



From the President
Rachel Smith

On the day that I’m writing this article, the weather is signaling its annual change. It’s a cool, cloudy day – damp with a slight wind. Bird and squirrels hop limb to limb outside of my window but much of the hustle and bustle of the city isn’t heard. Autumn is upon us, bringing many of the events that my family gathers together to celebrate - Halloween and Thanksgiving and apple picking. Autumn also brings America’s past-time –football (go Bears) and my spouse couldn’t be happier.

I was curious how, in this time of pandemic and civil unrest, we could come together for a night of entertainment – both physically (as the 10,000 fans in Kansas City were allowed to attend the game in person) and emotionally. So, I tuned in to watch the game (which I have boycotted for the last 2 years) to see for myself what would happen.

And I found myself pleasantly surprised by the technology which essentially performed contact tracing which was distributed to the attendees. I was also heartened by the players who demonstrated great professionalism by showing up, prepared and ready to play. These are men with families and loved ones who, in the midst of a pandemic, showed up to do the jobs they’ve signed up for, even though it puts them at risk.

I even checked my cynicism about the NFL’s response – messaging of equality, respect and tolerance. Honestly, the hypocrisy of stenciling “End Racism” in the end-zone just above the team’s name (arguably insensitive to Native and indigenous folks) made me pause – but for me, it was less about the transparent attempts to stop the financial hemorrhaging the NFL is undoubtedly experiencing as it was about the players who stood together to pronounce their brotherhood.

I wish I could say that I was surprised by the response of the fans to the moment of silence, but I’m not. I wish I could say that it’s only uncultured, uneducated folks in a particular town who responded to a demonstration of unity by booing, but it’s not. I wish I could say that it’s just a football game and not to be taken seriously, but this was bigger than football. At this point, you might wonder – “What does this have to do with Pullman?” Respect. Unity. Honor. Community. Fairness. It has everything to do with Pullman.

If we believe in these tenets, then they should be a part of our daily practice and integrated into how we connect with each other. There is no room for disrespect, unfairness, racism, intolerance, hate. Not if we want Pullman to thrive.

In the court of public opinion, the losers last night were the booing fans and not the teams who locked arms in unity and respect. That thought gave me much to consider this cool Autumn morning. I hope it gives you something to think about as well. Be well.

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We’re happy to announce that PayPal makes joining the Pullman Civic Organization (PCO) simpler than ever!

There are two options to pay your membership online at <http://www.pullmancivic.org/>

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Make sure that you select “Return to Vendor’s Website” in order to enter your name, address and email information. This information is used for the Membership Committee to get your membership card to you.

Only one membership can be submitted at a time, due to the info requested on the form (per person). Dues are \$10, plus an additional fee of \$0.61 is added to each online transaction. Don’t forget that PCO memberships can also be purchased by contacting your assigned block captain and paying by cash or check.

Thank you for your support of the Pullman Civic Organization.

PCO Vision Committee: The Community Spoke
Bob Bushwaller and Beverly Ash-Larson, Co-Chairs

In August the PCO Vision Committee presented a survey to community members. We got lots of responses. By way of both data and written questions we asked community members to tell us about themselves; to share their joys, their frustrations, and their desires about the neighborhood. The responses tell us that Pullman residents really care.

We discovered that most residents have lived here way more than the national average. We also found out that the overwhelming number of residents enjoy living in Pullman and feel a sense of community. The truth is that strong and repeated praise for the community is tempered by strong and repeated concerns about diversity, safety, transparency, historic preservation, and access to amenities.

We have begun to step through the responses in numerous ways. We plan to organize the data and then open it up for public discussion. Open, respectful, public conversation is our expectation. Our mission, in the end, is to make things better. Thank you so much for sharing.

Lake Calumet Trail Survey: Active Transportation Alliance
Wyatt Ollestad

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!

**Illinois International Port District Master Plan
Presentation and Survey**
Wyatt Ollestad

Please join us on Monday, September 21 at 7:30PM online via Zoom (details forthcoming and will be posted on pullmancivic.org), or at the Shared Visitor Center, for a presentation by Delta Institute about the Illinois International Port District Master Plan. The presentation itself will be all virtual, so those interested are encouraged to join via Zoom if they’re able. We will be projecting the presentation at the Shared Visitor Center for those unable to log in remotely.

The Illinois International Port District, in partnership with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), is developing a Port Master Plan. This plan may potentially include opportunities for industrial, commercial, recreational, and open space development.

We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas by taking a short online survey by September 30, 2020.

Your feedback will play an important role in creating a successful Master Plan that will help position the Port to realize its full economic potential, while also providing workforce, community, recreational and environmental benefits.

For more information about the Master Plan, please visit: www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs/Ita/iipd-master-plan

To take the survey, go to tinyurl.com/ss356v9



Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs
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Like many of us, Carol and Larry Lagadinos were drawn to Pullman for its endless charm of neatly arranged row houses and curious small-town appeal of friendly neighbors. In 2013, they attended their first house tour and by 2014, they purchased their home on St. Lawrence and began renovations. Carol and Larry were mindful of the numerous incentives available to those residing in certified historic districts such as Pullman, and took advantage whenever possible. This article is a glimpse into their experience with the State of Illinois Property Tax Assessment Freeze program; an incentive which freezes an owner-occupied home’s assessment prior to the start of a substantial renovation for a total of 12 years of property tax savings.

After purchasing their home, the couple quickly found themselves in a familiar place of looking for a general contractor. “This was my 5th time going through a major home renovation,” said Carol. Despite residing in modern open-floor plans in the past, they opted to retain as much of their highly intact interior as possible. “We knew we wanted modern amenities though, including an updated kitchen and baths.” Key historic features such as fireplace surround, wood floors, doors and woodwork, as well as general floor plan were retained. When asked what their biggest advice to those thinking about renovating their historic Pullman home, Larry answered without hesitation: “Working with a local contractor. They just know things about these houses that other contractors don’t.”

Although Carol and Larry had mulled over the Property Tax Assessment Freeze program for some time, it wasn’t until after renovations were completed that they decided to hire a local consultant and move forward in a bit of an unconventional approach. Reviewers with the State Historic Preservation Agency typically recommend that the application is started before work begins. However, the fact that they retained historic features and finishes paired with Carol’s impeccable organization of receipts and contractor payments, afforded them the opportunity to pursue this incentive seamlessly even after the project was completed. The state requires all work – interior and exterior – to follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Applications consist of before and after photos, floor plans, and a written description of the conditions before work begins in addition to a written description of the proposed renovation. Receipts and confirmation of payment verifying 25% of the fair market value was spent on qualifying payments were also submitted along with photos of the completed renovation to obtain the final certification.

Since renovations began in 2014 but application paperwork was not completed until 2017, Carol and Larry were afforded the opportunity to see some of the benefits upfront. Their home’s fair market value went from \$108,410 in 2014 to \$115,130 in 2016 and then \$142,770 in 2018. “We did have a few issues getting the paperwork straightened out with the assessor’s office,” noted Carol. “Between 2017 and 2019 we received over \$800 in refunds for overpayment because the Property Tax Assessment Freeze was not properly applied. Seeing the return in just a couple years confirmed that the program really is beneficial.”

A few words of wisdom for anyone thinking of taking advantage of this program: “Make sure you keep up with the yearly certification that confirms the property is still your primary residence,” said Larry. “And always review your tax bill for errors.”

The Beman Committee is available as a resource for homeowners looking to pursue the Illinois Tax Assessment Freeze Program as well as other financial incentives available for owners of certified historic structures. Megan Lydon, co-chair, has been working as a historic preservation consultant specializing in historic tax credits for the past 7 years. For more details on the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program, please visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric/Preserve/pages/taxfreeze.aspx>.

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!

PCO Website

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Sometimes life is too much and just won’t allow one more meeting; we get it. If you can’t make the meeting or just need to catch up, you can see minutes of past PCO general and board meetings on the PCO’s website, pullmancivic.org (you can thank Andy Bullen for that cleverness!). These can be found under About the PCO on the home page. Editions of the Pullman Flyer from the past few years are also available on the home page.

Our good volunteers try to keep the site up-to-date and relevant, but sometimes it goes a little slower than we’d like so please bear with us. If you’d like to be a part of this committee or any of the others that keep Pullman a vibrant community, please contact them or any board member at the emails on the website, come to a meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Visitor Center, or catch us in the street.

Safety Committee/CAPS

Lynne M. Collins

CAPS meeting:
Tuesday, September 15
Greenstone Church
6:00 P.M. (new time!)

One of the popular books written by writer and novelist Robert Fulghum is titled, “All I Really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten.” His words often come to mind.... “Be nice.” That’s a great place to start. Being nice is so fundamental. So basic. So elementary. And yet, some of us live our whole lives, challenged, by this one life principle.

One of the posts on Facebook, recently, was a joke that read, “2020, Enough Already, Go to your room!!” 2020 has not been nice. It has challenged us beyond our wildest dreams. Wear a mask, while in public. So basic. So fundamental. So nice!! Wear a mask so that your neighbor, friend, lover, cousin, sister, mother, father, doesn’t get COVID, from you!!

So many people are asymptomatic, meaning that the virus is carried inside of them, but they don’t have the fever, congestion, miserable feelings, that would make one suspect contagion. Wash your hands, frequently. Keep your hands from your face. Washing your hands will minimize the likelihood of getting the virus into your body, where it will multiply and possibly spread to others. When we put our hands to our face, germs can easily get into the eyes and mouth, places where the COVID virus can enter and make us sick. Washing hands frequently reduces the need to use hand sanitizer; although, the use of hand sanitizer is one of the recommendations by health administrators.

Have you noticed, as I have, that fewer people seem to be ill from other illnesses, lately? Have you considered that social distancing, along with frequent hand washing, using hand sanitizer, and wearing masks are not only keeping us safe from COVID, but from other air borne illnesses, as well?

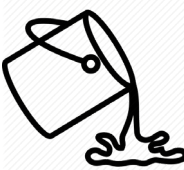
Last month, neighbors gathered for our first Beat 531 CAPS meeting since winter. We wore our masks, sat socially distanced from one another, and shared crime-fighting ideas for staying safe, in 2020.

Please come out and join us, on Tuesday, September 15th at the Greenstone Church, for our next CAP’s meeting. Don’t be late, the new time is 6:00 P.M.

PULLMAN PAINT LIBRARY IS OPEN!

PCO Members — Autumn is upon us which means painting season is winding down! 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!





Green Spaces and Places: Discovering Big Marsh
Lynn Smith

This plant called more specifically *Pyracantha coccinea*, is known especially for its orange, or orange red fruit in fall and winter. It is particularly attractive when showing up against a stone wall. It tends to have stiff and thorny branches and for that reason can also be used to demonstrate boundaries more clearly. White flowers envelope the plant in May and June. The fruit ripens in September and October, persisting through the winter. The dark green leaves may turn slightly bronzy in winter. Best fruiting occurs in full sun but they will tolerate partial sun.

This plant is hardy in zones 6 (current gardening zone for Chicago) through 8. Recommended cultivars are “Chadwickii,” “Firey Cascade” (the latter growing to 8 feet high) and Gnome (a 6 feet tall by 8 feet wide shrub with orange fruit)...And we’ll keep talking...

From the Dining Car: A Corny Recipe
Patty Lawson

My mom used to make fried corn for us every summer when the farm stands were bursting with newly picked ears and the cost was low. You can also make this recipe year-round with canned corn, but nothing beats fresh!

Sadie’s Fried Corn

- Ingredients
- 6 shucked ears of corn
 - 2-3 slices of bacon
 - 1/2- 1 diced bell pepper (depending on size)
 - 1 cup of water
 - Salt and pepper

Cut kernels off the corncobs. In a heavy frying pan, cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon, drain, crumble, and set aside. Fry bell pepper in bacon fat until just softened. Add corn and water. Cook at medium heat until tender. Stir occasionally, scraping the brown off the bottom of the pan, and blending with the corn and pepper. Add more water, if needed, a little at a time, to maintain moistness. Salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle crumbled bacon on top.

TIP OF THE MONTH: Do not overcook your sweet corn! Bring water to a boil before dropping in the ears. Let the water return to a boil and boil hard for 3 or 4 minutes. Serve immediately. To microwave shucked corn, slather them in butter and wrap tightly in plastic wrap. “Nuke” on full power for 2 ½ minutes per ear. If your corn is too long to fit in the pot or microwave, simply snap them apart with your hands. Using a knife to cut them will crush the kernels.

“I need to get my life together. This weather made me realize I can’t go to hell.” – IDK

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 a question.

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Friday - Sunday 11am-3pm	Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center - Open for visitors!	
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
Tues 9/15 6pm	CAPS Meeting - Beat 531	Greenstone lawn
Wed 9/16 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting	Visitor Center or Zoom
Fri 9/18 9am-1pm	Chicago Residential Electronics Recycling (3rd Fri)	900 E 103rd
Mon 9/21 7:30pm	IL Port District Master Plan Presentation	Visitor Center / Zoom Check for the Zoom link at http://www.pullmancivic.org/?page_id=1037
Wed 9/23 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Sun 10/4 1:30 pm	HPF - First Sunday Walking Tours	Visitor Center
Wed 10/14 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	FLM Center 614 E 113th
Fri 10/16 9am-1pm	Chicago Residential Electronics Recycling (3rd Fri)	900 E 103rd
Tues 10/20 6pm -7pm	CAPS Meeting - Beat 531	Greenstone
Wed 10/21 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting	Visitor Center or Zoom
Wed 10/28 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Saturday 10/31	Happy Halloween	
Tuesday November 3rd	ELECTION DAY	VOTE!!
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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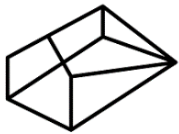
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