



## From the President

PCO President, Rachel Kovarsky Smith

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does.* – Margaret Mead

The linchpin of a successful civic organization is the collective working together to better their environment. The New York Times defines civic engagement as "... working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes."

In so many ways, residents in Pullman have voluntarily contributed their time, energy, talents and resources to make our community a wonderful place to live. Volunteerism is at the heart of the sustainability of our community organizations, groups and social networks. Without steadfast volunteers, none of our annual efforts, like the House Tour, Garden Walk, Candlelight Walk, and Reunion Picnic would be as successful as they have become. It truly takes a village to pull together these large scale events and everyone's efforts are valuable.

It can be easy to forget that volunteerism is also needed to manage the day- to-day life in the community. Every member of the elected board, the standing subcommittees and the ad hoc committees of the PCO are volunteers who generously choose (or were recruited) to give their time and talents to handle the business of Pullman. Make no mistake, future economic development from outside entities is coming. But it's the role and the responsibility of the PCO (and other longstanding organizations) to fully vet every opportunity and offer members of our community the opportunity to ask questions and the space to freely discuss what's being presented.

Recent informational meetings by Superintendent Kathy Schneider of the National Park Service (who provided updates on the NPS planning projects with Q&A and opportunities for public comments) and the Destination Pullman Transportation Open House (<https://pullmantransportation.com/>) provided Pullman residents ample opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions and give feedback. Additionally, Dr. Tim Scarlett, Associate Professor of Archaeology and Anthropology, representing the Industrial Heritage and Archaeology faculty (IH&A group) at Michigan Technological University met with leaders from many of the community's organizations and other community members to discuss the future collaboration with the staff of the National Park Service's Midwest Archeological Center and the Pullman National Monument to create recommendations for best practice in research, interpretation, and management of Pullman's cultural resources.

Regardless of what's happening in our nation's or our state's capital, it remains the responsibility of all of us to remain aware of what's happening in our community. Stay focused on the ways (small and large) we can pitch in, work together and volunteer. Support one another. Respect each other. Inform ourselves. These are not lofty, unattainable goals but are, in fact, the foundation on which Pullman's future success depends.

## Ladies Luncheon Group

Join the ladies luncheon group for rustic Italian cooking at Francesca's on 95th on Monday, February 27 (6248 W 95th Street, Oak Lawn, IL). All Pullman ladies are invited. We will leave Pullman at 12:00 noon. To RSVP and for carpooling arrangements please call Norma at 773-568-2441.

## Membership Committee

Beverly Carli, Chairperson

Membership letters have been delivered to all Pullman residents who have not yet joined the PCO. Self-addressed envelopes were enclosed to make it convenient to send in dues for the 2016-2017 year. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to be part of this vibrant community we call home! As you can see from the Pullman Flyer that is delivered to homes each month, there is always something happening.

We want you . . . we need you. Please join the PCO today!

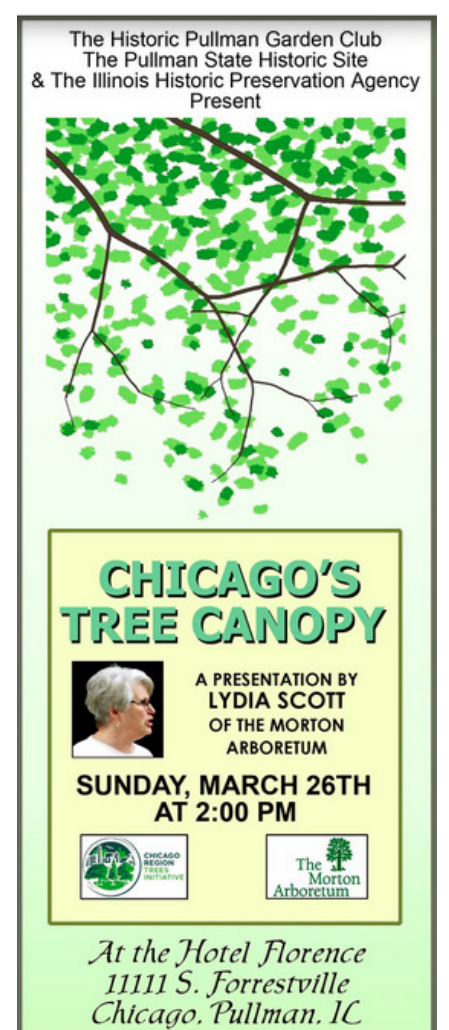
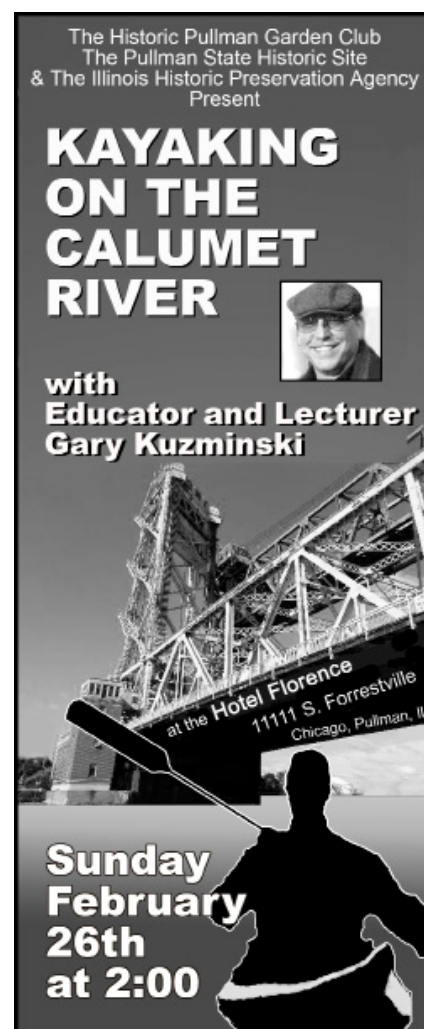
## Solon Says...A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

John Christie & Wyatt Ollestad, Email: [pcobemancommittee@gmail.com](mailto:pcobemancommittee@gmail.com)

The deadline for 2017 Façade Reimbursement Applications is fast approaching! Be sure to pick up your copies of the Application and Guidelines from the front door of 11307 S. Saint Lawrence, and mail or deliver your completed Application to the 645 E. 111th St. by March 1. We will be announcing the recipients at the March PCO general membership meeting. As a reminder, detailed drawings of porches, windows, doors and facades can be found at [www.pullman-museum.org/facades](http://www.pullman-museum.org/facades), and can be used both as part of your Application and to help price out bids from contractors.

The Beman Committee of the PCO is already hard at work on new projects for 2017, and we're always looking for new members who are passionate about Pullman's architecture and preservation. If you're interested in joining our Committee, feel free to reach out to either of the Co-Chairs or attend one of our monthly meetings, typically on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Let's make 2017 another outstanding year for improvement projects in our beautiful town!







CAPS  
Carol Lagadinos

Recent concerns over the public disturbances in our neighborhood that were related to The Factory, resulted in a community meeting being held on January 27 at the 5th District police dept. Although the club is more than a mile away from Pullman, patrons used the Pullman neighborhood for overflow parking resulting in disorderly conduct situations occurring in our neighborhood. At the meeting, residents expressed their concerns in detail and asked questions about the incidents. Based on a social media announcement by The Factory, it was noted that The Factory had knowingly advised patrons to show up early at 8:00pm the night of a concert, without having any staff or security on duty before 9:30pm. The capacity for The Factory is 770, with 450 patron parking spaces and 100 staff parking spaces. Police was forced to stop allowing further entry of cars despite a much greater number of people trying to attend after roughly 450 patrons arrived backing up traffic on I-94 and Doty Ave., Tom McMahon was present at this meeting and gave a history of previous problems and actions taken against The Factory over the last 5 years providing more insight..

Representatives from The Factory had met with the police commander and his team the day prior to this community meeting. During the meeting the representatives were formally warned about anything similar happening. It was further demanded that a Plan of Action from The Factory management team be submitted to address future concert events, parking, traffic control, adequate staffing and security, and timely notification to the police in advance of any future events or concerts.

Residents also emphasized that limiting ticket sales to the 770 capacity limit should be part of the Plan of Action. They were warned that failure to address future similar issues could result in the police taking action to conduct an administrative closure of The Factory.

The Factory representatives were requested to attend the community meeting on January 27, but cancelled at the last minute. It was noted that failure by The Factory management team to show up for the community meeting was evidence of bad faith on the their part which is consistent with their prior business practices. It was also noted that failure by The Factory management to provide adequate notice to the police that such an event would be taking place were also inappropriate business practices

The Factory management team’s formal Plan of Action was due to 5th District Police Commander Davis on Friday February 3, 2017 and they have failed to provide one. Due to the failure to comply, the CAPS office has begun the paperwork to initiate a hearing with the attorney for Business Affairs for the City of Chicago. This hearing could potentially result in revoking The Factory’s license to operate for failure to comply with a Plan of Action. Attendance by Pullman residents at such a hearing in the future would be important to emphasize our concerns. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to call 911 to report and concerns for any similar events and disturbances if they occur.

Educational News  
Cheryl Briscoe

CONGRATULATIONS to Principal Eric Dockery (Poe Classical) and Principal Julious Lawson (Pullman Elementary) - both received a new four-year contract, a vote of confidence from their Local School Councils. Both schools are rated Level 1+. Good job, Gentlemen.

THANK YOU Ian Lantz (for the introduction to), Kirsten Perales and Megan Nichols and their employee teams from Method, our corporate neighbor for selecting Poe Classical and Pullman Elementary for their Martin Luther King Services Day. The teams showed up at the schools (early), thoroughly cleaned, and left plenty of Method products.Thank you Teams Method!!!

THANK YOU Stephanie Willding and Dee LaGioia from Chicago Family Health Center and your lab for the lead testing program performed on individuals from the Pullman community. Valerie Hubbard from the Department of Health Services was on hand to offer handouts explaining the hazards of unhealthy lead levels. A reported 20 people (mainly young children) were tested and will receive results directly from the lab. Houses built before 1950 have been reported as having high levels of lead.

FYI ... Chicago Public Schools announces teachers will have to take four unpaid furlough days this year to address the State budget cuts. Parents will have to make plans for children effected by this change. Many, if not most of our children in Chicago Public Schools are in the middle of testing, NWEA, NAEP, or preparing for PARCC.

From the Dining Car: Red Beans and Rice, Y’All!  
Patty Lawson

Way back in December, another gorgeous Pullmanite’s name was attached to my column. Now, I know all of us beauties may look alike, but this was strictly a mistake by the editorial staff and not an alternative fact. Now back to the grub, bub! Now whether you’re getting ready for Mardi Gras, Lent, or just want some good, warm home cooking to tide you over until Spring, red beans and rice will do you right every time. Serve it with your favorite hot sauce for a little kick, if you like.

- Original recipe yields 8 servings, or 4 if you’re really “hongry”, y’all!
- 1 lb. dry kidney beans
  - 1/4 cup oil (olive, canola, vegetable)
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 2 tablespoons minced garlic
  - 1 green bell pepper, chopped
  - 6 cups water
  - 2 bay leaves
  - 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
  - 1 teaspoon dried thyme
  - 1 tablespoon dried parsley
  - 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning (like Old Bay)
  - 1 lb. sausage - your choice (I’ve got a thing for Bobak’s polish sausage, don’tcha know!)
  - 2 cups long grain white rice

Rinse beans and soak according to the instructions on the bag. In a skillet, over medium heat, cook the onion, bell pepper and garlic in oil for 3-4 minutes. Rinse beans again and transfer to a large pot with 6 cups of water. Stir cooked vegetables into beans. Season with bay leaves, cayenne pepper, thyme, sage, parsley, and Cajun seasoning. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer for 2 hours. Stir sausage into beans and continue to simmer for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare rice per package instructions. Serve beans over rice and let your “mouf” have a good ol’ time!

TIP OF THE MONTH  
Keep it homemade and make your own Cajun seasoning: 2 table-  
spoons salt, 1 tablespoon dried oregano, 1 tablespoon paprika, 1 table-  
spoon paprika (try hot Hungarian paprika, if you’d like a little extra zip),  
1 tablespoon cayenne pepper, 1 tablespoon black pepper. Combine all  
ingredients in a plastic bag and shake to mix.

*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? Simple email me at fromthediningcar@yahoo.com or place it in my mailbox at 11122 South Champlain. Please include your name, phone number, and/or email address. I may have questions.*

Garden Club News  
Susan James

*A successful first event in our annual Winter Lecture series was held on Jan. 22nd.*

Thanks to Christopher Weber for a thoughtful presentation on gardening as a community, Site Supervisor David Schultz for preparing the venue to welcome the substantial audience, to Garden Club members who baked and brought refreshments, to Tony Dzik for his graphic work and securing door prizes. Your efforts were enjoyed by all our guests.

We now look forward to Lecture II Kayaking on the Calumet at the Hotel Florence on February 26, Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm, when Columbia College instructor Gary Kuzminski will speak about his explorations in the Calumet Region, and share his unique photos of our area taken from the water.

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for March 26th at 2pm - Our Tree Canopy in the Chicago Region with Lydia Scott, from Morton Arboretum, following up on her Tree ID walk when she visited us last September.

Please Note: The Garden Club Winter Lectures are at the Hotel Florence this year.

Membership Chairperson Annie Lira-Murillo is accepting 2017 dues of \$10/person, at her home mailbox, 11323 S. Champlain. Receipts delivered promptly!





Lake Calumet - Then and Now  
Tom Shepherd

This n’ That  
Patty Oyervides

Roseland and Pullman historian Paul Petraitis will bring a lively, fresh presentation about Lake Calumet to the 5th District Police Station community room at 727 E. 111th Street, not far from the shores of the little-known “Chicago’s Other Lake.” We urge local residents to come and share their Lake Calumet area stories. Years-ago accounts of fishing, hunting, swimming, exploring, etc. will make this a fun night to reminisce and to learn about future plans.

- Thursday, March 2, 2017 - 7 till 8:30pm  
5th Dist. Chicago Police Station - Community room  
727 E. 111th St. - Chicago, 60628

ALL are invited: refreshments, Q and A, and discussion to follow. Safe, free parking in police station parking lot.Sponsored by the Calumet Heritage Partnership and Calumet Ecological Park Association.  
For further information, call Tom at 773-370-3305.

February Garden Tasks: Green Spaces and Places  
Lynn Smith

As the hours of sunlight continue to lengthen in February we enter a period of winter known for thawing and freezing. As I write this, we have barely had a hard freeze, but we may still get some cycles of freezing and thawing, which tends to be hard on plants which often thrive in less extreme conditions. The Chicago Botanic Garden recommends that if we do go through some periods of temperature extremes, i.e., more than twenty degree changes. This winter then, during an above freezing thaw, to water evergreens, both needled and broad leaved (such as hollies) deeply. They also recommend using sand rather than salt to de-ice the sidewalk and porch. Salt run off poisons the water ways and is damaging to our overall ecology.

The colder periods of February are also good times to prune diseased tree and shrubs or to prune overgrown and misshapen trees and shrubs if the overall integrity of the tree can be honored (no lopped off evergreens please). Remember to not prune shrubs which will flower in spring. Pruning now will damage the eventual flowers.

Finally, for those people who like to “force” flowering bushes or trees, this is an ideal time to cut some branches from Forsythia, Redbud, Almond, Cherry, Crabapple, Weigilia, and Magnolia, for inside bloom. There is nothing quite so pretty as the sight of blooming branches after a long winter. And we’ll keep talking...

“Shifting Sands on the Path to Sustainability”  
Film Screening

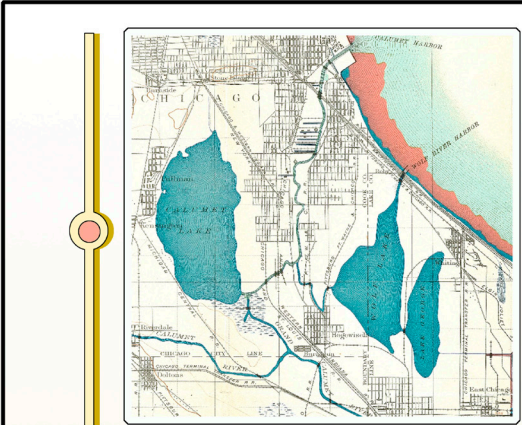
Did you miss screenings of “Shifting Sands On The Path To Sustainability”, the fantastic documentary about Indiana Dunes and Lee Botts? You’ve got a chance to see it this March as part of the One Earth Film Festival! Monday, March 6, 7-9 p.m., at the Pullman Visitor Center.

This presentation of Shifting Sands is in partnership with the Historic Pullman Foundation and Greenstone United Methodist Church. Please stay for post-film discussion with Mark Bouman, Chicago Regional Program Director of the Field Museum and the President, Calumet Heritage Partnership -- as well as filmmakers Patricia Wisniewski and Tom Desch.

To see the trailer, go to: <http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/films-az-1/shifting-sands>

Celebrate with Aquarius and Pisces people: Gino Antoniazzi, Bruno DeAntoni, Andy Morgen, Dawn West-Villagomez, Rachel Kovarsky, Beverly Angio Carli, Denise Fattori-Alcantar, Gwendolyn Dillon, and Pullman Friends: Jan Bailey, Jerry Morandi-West, Betty Saunders-Coffman, Glen Saunders, and Bonnie Milmine-Kennedy.

This January 2017 Armand W. Salin, a truly good spirit passed at 61yrs. of age. Strong in family, cherished father to Armond and Brittany. Always a familiar face at neighborhood events. His personality awarded him a multitude of loyal friends. Our loss is heaven’s gain.



LAKE CALUMET  
THEN & NOW - PART III

A presentation By Historian Paul Petraitis  
Joined By Tom Shepherd of the Lake Calumet Vision Committee  
**Thursday March 2nd, 7 till 8:30pm**  
**Chicago Police 5th District Station Community Room**  
**727 E. 111th St., Chicago**

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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
Tues 7:30 pm	Pullman Community Choir - Visitor Center	For info: pullmansings@gmail.com
Tues 7:30pm	Walking Group - meet at Arcade Park	Group email list with astrid@uchicago.edu
Wed 5:30-7:30pm	Pullman Game Night - Back on?	Pullman Café 11208 St Lawrence
Sat 10:30am-12:30pm	Tiger & Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts	Greenstone Fellowship Hall
Day/time TBD	Pullman Knit & Crochet Circle *Confirm day & place	christinasprayberry@gmail.com
Email to arrange	Beginners bridge class	kristoferthomsen@aol.com
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
Wed 2/15 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St.
Wed 2/22 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sun 2/26 2pm - 4pm	Garden Club Winter Lecture Series (2 of 3) "Kayaking on the Calumet River" with Gary Kuzminski - Everyone is welcome! Refreshments and door prizes	Hotel Florence
Mon 2/27 Noon	Ladies Luncheon Group - Francesca's (Oak Lawn) RSVP & carpool 773-568-2441	
Tue 2/28 10am	5th District Court Advocacy Program/Meeting	Carol White bcarol01@msn.com
Wed 3/1 7:30pm	Garden Club Monthly Membership Meeting	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Thu 3/2 7pm-8:30pm	Lake Calumet: Then and Now - Part 3	5th District Police Station 727 E 111th
Mon 3/6 7pm	"Shifting Sands On The Path To Sustainability"	Movie at Visitor Center 112th St
Wed 3/8 7:30 pm	PCO Exec Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Wed 3/15 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St
Tues 3/21 7pm	5th District Cmdr. Dialogue Meeting (CAPS)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Wed 3/22 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sun 3/26 2pm - 4pm	Garden Club Winter Lecture Series (3 of 3) "Chicago's Tree Canopy" with Lydia Scott (of the Morten Arboretum) - Everyone is welcome! Refreshments & door prizes	Hotel Florence
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