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December 2019 Pullman Civic Organization 614 E. 113th Street

From the President

Wyatt Ollestad

Come one, come all to the annual PCO Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30PM! As is the tradition, this will be a potluck dinner event, and those attending are welcome and encouraged to bring a dish to share. Regular business will likely be suspended for this month's General Membership meeting so that we can get together and celebrate the festive season as a community under the illuminated stars of the beautifully decorated Visitor's Center. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort to decorate the Center this year, and here's looking forward to a fun evening with friends and neighbors.

Before you know it, election season for PCO Officers will be upon us – there are many important positions to fill, and there's no better way to get involved with everything our Organization does than to be a part of its Executive Board. So if you're interested in becoming an Officer, be sure to let the Nominating Committee know. And if you're feeling a bit apprehensive about an Officer role but still want to play an instrumental part in the future of the PCO, the Nominating Committee itself is a great place to start. For further information, contact pcopres@gmail.com.

2019 has been quite the year for Pullman, with lots of milestones being hit and so much progress having been made. If there's a counterpart to our 'It takes a village' motto, it's 'The Pullman train is on the move,' and there are certainly no signs of it slowing down! 2020 will bring with it even more great developments in our community, as we look forward to continued work on many of our most prominent landmarks and even greater efforts on making our neighborhood ever better. So take stock this season of all that has been accomplished, and look forward to all that remains on the horizon as we enter 2020. Happy Holidays, Pullman!

Save the Dates

Join us for two very special events in February to celebrate Black History Month:

Sunday, February 9, 3:00-5:00PM – Art T. Burton, author of three critically acclaimed books, will present on the history and heritage of African Americans in the American West.

Sunday, February 16, 3:00-5:00PM – Special presentation by Prof. Larry McClellan, noted author and foremost authority on the Underground Railroad in Northern Illinois, about his decades of research on the journey of "Freedom Seekers" who traveled throughout our region in the years prior to Emancipation.

All information is subject to change, and further details and additional programs to be announced at a later date.

PCO Welcoming Committee

Lisa Burback

Some friendly reminders from the welcome wagon: please email welcometopullman@gmail.com any new residents with the following information: name, address and contact info (an email is preferred). You can also email us there to purchase a copy of our new resident booklet for \$5. It's compiled of the best of where to shop, eat and play locally - even long standing Pullmanites may find a new treasure to patron! The book is updated once a year, so make sure to let us know of any new discoveries you make, and we'll add them to the list.

December Ladies Luncheon

Carol Lagadinos

The weather outside may be frightful but the December Ladies Lunch will be delightful! The Ladies Lunch Group will be staying warm in Pullman on December 18. This month's luncheon will be held at noon at the Lagadino's residence.

RSVP to carollagadinos@att.net or 817-598-8570.

The Historic Pullman Garden Club
and the Historic Pullman Foundation present

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Sunday January 26
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Solon Says: Talking Roofs in Pullman

Co-Chairs: John Christie and Ann Alspaugh
pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

There is a fair amount of confusion in the community surrounding the repair or replacement of roofing material. What is covered by the landmark designation? Why is my roof treated differently than my neighbors down the street? What materials can I use? What’s the difference between the materials?

The rule of thumb for what is covered by the landmark designation is the portion(s) of the façade visible from the street. For the vast majority of the houses in Pullman this equals the front facade elevation, from the peak of the visible roof to the foundation stones. For houses on corner lots both the front elevation and the visible side elevation are covered.

Why you may face different standards for work on your particular roof compared to a neighboring property is a function of the different styles of roofs in Pullman. The majority of houses in Pullman have a combination of pitched front roofs (visible from the street) and flat rear roofs. The most prominent style of roof in Pullman is the mansard roof. These steeply pitched roofs are integral to the designs of the houses which feature them, essentially making up the 2nd or 3rd floor façade. The preferred material for replacing your roof would be a replication of what was originally used when the house built. In most cases this was slate; in a small number of cases cedar shakes were used. The Beman Committee can help you determine what was original to your house. Additional options beyond the preferred original materials are also allowed, for mansard roofs these are synthetic slate or asphalt architectural shingles. Common three-tab asphalt shingles ARE NOT allowed to be installed on Mansard roofs.

The primary differences between the materials are authenticity, durability and cost.

As stated above real slate is in most cases the preferred material. It combines beauty with exceptional durability – a properly installed slate roof should last at least 100 years, it’s not unusual to see 400 year old slate roofs in Europe.

Synthetic slate is a man-made material which approximates the look of real slate. Properly installed it should last for 30-50 years. Asphalt architectural shingles are thicker and emulate a slate like profile, grey or black should be used. Properly installed they will last about 30 years.

Three-tab asphalt shingles are probably the most widely used roofing material on the market now and come in many different varieties; these typically have a 15 year life expectancy. As stated above they ARE NOT allowed to be used on Mansard roofs.

Regardless of roofing materials; all flashing and roof caps should be copper, if copper isn’t used the chosen material (aluminum, galvanized steel), should be a dull color to emulate the look of copper, never should white or shiny metal be used.

For more details on materials and sources, please see the Pullman Preservation Brief #3 in the Homeowners Guide.

As always please feel free to contact the Beman Committee with any questions you may have, our next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 Wednesday, January 22nd at the Florence Lowden Miller Center.

From the Dining Car: Holiday Eating Tips

Patty Lawson

As we celebrate this joyous season in various and wondrous ways, more than likely, food will be at the center of most of our activities. Especially in Pullman. We are an eatin’ people; and as such, let me offer you a few tips on how to get the most out of your holiday meet-and-eat occasions.

Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they’re serving rum balls.

Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly. Like fine single malt scotch, it’s rare. In fact, it’s even rarer than single malt scotch. You can’t find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It’s not as if you’re going to turn into an eggnog-aholic or something. It’s a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It’s later than you think. It’s Christmas!

If something comes with gravy, use it. That’s the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.

As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they’re made with skim milk or whole milk. If it’s skim, pass. Why bother? It’s like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.

Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people’s food for free. Lots of it. Hello?

Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year’s. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you’ll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don’t budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They’re like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you’re never going to see them again.

Same for pies. Apple. Pumpkin. Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or, if you don’t like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?

Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it’s loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.

One final tip: If you don’t feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven’t been paying attention.

Reread tips; start over, but hurry. January is just around the corner.

TIP OF THE MONTH
On the topic of food, SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 – as the day to celebrate the cuisine and traditions of the African American culture. We’ll be gathering for a “taste of…” the best of what we made with what we had. In honor of Black History Month, you are all invited to bring those homemade dishes that Big Mama made on Sunday and share the recipes with all. Location TBD. More information to follow.
May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends that care. And may you always believe in the magic of the season.

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 or place it in my mailbox at 11122 South Champlain. Please include your name, phone number, and/or email address. I may have questions.

Blue Door Neighborhood Center

As you think about New Year’s Resolutions, remember that the Blue Door is open to Everyone - All the center’s classes and workshops are available at no cost. The center is a space to learn, connect and focus on your health.

For a full list of monthly activities visit:

<https://www.bcbsil.com/bdnc/pullman/pdf/bdnc-pullman-calendar-il.pdf>

Reach out: BlueDoorCenterIL@bcbsil.com 773-253-0900

Drop by: 756 E. 111th St. Hours: Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Sat: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sun: Closed



Green Spaces and Places: A Winter Sojourn
Lynn Smith

Winter for the gardener can be both the hardest and easiest of seasons—easy as it is a time of rest, reflection, and resetting of the garden design – hard because it can be such a drastic change for the ever-busy gardener. However, even with most growing things dormant, there are tasks to be done in our zone 6A garden.

I will note, in no particular order, winter-related tasks, bearing in mind that this is just an overall list. There are no doubt other tasks that the reader will discover.

1. Scheme and Plan. This is one of the most fun items, for who doesn't think ahead to what the next gardening season brings?
2. Organize and clean your tools. Often gardening sheers need cleaning, oiling, and sometimes disinfecting. With more fungus and other plant diseases developing, it never hurts to keep your tools in more pristine shape.
3. Make sure that what plants you have outside in large pots, for example, small trees, or bushes, are kept sufficiently moist. Anything growing through the winter in a container will need more attention and moisture.
4. Reapply mulch or evergreen boughs to areas that you think may be exposed more to wind.
5. Spray broadleaf evergreens such as holly or rhododendron with an anti-dessicant.
6. Finally, keep a watch on plants with any heavy snow load.

Happy Holidays, and we'll keep talking...

Pullman Artspace Lofts (PAL) -Update
Ann Alspaugh

I am happy to report, the project construction is 99% complete, with a few odds and ends to finish up, like permanent address numbers and in the spring, painting the exterior wood porches. As you may have noticed recently, the building landscape planting was put in, new parkway trees, sidewalks and alley paving installed. Keep an eye open for the public grand opening in Spring 2020 after the new residents have had a chance to settled in.

The first six artists have moved in, with more on the way! If an artist or creative you know is interested in joining our Pullman National Monument community, please ask them to get their application submitted soon before PAL is full, many applications are currently pending. Go to www.artspace.org/pullman to download the full leasing application packet or contact Ludwig and Company at (847) 445-2349 or pullmanartspace@ludwigco.com with any questions concerning eligibility or the application process.

Last week the board of PullmanArts received the keys to their new gallery/ community space, office & classroom space within the Pullman Artspace Lofts. After 6-years of being a 501c3 non-profit, PullmanArts now has an official "brick & mortar" location to continue their mission to bring attention to, and support of the Pullman National Monument's unique historic artisan neighborhood by engaging both local & surrounding south side artists & creatives in arts & cultural happenings, art openings, exhibits, seminars, classes, events, performances and more.

PullmanArts can be contacted at info@pullmanarts.org or events@pullmanarts.org

Pullman Calendar for December 2019-January 2020				
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
Morris Dancing 7pm Scrabble 7pm	Ald. Beale Resident Night (office) 4-6:30pm	Choir 7:30pm	Walking Group 8pm Arcade Pk	Tiger & Boy Scouts 10:30am
Email to arrange		Beginners bridge class		kristoferthomsen@aol.com
12/19/19 - 2/18/20 Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center Closed (except for special events)				
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS				
Day	Event (\$ if charge)		Place/Contact	
Sun 12/15 3pm-6pm	Pullman Morris and Sword team will be caroling around the neighborhood			
Wed 12/18 Noon	Ladies Luncheon - Holiday Celebration		RSVP to Carol 817-598-8570	
Wed 12/18 7:30pm		PCO Annual Holiday party	Visitor Center 112th St <i>Please drink a dish or dessert to share and spread holiday cheer with your neighbors</i>	
Fri 12/20 10am - 6 pm	Holiday Bazaar 2019 (vendors and food)		Greenstone Church	
Sat 12/21 10am - 6 pm		Holiday Bazaar 2019 (vendors and food)		Greenstone Church
Sat 12/21 1pm-5pm	5th District Winter Wonderfest <i>Free Food, Free Toys and Santa !</i>		727 E 11th St (Police Station)	
Tues 12/24	4th Annual Greenstone Church & Community Christmas Eve Celebration 9pm Food & Fellowship 10:30pm Service of Lessons & Carols Bring your Family and a favorite dessert, to join Rev Luther Mason and Pastor Michael Hooker			
HAPPY NEW YEAR !!				
Wed 1/8 7-7:30pm	Garden Club Monthly Membership meeting		Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th St	
Wed 1/8 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)		Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th St	
Wed 1/15 7:30pm		PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center 112th St	
Wed 1/22 7:30pm		PCO Beman Committee Meeting		pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Sun 1/26 3pm-5pm	Garden Club Winter Lecture Series (1 of 3) <i>Roy Diblik of Northwind Perennial Farm, Author and Plant Expert</i>		Visitor Center 112th St	
Wed 2/5 6:30 pm	Garden Club Membership Drive Dinner <i>All are welcome - bring a dish to share and enjoy a meal with Pullman neighbors</i>		Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th St	
Sun 2/9 3pm-5pm	PCO Black History Month: Black Cowboys & the Wild West		Visitor Center 112th St	
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com				

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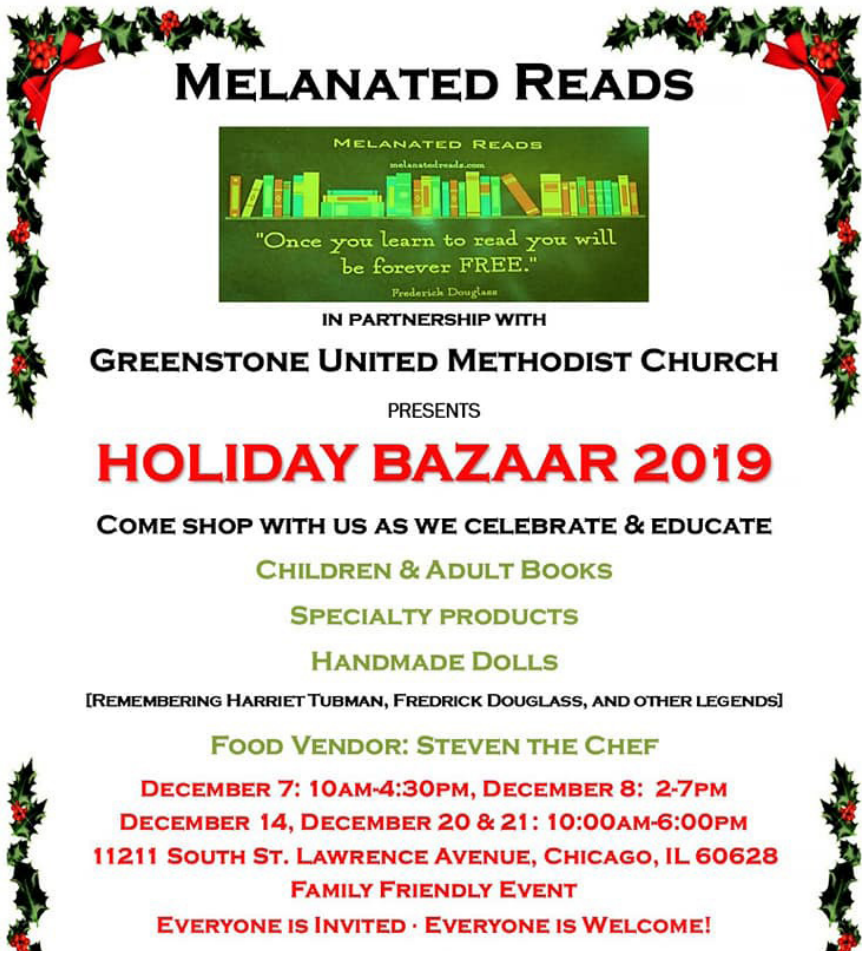
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Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 pm



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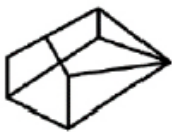
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