



From the President
PCO President, Rachel Kovarsky Smith

“Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing what will be.”
Khalil Gibran

Last week, I was honored to represent Pullman at a roundtable event hosted by the Metropolitan Planning Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, serving communities and residents by developing, promoting and implementing solutions for sound regional growth.

Joining Dave Doig, President of Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, Lynn McClure Senior Regional Director of the National Parks Conservation Association and moderator Joe Iacobucci from Sam Schwartz, I offered my perspective as a resident and community member about community vitality, economic development and thoughtful planning in Pullman. I was pleased to recognize many of our neighbors in attendance and the crowd (standing room with over 100 attendees) was very interested in what’s on the horizon in regards to economic development, affordability and safety. In a room full of urban planners, I was proud of the hard work and dedication of our community in making Pullman worthy of the national spotlight we currently enjoy as a national monument.

One of the themes I discussed pertained to our struggle of “new vs old”. How we are learning how to balance differing definitions of what the community should look like; how to find a common definition for our community identity by learning to acknowledge and celebrate history while imaging and forming future state in a respectful and civil manner. How to better engage with our neighbors in North Pullman and Roseland to ensure that we all are considered in future plans for the area as well as how to connect better.

To that end, the PCO has updated the website: <http://www.pullmancivic.org/>. Thanks to Andy Bullen, we have an active forum for visitors learn about our community (in addition to the many other social media methods currently available). Going forward, we will be tweaking the website and making it an even better source of news. But rest assured, the Pullman Flyer, a mainstay for many, will continue.

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

Thank you to everyone who applied for our 2017 Façade Reimbursement Program cycle! We have enough funding to cover all eligible projects this year, so congratulations to the recipients of this year’s reimbursements! Once again the Façade Reimbursement Program has leveraged over three times the amount of available funding to private investment, a terrific example of the enthusiasm of homeowners to preserve and restore their historic homes.

We’d also like to thank the House Tour Committee, without which we wouldn’t even have a Façade Reimbursement Program. As a reminder, the Façade Reimbursement Program is funded each year by half of the net proceeds from the previous year’s House Tour, so their success is ours and everyone’s success. As important as restoration work is to help beautify our town, so too is the volunteer time needed to attract others to come and see it each fall. So consider helping out House Tour in any way you can, and let’s make sure we keep the good momentum going year after year.

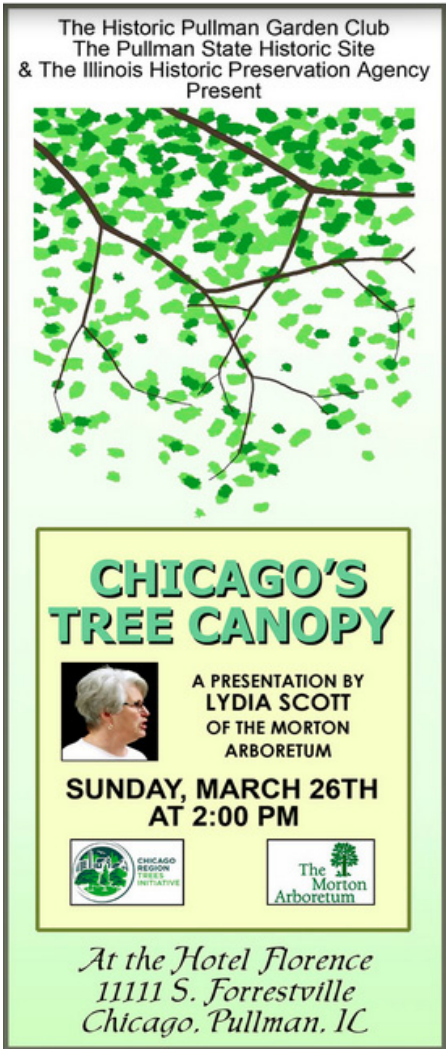
The start of warm weather also signals the start of the building season, and the PCO Beman Committee is here as a resource to help with any projects you might be considering for the façade of your historic home. Our Homeowner Guide (available at www.pullmancivic.org/beman/homeownersGuide.pdf) has been newly updated to include important information regarding various types of restoration work, including the below excerpt from Pullman Preservation Brief #2: Tuckpointing:

Until recently, mortar Types N and subsequently O had been recommended for preservation use due to their higher composition ratios of lime to Portland cement, but modern material science has made those mortars much harder than they were when originally recommended. Recent chemical studies performed by Henry Frerk Sons, Inc. on Pullman mortar have confirmed that Pullman houses were originally built with a lime based mortar. As such, the recommended mortar for tuckpointing on historic Pullman houses is one that is lime based. It is important that homeowners ensure the correct mortar is being used for any tuckpointing job, as using an incorrect type could result in irreversible brick damage.

And there’s no better time than the Spring to join the PCO Beman Committee and get on the ground floor for all of the exciting work we have coming up for 2017! 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.

Ladies Luncheon Group

Join the ladies luncheon group for magical Latin and Mexican cuisine on Monday, March 27, at Mago Grill and Cantina, 1010 S. Delano Court West. All Pullman ladies are invited. We will leave Pullman at 12:00 noon. To RSVP and for car pooling arrangements, please call Norma at 773-568-2441.





PullmanArts
Ann M. Alspaugh

The board of PullmanArts has grown! We now have thirteen board members having welcomed our newest members, Pullman residents Erica Roewade, John White and Astrid Fingerhut at our February board meeting. Their skills and talents will further enrich our current organizational efforts and mission greatly. We are currently working on upcoming spring, summer and fall community arts events & partnerships, so stay tuned.

PullmanArts will also be participating once again in the Lake FX Creative-Con, the Midwest’s largest free conference for emerging artists and creatives, April 21–22 at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street. We will have an info table and are typically located near other area arts organizations tables.

On January 28th PullmanArts board members volunteered at the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum “Urban Culturalism” Re-Launch Event featuring artists from Ancestry Moon art studio. It was a delightful evening with talented area artists, their art, community members, and great conversation.

Regarding the Pullman Artspace Lofts project, by the end of this month, we should have our “coming soon” sign installed at the project site. The project development team is busy working on general contractor and lead abatement bidding, as well as wrapping up funding. The architectural firm of Stantech (formerly VOA), along with their structural, mechanical and civil engineers are busy working on the drawings to submit to the City of Chicago building department for review and building permits.

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

Considering a Green Roof: Green Spaces and Places
Lynn Smith

I am no engineer or tradesperson, but as a lover of biodiversity and gardening, I can see much potential in considering a green roof or roof garden in Chicago, and in Pullman in particular. We do not have a shortage of flat roofs. We gardeners and nature lovers are looking to expand garden space, the view from a roof can be stupendous, however, anyone wanting to expand their gardening space in this way would want to consult with an engineer or building professional to ensure that the roof can hold the weight you are considering.

Green roofs have traditionally been planted with mats of sedum, which do not need auxiliary watering and are low maintenance. While sedums are good, other perennials and grasses such as thyme, blue fescue, chives, and yellow Sisyrinchium striatum can work next to the sedums. Whatever perennials that you choose for your green roof should only need a growing space of four to six inches of depth to thrive.

The Chicago Botanic Garden’s Plant Laboratory/ Research Center in Highland Park has a marvelous green roof, which might give you a few ideas. So, if you are considering new areas for plant exploration and enjoyment, and are looking to contribute to the biodiversity of the area, please consider a green roof... and we’ll keep talking...

Garden Club News
Susan James

We enjoyed Lecture II Kayaking on the Calumet at the Hotel Florence on February 26, when Columbia College instructor Gary Kuzminski described his explorations in the Calumet Region, and shared his unique photos of our area taken from the water. He also invited us to join with

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!

From the Dining Car:
Let Them Eat Non-Chocolate Cake

Patty Lawson

I gave up chocolate for Lent, so let me apologize in advance if I hurl invectives at you should we meet on the street. To atone for this venial sin of sorts, I offer you a delicious spring-through-summer recipe fit for serving on St. Patrick’s Day, St. Joseph’s Day, first day of spring, Easter, or just plain snacking. So not matter how you choose to celebrate the next month, remember the words of Julia Child , “A party without a cake is just a meeting!”

LEMON ICEBOX CAKE

Ingredients

- 1 lemon cake mix
- 1 (14 oz.) can of sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup of lemon juice
- 1(16 oz.) Cool Whip

Prepare lemon cake mix according to the directions on the box and bake in two layers. Cool for thirty minutes and cut both layers in half.

Beat condensed milk and lemon juice until slightly thickened with mixer. Fold in Cool Whip with a whisk until well blended. Spread icing between the layers and frost entire cake. Chill overnight in refrigerator before serving. If you wish, garnish with sliced lemon curls and mint leaves.
TIP OF THE MONTH

Make your own fresh whipped cream. It’s too easy not to give it a try. Simply whip one cup of heavy whipping cream with an electric mixer until it forms firm peaks. Beat in 1-2 tablespoons sugar (per your taste) and 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract. This is the equivalent of 8 oz. of Cool Whip. Believe me, you’ll be able to taste the difference.

“I’m never more emotionally unprepared than when I eat the last bite of something without realizing it’s the last bite of something.” – A. Heugel

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.

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CAPS
Carol Lagadinos

On February 23 meeting, 5th District Commander Verrick Douglas spoke on the state of the district. Approximately 150 people attended. He discussed crime statistics for each of the 9 beats in the district as well as the police programs that are part of the CAPS sub-committees, including Court Advocacy, Youth, Pastoral, and Domestic Violence. Each of the CAPS officers and the officers assigned to schools in the district were introduced.

An Open House is planned for the next Court Advocacy meeting on March 28 at 10:00am to be held in the 5th Dist. Auditorium. This will be an opportunity for the community to find out what being an advocate is about, find out more about the cases that are being followed and learn how to get involved in making our justice system more accountable. The next court case is March 13 at 9:30am at 26th & California. Meet that morning 8:30am at the 5th dist. police station where transportation will be provided.

The next CAPS meeting will be a Commander Dialogue/ sector meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00pm to be held at the Historic Pullman Center, 614 E 113th St. The meeting will include our beat 531 as well as beats 532 and 533. April meeting will be on Tuesday April 18, at 7:00pm and will also be a Commander Dialogue/ sector meeting. It will be held at Altgeld Gardens CYC building at 951 E 132nd St.. Regular CAPS meetings for our Beat 531 only resume in May on the 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

In February the Far South Community Action Council honored me for my participation in the 5th District CAPS program. The event was held at Fenger Academy High School and catered by students from the Fenger Academy Culinary Arts Program. The school, the culinary program students and the principal Richard C Smith, as hosts, made an outstanding impression. I recommend stopping by the school and seeing for yourself!

Reminder...One of the most important things you can do to help the police and your community is to report crime. Community information is essential to identifying crime patterns and apprehending offenders. However, not every situation is an emergency that requires an immediate police response, so not every call to the police needs to go through the 9-1-1 emergency number. In non-emergency situations, call 3-1-1

Coming up in MayThe 13th Annual Run to Remember is a 5K USATF certified chip-timed 5k Run or, if you choose, a non-competitive 5k walk, on Chicago's beautiful lakefront. More than 5,000 citizens, police officers, families of fallen officers and supporters of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation are expected to participate in the 13th Annual Run to Remember. The event also features a junior jog, family friendly After-Party, appearances by the CPD Mounted Unit, K-9 Unit, and helicopter unit as well as a children's activities area and performances by the Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society. The R2R starts and finishes at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, located just east of Soldier Field. For further information on any of these items or events, contact Carol Lagadinos 817-598-8570

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This n' That
Patty Oyervides

Hello Pisces and Aries-So begins the Parades for-Tricia Gahan, Rachal Gregersen, Jim Caffery, Sandy Melnyczeko-Czaikowskyj, Cathy Theisen, Rafael Cerrera, Moe Marquardt, Charlene Serama-Williamsom, Tina Utley-Nydam and Larry Avignone. A "Very Important" Birthday for Ferbruary was missed by me for Leo Oyervides;at 87yrs.young.You GO big guy!

Bonita "Bonnie" L. Ostarello passed this February..Cherished sister of Diane, James Ostarello and John(Gay).A proud teacher for 34yrs. in Tinley Park School Dist.140.Well respected and much loved!

To the many members of the Wells and Serama familys on the loss of Roseann Wells (Serama) Pullman roots but late of Highland, Indiana. Back in the day she was co-owner of Three Stooges Tavern here in Pullman.She lives-on forever in the hearts of those she loved.

Remembering CECECILIA SWIONTEK

Our neighbor and dear friend of 45 years passed away peacefully early this morning. She lived to a wonderful age of 94. She was a lifetime resident of Pullman. Her wake is Sunday, 3- 8 pm at Beverly Ridge with Mass, Monday, 10 a.m. at Queen of Martyrs, 103rd and Central.

Remembering BOB DYKES

Bob Dykes, who lived at 11334 St. Lawrence, for almost 14 years, was killed in a tragic accident 2-16-17. He was a member of the wine club and he was on the garden walk in 2009. At that time, not only did he display his beautiful yard of flowers, bushes, a gazebo and a fish pond, but also his parrot Shelby. Bob was known to everyone on our block as being helpful, generous, kind and thoughtful. He loved to have dinner parties whenever the mood struck and threw BBQ parties in the summer. Everyone was welcomed. His heart was full of love for animals, not only his pets, but all animals,always rescuing strays. We remember Bob for his robust voice, ribald jokes and the many stories he told that made us laugh. He moved when he found the house of his dreams - a 3 story Victorian mansion in Joliet. He spent the last 5 years renovating and furnishing the house. It is worthy of a spread in House & Garden magazine. There were no services here. Bob's family returned his body to Iowa (where he was from originally) for the funeral and burial. Bob's neighbors in Joliet are planning a memorial for him on 4-14-17 which would have been his 56th birthday.



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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-12:30pn	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
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
Wed 3/15 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St
Sat 3/18 1-3pm	The Harlem Charade-Natasha Tarpley's Book Release Party	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)	Hotel Florence
"Chicago's Tree Canopy" with Lydia Scott (of the Morten Arboretum) - Everyone is welcome! Refreshments & door prizes		
Mon 3/27 Noon	Ladies Luncheon Group - Mago Grill & Cantnia (Latin cuisine)	Carpooool 773-568-2441
Tue 3/28 10am	5th District Court Advocacy Program/Meeting	Carol White bcarol01@msn.com
Tue 3/28 6:30-7:30pm	9th Ward Community Meeting (Ald. Beale) @ Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St	
Sun 4/2 3 pm	HPF Annual Membership Meeting	Visitor Center 112th St
Wed 4/5 7:30pm	Garden Club Monthly Membership Meeting	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Wed 4/12 7:30 pm	PCO Exec Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Wed 4/19 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St
Tues 4/18 7pm	5th District Cmdr. Dialogue Meeting (CAPS)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sat 4/22	Earth Day - Hike, bike, enjoy the outdoors !	
Wed 4/26 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sun 5/7 1:30 pm	HPF - First Sunday Walking Tours ~ 1.5 hr	Visitor Center 112th St pullmanil.org
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