



From the President
Rachel Smith

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever does. – Margaret Mead

The linchpin of a successful civic organization is the collective working together to better their environment. The New York Times defines civic engagement as “... working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities 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.”

In so many ways, residents in Pullman have voluntarily contributed their time, energy, talents, and resources to make our community a wonderful place to live. Volunteerism is at the heart of the sustainability of our community organizations, groups, and social networks. Without steadfast volunteers, none of our annual efforts, like the House Tour would be as successful as they have become. It truly takes a village to pull together these large-scale events and everyone’s efforts are valuable.

It can be easy to forget that volunteerism is also needed to manage the day- to-day life in the community. Every member of the elected board, the standing subcommittees, and the ad hoc committees of the PCO are volunteers who generously choose (or were recruited) to give their time and talents to handle the business of Pullman. As such, there are opportunities to serve Pullman by being a Block Captain, Advertising Coordinator, or a member of the Nominating Committee.

Make no mistake, future economic development from outside entities is coming. But it is the role and the responsibility of the PCO (and other longstanding organizations) to review every opportunity and offer members of our community the opportunity to ask questions and the space to discuss what is being presented.

Regardless of what is happening in our nation’s or our state’s capital, it remains the responsibility of all of us to remain aware of what is happening in our community. Stay focused on the ways (small and large) we can pitch in, work together and volunteer. Support one another. Respect each other. Inform ourselves. These are not lofty, unattainable goals but are, in fact, the foundation on which Pullman’s future success depends.

Truck Tracking Information
Larry Kuhn

Anyone observing a tractor-trailer truck in Pullman, if possible, try to get a company name, the date, a time.

Then please contact Larry Kuhn 773-568-1897 or Pat Brannon 773-995-8844 with the information.

A Message from your local ChiTracing Corp Team

For more COVID-19 vaccine information, please visit chicago.gov/COVIDvax or vaccine.cookcountyil.gov. A registration option from the City of Chicago is below:



*****PCO February General Membership*****
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PCO Vision Committee Report
Bob Bushwaller and Beverly Ash-Larson, Co-Chairs

Eight months ago the VISION Committee had its initial planning meeting. After “introductions-around” we discussed mission, meeting protocol, major topics, and strategy. Now, after eight months and 18 meetings we still talk about mission, protocol, topics, and strategy. And delightfully, after all these meetings, we still get (with minor exceptions) 100% attendance. Focus, respect, and commitment have become part of the committee’s culture. We quickly decided to harvest our neighbors’ attitudes about the community in general. The resulting survey yielded over 150 responses and over 180 narratives. We found overwhelming support for Pullman. We also picked up ideas and concerns. When all those things were sorted and vetted we came up with an interesting to-do list. All this was happening during incredible times in America. Intense fears were building about the pandemic and the accelerating societal issues.

The committee decided to try something that suggested a breath of fresh air. We got permission to make and distribute positive-voiced yard signs. We instantly sold out 100 signs, 50 each of “Be Kind” and “Together We Can.” Since then we have nearly sold out of 50 signs in Spanish that tell the same two messages.

Of all the ideas that were simmering in the committee’s pot, we decided to begin work on a topic that had a high response rate in our survey. It is a topic we provisionally have called “Road Management.” It deals primarily with speeding, stop signs, and tractor-trailer truck access. Road Management seemed a natural because it was actionable and had the support of the PCO President, Alderman Beale, and the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), and concerned volunteers. We are ready to roll on this project.

The next idea that demanded VISION Committee conversation is a compilation of kindred topics ... inclusivity, boundaries, and voices. We know that parts of this compilation can be controversial. We also know that it is imperative that Pullman have open conversation on all parts of this very difficult, sensitive portfolio. In order to make the conversation flow logically, the VISION Committee has begun to outline decision points that have their origin in well-tested methodologies. When we can meet openly it will be critical to have an open community conversation that is professionally guided.

Our goal today, and from the very start of the VISION Committee, has been to work with a group of concerned and committed residents who love Pullman and whose only reason in participating in the committee is to make living here an even better experience.

The VISION Committee thanks you for providing a forum to brainstorm, begin important conversations, share, use creative problem-solving techniques, apply empathy, and contribute to strong answers. All this occurs by promoting sensible, open-minded conversation. It is amazing what you can accomplish if you follow these rules ... “Be Kind” and “Together We Can.”



Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs
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Whether you currently own an income-producing property in Pullman or are thinking about purchasing one, this article may provide some valuable insight into the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit program. Although this incentive is most often associated with large-scale developments such as the Wrigley Building, Stony Island Arts Bank, or the former Cook County Hospital Administration Building, don't be discouraged. Small projects are equally eligible. Dozens of projects in Pullman have already taken advantage, many of which have project costs under \$100,000.

The program offers a 20% income tax credit on all qualified rehabilitation costs. The credit represents a dollar-for-dollar reduction of federal income taxes owed. For a \$100,000 rehab project, that means \$20,000 back in tax credits! Not a bad deal.

The bulk of the three-part application process includes written and photographic documentation of pre-rehab and post-rehab conditions to ensure proper preservation standards are followed where necessary. Below is an outline of the program requirements:

- Available for income producing property, such as residential rental property
- Program administered by the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Treasury; The National Park Service and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office act as the reviewers of the applications
- Small application fee based on rehabilitation costs
- Building must be a contributing resource within the Pullman Historic District
- The rehab work must be substantial – this means expenses during a 2-year period must roughly equal the property's purchase price minus the value of the land (known as adjusted basis) or \$5,000, whichever is greater
- Work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation
- Owner must hold the building for 5 years after completing the rehab to claim the full credit
- In general, unused credits may be carried back one year and forward 20 years (IRS form 3468)

The Beman Committee is available as a resource for homeowners looking to pursue the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit 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 incentives for the past 7 years. For more details on the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit program, please visit <https://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives/application.htm>.

Ladies Luncheon Group

Carol Lagadinos

Instead of dining in local restaurants the Ladies Lunch Group will be getting together virtually for awhile. Lunches are held on the third Wednesday each month. The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, Feb 17 when we will celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year. If you don't cook, you could order takeout that day from a local favorite Skylake Chinese Kitchen, 108 W 111th, 773-821-8688, and they deliver to Pullman. Visit their website to view the online menu www.skylakeonline.com.

To join us for lunch contact carollagadinos@att.net to receive a link to join the group on Zoom on Wednesday February 17, 2021 at noon.

Green Spaces and Places:

It's for the Birds

Lynn Smith

A Pullman back yard is an ideal place to intimately observe birds. Some suggestions however will increase both the number and variety of birds. Key elements for a bird friendly yard include water, food, shelter from predators and (related to shelter) – a variety of perches. Using a variety of food sources seeds, fruit, and for example suet, will increase the variety of birds.

Often birds like some evergreens, meaning yew, Spruces, pines, etc. as they are more likely to camouflage them from predators. Some evergreen seeds (cones, nuts, etc.) are also tasty treats for birds. A pond or bird bath can increase the likelihood of birds, though most birds like shallow- less than two inch deep water, with a non-slippery bottom.

Backyard birdhouses are an attraction for neighborhood birds. It is recommended that they be put up as early as late Winter, in preparation for nesting season, but a nice bird house improves bird watching at any time. The diameter of the entrance hole is the main factor determining what bird will use the box. If you mount the bird house on a post, a predator guard can be useful. This might look like an inverted funnel on the post.

Among some of the best seeds for birds are Sunflower, Niger, Millet, Safflower seed, grass seed and flaxseed. They also like cracked corn. Fruit for the birds can include raisins, dried cherries, apricots, and apples.

So, enjoy the chatter, antics and feeding habits of birds while providing better habitat for our fine feathered friends, and we'll keep talking....

Color and Conversation: A Pullman Social Group

Carol Lagadinos

Besides recently adding new members to the Color & Conversation group, Zentangle has been added as well. One of the members recently completed their training and is a Certified Zentangle Teacher who will be offering lessons. The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. The group is excited that they will be sharing this fun and relaxing way to create some lovely art. Color & Conversation gets together virtually on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month. To find out more and how to join us contact carollagadinos@att.net.

Condolences


Condolences to the family of Craig Pfnister long-time resident of Pullman. Craig will be fondly remembered for his kind, friendly, and warm-hearted spirit, truly exemplifying what it means to be a good neighbor and friend.

Condolences to the family of Nancy Gahan. Nancy was a pillar in the Pullman Community. Her wit, dedication, and volunteerism made her one of Pullman's very own and helped shape the neighborhood as we know it today.

Both will be truly missed by all who had the privilege to know them.

005TH District Beat Meeting

Beat 531



MONTHLY BEAT MEETING

DATE: 16 FEB 2021

TIME: 6:00PM

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Safety Committee
Carol Lagadinos, Chairperson

Carjacking is an epidemic across the nation. Chicago and the surrounding suburbs are no exception. In Chicago there were 281 carjackings in January 2021. These Carjackings usually occur just for fun. Reasons vary, maybe a dare, recreate an auto theft video game, desire to trend on social media, Covid has contributed by providing offenders more idle time due to remote learning, and mask wearing offers a sense of empowerment. Sometimes, the vehicle is used to commit further crime. Offenders are both male and female typically under age 20, with the average range between the ages of 10-17. They travel in pairs or fours, typically in vehicles, canvassing for easy targets.

How to Avoid being a victim

You may think it won’t happen to you, but it only takes seconds to become the victim of a carjacking. There is no one-size-fits-all when it comes to avoiding being a victim but being prepared is a good start. Plan ahead what to do if you are carjacked so that you are less likely to panic if it were to occur.

ALWAYS BE AWARE of your surroundings. Keep your head on a swivel A big mistake is sitting in your car, distracted, looking at your phone with the doors unlocked. Get in and out of your vehicle with purpose, AVOID TRAVELING ALONE. Travel with someone in the passenger seat when possible. Offenders perceive some persons such as the elderly, women or someone alone in a vehicle to be more vulnerable and thus more likely to be targets.

DON’T DRIVE TOO CLOSE. If you can’t see the back wheels of a car in front, you are too close. Leave yourself an escape route.

DON’T STOP or get out of your vehicle, if bumped. Some carjackers may fake an accident to approach you and steal your car. Instead, try to get the license plate and head to the nearest police or fire station

DON’T STOP to help a distressed motorist. Drive away to call 911 to help them. DON’T GIVE OUT MONEY at stoplights. It could be being used as a distraction. GAS UP DURING THE DAY when its busier, not late at night when it’s less busy PARK IN WELL LIT AREAS

AVOID ISOLATED DRIVE THROUGH ATM’s. If blocked in, give up the car! DON’T LEAVE YOUR CAR RUNNING while parked or unattended

ADVISE YOUNG DRIVERS to give up the car if carjacked and not argue

What to do if you’re carjacked.

GIVE UP THE CAR if confronted. Don’t argue, threaten, or bargain

LET OFFENDER KNOW If there is a young child or infant in the car, They are carjackers and robbers but they not interested in being kidnappers

PROTECT YOUR HOME BASE. Look around before you leave your house and before you exit your vehicle. Install cameras, keep the porch and yard lights on.

Don’t list your address as Home in your GPS, instead enter another nearby address.

MINIMIZE YOUR LOSS. Don’t keep your insurance card, with your home address, in your glove compartment. Find another solution or put it in your wallet in a secure place. Keep the minimum in your wallet and make copies to keep at home.

Know your license plate number/make/model and keep a copy at home or email it to yourself. Women should keep their wallet and cell phone in a pocket or wear a cross body purse under their coat.

How to make things better to decrease this crime

If you are a victim follow through by pressing charges, don’t ignore the incident even if your vehicle is found and returned to you. Accountability is necessary. If you witness a carjacking, do not engage but observe from a safe distance and call 911, giving a description. If you see something suspicious, instead of walking up and having an armed confrontation, call 911 and say there was a suspicious car behind your car. Call 911 if you notice young persons, no matter how young, engaging in suspicious activity such as checking car door handles, don’t dismiss because they are “just kids.” They may be reporting information to someone who will return to steal your unlocked car.

If you have information on crime and wish to remain anonymous

TXT2TIP allows the public to send tips (including pictures, video or audio) via text message about criminal activity to the Chicago Police Department from any cell phone. Create a new text message on your cell phone, enter 274637 (CRIMES) in the “To” line. In the message box type CPD then enter your crime tip information. Hit “send”. Cook County Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 dollars for information leading to arrests.

Pullman Calendar for February - March 2021		
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)
Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center - Reopening in March!		
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
Tue 2/16 6pm-7:30pm	CTA Red Line Ext. Michigan Ave Station Mtg -	Facebook.com/CTARedExt
Tue 2/16 6pm	Community Policing - Beat 531	Zoom Mtg Id: 838 1658 6579 Pw 017640
Wed 2/17 Noon	Virtual Ladies Lunch Group Theme: Chinese Lunar New Year	carollagadinos@att.net Email for Zoom link
Wed 2/17 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) **Virtual only (see pullmancivic.org for link)	
Fri 2/19 6th Anniversary of the Pullman National Monument Designation Celebrate at 2pm on www.facebook.com/PullmanNationalMonument.NPS		
Mon 2/22 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (4th Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 2/24 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Virtual Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Wed 3/3	George Pullman's Birthday and the Visitor Center opens for the Season!	
Mon 3/8 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (2nd Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 3/10 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	**Virtual Only
Wed 3/17 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) **Virtual only (see pullmancivic.org for link)	
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Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

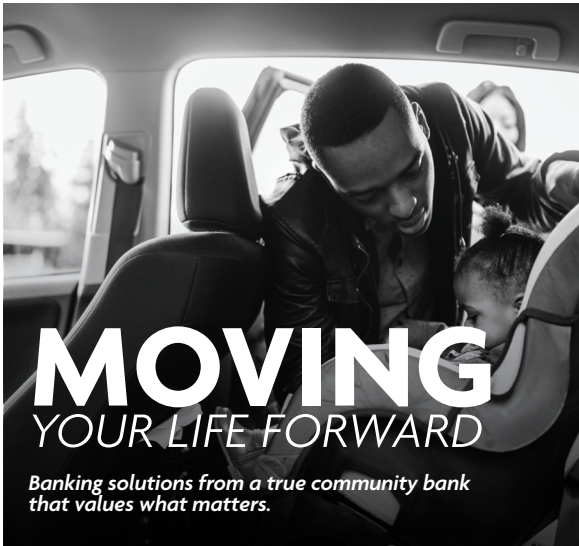
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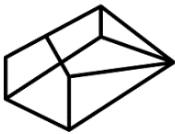
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