



**From the President**  
Rachel Smith

“Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes...but no plans.” Peter F. Drucker

Commitment is defined as “the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.”. Due to the dedication and commitment of Pullman residents, this community has become a vibrant, interesting neighborhood. But it did not happen overnight, and it did not happen organically. It took the energy, effort, talents, and skills of many who have come and gone.

Enjoying a safe environment is dependent on the commitment from active members of the PCO’s Safety Committee who represent our community’s concerns at Chicago Police Department’s CAPS, BEAT and Section meetings. Learning how to best protect and restore our properties is enhanced through the commitment of the Beman Committee members who work tirelessly to educate us on the “right” methods for preservation and restoration. Promoting the beauty of our homes is due to the commitment from the House Tour committee who make the process of recruiting homeowners, volunteers and visitors looks seamless.

Each of these committees, as well as a host of others, are powered by the volunteers who devote their energies towards the greater good. So, to each committed neighbor who devotes their time, talent, and effort – thank you.

**PCO Barbecue**

In celebration of Illinois’ move to Phase 5 status, the Pullman Civic Organization will host a BBQ picnic at the Pullman Visitor’s Center (11141 S. Cottage Grove Ave) on Wednesday, June 16th, beginning at 7 PM. This gathering will be held outside so please feel free to bring your own chairs. Social distancing and mask wearing is advised. There will be music and free hot dogs for everyone, courtesy of the Pullman Civic Organization. The general membership meeting will begin at 7:30pm with the installation of the new executive board members and suspend the monthly committee reports, which will resume report-outs in July.

**PCO Labor Day Celebration**  
Tom McMahon

The PCO has been asked to stage an event on Saturday, September 4th for the Grand opening of our National Monument. We examined a number of events and decided that a Car Caravan similar to what we did at Christmas would be our event. The Caravan of decorated cars would go up and down the streets of South and North Pullman welcoming the opening of the Pullman National Monument. The Caravan will end up at the HPF Visitors Center 11141 S Cottage for a block party complete with music, food trucks and entertainment. The committee is working hard on the details and more will be forth coming. We need everyone in Pullman to get involved in making this a

**Save the Date: 48th Pullman House Tour**  
Patrick Brannon and Cindy McMahon  
Co-Chairs, 48th Pullman House Tour

Save the Date for...48th Pullman House Tour on October 9 and 10, 2021

Are we ready to get back to normal? Somewhat? Well the house tour committee is ready. As COVID restrictions start to ease up house tour planning is underway. This year’s event will be held on the SECOND weekend in October. So many exciting events happening this year and House Tour is definitely one of them.

Becoming one of the oldest, most successful, annual house tours in the Chicagoland area, is due to the planning and hard work of our dedicated residents. With that said, our first house tour meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 29th @ 6:30pm at the Florence Lowden Miller Center at 614 E. 113th Street. We can use your help, ideas and homes. Without houses we can not host a house tour. Please join us.

**Vision Committee**  
Bob Bushwaller and Beverly Ash-Larson, Co-Chairs

The Vision Committee is ready to present our ideas for the PCO and the community, and we encourage you to attend the next PCO meeting, June 16, to discuss the general goals presented in our Overview below. Many of you were among the 147 residents who responded to the survey last fall, and the Vision Committee of 12 members has been meeting regularly since, reflecting on the thoughtful comments that came out of the survey and our own ideas and those of neighbors in conversations. We have attempted to provide a vision for the PCO that honors the community’s past while proactively promoting an innovative vision forward.

The goals you see here are being further refined into about three dozen proposed actions, which the committee members feel would be strong discussion points for the PCO and the general community of Pullman. The actions will be supported with logic and data and are driven by the principals of communication, sharing, and empathy. We will be providing this document, “A Vision Forward,” in the future for further discussion and consideration.

**OVERVIEW**

**Membership Goal**  
Increase inclusivity and membership so that the PCO becomes the voice of the community.

- The PCO membership will mirror the diversity of the neighborhood.
- The PCO will provide opportunities and experiences that bridge barriers between community members.
- The PCO will expand collaboration with other organizations in and beyond Pullman.

**Structure Goal**  
Ensure community members’ voices are heard to promote collaborative leadership and responsibility.

- The PCO will move toward becoming an inclusive organization.
- The PCO leadership will promote active problem-solving during meetings and relevant presentations.
- The PCO will revitalize the means by which members can engage, with particular focus on the responsibilities of zone directors and block captains.

**Communication Goal**  
Design effective communication practices that authentically connect all stakeholders.

- The PCO will develop structures that clearly communicate its purpose.
- The PCO will expand platforms of community communication (e.g., social media and surveys).
- The PCO will facilitate events that foster community relationships through fun, food, information, and team-building.

**Quality-of-Life Goal**  
Facilitate targeted community improvement efforts to improve the quality of life of all residents.

- The PCO will create initiatives that address community needs related to safety, development, social supports, and youth activities.
- The PCO will encourage a strong school-community partnership with George M. Pullman Elementary School.
- The PCO will promote environmental sustainability, green infrastructure, and energy efficiency.



## Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs  
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Ask the Builder: CleanLine Construction  
– Are my old windows worth saving?

Windows are always a hot topic here in Pullman. They are such an important part of a building’s façade and changing their look can have a significant impact on the visual appearance of both the property and the entire streetscape. So, where to begin: Should you save your old wood sash windows? Replace with new wood replicas? Install storm windows? Every situation is truly unique. We took some time to talk to local general contractor, Brian McCarrin with CleanLine Construction Co., who has worked on dozens of windows

here in Pullman since he founded his company in 2007, including a number of window restoration projects. He walked us through the basics of restoring historic wood sash windows and some reasons why it’s a good option to consider.

BC: What is the first thing you look at when determining if your windows are a good candidate for restoration?

CLC: First thing you want to do is look for any sections of rot. If the wood is damaged or rotten, you may need to replace some sections. To do so, you’ll need to find a mill shop to reproduce that piece for you. If the sash only has minor damage, you can use products such as wood hardener or wood restoration putty to strengthen the wood and reconstruct any details that are worn down.

BC: What if the chains/ropes are broken or the jamb liners/balances aren’t operating smoothly?

CLC: All of those components can be replaced fairly easily. Typically, you’ll want to use a brass chain or brass plated steel chain because they are pretty much never going to break. Ropes or sash cords are also good inexpensive options. Depending on the type of jamb liner and balances that your replacement windows have, you might have to create a cavity on the side of the sash to accommodate the new system you are replacing with. You can also add new weather-stripping during restoration in order to reduce drafts.

BC: Every window restoration project is going to be different, but what kind of general price comparison can you offer those who are considering what to do?

CLC: There are many factors involved in that, including glass replacement, but most jobs I’ve worked on have been approximately half the cost of new custom wood sash replacement windows. Quality of wood is also a big factor in determining longevity of new wood sash windows. New windows with really high-quality wood are going to be expensive. With either option, you’ll want to consider additional items that will need to be addressed, such as sills, jambs, and brick mold.

BC: Any additional advice?

CLC: The number one thing that I can recommend to anyone who is considering a new project or someone who has windows in good shape already is to put in storm windows. They will protect your investment for decades and will greatly reduce your maintenance in the future. Lead paint is also important to consider when taking on a restoration project. Be sure to isolate the area, cover your body, and wear a mask. Try to work outdoors when possible.

If you have questions or want to learn more about your historic windows, please reach out to the Beman Committee at pcobemancommittee@gmail.com. Historic façade drawings can be found on the Façade Legacy Project website: <https://www.pullman-museum.org/facades/> and resources for homeowners, including contact information for contractors, can be found in the Pullman Homeowner Guide on the PCO website: <http://www.pullmancivic.org/>.

## Historic Pullman Foundation (HPF) Membership Drive & Community Cook-Out

Thursday, July 29th at HPF Shared Visitor Center,  
11141 Cottage Grove Avenue.

6:00 - 7:00 pm: Free hotdogs, chips & beverage  
7:00 - 8:00 pm: Special program in the Visitor Center  
Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/HPF-Community-Cook-Out>  
Or call 773-785-8901 & leave your name, phone# & how many will attend so we can plan for your participation

Many neighbors who call Pullman home aren’t familiar with what HPF is or does. Here’s your chance to find out more about HPF and what makes us different from the PCO. For 48 years we’ve been dedicated to preserving Pullman’s amazing history and architecture through educational programs, exhibits, tours and more. The future is even more exciting as Pullman National Monument prepares for its Labor Day Grand Opening. So save the date, join us for the cook-out & learn about becoming an HPF member!

Purchase a membership & you’re automatically entered in a raffle for gift cards! 2020 was a tough year for non-profits like HPF & we need your support more than ever to continue offering exhibits, walking tours, House Tours, Holiday Candlelight Walks & all the events and programs that make Pullman so special. For as little as \$25.00 you can become an HPF member. Join by check, cash or credit card. Get our monthly e-newsletter & get in on events to come. And you can always join or renew your HPF membership on our website at: [pullmanil.org/membership.htm](http://pullmanil.org/membership.htm) Be Monumental with a membership in the HPF! The Visitor Center, Volunteers & Servers will follow all safety protocols for this event.

## 2021-2022 Membership Drive and Cookout!! Fernando Rosiquez, PCO Membership chair

Our May PCO General Meeting was a great night to come out and visit with our neighbors over a delicious hot dog. This was the start of our Annual Membership Drive. The response was fantastic. Over 140 memberships were sold at the barbeque. It was great to see so many families and new neighbors come out. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped and participated.

Our membership drive just started, and we would like to invite you to renew your PCO Membership for the 2021-2022 year. See your block captain or pay via Paypal link on the Pullman Civic Organization website using: <http://www.pullmancivic.org> and click Join. Also, you can drop your check or cash in an envelope at the 614 E. 113 St. with your name, address and email and we will drop your membership card in your mailbox. The membership is important for the PCO to keep operating and supporting our community.

## Caring for Pullman Trees Susan James and Tom Shepherd

With summer temperatures upon us and dry periods likely to occur this season, we can assist our young trees by giving them ample watering all summer and fall.

Most all of the tree plantings that were done over the last few years through a partnership of the Pullman Garden Club and Openlands are looking quite healthy. But during the extreme dry periods, they can use the extra help from the homeowners where we had the plantings done.

Openlands provided the grant which paid for trees, as well as volunteers and staff to help with the plantings. Pullman neighbors pitched in also. We were successful at getting dozens of trees planted to replace those that have been cut down over the years due to age or disease.

We hope that there will be new opportunities to continue to “Restore the Tree Canopy” in our lovely neighborhood in the future.





Green Spaces and Places: For the Roses  
Lynn Smith

June and July in particular are good months to see roses blooming and a neighborhood walk around Pullman confirms the number and variety that people have growing in their yards. I can’t pretend to know all of the roses that I see blooming, but I can offer some hints on types of roses that are generally easier to grow.

Because we in Pullman tend to have smaller yards, I often encourage people to grow climbers to take advantage of vertical space. I also recommend roses that are more low maintenance, needing no spraying and little feeding. So Rosa Rugosas are high on my list, among them the cultivars developed by the University of Ontario called “Canadian Explorers “ (called ““John Cabot”” “William Baffin”, etc.) and also roses developed from the Kordesii strain (‘Dortmund ‘ is one of them).

Among the cultivars recommended as climbers by one of my garden books is “Altissimo” - large, lipstick red flowers with golden stamens, reaching 8-10 feet, “ Improved Blaze”- another climbing red rose which can grow to 12-14 feet, “White Dawn” - a perfumed white rose which can grow 12-14 feet, “Dortmund” - a climbing shrub which has red flowers with a white eye, “Canes” can reach 10-12 feet, and finally, for a truly multi-colored rose you can grow “Joseph’s Coat”, which has shades of red, pink, orange and yellow, with glossy green leaves on canes that grow 10-12 feet.

With any rose, good air circulation is important, along with a minimum of 6 hours of sunlight. Usually roses like more light. Pruning roses is a science in itself and must be researched individually as varieties differ. Some grow better when pruned back to “new wood” yearly. So with these small tips on rose cultivation , we’ll keep talking...

Pullman Arts  
Board of Directors

The board of PullmanArts would like to thank everyone that volunteered, supported & attended the shared celebrations of the Pullman Artspace Lofts (PAL) official ribbon cutting ceremony and the grand opening of our Block House Gallery in such a joyous community event. None of this 9-year odyssey, from grass-roots efforts to construction completion could have happened without the support of our Pullman community of neighbors, our project partners Artspace Projects, Inc. & Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives and our handful of very gracious project funders.

Want to enjoy more happenings at our Block House Gallery? While we are busy applying for every grant in town, we could use your help with operational & program funding, paying rent and providing on-going culturally diverse events, classes & exhibits. HERE is how you can help, contact events@pullmanarts.org about renting the gallery for events. Or DONATE directly to our operating & programming budget here: www.pullmanarts.org

JUNETEENTH! Join us for a multi-venue Juneteenth celebration event on Saturday, June 19!

- Schedule:
- The Block House Gallery / 11137 S. Langley Ave
- 2pm to 5pm: A photographic exploration of public art and the black experience as depicted by six of Chicago’s top south side muralists.
  - 2pm: Giveaways, donation provided by Bernie’s Book Bank. Play packs provided by the Chicago Park District, science kits provided by the Museum of Science and Industry. Additional art supplies pending donation.
  - 2pm: Performance by Chicago Storm, the nationally award-winning cheer and tumbling team.
- National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum / 10406 S. Maryland Ave
- 2pm-9pm: Speakers, DJ house music, libations, live music, and a sound-stage showcase.
- One Eleven Food Hall / 756 E. 111th Street
- 11:30am – 6pm: Vendors all day, free food, DJ music, “paint & bubbles”, arcade games and photo booth.

Rose Café / 10701 S. King Drive

- 10am-1pm: Books, food truck, spoken word & March for Peace at 11am.

Check individual venue’s Facebook pages & websites for further info.

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Pullman Calendar for June - July 2021		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center - Open Fri, Sat, Sun 11am-3pm		
Wednesdays 7am - 1pm Pullman Farmer's Market (starting in July) 111th Pl & Forrestville		
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
Day	Event (\$ if charge)	Place/Contact
Mon 6/14 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (2nd Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net
Tue 6/15 6pm	Virtual Beat 531 Meeting with the Office of Community Policing Zoom Meeting Id: 838 1658 6579, Password: 017640	
Wed 6/16 7:00pm	PCO Membership Drive Cook Out - Part 2! Renew your \$10 membership or just visit with neighbors	Visitor Center Parking lot
Wed 6/16 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) OUTDOOR - IN PERSON @ Visitor Center (112th/Cottage Grove)	
Sat 6/19 9am Registr.	005th District Juneteenth 5K Run/Walk	Gately Park 744 E 103rd St
Sat 6/19 2pm - 5pm	Juneteenth Celebration @ Block House Gallery cheer/tumbling performance, open gallery & giveaways for kids	11137 Langley Outdoor
Sat 6/19 11:30a-6p	One Eleven Food Hall: Vendors, free food, DJ, kid activities	756 E 111th St
Sat 6/19 2-9pm	Pullman Porter Museum Speakers, DJ, live music and more	10406 S Maryland
Wed 6/23 Noon	Ladies Luncheon	email for location: carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 6/23 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Virtual Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Thurs 6/24 6pm	PCO Safety Committee Meeting	carollagadinos@att.net
Mon 6/28 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (4th Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 7/7 7 pm	Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting	historicpullmangardens@gmail.com
Thurs/Fri 7/8 & 7/9	Street Sweeping - Look for signs and move your vehicles	
Mon 7/12 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (2nd Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 7/14 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	Visitor Center
Sat 7/17 12pm-4:30pm	5th District Family Community Festival	11100 S Ellis Ave
Tue 7/20 6pm	Virtual Beat 531 Meeting with the Office of Community Policing Zoom Meeting Id: 838 1658 6579, Password: 017640	
Wed 7/21 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)	Visitor Center
Mon 7/26 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (4th Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 7/28 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Virtual Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Sun 8/1 1:30 pm	HPF - First Sunday Walking Tours ~1.5 hr	Visitor Center
SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY SEPT 4TH - LABOR DAY CELEBRATION		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

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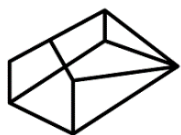
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