



*****August GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING*****

Topic: PCO General Meeting

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From the President

Rachel Smith

According to Youth.gov, civic engagement involves “working to make a difference in the civic life of one’s community 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.”

From its outset, the Pullman Civic Organization has embodied the spirit of civic engagement, promoting the general welfare of the community and preserving its historical significance. Over 50 years, members have generously donate their time, energy and talent to develop and use knowledge, skills, and voice to cultivate positive change in this community and on the south side overall. Such actions have improved the conditions that influence our health, safety and well-being.

Civic engagement is considered to be the foundation of a democratic society. There are two related but often competing components to a democracy - one is individual liberty, and the other is the public good. How do you balance those two? The way to effectively do that is for people to take an active role in shaping their communities. Volunteering with the PCO provides a prime opportunity to join with neighbors around shared issues to amplify concerns in ways that can drive profound impact. We’re more powerful together than alone and action is essential to maintaining the foundations of our democracy, no matter which leader happens to be in power.

In this time when we’re more separated and disconnected from one another, it’s vital that we don’t lose sight of the beauty intrinsic to civic engagement – that it requires relationship building which fosters an ethic of reciprocity and a culture of collaboration. E pluribus unum – out of many, one – right?

So, what can you do as a civically engaged and involved citizen?

- Identify a problem in this community and work with your neighbors to fix it.
- Help to clean up the local park.
- Support the teachers at one of the local schools. Consider starting with supporting classroom projects through DonorsChoose.org.
- Go out and talk to people, use your hands, and your time.
- Use your social media accounts to post uplifting information relevant to making our society more civil. Let’s be kinder to one another.
- Volunteer at a pantry, soup kitchen, or food bank. The Greater Chicago Food Depository offers lots of opportunities to roll up your sleeves and help.
- Volunteer to serve as an officer or member of a group in your community (pssst...the PCO).
- VOTE: Local, state, and national elections matter!

Pullman Welcoming Committee

Lisa Burback

The Welcome Committee has suspended distributing welcome bags until the shelter in place/social distancing orders have been lifted. 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!

Help the Vision Committee Make Pullman Better

Robert Bushwaller and Beverly Ash-Larson, co-chairs

The PCO’s Vision Committee has been reborn and needs residents’ input to make our neighborhood, and the PCO, better. 13 residents have gathered to revisit ideas from the committee’s original iteration 10 years ago, but more importantly, today they need your ideas, concerns, and observations through a short survey.

The committee’s goals are to:

- Strengthen the PCO by diversification, increasing membership, updating policies, and streamlining procedures;
- Strengthen the neighborhood by promoting stronger interaction;
- Make the world better by strongly advocating empathy and respectful conversation.

Many would say that these goals are impossible to achieve. The thoughtful members of the Vision Committee disagree and are committed to productive change. Nothing is the same as it was just six months ago. If you are a resident of Pullman, please complete and return the survey by one of these methods:

- Online at bit.ly/PullmanSurvey (type this address in your address bar, include cap letters).
- Use the QR code right here.



- Link through a Pullmanalia email posting.
- Link through the Pullman Virtual Phone Tree on Facebook posting.
- Fill out the attached paper form (found in this issue of the Flyer) and drop it off through the mail-slot at the community building at 614 E. 113th Street or the mail slot at the Larson residence, 645 E. 112th Street.

The deadline for all these actions is September 1, 2020. Contact Beverly Ash-Larson, 773-568-5890, for extra copies of the survey.

You count. Your ideas count. Every idea counts. Please complete the survey and return it no later than September 1. Thank you.

House Tour

Cindy McMahon

After great deliberation, much discussion, and based upon current standards for public events, the decision has been made to cancel this year’s house tour.

This discussion is based in the best interest of our homeowners, volunteers, and attendees. We are very hopeful October 2021 will have no covid restrictions. So, save the date and start to gear up for an outstanding house tour in 2021. If you are considering having your home on tour, let the committee know asap.

We want to thank the home owners and committee members who committed to this year’s tour and appreciate your commitment for a monumental 2021 tour. Be sure to sign up soon, you don’t want to miss being a part of a fantastic 2021 tour.

Save the Date OCTOBER 9TH and 10th 2021.



Solon Says:

PCO Beman Committee Paint Gallery Open for Business

Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs
pcobemancommitte@gmail.com

Looking to spruce up the front of your house this painting season? Maybe need just a dab to touch up some of those weathered areas on your porch? Or perhaps you’ve finally decided that those greens and red on your neighbor’s house just look so darn good, and you’d like to follow suit. Well, look no further than the Beman Committee’s paint library, still open and ready to help you turn those plans into a reality!

Thanks to our friends at Sherwin-Williams, the Beman Committee has a stockpile of exterior paints in the three approved Pullman colors (Dark Green, Light Green, and Red) - even a special porch floor paint in Dark Green - available for ‘rental’. Just submit a description of your project to pcobemancommittee@gmail.com along with the estimated quantities of each color you’ll need, and we’ll take it from there. Remember, only projects that apply to the exterior, street-facing side(s) of your property are eligible, and only the three approved Pullman colors are available (sorry, interior-minded folks and those looking for a little more aesthetic freedom – don’t worry, we’ll have some good news for you soon).

Completion of the project is the responsibility of the applicant (we’re not lending out our able-bodied Committee members just yet), and we ask that you try to be as accurate as possible with your estimation of how much paint you need, and return any unused paint back to the Beman Committee so that others may partake. And hey, if all of this seems a little restrictive, at least you’ll get a free t-shirt if you’re one of the first to apply!

Feel free to reach us at the email address above with any questions, and here’s looking forward to a successful autumnal sprucing-up! If you’re on the fence, just pretend there’s a House Tour coming up this year and they’ll be looking at you – yes, you – to be the centerpiece home on it. How’s that for motivation

Green Spaces and Places: Discovering Big Marsh

Lynn Smith

We in the Calumet Region are fortunate to have natural resources within close proximity to Pullman. Historically as Joel Greenberg noted in his “A Natural History of the Chicago Region”, The combination of the Calumet River, extensive wetlands, lakes and connection with Lake Michigan endowed the Calumet Region with an exceedingly rich fish fauna.” He also noted the fecundity of bird life which would be nourished by the marshlands.

For those who have not yet ventured out, I would highly recommend a visit to the Big Marsh Eco- recreational Park, a 280.13 acre property located at 11555 S. Stony Island. This park, open from dawn to dusk, is a great place to walk in nature, observe birds and other fauna, and do some bicycling. While it opened in 2016, they are still working on the plantings and finishing touches for the Ford Environmental Center, which is now clad in ipe and weathered steel—very good looking! This park is less than fifteen minutes away from Pullman, a very nice ecological resource for our historic community... and we’ll keep talking.

Illinois International Port District Master Plan Update

The International Port District Master Plan project team will be hosting a presentation in September to provide project updates to the community and gather input. Watch this space for further information, including date and time of the presentation, in the September issue.

Pullman Picnic 2020

The Pullman Picnic is ON! Join your neighbors in beautiful Arcade Park on Saturday, August 29 for a day of fun and fellowship for all ages. Hope for good weather, and let’s make this a time to celebrate the summer and the best neighborhood in the world. See you there!



Be Monumental

Help us Preserve an Essential American Story

Pullman’s stories are America’s stories...the evolution of rail travel, the birth of the Pullman Palace Car Company, the struggles of organized labor, the Pullman Porters...they were all part of what was called “the world’s most perfect town.”

The Historic Pullman Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving this unique history and bringing it to life. For nearly 50 years, we’ve welcomed thousands of visitors from all over the world to Pullman every year, a testament to the importance of Pullman’s place in history. Visitors experience the architecture of George M. Pullman’s model industrial town through our visitor center exhibits and events, guided walking tours, educational programs, student tours, the Annual House Tour, the Holiday Candlelight Walk and much more.

Now, in addition to being a National, State of Illinois and City of Chicago Landmark, we are home to the Pullman National Monument, part of our cherished National Park System, and Chicago’s first and only national park. We have exciting work ahead, and we need your support.

Historic Pullman Foundation members are vital to preserving Pullman’s history and architectural treasures. Ongoing preservation requires effort, dedication and resources. With your help we can sustain Pullman for the future.

Please join us and become a member of the Historic Pullman Foundation at pullmanil.org/membership.htm For as little as \$25 you can share in this rich American story.

Be part of something monumental with a membership in the Historic Pullman Foundation!

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Safety Committee

Lynne M. Collins

We can learn from our past, to create a better today, tomorrow and future. Who can argue with that statement? Who would have ever thought, when we were just little babes, that a pandemic of Biblical proportions would strike during our lifetime? Or that we would re-visit, again, social upheaval that would cause us to recall the tragedies of each and every one of the “isms” of injustice and the murders of the many fallen.

What does this have to do with us, here in Pullman? Our beloved Historic National Monument... Our beloved home and sanctuary? Please re-read Sentence One: Every time we get together, is an opportunity to learn, to share, to interact and to come away changed.

We would like to have your input into the continued planning and roll-out of Community Policing 2020. Won’t you join us? The next Chicago Police Department 005th District, Beat 531 meeting of CAPS, is planned with strict adherence to social distancing. All attendees are asked to wear masks, and come ready to listen, speak, and offer opinions on issues of public safety and how to implement effective Community Policing.

Please note the new starting time: CAPS at Greenstone Church, Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.

PULLMAN PAINT LIBRARY IS OPEN!

PCO Members — Summer is upon us which means it is painting season! The Sherwin Williams donated FREE exterior latex wood paint is available in gallon pails. Colors include the researched Pullman dark red, dark green and light green. Finishes available in high gloss & deck paint (dark green only). No masonry should ever be painted.

Contact the Beman Committee at

PCOBemanCommittee@gmail.com with your

request. Current PCO members are eligible to take

advantage of this program. All requests are first come, first served!





Trees in Pullman
Susan James, 630-926-6898, Tom Shepherd, 773-370-3305

For the last couple of years, the Pullman Garden Club has partnered with Openlands to bring new trees to Pullman to replace those that had been cut down due to age or disease. Susan James and Tom Shepherd had organized the “Restore the Tree Canopy” effort in the neighborhood, and had arranged for dozens of newly-planted trees for our parkways that had lost a tree. Residents had to give permission, agree to assist in the planting, as well as to make a pledge to water the tree if we were to experience a long dry spell without rain. Thanks once again to those residents that participated over the last couple of years!

The good news to report is that those new trees are doing really well with the ample rains that we’ve had since springtime and throughout the summer this year. We’ve been monitoring the new trees, and find that they are coming along very well.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no tree planting effort this year. We may resume a new series of planting trees next year if the situation improves, and if we are the recipients of another grant. If so, we’ll begin surveying next spring to assess where we might find bald spots that could accommodate a new tree.

Recently, the city has been doing some removals and some trimming. We hope they’ll remove the stumps quickly so we can get replacements in the ground- maybe by next spring. If you would like to have a new tree planted on the parkway in front of your house, watch for updates in future *Pullman Flyer* editions.

Pullman Input on a Path across Lake Calumet

The Active Transportation Alliance and Illinois International Port District are studying the feasibility of a multi-use trail over Lake Calumet and are looking for your input.

Lake Calumet has played an important role in the history of the area. It now has the opportunity to connect local neighborhoods to Big Marsh Park, the Pullman National Monument, and many other destinations on the south side of Chicago. Improved pedestrian and bicycle access across the lake would also open new access and recreational opportunities along Lake Calumet itself.

Please take this 4-minute survey to share what you would like to see if a future trail were built over Lake Calumet: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LakeCalumetTrail>. You can also share your ideas by calling Alex Perez, Advocacy Manager, at 312-216-0474. Thank you for your help!

From the Dining Car: Good Ol’ Summertime Tips

Patty Lawson

I am proclaiming that it’s too hot to do any indoor cooking, so grab a cool adult beverage, take this column and read it al fresco. These tips are designed to minimize your work time and maximize your summer time.

- If your ketchup won’t pour, push a drinking straw to the bottom of the bottle and remove it. This should get enough air in to start it flowing.
- Drop a bay leaf in your flour to keep it bug free. I know this sounds icky, but bay leaf is a natural insect repellent and I’m sure you’re not in the mood for this type of summer visitor.
- Tie a Bounce sheet to your belt loop when you’re working outdoors and the mosquitos and yellow jackets will have to find someone else to “bug”.
- If your houseplants spend time on your patio during the warm months, place decorative rocks or marbles on top of the soil to deter our urban squirrels from digging up the dirt.
- Don’t throw away that banana peel! Recycle it under an inch of soil near your rose bush. Like with your body, the potassium will feed the bush and help prevent disease. And you will be, like, one with nature, man!
- Other uses for your coffee filters: to serve hot dogs, popcorn and other snacks; to keep little hands clean from drippy popsicles by poking the stick through the filter, and to prevent soil from draining out of flower pots.
- Keep all your homegrown and farmer’s market vegetables fresh longer by lining the crisper section of your fridge with newspaper and wrapping your veggies with it.
- Support our Farmer’s Market every Wednesday, 7:00AM-1:00PM., now through October.

“Some of the best memories are made in flip flops.” – Kellie Elmore

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 1122 South Champlain. Please include your name, phone number and/or email address. I may have questions.

Pullman Calendar for August–September 2020		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
Wednesday morning Pullman Farmers Market @ 111th Pl/Cottage Grove until October 28		
Friday - Sunday	11am-3pm	Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center - Open for visitors!
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
Wed 8/12	7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	FLM Center 614 E 113th
Tues 8/18	6pm **NEW TIME CAPS Meeting - Beat 531	Greenstone - outdoor
Wed 8/19 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting	Visitor Center or Zoom
Fri 8/21 9am-1pm	Chicago Residential Electronics Recycling (3rd Fri)	900 E 103rd
Wed 8/26	7:30pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Sat 8/29	The Annual Pullman Picnic Everyone is Welcome!!!	Arcade Park
Fri/Tues 9/4, 9/8	Street Sweeping -	Look for signs and move your vehicles
Sun 9/6	1:30 pm HPF - First Sunday Walking Tours	Visitor Center
Mon 9/7 1:30pm	Labor Day Program: Our Work: Then, Now & Tomorrow Join the Virtual event at	https://www.facebook.com/pullmanlab
Wed 9/9	7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	FLM Center 614 E 113th
Tues 9/15	6pm **NEW TIME CAPS Meeting - Beat 531	Greenstone - outdoor
Wed 9/16 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting	Tentatively scheduled
Fri 9/18 9am-1pm	Chicago Residential Electronics Recycling (3rd Fri)	900 E 103rd
Wed 9/23	7:30pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Save the date : Wednesday, November 11th - Annual Pullman Veterans Day program		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

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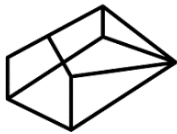
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