



THE PULLMAN FLYER

- NEIGHBORS SHARING ARE NEIGHBORS CARING -

March 2021

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street

From the President

Rachel Smit Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.

--Robert Collier (1885-1950), American self-help author

This month marks the one-year anniversary of the coronavirus pandemic. I am terrible remembering dates, but I remember that on March 16th, I packed up my desk and brought home everything I would need to carry on the work I was doing, thinking that this migration to a virtual work-from-home format would last a month or so. My colleagues and I took bets to see how long our employer would go along with this crazy idea before they recalled us back to campus. I am still at home.

Considering all that has been lost, I feel like it is important to find the “small wins”. To do so, it is important to acknowledge a few truths:

1. We are still here. Due to coronavirus, the United States lost over 550,000 people – loved ones who will be missed. The loss is immeasurable and breathtaking. But we can honor them by living lives full of love and respect for one another. Practicing empathy with each other and being kind. We’ve shown that we can be better.
2. Nature benefitted from a reprieve from us. Many cities around the world saw startling shifts in the levels of smog and pollution and animals re-emerged. By removing ourselves and our trash, we’ve positively impacted the Earth. We’ve shown that we can be better.
3. The hectic lives we once lived have given way to slower, simpler ways of being. Professional and educational aspects shifted to a virtual format. We stayed home. We reimagined how we interacted with each other. We leaned in and learned how to reconnect in different way. We’ve shown that we can be better.
4. We created new normal and hopefully found ways to take better care of ourselves. Showing up for ourselves allows us to show up for others. We’ve shown that we can be better.

You might be asking what this list has to do with Pullman.

- We have reached out to one another, providing compassion and care for our neighbors who are grieving.

- We have been visited by animal neighbors who have moved into the area. Pullman has never suffered from a shortage of wild animals, but there has been a marked difference in how we describe and acknowledge them.

- We have continued to gather and continue the work to improve this community. The PCO and committees continue to meet monthly, collaborate with the National Park Service and other partners to develop and cultivate opportunities. We continue to sustain community.

Surviving a pandemic is the definition of success. Take time to acknowledge this not-so-small win.

Shifting gears, there are opportunities to volunteer with the PCO. Please reach out if you are interested in contributing your time, talent, and energy. Open positions: Ad Coordinator, Block Captain, Zone Director, Nominating Committee. If interested, email PCOPres@gmail.com.

PCO February General Membership

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PCO Vision Committee Report

Bob Bushwaller and Beverly Ash-Larson, Co-Chairs

Yard Signs Are Still Available

Now that the snow is melted and spring is coming, perhaps you would like to display a positive message of kindness or togetherness like you see in your neighbor’s yards: “Be Kind” or “Together We Can.” We have several left in Spanish, which state the same message: “Se Amable” or “Juntos Podemos.” To get your sign, please call 773-568-5890 (English) or 773-447-1333 (Spanish). Suggested donation is \$4.00, or whatever is comfortable for you.

Los letreros de patio aún están disponibles

Ahora que la nieve se derrite y se acerca la primavera, tal vez le gustaría mostrar un mensaje positivo de amabilidad o unión como lo ve en los patios de sus vecinos: “Se amable” o “Juntos podemos”. Nos quedan varios en español, que dicen el mismo mensaje en Ingles. Para obtener su letrero, llame al 773-568-5890 (inglés) o al 773-447-1333 (español). La donación sugerida es de \$ 4.00, o lo que le resulte más cómodo.



It’s Official! The Historic Pullman Foundation is the Friends Group for Pullman National Monument

Marsha Adduci

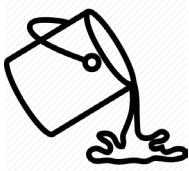
It’s hard to believe it’s been six years since then-President Obama signed a Presidential Proclamation establishing Pullman as a National Monument, making it the first unit of the National Park Service in Chicago. As part of a virtual anniversary celebration on February 19, the Historic Pullman Foundation and the National Park Service signed a Philanthropic Partnership Agreement making HPF the official friends group for Pullman National Monument. You can view a video of the official signing of the Friends agreement event between HPF and NPS on the NPS Facebook Page at: [Facebook.com/PullmanNationalMonument.NPS](https://www.facebook.com/PullmanNationalMonument.NPS).

The 6th Anniversary event video features a preview of the newly renovated Administration Clock Tower and the exciting exhibit plans in the works for when the Monument opens its doors this fall. As part of the festivities, PNM Superintendent Teri Gage presented the first Annual Pullman Partner Award to Mike and Pat Shymanski in recognition of their commitment to Pullman and their outstanding contributions to PNM. It is a well-deserved tribute to the 50-plus years Mike and Pat have devoted to preserving Pullman’s history. So, happy 6th Anniversary PNM! Many more great reasons to celebrate lie ahead!

PULLMAN PAINT LIBRARY IS OPEN!

PCO Members — Spring 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!





Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

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

The weather seems to be breaking and so, with the attendant risks for cosmically reversing our course, the Beman Committee is reopening the Paint Library, slightly earlier than expected! Given that this is happening a few weeks in advance of when we had initially planned, the quantities of available paint are limited, but that shouldn't stop you from making your request now so we can be sure to address it as soon as more paint is available. As a reminder, the qualifications for participating in the Paint Library are:

- Be a current Member of the PCO in good standing
- Provide a description of project to be painted along with accompanying address
- Send 'Before' photos of the project, with the agreement to provide 'After' photos once the project is completed
- Return any unused or leftover paint at the conclusion of your project back to the Beman Committee, so that others may participate

The available colors are the Pullman triumvirate: Pullman Hotel Dark Green, Pullman Hotel Red, and Pullman Hotel Light Green. If you're looking for more information about what elements of your façade were originally painted which color, please consult our newly updated Homeowner Guide, available online at pullmancivic.org. Also note that requestors for any Paint Library projects which are currently outstanding – whether incomplete, unused paint not returned, and/or 'After' photos not yet received – are ineligible for receiving more paint until their projects are finished or otherwise cancelled and all paint returned.

To apply, email pcobemancommittee@gmail.com with a description of your project and its address, as well as colors requested and quantities for each.

And as we enter the warmer and longer days and the building season begins again, remember that all current Façade Reimbursement Program projects have until October 31 to complete. There's no time like the present to get started on all those restoration projects you've surely been thinking about all winter, so on that hopeful note – Happy Spring, Pullman!

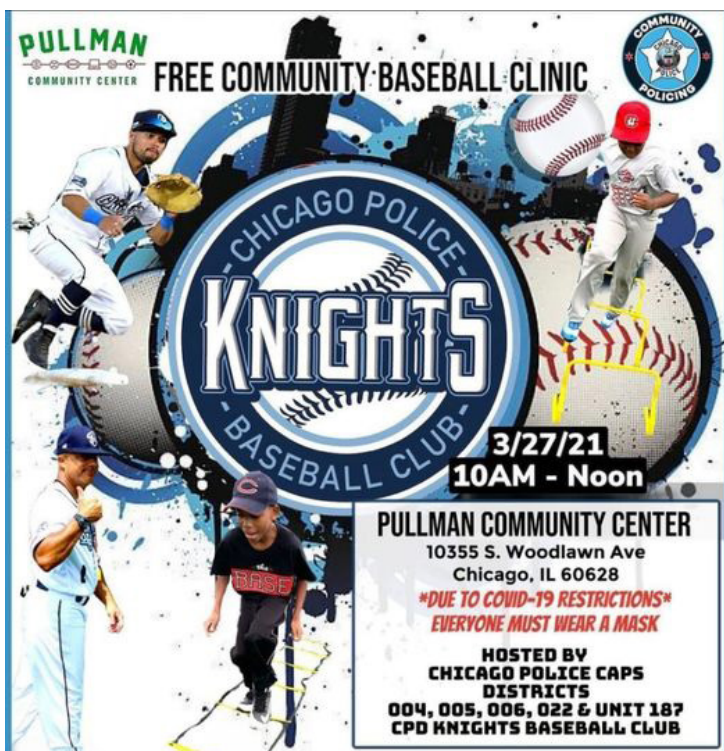
005th District Office of Community Policing

Please Join Us! 005th District Office of Community Policing (formerly CAPS) would like to invite you to our second "STAY IN" THE KNOW virtual webinar on March 17, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Our second March webinar will be with our very own the Office of Emergency Management and Communication (911 Center) and Metropolitan Family Services. OEMC will discuss the Smart 911 App and what to expect when you call 911 or 311, and MFS will discuss "Scan Program" for at risk youth with a criminal background.

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GdG2BsGHS-OSagLUiXLXOQ

This meeting is in lieu of a monthly beat meeting in March. The next Zoom virtual monthly Beat meeting is Tuesday, April 20th, at 6pm. Meeting ID 838 1658 6579 Passcode 017640



Register for the free baseball clinic on March 27 at cpdknightsbaseball@yahoo.com

Lasagna Love
Jane Bushwaller

During this past year I know that many of you have found amazing ways to reach out and help our community and beyond. I have joined a large national force of people making lasagna for families in need of food. The organization matches you with families in your area, and includes a brief description of their story. As you can imagine, there are many heart wrenching stories. The organization is called Lasagna Love. You may have seen their story in the news. Once you sign up, you create your own schedule and frequency of contributing. You can bake every week, every other week, once a month, and so on. You also determine how far you are willing to go to deliver. I always include Friendship Bread with my lasagna, to keep the friendship connection. If you are interested in knowing more, check out lasagnalove.org. You can call me if you have questions. 773-339-0683, Jane Bushwaller

Green Spaces and Places: Exploring the Spring Equinox

Lynn Smith

By the time that you get this flyer, it is likely that the Vernal Spring Equinox will have already occurred. That date, that is the date when the length of day and night is more nearly equal in all parts of the World- occurs this year on 3/20/21. "Equinox" coming from Latin, signifies when night and day are more equal. Spring is also seen as beginning when the Sun crosses the equator line – heading north in the sky.

There are two equinoxes occurring during the year. Spring and Fall. Obviously, our Spring Equinox would be the Fall Equinox in the Southern Hemisphere. Daylight will continue to increase, along with hours of sunlight, from now till about the third week of June, again in the Northern Hemisphere.

A search of definitions of the term Spring – whether in the verb sense or the definition of the season in many ways appear to overlap in Chicago, and Pullman, where "Spring" in fact appears to "spring" from the ground, suddenly and triumphantly. After our more recent February, more greenery will be very welcome... and we'll keep talking...

Illinois International Port District Master Plan Update

Thank you to everyone who assisted in getting the word out about the Illinois International Port District (IIPD) Master Plan public survey in spring/summer 2020 and to those who completed the survey. We invite you to view the survey key takeaways and results report on the interactive website (https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/illinois-international-port-district-master-plan?tool=survey_tool#tool_tab).

We are reaching out to you today to provide an update on the IIPD Master Plan progress and timeline. Over the past year, the project team has reviewed survey results, completed existing conditions analyses, developed guiding principles, and initiated the scenario development process. We also met with the IIPD Master Plan Steering Committee. You are welcome to view materials from previous Steering Committee meetings on the project website (<https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs/Ita/iipd-master-plan>). For a project refresher, please view the Project Description Flyer link, on the project website.

As you may be aware, the IIPD Board is currently in the process of transitioning into new management for the District. Given the progress made, we view this as an opportune and exciting time for this transition and while we are continuing to move forward with the scenario development process, we recognize the importance of ensuring that the new IIPD leadership continues to play an active role in the development of the Master Plan. To accommodate this approach, we anticipate holding another Steering Committee meeting and a Public Meeting in spring/summer 2021.

We appreciate your interest in and dedication to the IIPD Master Plan. If you have any questions for the project team, please do not hesitate to contact Dustin Calliari, CMAP Project Manager (dcalliari@cmap.illinois.gov or 920.203.8615).



Family Safety
Lynne Collins

How is it that in just one month, we can experience an entire cataclysmic Winter? We have been so preoccupied lately with the effects of the snow and single digit temperatures. Ice dams, falling ice cicles, and melting snow have ruined property both inside and outside of homes.

Now with temperatures well above freezing, the two feet of snow is melting fast and we welcomed March with a sigh of relief, and a deep breath of fresh air.

“What does that have to do with Safety?” you ask. I’m glad that you have asked, because I am here to tell you.

We have listened as ambulances and emergency vehicles make their way through Pullman. We have gotten through thus far without loss of life, due to deadly carbon monoxide gas, in the home. It’s a miracle, given the amount of snow piling up with blocked air vents, on the side and on the roof of buildings.

This is a perfect time to change your furnace air filter, and while you are at it, check to ensure that the furnace is venting properly, into the chimney.

Do you have a working Carbon Monoxide Detector? Electrical, or battery operated? Is it plugged in, and working? Also called a CO2 detector, a carbon monoxide detector can alert you and your family members to the presence of odorless and deadly carbon monoxide gas.

Such gas can travel from the basement, up into a living space.... from a faulty furnace, or poorly vented hot water heater. Carbon monoxide gas causes victims to be overcome with symptoms such as mental confusion, dizziness, drowsiness, fainting, and sadly, sometimes even death.

In addition to working CO2 detectors, now is also a great time to be sure that smoke and fire detectors are present, with good batteries. When you test them, they should actually have a loud, piercing sound that could wake you, from even the deepest sleep.

Do you have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen? In your bedroom? Do you know where it is, how to get to it, and whether it works? Do you know how it works?

It is best to test such equipment in a non-emergency situation, and be familiar with its features and operating procedures. PASS... Pull the Pin, Aim, and Sweep from Side to Side.....

If your smoke detector goes off and there is smoke and fire, stay low to the floor and get out, quickly!! If your CO2 detector goes off, immediately leave the building. Call the fire department from outside. It is better for you to be safely outdoors, than inside, during an emergency.

A future article will tackle how to develop an exit plan for yourself and your family; but, for now, talk these things over, with family members, and discuss how you would exit your home, under emergency circumstances.

Finally, recent televised newscasts have made us aware of the dangers of leaving our car running, even for the briefest moment. When you exit your car, lock it and take your keys. And when you exit, do not leave items in clear view on your seats, on consoles, or in windows. Such items attract attention and could make you at risk for losing more than “chump change.” Take care, be safe and we’ll keep talking...

Pullman Calendar for March - April 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 - Open Fri, Sat, Sun 11am-3pm		
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
Wed 3/10 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	**Virtual Only
Wed 3/17 Noon	Virtual Ladies Lunch Group Theme: St Patrick's Day	carollagadinos@att.net Email for Zoom link
Wed 3/17 6pm	"Stay in the Know " with CPD 005th District -	Registration link in article
Wed 3/17 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) **Virtual only (see pullmancivic.org for link)	
Mon 3/22 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (4th Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net
Tue 3/23 6pm-7:30pm	Michigan Ave/Roseland Vision Session #2	https://tinyurl.com/Roseland2
Wed 3/24 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Virtual Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Sat 3/27 10am - Noon	Free Community Baseball Clinic **Must Register at cpdknightsbaseball@yahoo.com	Pullman Community Center
Mon 4/12 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (2nd Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 4/14 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	**Virtual Only
Wed 4/21 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) **Virtual only (see pullmancivic.org for link)	
Thu 4/22	EARTH DAY 2021	Look for a spring green-n-clean or volunteer opp
Mon 4/26 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (4th Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 4/28 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Virtual Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Watch for Street Cleaning signs - 2021 schedule was not available as of this publication		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

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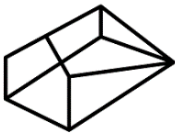
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