



## President's Article

Rachel Smith-Kovarsky

"Spring is the time of plans and projects." - Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina

Spring is a time for rebirth and new beginnings. In this spirit, the Pullman Civic Organization has convened the Bylaws Committee to conduct a review of the bylaws and offer recommendations for updates or revisions. The last amendments made to the bylaws were recorded seven years ago. Special thanks to the Bylaws Committee members: Pat Shymanski, Elizabeth Mishler, Lorraine Brochu, John Cwenkala, Beverly Ash-Larson, Larry Lagadinos, and Tom McMahon.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws will be presented to the Executive Committee in June and submitted to a vote at the June General Membership meeting. As a reminder, a two-thirds vote of members in good standing, present and voting, are required to enact amendment or revision to the bylaws.

Additionally, elections for the 2017-2018 PCO leadership will be conducted during the May general meeting. Special thanks to the Nominating Committee who were tasked with securing nominees for the Executive Board and Zone Directors. My name is included on the slate of candidates as President again and I wanted to express what an honor and a privilege it's been serving as the PCO President.

In our home, we teach our children about responsibilities, including civic engagement. We feel that it's important for our children to see my husband and I fully engaged in our community in some capacity, whether that's leading, voting and/or volunteering. I believe that our children rarely listen to what we say, but they certainly watch what we do. And we try every day to provide something for them to emulate.

My presidency hasn't been perfect. I've missed deadlines, run looser meetings than others might. But, I've learned much and listened more. I've worked with neighbors towards the betterment of our community and I'm proud of the work we've done so far. If elected again, I look forward to continuing those efforts, rolling up our sleeves and getting to work since now is the time of plans and projects.

## Membership Committee

Beverly Carl, Chair

The 2017-2018 PCO membership year began this month and residents can expect to hear from their block captains soon about joining, or renewing, their membership in the Pullman Civic Organization.

As you read this issue of the Flyer you will understand the value in being a member of this organization. There is SO much going on in Pullman that benefits all the residents. Everyone is invited – encouraged – to get involved. Attend the monthly PCO meetings, join one of the many clubs that offer something to suit everyone's taste and talent. Volunteer! It's a great way to get better acquainted with neighbors.

Membership remains at \$10 per membership year – that being from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. Every resident in the Historic Pullman District from 18 years of age is eligible for membership.

## PCO Slate of Nominees 2017-2018

Cheryl Briscoe

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to report the current slate for 2017-2018. Per our bylaws, there being no additional nominations from the floor by the end of the April PCO General Membership Meeting, a motion will be entertained at the May PCO meeting to accept the following slate:

President: Rachel Smith-Kovarsky  
Vice President: Tom McMahon  
Secretary: Ellen Kaulig  
Treasurer: Susan Schophoester

Zone Directors:  
#1 John White & Elizabeth Mishler  
#2 Carol Lagadinos & Beverly Ash-Larson  
#3 Cheryl Briscoe & Pat Brannon  
#4 Lorraine Brochu & Felipe Granados

Nominating Committee 2018  
Pat Shymanski, Debbie Newman, and Angelo Carrivale

Board members continuing: Zone 1- John White (2nd year of 1st 2 year term); Zone 2- Carol Lagadinos (2nd year of 1st 2 year term); Zone 3- Cheryl Briscoe (2nd year of 1st 2-year term); Zone 4- Lorraine Brochu (2nd year of 2nd 2-year term).

Zone Directors to be elected for a 2-year term  
Zone 1- Elizabeth Mishler (1st year of 2-year term); Zone 2 - Beverly Ash-Larson (1st year of 2-year term); Zone 3 - Pat Brannon (1st year of 1st 2-year term - Pat finished the last part of the 2nd 2-year term of Michelle Park). Zone 4- Felipe Granados (1st year of 2nd 2-year term).

Our gratitude to those who have served this past year and to those joining us for the first time.

Nominating Committee 2017  
Cheryl Briscoe, Arlene Echols, Alida Hooker, Larry Lagadinos, and Pat Shymanski

## House Tour

Patrick Brannon and Cindy McMahon  
Co-Chairs, 44th Annual Pullman House Tour

We are still in need of houses for this year's tour. Having your home open for house tour is a great way to get all those unfinished projects done around your house. Many hands make light work, we can use your help and support to make this a great house tour. This month's meeting is Tuesday May 23th, at 7:30 pm at the Historic Pullman Community Center, 614 E. 113th Street. Please join us.

Be sure to check out the Beverly Area Annual House Tour Sunday May 21, 2017, homes open at noon with tours starting at Ridge Park, 96th & Longwood.



## Beman Committee

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

As the warmer temperatures and longer daylight time bring with them the start of the building season and thus many great projects happening within our community, there's no better time to advocate one of historic preservation's three R's – Restoration!

One of the many great things about Pullman architecture is the sturdiness of its construction. There are a fair number of architectural elements throughout the neighborhood, including windows and doors, that look and function just as well today as they did back when they were first installed over 130 years ago.

Chicago weather is hard on even the strongest of buildings and after so many years of use, some of those beautiful features may look a little worse for wear. That doesn't mean their time is up! In fact, and due in no small part to the craftsmanship quality of yester century, many of those old architectural elements can be restored to their original, attractive, and fully functional glory. Oftentimes, at a cost significantly less than that of a replacement. If you're thinking about trading in one of your weathered old doors or windows for a new one (historically accurate if on the façade), consider restoring it instead and helping to preserve yet another piece of Pullman history while saving some money in the process.

Consider also the effect preservation and restoration has on the community at large: essentially one cohesive architectural unit, the beauty of Pullman lies in its wholeness, made up of its individual parts. In contrast to a single building, the architectural impact of Pullman is experienced by row, by block, and by street. Each individual home has an effect on all the homes that make up our community: the effect of one is felt by all. Keep this in mind while thinking about any projects that might help spruce up your home, you'll be doing both yourself and the Pullman neighborhood a great service.

As always, feel free to attend one of our monthly meetings to learn more about architectural preservation and restoration efforts in Pullman and the many great projects we have in the works, including the expansion of our Façade Legacy Project!

## Thanks for the Memories: Roy Oyervides

Nancy Gahan

There are some people that we cannot imagine ever dying. Roy Oyervides was one of those people. He was a natural born people person and a really nice guy. He was such a nice guy, that in spite of the fact that he was a huge Sox fan, he was thrilled when the Cubs won the World Series. If that doesn't make him one of the nicest guys that ever lived – I don't know what would.

Maya Angelou said it best: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Roy always made you feel like a million. He was so engaging and also a great story teller. He appealed to both men and women, which isn't a real easy thing to do.

So many of us are deeply saddened and are missing Roy, including his dear dog Bear. Bear is spending a lot of time laying by Roy's recliner, as if he is waiting for Roy to come and sit with him again.

His devoted wife, Patti, took such wonderful care of Roy. His children and step-son, along with Roy's family and friends will miss him terribly.

I picture Roy entering heaven and wandering into the bar room (they have definitely proven that there is a bar room in heaven – don't look at me like I'm nuts.) Seeing the apostles at the bar, Roy tells the bartender to give everyone a beer (Budweiser, of course) and Roy gives his favorite toast: "It must be five o'clock somewhere."

Save us a seat at the bar, Roy. We love you and will miss you forever.

## From the Dining Car: Crockpot Baby Backs

Patty Lawson

May isn't acting like May this year. By now we should have cracked open the grill and had a few outdoor eating fests. Ha! This is Chicago, home of the three seasons in one day experience.

Well, never you mind. Just pull out that trusty slow cooker and have your own indoor ribfest. And I guarantee you some of the most tender "pig-sicles" you've ever slid off a bone!

### Ingredients

3 pounds baby back ribs

1/2 cup water

1/2 onion, sliced

1 tablespoon liquid smoke

1 clove garlic, minced

Salt and black pepper, to taste

1 (18 ounce) bottle barbeque sauce (or the equivalent of your favorite bbq "blend")

### Now Here's What You Do:

Season ribs with salt and pepper. If you want to get a little fancy with it, you can also dust the ribs with brown sugar, paprika, onion and garlic powder, cumin (love cumin!), cayenne, Italian seasoning, or any combination your little heart desires and your taste buds can tolerate.

Cut the ribs into serving sized sections - 2 to 4 bones. Spray your slow cooker generously with a non-stick cooking spray or use a crockpot cooking bag.

Pour water into slow cooker. Stack ribs vertically in the slow cooker, leaning against each other, topping the ribs with onion and garlic. Pour barbeque sauce over the ribs.

Cook on high for 4 hours (or low for 8 hours). No peeking! It's worth the wait, even if the aroma drives you out of your ever-lovin' mind. I'm talking a fall of the bone feast.

### BOLD TIP OF THE MONTH

Now that we've entered the "social season", do yourself and your friends a favor. Lick your wrist and smell it. That's what your breath smells like to others.

"If you can laugh at it, you can live with it." – Anonymous

*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 [fromthediningcar@yahoo.com](mailto: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 a question.*

## Pullman Arts

Ann M. Alspaugh

On Monday, May 8th, the board of PullmanArts helped fund, and volunteered at, "The Hand-Held Pullman Project: Building Trust", a partnership with Pullman Elementary and Chicago Area Police Department, with artist Sherri Gamble leading. Sherri created this arts event to help build trust between youth and law enforcement, creating human connection. Participant's hands were cast in plaster together in pairs, one child and one police officer. About two dozen students and a dozen police officers participated in this two-hour event.

Regarding the Pullman Artspace Lofts project, the project team is proud to announce that Pepper Construction of Chicago has been selected as the general contractor. Pepper Construction also built the Karcher Artspace Lofts, the "Karcher Building," as it is known on the National Register of Historic Places, Waukegan, IL. Adding Pepper's expertise in both historic restoration and new construction, the project team and architects are working to refine the design details, researching to find the best means & methods, while keeping costs down to ensure maximum care, value and impact. With that, the project ground breaking has been pushed to early fall.

PullmanArts can be contacted through our email: [info@pullmanarts.org](mailto:info@pullmanarts.org) for questions, additional information or to be added to our email list. Website: [www.pullmanarts.org](http://www.pullmanarts.org)



**Education Committee**  
Cherly Briscoe

Congratulations to all kindergartners, 8th graders and high school seniors who will graduate this May/June 2017. We want to especially congratulate:

Catherine "Katie" McMahon graduating from the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) Katie will be interning at a large animal reproduction company in New York State

Matthew Swalek graduating from Mount Carmel High School Matthew is deciding between 2 universities in the fall.

Tyler Belisle graduating from Mount Carmel High School Tyler will be an Evans Scholar attending the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana)

Phoebe Murtagh is deciding between 3 universities to attend in the fall.

Job well done students!!!

**The Value of Raised Beds:  
Green Spaces and Places**  
Lynn Smith

Although Pullman gardens are generally small, one should not overlook the advantages of gardening with raised beds. One advantage is simply aesthetic.

A change of elevation, especially when done with attractive stone or brick, or pavers, can be an effective way to add interest and provide additional seating with a capstone on top. In addition, the quality and quantity of the soil can be adjusted. This is an important factor in urban environments, in particular when growing anything edible.

Also, a raised bed with soil will often provide earlier flowers and bulbs. Finally, anything done with stone as a raised bed can also incorporate tiles and additional decorative elements to complement the plants. Raised beds are generally more effective in a stone material or material which ties in with the house. Obviously, in Pullman both brick and stone would be effective and attractive materials.

Treated wood can also be used for raised beds. However, one difficulty with this is that treated wood uses arsenic and various chemicals which you might not want to ingest. Cedar, or a naturally rot resistant wood, could be used for raised beds though obviously stone or brick would last longer. So, consider raised beds for your garden in Pullman, and we'll keep talking . . .

**Ladies Luncheon Group**

The Ladies Luncheon Group will meet for lunch this month at Palermo's 95th Italian Cuisine on Monday, May 22. The restaurant is located at 4849 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.

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**Historic Pullman Garden Club**  
Susan James

Please Save the Date: Saturday June 24, from 10am-4pm, for the 23rd Annual Pullman Garden Walk. There will be guided and self-guided tours, a boutique on the veranda of the Hotel Florence, and refreshments under tents on the south lawn.

We need a few more helpers on that date, to greet guests and as docents in the gardens.

Can we include you as a volunteer for the occasion? Call Beverly at 773-568-5890

Most folks who participate have as much fun as our visitors.

If you would like to purchase tickets, (\$12. to reserve) call Norma, 773-568-2441.

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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
Wed 4pm-7pm	Pullman Game Night - all are welcome!	Pullman Café 11208 St Lawrence
Wed 7:30pm	Walking Group - meet at Arcade Park	Group email list with astrid@uchicago.edu
Sat 10am - 3pm	Cooperation Operation - Volunteer day & Lunch and Learn	657 E 114th St
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
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 5/17 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St
Sun 5/21 11:30am	1st & 3rd Sunday Factory Site Tour (~1 hr)	Factory Gates at 610 E. 111th Street
Mon 5/22 Noon	Ladies Luncheon Group - Palermo's 95th Italian Cuisine	Carpool 773-568-2441
Tue 5/23 10am	5th District Court Advocacy Program/Meeting	Carol White bcarol01@msn.com
Tue 5/23 6:30-7:30pm	9th Ward Community Meeting (Ald. Beale) @ Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St	
Tue 5/23 7:30 pm	House Tour Committee Meeting	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Wed 5/24 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sun 6/4 11:30 am	1st & 3rd Sunday Factory Site Tour (~1 hr)	Factory Gates at 610 E. 111th Street
Sun 6/4 1:30 pm	HPF - First Sunday Walking Tours ~ 1.5 hr	Visitor Center 112th St pullmanil.org
Wed 6/7 7:30pm	Garden Club Monthly Membership Meeting	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sat 6/10 tbd	Equus Project public performance	Visitor Center grounds
Sat 6/10 2pm	"The Art of Work" featuring Jimmy Keane	Pullman Factory Site
Wed 6/14 7:30 pm	PCO Exec Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th
Sun 6/18 1:30 pm	1st & 3rd Sunday Factory Site Tour (~1 hr)	Factory Gates at 610 E. 111th Street
Tues 6/20 7pm	5th District CAPS Meeting - Beat 531	Greenstone Fellowship Hall
Wed 6/21 7:30 pm	PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St
Sat 6/24 10am-4pm	23rd Annual Garden Walk and Tea (\$)	Start at Visitor Center 112th St
Sat 6/24 7pm	"A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Theatre-Hikes (\$)	Pullman Factory Site
Sun 6/25 7pm	"A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Theatre-Hikes (\$)	tickets: theatre-hikes.org
Wed 6/28 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)	Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th

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