



From the President Rachel Smith

Practice kindness every day. Embrace empathy and reject cynicism. Revel in successes – big and small. Cheer for your neighbors who are celebrating and comfort those who are sorrowful. Remember that every day is truly a gift.

These comments may seem like platitudes, but they are helping me get through the isolation of the pandemic, the stresses of virtual learning, the uncertainty and constant vigilance to maintain health – mine and my family’s. They remind me that I’m human and the hardest expectations to live up to are the ones I place on myself. Be kind – to others but also to myself.

Be thoughtful – I impact my community in big ways and small. Cleaning up after my pet (who brings me such joy) is such a small thing but by not doing so, thoughtlessness impacts the larger community.

Cheer for my neighbors – The Greenstone Church received a wonderful opportunity to rebuild a part of the crumbling building. What a wonderful start to a revitalization. Congratulations Rev. Mason.

The gift of life – so many reach the end of life and wonder – “Is that all there is?”. I hope to remember to embrace the entire journey and not only focus on the destination.

Connection – we need each other. Yes, even the neighbor you’re not close to, don’t agree with or have had tension with. Pullman is a tapestry and it takes every thread to make it beautiful.

I hope I’m not preaching but simply reminding you – us – me.

Please note:

Unlike in year’s past, this year, the COVID pandemic has restricted our ability as a community to gather together in person out of a sense of caution. Therefore, we will not gather at Pullman School to observe Veteran’s Day, but CJ Martello is planning a virtual event to mark this occasion, like the one he produced for Memorial Day.

47th Annual House Tour 2020 Cindy McMahon

October 10th and 11th would have been Pullman’s 47th Annual House Tour had we not been in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic. The weather was perfect for a fall house walk, yet, the silence of Pullman pride and community energy was very loud. Thinking back, I can’t ever remember what Pullman was like in October without a house tour. Although we were not able to view the interior of our wonderful homes, you can join us as we “Virtually” celebrate

House Tour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1syu705XVps>.

Thank you to Alfonso Quiroz, Pat Shymanski, Arlene Echols, Carol and Larry Lagadinos, and Patrick Brannon who helped produce the virtually celebration. Appreciating what we missed this year fuels our planning for next year. Health and safety come first and at this point we can only hope and pray for a vaccine.

So, save the date, October 9th and 10th 2021 and help us make next years House Tour. . . Monumental!

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

Vision Committee members: Beverly Ash-Larson (Co-Chair), Pat Brannon, Lorraine Brochu, Cheryl Briscoe, Harriette Burks-Watson, Bob Bushwaller (Co-Chair), John Cwenkala, J.B.Daniel, Larry Kuhn, John Lydon, Kasey Shipp

When the committee read the responses to the recent survey, we sensed our neighbors’ joy, pride, frustration, and anger. Every answer was filled with meaning.

Together, through respectful conversation, patience, creativity, and commitment the Vision Committee hopes to help solve many difficult problems. In the end, and in strong collaboration with the whole PCO, the neighborhood will be more cohesive and more responsive to today’s social needs. We expect that participation in the PCO will increase and many of the community’s long-standing problems will have viable solutions.

You may wonder what’s next. The Vision Committee of the PCO is releasing the written responses from the survey. You can find them on the PCO website at this link: www.pullmancivic.org then select the “Resources” tab. Transparency is important when there is a commitment to change. Therefore, you will find powerful statements on a huge range of topics. With the exception of personal references, the language is the respondents’ own.

The committee is developing several ways to look at the responses. The first method is to tally the various challenges for the PCO to address and then make a tally of ways for the PCO to improve itself. The second model sorts the responses into a set of ingredients of a successful neighborhood. The third model is the most detailed at this point:

- 69 comments about “Expanding inclusivity and cohesiveness of the community”
- 50 comments about “Rethinking or updating the structure of the PCO”
- 29 comments about “Community involvement with city, state, and national development”
- 55 comments about “Neighborhood beautification and safety issues”
- 23 comments about “Neighborhood events and activities”
- 21 comments about “Economic development and opportunities”

Please remember that success will come when there is conversation, sharing, and empathy. Thank you for expressing yourselves!

Pullman 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 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.

PCO Membership

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/>

- Either select the “Join the PCO” tab at the top of the website OR
- Go to the Standing Committees page and select the “Join the PCO” hyperlink under the Membership committee.

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.



Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs
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Well, it'd be about this time that we'd be making sure you're all set up with your volunteer time for House Tour, telling you to start thinking about next year's Façade Reimbursement Program, et al, but alas, this is the year we must go on without House Tour. And with no House Tour, that unfortunately means no Façade Reimbursement Program for 2021. Yes, it is unfortunately true – the PCO Beman Committee will have to postpone next year's Façade Reimbursement Program cycle.

But like so many other silver linings that have had to be seen this year, let's stop and reflect on what House Tour has done for the community through the Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Program: to date, nearly \$117,000 has been generated by House Tour and paid out to property owners looking to restore the facades of their historic homes, leveraging approximately \$485,000 in private investment since the program's inception in 2004. Just think of that – nearly half a million dollars invested by owners, not only in their own property, but in the community as a whole. To borrow House Tour's motto, 'it takes a village', and the amount of investment into the community over the years proves just how important this place and this program is both to ourselves and to our neighbors.

So here's looking forward to a restful 2020/2021, and anticipation of the next House Tour and Façade Reimbursement Program being the biggest and best yet! You all have a whole extra year to get those projects planned, so we want to see the best of what you've got in 2022!

And a big Thank You goes out to everyone who has participated in the Beman Committee's Paint Library! We're still hoping to see some more projects complete before the weather turns too cold, but for now applications are officially (or as officially as we get around here) closed for the season. But worry not – we'll be back again in the spring, so start thinking about what you might need painted in those beautiful Pullman colors. Remember, nothing quite gives the same 'wow' effect as a fresh coat of paint, and there's no simpler way to boost your curb appeal. So start planning, and we'll see you again in the spring!

From the Dining Car: Halloween, Quarantine Style

Patty Lawson

We don't know what the heck is going on this Halloween, so Craig and I are going to make it all about us. And as is our holiday tradition, it will involve chunklate. (That's chocolate for the uninitiated.) Now this recipe might not make it through your favorite Halloween fright flick, so either make two batches or stock-up on your favorite "trick or treat" treats – or both!

Chewy Chunklate Brownies

- 1-2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1-1/2 sticks butter or margarine, melted
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1-1/3 cup Bisquick-type mi
- 3/4 cup baking cocoa (Nestles or Hershey's or whatever)
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

Put all ingredients into one bowl and mix with a hand mixer until well blended. The batter will be thick. Put into a 9x13 pan and bake at 350 for 18-25 minutes, depending on your oven's temperament.

TIP OF THE MONTH

To cut your brownies into squares while still warm, use a plastic knife instead of a kitchen knife. The brownie stays in place and the squares are as perfect as a brownie square can be, if that's your thing.

"I remember when Halloween was the scariest night of the year. This year, it's Election Night!" – FunniestMemes.com

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.

Pullman Safety

Lynne M. Collins

Two things come to mind when the weather starts to change. How will I stay comfortable and safely warm in my home and when is it time to change my clocks? Both will be covered in the article, today.

Weather changes mean bringing out heavier clothing; but, also, turning up the heat!! If you have not already done so, please call your favorite heating and ventilation contractor, to clean your furnace and change your furnace filter. Proper maintenance will hopefully prevent mid-winter furnace failures. Also, by regularly replacing the furnace filter, the air quality inside of your home will be better, and your furnace will not have to work as hard, which may extend the life of your furnace.

If your home is heated by a boiler, routine maintenance still applies, for optimum heat output.

If you are a tenant, your landlord has obligations that come with providing for your comfort, in your rental residence. Now through June 1st, the temperature inside of your residence should be at least 68 degrees during the day, and 66 degrees at night.

Keep heating vents open and unobstructed by carpet, mats, furniture, bedding, clothing, etc. Do not hang anything on radiators, or radiator valves.

Please, please, please.... Keep Carbon Monoxide Detectors (also called CO2 Detectors) plugged in, and smoke detectors operational. Smoke detectors should be located outside of every sleeping room, and in your kitchen. If you live in an apartment building, there should be one or more operational smoke detectors in the hallway. Batteries should be changed at least twice a year.

That brings me to.... Yes, Daylight Saving Time will end at 2:00AM on Sunday, November 1st. Fall behind (set your clocks backward, 1 hour).

As I prepare this article, news of COVID-19 striking the POTUS, FLOTUS, and members of government have made headlines and the number of persons who die from COVID-related illness continue to rise. Is there any other proof that one needs to "Wear a mask?"

Our next Chicago Police Department 005th District CAPS Beat 531 meeting, will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.

This meeting will be virtual. Visit the PCO website at pullmancivic.org and click on the CAPS Meeting link to join or go to Zoom, meeting ID 94424088817 and pw 277082.

Green Spaces and Places: Bringing the Outdoors In

Lynn Smith

As we are heading into the cooler months of Autumn and Winter, it can be useful to find more ways of bring the outdoors in, not through making our homes more habitable to squirrels and raccoons (!), but through the use of precooled bulbs (or alternatively cooling them yourself in the fridge, in a paper bag for about 8-12 weeks) in a tall vase, often weighted down with gravel to help the flowers stay upright as they develop flowers.

Simply put, a healthy bulb, firm, large, and without soft spots, has all the nutrients needed to flower indoors, once put in water, with gravel, with pointed side of the bulb planted upwards. It does not need soil. What it does need is fairly good bright indirect light (south, west, and east facing light tends to be the brightest, in respective levels of brightness).

If they are not precooled bulbs, they will need to be cooled in the fridge for the following number of weeks, in paper bages: Daffodils – 12-15 weeks, crocus – 8-15 weeks, hyacinths – 12-15 weeks. You can also get already set for forcing paperwhites/narcissi, grown in Israel, at many garden centers, which do not need to be refrigerated first.

So, consider the use of either pre cooled ie narcissus, paperwhites, sometimes hyacinths (if advertised as precooled) bulbs or regular bulbs (which you will need to cool in a root cellar or a refrigerator for the requisite time) to brighten up the chillier months of the year... and we'll keeping talking...



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PHASE I ANNOUNCEMENT:

It is with great pleasure that we the leadership and pastor of the Historic Greenstone UMC announce the awarding of grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to begin restoration to our church building. This work will include a full roof replacement and stabilization of the bell tower on the historic edifice of the Pullman Community/National Monument. This Project is supported by a grant from American Express as the Presenting Partner of the National Treasures program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

We are grateful for the additional financial support for Phase I from the Northern Illinois Conference and Chicago Southern District, of the United Methodist Church. Also we are appreciative for the ongoing support from our Project Partners: Landmarks Illinois, National Parks Conservation Association, Pullman Civic Organization, Historic Pullman Foundation, and the U.S. National Park Service: Pullman National Monument. Construction is scheduled to begin mid-October 2020 by Berglund Construction Company and MDC INC. Remodeling & Roofing, Project Management by the Greenstone UMC Oversight and Accountability Core Team.

We Cordially Invite You to Join Us Sunday, October 4th, for Our Worship Celebration and Groundbreaking Ceremony, 11:00am as we Celebrate this auspicious occasion, at a Social Distance and Virtually, Everyone is Invited, Everyone is Welcome, It's a Love Revolution!

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Caption:
Greenstone Church - Historic Restoration Campaign and Project Phase



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
Wednesday morning Pullman Farmers Market until <u>October 28</u>		
Friday - Sunday 11am-3pm	Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center - Open for visitors!	
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
Sat 10/17 10am - 5pm	Creatives Day @ Pullman Artspace Lofts	11137-43 Langley
Tues 10/20 6pm -7pm	CAPS Meeting - Beat 531	Zoom 94424088817 Pwd 277082
Wed 10/21 6pm-7pm Virtual Public Meeting : Streetscape Project for 111th Street Register at : http://tinyurl.com/111thStreetMeeting		
Wed 10/21 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting Visitor Center 112th St or Zoom (see pullmancivic.org for link)	
Wed 10/28 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Saturday 10/31	Happy Halloween	
Sun 11/1 2am	Daylight Saving Time ends	"Fall Back"
Tues November 3rd	ELECTION DAY	VOTE!!
Thur/Fri 11/5 & 6	Street Sweeping - Look for signs and move your vehicles	
Check Facebook "Pullman Virtual Phone Tree" group for link Wednesday, November 11th PCO Annual Pullman Veterans Day program		
Wed 11/11 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	FLM Center 614 E 113th
Tues 11/17 6pm -7pm	CAPS Meeting - Beat 531	Zoom 94424088817 Pwd 277082
Wed 11/18 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting Visitor Center or Zoom	
Fri 11/20 9am-1pm	Chicago Residential Electronics Recycling (3rd Fri) 900 E 103rd	
Fri 11/20 10am-12pm	Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri) 255 E 103rd St	
Wed 11/25 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Thursday 11/26	Thanksgiving Day	
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

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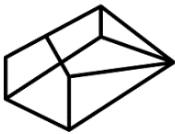
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