were completed and approved. The building & restoration permits for all three properties were paid for. This also finalizes the Part II of the historic tax credit process.

Mid-November, the board of IHDA voted and approved to move our \$17 million in low-income housing tax credits forward to allow for a 2019 project completion date.

Currently, Pepper Construction is busy finalizing the bid numbers for all the construction trades and scheduling out the start of the construction phase. Minority and Women Business Enterprises are particularly encouraged to apply for trade work and may contact CNI for more information: Ciere Boatright at cboatright@cnigroup.org.

PullmanArts can be contacted through our email: info@pullmanarts.org for questions, additional information or to be added to our email list. Website: www.pullmanarts.org

# To Pot or Not to Pot, That Is Not the Question: Green Spaces and Places Lynn Smith

By the time you get this article, the cold may have dissipated, but we still may have considerable days of winter left. In spite of the prettiness of a fresh coat of snow, there is nothing quite as cheering as a nice fireplace, or minus that, some flowering bulbs, or even better, both! This article references ways to force bulbs indoors.

The simplest bulbs to force—because they come from warm climates and hence need no chilling are amaryllis and "paperwhite" narcissus. Amaryllis are well known for their large and numerous blossoms in shades of red, pink, white, greenish white, and varying mixed varieties. They can be gotten either online or from many garden stores from now through the month of March. White Flower Farm and other online companies do a good job of delivering bulbs to you as well.

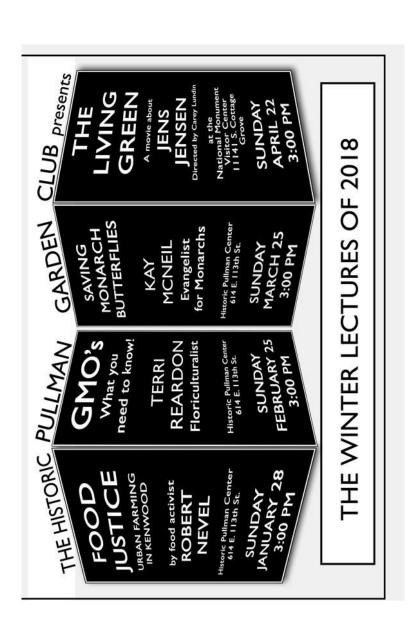
The slightly more complicated bulbs to force would be the ones that need to be "chilled," that is they need cool and dark temperatures for 16 to 18 weeks at temperatures of 35-48. Examples of these bulbs would be daffodils, dutch iris, crocus, and tulips. They can be planted in either soil or water (in both cases with at least two inches of space below for the roots) and should be planted tightly for best effect. If planting in soil, it needs to be kept moist but not overly wet. If planting bulbs in water, be sure you have stones which are heavy enough in the pot to prevent the flowers from toppling over. Once ready to start growing, put the pot under good light, which is fairly cool (usually no problem in the winter). So keep those gardens growing and we'll keep talking. . .

# Pullman National Monument Preservation Society Georgia Vroman

Last month, we let you know that the Department of Housing and Urban Development required a do-over federal review of the proposed Pullman Artspace Lofts ("Project"). If this new review is conducted properly, it should "minimize harm" the Project could cause to the Pullman National Historic Landmark District. This federal "Section 106" review should last several months and should provide multiple opportunities for genuine public participation. We have created a website and a video to explain more about how this review works. Visit http://Pullman106.com.

On Dec. 11, 2017, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ("Council") in Washington, D.C.—the independent federal agency established to ensure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act—notified the City of Chicago that because this review has "the potential for presenting procedural problems," the Council "will participate in consultation to consider the effect of the referenced undertaking [Pullman Artspace Lofts] on historic properties." The Council's involvement should ensure the integrity of the process, and consequently, help see that harm to Pullman's nationally significant historic, architectural, and cultural resources is minimized.

On a related note, The Pullman National Monument Preservation Society is also serving as a "consulting party" to another important Section 106 review. On Dec. 1, 2017, we attended the kick-off meeting for the Section 106 review of the proposed Barack Obama Presidential Center ("OPC") to be constructed in Jackson Park. Many may not know that Solon S. Beman, the architect of the Town of Pullman, also designed buildings for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. The archaeological remains of Beman's "Mines and Mining Building" and "Merchant Tailors Building" are within the "Area of Potential Effect" of the OPC, and we want to ensure that these historic resources are given appropriate consideration. In addition, because of President Obama's deep ties to Pullman, the long-term success or failure of the OPC could have far-reaching implications for the Pullman National Monument, a key component of President Obama's legacy.





## The Pullman Flyer

#### From the Dining Car: Sausage and Tortelli Soup Patti Lawson

We love eating soup, especially on cold winter evenings. And when I ended up with extra andouille sausage from my Christmas gumbo, I knew it was time to get out the stock pot and get to "souping". And we all know how great the leftovers taste, after all the ingredients have gotten to "know each other". So let's get started on that warm, satisfying, full-of-love, one-

#### Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground sausage (your favorite sausage, of course!)
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3 diced garlic cloves or 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4-5 c. beef broth or water, or a mix of beef and vegetable broth ( your choice)
- 1 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 4 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 15 oz. can sliced mushrooms with liquid
- 1 28 oz. can diced tomatoes
- 2 t. white sugar (optional)
- 1 T. parsley
- 1 T. basil
- 1 T. oregano
- 1 19 oz. package frozen tortellini (I used dried tortellini, because that's what I had.)
- Parmesan cheese

#### Directions

- In a large stock pot, cook sausage, onions, and garlic until meat is
- Add in all the rest of the ingredients, except the tortellini, and bring to a low boil
- Simmer until veggies are tender, about 15 minutes
- Add tortellini and simmer until it is cooked through (10-12 min.)
- Serve with Parmesan cheese on top

#### TIP OF THE MONTH

I don't add salt until the end, if needed, because there is enough in the broth I use, but if your soup ends up tasting a little salty; first try adding a few more cups of broth or water. This will thin out your soup and the salt. You can eat it like this, or you can add a potato or two, a cup of rice, or some pasta to absorb some of the extra liquid.

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Wed 8 pm Walking Group - meet at Arcade Park Group email list: astrid@uchicago.edu		
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Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
Sun 1/14 11:00 am UMC Greenstone Church New Year's Anniversary		
and Re-Dedication Celebration with Bishop Sally Dyck - Reception Following Worship		
Wed 1/17 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St
Tues 1/23 10am	5th District Court Advocacy Program/Meeting	Carol White bcarol01@msn.com
Wed 1/24 Noon Ladies Luncheon at Bistro on Sterling in Flossmoor RSVP to Norma 568-2441		
Wed 1/24 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sun 1/28 3pm-5pm	Garden Club Winter Lecture Series (1 of 4) "Food Justice with Robert Nevel" - Everyon	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th e is welcome!
Wed 2/7 6:30 pm	Garden Club Membership Drive Dinner  All are welcome - bring a dish to share (entrée p	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Wed 2/14 7:30 pm	PCO Exec Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sun 2/18 TBD Third Birthday Celebration of the Pullman National Monument		
Wed 2/21 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St
Sun 2/25 3pm-5pm Garden Club Winter Lecture Series (2 of 4) Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th  "GMO's -What You Need to Know!" with Floriculturalist Terri Reardon - Everyone is welcome!		
Tues 2/27 10am	5th District Court Advocacy Program/Meeting	Carol White bcarol01@msn.com
Tue 2/27 6:30-7:30pm 9th Ward Community Mtg w/ Ald. Beale Pullman Presbyterian 550 E 103rdSt		
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