# From the President Rachel Smith

"Community is everything. Fostering trust amongst each other is everything. Whatever you guys argue about the specifics, we've got to trust that there will be a livable level of decency". — David Chappelle.

I appreciate your requests and take full responsibility for the late response and last minute technical adjustments.

My goal was to ensure accessibility to everyone, not just those with technical capability and internet access and so we piloted hybrid/in-person meetings. Not as successful as I would have liked but certainly an attempt to engage the community as a whole.

In light of the worsening pandemic and recommendations from the Mayor's office and Chicago Department of Public Health, we will be returning to fully virtual meetings and are hopeful to use the same system as previous - FreeConferenceCall.com. I'll list the standing call in/internet link below.

Again, my apologies for the confusion and the lack of preparedness. We are working hard to engage all members of the community in the meetings and routines as much as possible. Thank you for your patience.

# \*\*\*PCO November General Membership\*\*\* Virtual Meeting Access

FreeConferenceCall.com
Dial-in number (US): (701) 802-5236
Access code: 297632#
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Join the online meeting: https://join.freeconferencecall.com/pcopres

#### PCO Vision Committee: Yard Signs Tell the Story Bob Bushwaller and Beverly Ash-Larson, Co-Chairs

The PCO Vision Committee is about to release yard signs that tell a story. They are so simple they will make you smile; so profound that they will make you nod in recognition of their truth. They capture the spirit of empathy, collaboration, vitality, and urgency. Around the neighborhood you will see signs that say "Be Kind" and others that say "Together We Can". Think about it – how simple, how powerful, and how strongly they are right on-message. Behind both messages is the sentiment of respect, compromise, and pleasantness. It is always interesting to realize how just a few words can have so much meaning.

You can add to the story by displaying your own yard sign(s). Get your yard sign(s) by contacting Beverly at 773-568-5890 or bashlarson@gmail.com, or Pat at 773-995-8844 or pbrannon1953@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per sign or whatever is comfortable for you.

In addition to participating in telling the story you can observe the story by reading your own PCO survey comments and your neighbors' comments. The complete set of narratives is in the PCO website at www.pullmancivic.org. Select the "Resources" tab. Please try it, you will be rewarded in the reading.

#### 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!

## Historic Pullman Foundation Welcomes New Board Member Richard Wilson

Marsha Adduci

The Historic Pullman Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Richard Wilson to our Board of Directors. Richard will be taking the place of retiring Board Member, David Beer. The Historic Pullman Foundation sincerely thanks David for his tremendous dedication, years of service and his professional finance expertise as a valued Board member. David will continue as a volunteer member of the Finance Committee.

Many Pullman residents may recognize the name of our new Board member, Richard Wilson, as he was Project Lead for Positioning Pullman for the National Parks Conservation Association and AIA Chicago, and the site design team lead for the Pullman National Monument and State Historic Site Visitor Center. Richard is an architect and city planner who leads the City Design Practice of Chicago's prestigious Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture. With over 30 years of experience working on large-scale urban development and redevelopment in historic and emergent cities worldwide, Richard brings an immense wealth of city planning expertise to the Board and to the Pullman community at large. His other work in Chicago includes the Chicago Central Area Action Plan, the Chicago Riverwalk Plan, the North Branch Industrial Corridor Modernization, and over a dozen other neighborhood strategic plans.

Over the past 6 years, Richard has marshalled the Chicago design community to provide pro bono planning and design services for neighborhoods on the far south and west sides of the city, including Pullman, Roseland, Riverdale, Lake Calumet and Austin. In addition, he has led design advocacy for the establishment of a large-scale city park to anchor the redevelopment of 760 acres of land along the Chicago River's North Branch. His select international works include master planning and urban design for World Expo 2020 Dubai, the National Capital District of Jamaica, the Central Business Expansion of Beijing, and redevelopment of the Roman-era seaport of Istanbul.

The Historic Pullman Foundation welcomes Richard Wilson to the Board of Directors as we transition into the official Friends Group for the Pullman National Monument and State Historic site. It's a monumental time for Pullman and we look forward to helping build an even more monumental future as we prepare for next summer's grand opening of the NPS Visitors Center! Stay tuned for more exciting news as we continue to move forward.

# Take 5 minutes to Help the Historic Pullman Foundation Improve its Communications

The Historic Pullman Foundation, in partnership with the National Park Service-Pullman National Monument, invites you to take this short survey (approximately 5 to 10 minutes) about their communications efforts. Your input will help improve how they connect with you and others about their latest news and what's happening as the National Park Service prepares to open the new Visitor Center at the Pullman National Monument next year. You are encouraged to share this survey between now and November 25 with everyone you know who cares about Pullman. Thank you! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6J22TBJ

# Covid-19 Testing Tom McMahon

The best location for our Pullman residents to get tested for COVID is at Gately Park, 103rd and Cottage Grove. They are open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. To save time go to ChicagoCovidTesting.com and preregister. The testing if FREE. The wait will be close to an hour but once inside the park if you are preregistered you will immediately go to the testing location and complete the test saving at least another hour. STAY AWAY FROM THE TESTING LOCATION AT ROSELAND HOSPITAL. One of our residents had been billed for \$2500.00 from the hospital. They tested her for 9 other strains of flu virus beside the COVID test causing this high bill.

Keep it simple and free go to the City of Chicago Testing sites and if you think you have been exposed to the virus get tested.



#### Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs pcobemancommitte@gmail.com

As the building season is coming to an end, now is the perfect time to start planning work free of permit fees for next spring. One of the perks of living in a Chicago Landmark District is the opportunity to waive all City Permit fees. This includes permits for all work being done to buildings within our district – both interior and exterior, including work to the rear of a property such as new garage construction, fences, etc.

The application forms themselves can seem rather daunting upon first glance, however, the process is fairly simple if you follow the steps outlined below. It is important to note that a bit of planning is required. The process includes the submission and review of the Principal Profile information and the Economic Disclosure Statement by the Departments of Finance and of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection; notification to the alderman about the application by the Department of Planning and Development (DPD), Historic Preservation Division; submission by DPD of materials to legislative staff for introduction to City Council; and the preparation of permit fee waiver correspondence for the applicant to present to the Department of Buildings after the City Council meeting. This entire process may take the City between 60 and 120 days to finalize before a permit can be pulled and work can begin.

- The Permit Fee Waiver Form should be read first since it outlines the process and references the other documents that should be submitted.
- The project architect or engineer should provide the scope of work details, the timeline, the project cost and the proposed permit fee waiver amount. Please note that some of this information will be incorporated in the Order/Ordinance that will be submitted to the City Council.
- The Principal Profile Form is needed for vetting by the Departments of Finance and of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection to ensure that the principals (e.g., property owner per the deed or board member/officer of an entity) do not have outstanding financial obligations to the City of Chicago.
- An Affidavit is usually needed for everyone who is a principal and must be manually signed and notarized. The personal information is required for members of boards of directors, trustees, etc. of entities. If there are more than five persons, multiple pages of the Principal Profile Form should be used rather than the Affidavit.
- The Economic Disclosure Statement (EDS) is needed for the project as well. Please give special attention to the following sections: Page 1, Sec. F, briefly state the work that is being performed; Page 1, Sec. G, write Planning and Development; Page 2, Sec. B.1, list the names of all persons who are principals associated with the project.
- The DPD asks that you please DO NOT complete the forms longhand. Use a computer to complete the editable Adobe forms, save, and print before signing those that require your signature and those requiring a Notary Public signature and seal.
- DO NOT pay for permits prior to receiving a "Pre-Approval Memo" from DPD. The Department of Buildings will not reimburse payments made in advance of the applicant's receipt of the memo. The Pre-Approval Memo will be sent to the applicant within a day or two after the Permit Fee Waiver Order/Ordinance has been submitted to the City Council. The document must be presented at the time that permits are to be paid for.

All forms can be requested by contacting the Department of Planning and Development, Historic Preservation Division at (312) 744-0012 or by reaching out to the Beman Committee.



# The Pullman Flyer

# From the Dining Car: "Fixing" Thanksgiving Dinner Patty Lawson

This year's Thanksgiving will be like no other in our recent memories. Whether you're cloistered in place with those nearest and dearest to you, or you're hosting a "Zoomgiving", Thanksgiving dinner can pose a problem for the best of us. Murphy's Law gets up pretty early Thursday morning to do everything it can to flummox our plans and mess with the one menu of the year that we count on to impress. So, to help you out this year, I've put together some pretty basic solutions to common Thanksgiving dinner mishaps. Clip this column, slap it on the fridge, and get ready for the annual tryptophan overload.

#### Your turkey is still frozen on Thanksgiving morning

Speed up the thawing process by placing the wrapped, frozen turkey in your kitchen sink and covering it with cold running water. Use your bathtub if your sink isn't large enough (even if this means interrupting someone's holiday bath). Drain and refill the water every half hour. The turkey will thaw at the rate of about a half-hour for each pound. And don't worry if you forget to take the giblet bag out of the turkey before putting it in the oven. The bag's heatproof and it will be your little secret.

#### The turkey meat is dry

Slice the turkey in the kitchen and cover the slices in gravy. Lots of gravy. On Friday, make turkey salad with mayo. Lots of mayo. And speaking of gravy,

#### Your gravy is lumpy

Pour the gravy through a strainer and mash the lumpy parts into a pan and heat gently, stirring constantly. Now, if that makes it too thin, melt 1 tablespoon of butter and mix it with 1 tablespoon of white flour. Blend until smooth, then whisk into your gravy and bring to a boil. This will make it thicker in no time. What? You never have lumpy gravy? You just...

#### Burn the gravy

Transfer the gravy to another pan without scraping the blackened bottom. Most of the burnt flavor should stay with the burnt pan. Or, in a pinch, use packaged gravy but don't add any salt. The sodium content in these mixes is usually enough to make a salt lick. You can also fix bland gravy by adding pepper, chicken stock, or poultry seasoning. A shot of brandy, bourbon, sherry, or wine (in the gravy, not your glass – well, not yet anyway) will also pep it up. Now let's move on to...

#### Soggy stuffing

This is an easy fix. Spread it out on a greased cookie sheet and bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees until the stuffing is as dry as you like.

#### Your mashed potatoes remind you of soup

Since you probably won't have time to cook more, add dry, unseasoned bread crumbs or powdered/flaked potatoes, a little at a time, until the potatoes are the desired consistency. What's next?

#### You burned the dinner rolls

Get out the cheese grater (seriously) and scrape off the burned parts. If that doesn't work to your satisfaction, toss 'em. With all of the other starches you'll be serving, they won't be missed.

And your pie doesn't look like the picture in the cookbook
Scoop the pie, including crust, into your prettiest stemware and top with whipped cream. Your guests will think you're just too clever! Your other option is to load up on frozen pies.

#### AND DON'T FORGET TO TURN ON THE OVEN!

#### TIP OF THE MONTH

If your loved ones are scattered far and wide this holiday season, you can still share the love. Set up a holiday Zoom meeting and say grace together before you sit down to eat. Pick a mutually agreed upon time, if you're spread out over different time zones, and give thanks that even though you're not all in the same room, you are together and safe.

"Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart. " — Seneca

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.

#### Condolences

Condolences are extended to Lorraine Brochu and her family on the recent passing of her mother, Margaret Phyllis Sylvia Brochu, and to the Pullman family of Georgeanne R. Lloyd.



# Green Spaces and Places: 'Oh, Christmas Cactus' Lynn Smith

Although the evidence is less substantial in regard to plants "purifying" the air, there is no doubt that the use of indoor plants adds to a warmer and more peaceful environment. Christmas Cactus, or Schlumbergera, with flowers in shades of pink, red, purple and yellow, contribute to a festive holiday feeling.

Though the Christmas Cactus is in the Cactaceae family, it's growing needs are a little different. In the wild it hails from the coastal mountains of Southeastern Brazil where it grows on shady rocks and trees with high humidity. In our indoor spaces, it likes bright indirect light, such as an east exposure, but I have also seen happy Christmas cactus growing in a south exposure - the latter being the brightest light exposure indoors. Optimal growing temperatures during the day are 65 degrees. They are fine with a little more coolness a night. The recommendations are for your Christmas cactus to be kept evenly moist (but not in standing water) after the buds form, till they drop. They appreciate a high potassium plant food every two weeks, once the buds form.

So, if you are looking for any easy going, attractive plant to keep growing year after year, especially pretty during the holidays, look no further than the Christmas cactus,, and we'll keep talking....

# **EMERGENCY HEATING REPAIR (EHR)**

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Emergency Heating Repair (EHR) is a grant program available to income-eligible Chicago homeowners for service to repair or replace their furnace or boiler heating system. Limited funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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2 people	\$58,250
3 people	\$65,550
4 people	\$72,800
5 people	\$78,650
6 people	\$84,450

The program is open to Chicagoans who own and occupy a 1-to-4 unit residential property within the city limits. The property must be in habitable condition and not at risk of foreclosure. Commercial and mixed-use properties do not qualify.

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#### Pullman Calendar for November-December 2020

#### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-4pm \*subject to change with holidays Free Covid Testing
Pre-Register
ChicagoCovidTesting.com

Gately Park 744 E 103rd (east of Cottage Grove)

Friday - Sunday 11am-3pm Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Day Event (\$ if charge) Place/Contact

Tues 11/17 6pm -7pm CAPS Meeting - Beat 531 Zoom 94424088817 Pwd 277082

Wed 11/18 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting Visitor Center 112th St or virtual (see pullmancivic.org for link)

Fri 11/20 9am-1pm Chicago Residental Electronics Recycling (3rd Fri) 900 E 103rd

Fri 11/20 10am-12pm Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri) 10355 S Woodlawn

Wed 11/25 7:30pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

Thursday 11/26 THANKSGIVING DAY

Wed 12/9 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th

Wed 12/16 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting Visitor Center 112th St or virtual (see pullmancivic.org for link)

Fri 12/10 10am-12pm Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri) 10355 S Woodlawn

Wed 12/23 7:30pm PCO Beman Committee Virtual Meeting pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year - Welcome 2021

Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com

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WHEN:

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month

(11/20/20 and 12/18/20)

WHERE: Pullman Community Center 10355 S. Woodlawn Ave.

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WHO: Open to anyone who needs support!
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Fresh produce will be given away on a FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVED basis while supplies last Distribution will take place rain or shine.

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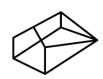
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