



*****APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED*****

**Nominations for PCO Executive Board 2020 positions are now open and will remain so until May 19, 2020 at 11:59PM.
Any PCO Member in good standing is eligible for nomination, and any nominations should be sent to pconominations@gmail.com**

From the President
Wyatt Ollestad

How the world can change in only a month! I suppose it is a testament to the fragility of permanence that we've now seen so much of our day-to-day lives interrupted on scales both large and small. I think it's safe to say that everyone has felt the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on their lives in some way, and I bet many are wondering if things will ever return to normal.

While the uncertainty of the coming days may be discomfoting, remember that the future is itself never certain, and use this time as an opportunity to reconsider what may be the best way forward. In times of crises and hardship mankind has often exhibited its most creative thinking, and I urge everyone to take a pause and consider what shape you'd like the future to take for when it comes time to regroup. For those actively working and unable to remain at home, no matter the field, I thank you for making sure the world keeps turning.

This community has shown strength, solidarity, and resilience in times both good and bad, and never has there been a more important time in recent memory to embody those characteristics than now. Follow the recommendations from scientific institutions, and be sure to abide by best practices whenever you're out and about. Remember, there are many members of our community who may be at higher risk and who may also be frightened, so a little caution and politeness will go a long way. Most of what's being asked of us as citizens and individuals now is good practice to have any day of the year, so I urge you all to take the recommended precautions seriously and respect yourself and each other both at home and in public.

Rarely has the ability to save hundreds of lives been so simple as to just 'stay still.' And just because we may have to remain socially distant for the time being, that doesn't mean we have to be emotionally distant – check in on elderly and at-risk neighbors, find new ways to communicate to friends and loved ones, and maintain the connections that bind us as friends, neighbors, and human beings. It is okay to feel frightened, but don't let fear cripple you – if we each take this opportunity to find our inner strength and use it for the greater good, I am confident that we will come out on the other side stronger than ever – as a community, as a nation, and as a people.

Stay strong, stay safe, and stay Pullman, Pullman.

2020-2021 Membership Renewal
Fernando Rosiquez
PCO Membership Chair

Hello Pullman Neighbors...I hope you all are doing well. There have been great strides in Pullman this last year, but there is still much to do. I would like to extend an invitation to renew your PCO MEMBERSHIP.

The membership drive starts May 1. Our membership year runs from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. We welcome you to come to our KICK OFF DRIVE MEMBERSHIP COOKOUT May 20th. You can renew your membership at that time.

The good work we do as an organization is possible with your \$10.00 Annual Membership. PLEASE, support your community organization. Remember NEIGHBORS SHARING ARE NEIGHBORS CARING!!

Pullman's Clean & Green
Andreas Morgen

Attention Pullman Neighbors: The Spring Clean and Green has been postponed due to the Covid-19. Please stay safe.

Reconvening the Vision Committee?
Beverly Ash Larson

The PCO established the Vision Committee in 2010 to capture fresh ideas about the community. The Committee had up to 30 residents expressing their unmet needs and desires for the neighborhood. The group conducted surveys, set plenty of goals, and diligently followed through on many ideas. A couple of the ideas were the establishment of the Welcome Committee, the Education Committee, and the building of the information kiosk on 113th Street. The Vision Committee's final report in 2012 summarized its objectives, its accomplishments, its projects still underway, and, interestingly, its charter from the PCO to reconvene periodically. It is now that time.

Beverly Ash-Larson and Bob Bushwaller approached the PCO Executive Board to turn the Vision Committee switch on again. They will be soliciting the help of community residents to join together to assess current needs in the PCO and the community. If you would like to be part of this important discussion, please notify Beverly Ash-Larson (773-568-5890) or Bob Bushwaller (773-919-5152).

2020 PCO Nomination List
Larry Lagadinos

<i>One-Year term</i>	
President	Rachel Smith
Vice-President	Wyatt Ollestad
Recording Secretary	Lorraine Brochu
Treasurer	Debbie Newman
<i>Two-Year term Zone Directors</i>	
Zone 1	Tom McMahon
Zone 2	Katie McMahon
Zone 3	Angelo Carrivale
Zone 4	Megan Lydon
<i>In second year of two-year term Zone Directors (No Action Required)</i>	
Zone 1	Ellen Kaulig
Zone 2	Lynne Collins
Zone 3	Patrick Brannon
Zone 4	Luanne Wethington

2020/2021 Elected members of Nominating Committee
Patrick Brannon
Ellen Kaulig
Felipe Granados

Pullman Welcoming Committee
Lisa Burback

The Welcome Committee has suspended distributing welcome bags until the shelter in place/social distancing orders have been lifted. Just because we can't give our new residents an in-person greeting doesn't mean a virtual one can't take place! I'll be reaching out to all new residents via email to give them the best welcome possible until it's safe for our block captains to deliver bags again. If you know of a new neighbor or have a new tenant, please obtain their name, address and email address and send it to welcometopullman@gmail.com. Stay safe and healthy, everyone!



A Beman Committee: Looking forward to Spring

John Christie and Ann Alspaugh
pcobemancommitte@gmail.com

Greetings from a Distance! In our continuing optimism that life will return to something resembling normal in the coming months, a small group of PCO members met and observed the drawing for 2020 Façade Reimbursement Projects last month.

In all we had 12 applications submitted for consideration. One was missing the necessary supporting documentation and ruled invalid. Two otherwise valid projects dropped out because the homeowners who submitted them did not volunteer for a shift on House Tour in 2019.

Of the remaining nine projects; three were submitted by homeowners who had their property on the House Tour in the last five years so automatically receive the reimbursement. Leaving six projects in the lottery. In all we were able to fund 5 of those 6, so a total of 8 projects will receive matching funds from the Façade Reimbursement Program this year.

The selected projects are:

- Pat Brannon, work at 11255 S Forrestville. Restoration of the wooden bay feature and original brick mold on windows and doors, minor repairs, scraping, priming, painting in correct Pullman colors.
- Michael Burgess, work at 11217 S Forrestville. Removal, restoration, reinstallation of the existing original windows and front door.
- Christopher Ellis, work at 11302 S Forrestville. Complete restoration of the front bay of the house, including replacing all of the windows with properly sized replication windows.
- Jim Ostarello, work at 11417 S Forrestville. Installation of three historically accurate windows on the first floor, restoration of existing brick mold.
- Michael and Elizabeth Mishler, work at 11349 S. Champlain. Restoration of the 2nd floor window openings and installation of two historically accurate windows.
- Carol and Larry Lagadinos, work at 11222 S. St Lawrence. Replacement of visible first floor window with a historically accurate window.
- Jacob Hagan, work at 11111 S. St Lawrence. Strip brick façade of paint, replace damaged bricks as needed and tuck point façade.
- Catherine McMahon, work at 11345 S. Forestville. Strip, repair, prime and paint in Pullman colors shingled pediment feature, repair/reline original box gutter.

First alternative project is Megan and John Lydon for work at 11411 S Forrestville. They will receive funding should any of the ongoing projects from 2019 or any of the above 2020 project cancel.

Congratulations to these folks and we look forward to seeing this work get underway in the near future.

A quick reminder, the Façade Reimbursement isn't the only way we can help you defer some costs for restoring or maintaining your house. Late in the season in cooperation with Sherwin Williams we set up the paint lending library. That paint is available for lending as the weather improves and we will figure out a contactless exchange method.

Serenity in Stone: Green Spaces and Places

Lynn Smith

Stone can be both serene and dynamic, but there is no question that the use of stone amplifies the attractiveness of a garden. The Chinese and Japanese see special meaning in the use of stone in their gardens, using them in meditative, orderly, and more natural gardens, often harking back to the place of Mountains in their natural settings.

In our smaller Pullman gardens stones can be used in many ways, as stepping stones, water bowls, fountains, ponds, dry creek beds, rock gardens, and water falls. They can also be used to make a lower boundary wall, or as a decorative element in a raised garden. Some of the stones that are commonly used are granite, slate, blue stone, fieldstone, sandstone and tufa (the latter which is an interesting mixture of concrete, peat moss, sand, and other natural ingredients).

The texture and durability of stone complements that soft greenery of the passing seasons, signifying a different feature of the garden which literally and figuratively “grounds” the composition. And we’ll keep talking...

Education Committee

Cheryl Briscoe

Chicago Public School (CPS) CEO, Janet K Jackson sent a letter on March 26, 2020 to the CPS Community. Here is part of that notice:

Follow the statewide Stay at Home order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Under Governor Pritzker’s Stay at Home order, all Illinois residents have been asked to stay home except for essential needs and to maintain at least six feet of distance from others at all times ... Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot implemented additional measures to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic through social distancing, including immediately closing the city’s Lakefront, Riverwalk, 606 trail, and all adjacent parks.

Please note that outside of food distribution, all CPS schools and playgrounds are closed to the public. The playgrounds in particular pose a high risk for transmission and it is critically important that we take these measures seriously and do our part to keep ourselves and our communities healthy.

Suggestion to parents, keep young scholars on regular school schedules, keep up study habits by doing homework every day, and get plenty of rest. And remember to wash hands frequently, practice safe distancing, and stay safe and well. If you have questions or concerns, contact CPS at the main office 773.553.5437 Office of Student Health & Wellness.

Memorial Day/Veteran’s Day Committee

CJ Martello

Taking our cue from these pandemic days, we’re switching up this year’s Memorial Day ceremony by making them virtual. With the major question of social distancing looming over all gatherings it has been decided to make this year’s ceremony an online / on CD program.

However, it would benefit the entire Pullman community if residents would supply me with any of their favorites from past Memorial Days. I’m sure we’ve all read our favorite stories of Memorial Days ceremonies past or listened to our favorite patriotic songs. We may even have a story of a family member or friend whose military service or life affected us or a meaningful article or poem.

I’m sure some of us have photos of family members that have given their lives or served, or neighbors that we recall going off to serve our country. Some of us may even have memorabilia that we can share. That is one of the wonderful benefits of going virtual—we can share our memorabilia without giving it up.

If you are familiar with the tech work that might go into creating a virtual ceremony, your assistance, at a social distance, would be of great help, even advice based on past experiences.

Volunteering the items I mentioned above would be a great way to honor Memorial Day your way. It would also honor those who have served in the US military that you have known. Your consideration in making this project personal to Pullman would be much appreciated. If you could contact me promptly before April 20th in order to give this project the respect it deserves. Contact CJ via email: cjmartell@prodigy.net a note dropped at 11403 S. St. Lawrence or call: 773-701-6756 for pick up of any items I can photograph or scan for possible use in the Memorial Day Virtual Ceremony.

Black History Month: A Success

Tom Shepherd

The Black History Month Committee supported by the Pullman Civic Organization hosted three events in February to mark Black History Month. A committee consisting of Lynne Collins, Cheryl Briscoe, Patty Lawson, and Tom Shepherd planned and worked to put on the events on three successive Sundays during the month. The first event in February hosted by the Black History Month Committee was titled “Traditions in African-American Cuisine.” The following two Sundays, two PowerPoint presentations were held at the Pullman National Monument Visitor Center: “The Underground Railroad South of Chicago” and “Black Cowboys and the Wild West,” were standing-room-only affairs. Larry McClellan presented a well-received lecture on the Underground Railroad through Illinois and the Midwest. Art T. Burton took us back to the Old West as he taught us about the adventures and exploits of the black cowboy, from sheriff to outlaws. Both are retired professors and authors of numerous books featured during their time with us. The Committee is also grateful to the National Park Service, the Historic Pullman Foundation, the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porters Museum, and the 5th District Police (CAPS) for their contributions to these successful events. Sincere gratitude goes out to our fiscal sponsors: National Parks Conservation Association, Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, Pullman Bank & Trust, State Representative Nick Smith, and Ald. Anthony Beale.



Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS)

Service Updates March 31, 2020 The Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) is committed to keeping residents and our staff safe during the coronavirus pandemic. We are following the Chicago Department of Public Health’s (CDPH) citywide guidance around social distancing requirements, which we have put in place for our own services. Our team has been flexible and helping in a capacity that we do not usually do, including help set up shelters. A full list of service changes can be found below. For more information on DSS visit chicago.gov/dss. For questions regarding COVID-19 visit Chicago.gov/coronavirus.

Services Remaining the Same Garbage – Garbage removal is an essential service that continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have worked to ensure sanitation workers have CDPH guidance on social distancing and handwashing. We are grateful for our Sanitation workers as they continue to work, as they do every day, to help keep our City clean and safe. Rodent Control – Our teams continue efforts to combat rodents through containerization rodenticide continues to keep Chicago healthy.

Services Suspended Clean and Green – The annual program to clean Chicago, which was scheduled on April 25th, has been cancelled.

Service Changes Towing – DSS is only towing for emergency situations where there is a public safety risk to support residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Street Sweeping – The Department will continue to sweep main arteries and areas without imposing on residents who are staying home. They will not be posting or ticketing and there will not be scheduled cleanings. There will be cleanings in all 50 wards, where they are able to. Forestry – Trimming and removal of trees is on hold except for clean-up during extreme weather, which will continue.

War Memorial Committee
Andy Bullen

In February, the PCO created an ad hoc committee to look into adding names to our Pullman war memorial. I have been appointed, for want of a better term, the chair of the committee. Thanks to dedicated research efforts on the committee’s part, we have found additional names that should be memorialized: three from World War I, six from World War II, and one from Vietnam. The committee also wants to expand the information about each entry. Currently, the monument simply lists first initial and last name, for instance, “W Bedzyk”. We would like to expand the entries to be vastly more informative. For instance, Bedzyk’s entry might look like:

WILLIAM J. BEDZYK
1LT., 15th Air Force, 301st Bombing Group, 352nd Bombing Squadron Army Air Force
#O-928022
BORN: May 19, 1923 DIED: March 4, 1945
ADDRESS: 10752 S. Langley Ave.

Lt. Bedzyk was pilot of a B-17G Flying Fortress, serial #44-6351, flying out of Lucera base in Italy. His aircraft was shot down by flak, with all hands lost, on March 4, 1945 during a bombing mission above Gratkorn, Austria.

Obviously, this much larger biographical entry will not fit on the current plinth in front of Pullman school. Ellen Kaulig, inspired by the “Memorial to Heroic Self-Sacrifice” in London, suggested that the new information be made into a series of tiles, an idea that was enthusiastically adopted by the committee as our working model.

We have not begun to address how the tiles and installation will be paid for, nor where they will be placed. We will continue our work throughout this period of isolation. Our committee members are Gavin Armour, Andrew Bullen, Dawn Marie Galtieri, and Ellen Kaulig.

Condolences

Condolences are extended here to friends and family on the recent passings of Pullman residents Edith (Edie) McDonald, Elizabeth Colloton, Roy Salazar, and former Pullman resident Joseph “Joe” Pesavento

To report a passing, email PullmanCivicOrganization@gmail.com or contact your Block Captain.

Pullman Calendar for April-May 2020		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
On hold until Governor Pritzker's Shelter-in-Place order is lifted		
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
	Pullman Picnic Bowling Fundraiser	To be Rescheduled
Wed 4/8 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	Teleconference
Wed 4/15	PCO General Membership Meeting	CANCELED
	Earth Day Parks Clean-Up	Postponed Indefinitely
Wed 4/22	Ladies Luncheon	Canceled
Wed 4/22 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
	Annual Citywide Spring Green-N-Clean	Postponed Indefinitely
	Historic Pullman Foundation Annual Meeting	To be Rescheduled
Wed 5/13 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	TBD
Wed 5/20	PCO General Membership Meeting	Tentatively @ Visitor Center
Mon 5/25	Memorial Day	TBD
Wed 5/27 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Keeping positive thoughts that we can all gather together later this summer! Save the date : Saturday, August 1 st - Annual Pullman Picnic in Arcade Park		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

PullmanArts
Erica Roewade

PullmanArts is disappointed to have to delay our neighborhood open house in the Block House Gallery, and hope everyone is staying hopeful and healthy. Though our stay home order ends April 30, we of course don’t know what May will look like in terms of normalizing life in our neighborhood and our city. That said, PullmanArts is going to be presenting an online art show for all of us to enjoy, and we will be posting details as soon as possible. In the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to publish our board officer roster: Erica Roewade, President, Shirley Parsons, Treasurer, and Valerie Avery-Hargrett, Secretary. PullmanArts sends out our best wishes to all Pullmanites, and hopes the beautiful spring blooms in our neighborhood will lift everyone’s spirits.

CUBS
Kris Thompson

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