



From the PCO President
Rachel Smith

Welcome to the Pullman community. I serve as the President of the Pullman Civic Organization (PCO), which describes ourselves as an organization that “consists of residents and home-owners of the Pullman community who have banded together to promote the general welfare of the community, to preserve its historical significance, and to educate and promote the significance of the area.” More details about the creation of the PCO are contained in this flyer.

But, the PCO has become much more than a reactionary force for protection of the buildings and structures. The organization has become a source for information and education, hosting events from the City of Chicago, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to help protect consumers and their properties, and the Chicago Park District. The PCO has sponsored youth events like our annual Trunk or Treat at Halloween, Black History Month, Veteran’s Day commemorative events, and Labor Day Bike Rides. Our committees host some of the most successful annual events such as the flagship House Tour, allowing the public to view and marvel at the homes and buildings that make Pullman a destination site. We’ve continued, even during the pandemic, to remain connected, supporting a campaign to remind each other to Be Kind and to remember that Together We Can. We invite you to view our website for more information about us: <http://www.pullmancivic.org/>

In this new chapter as the community embraces our designation as the Pullman National Monument, the role of the PCO, now more than ever, is to serve as the connective tie to our partners from neighboring communities, continue to educate the residents about city services and programs of interest, and to produce events that bring us all together.

The Pullman Civic Organization is proud to partner with the National Park Service and we look forward to forging ahead together in service and collaboration.

Posters, Pullman-built Rail Cars, and More
Historic Pullman Foundation

As part of Grand Opening weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5, Historic Pullman Foundation (HPF) will host tours of Historic Pullman-built railcars, sponsored by Amtrak, American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners, and Metra. Stay tuned for more details in August!

At 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Pullman National Monument and HPF will host the Good Neighbor Awards at the main tent adjacent to the PNM Visitor Center. The awards will be an opportunity to recognize partners who have helped prepare Pullman for this big moment!

At 1 p.m. on Sunday, Historic Pullman Foundation will host a meet-and-greet with artist Mitch Markovitz, who is creating a commemorative poster for the event. The event will take place at the Pullman Exhibit Hall, 11141 S. Cottage Grove Ave. Sale proceeds will benefit Historic Pullman Foundation’s efforts to preserve and support the Monument. Stick around after the event for a DJ and food trucks!



GRAND
OPENING
LABOR DAY
WEEKEND

Grand Opening Plans Announced



Join us for the Grand Opening of Pullman National Monument and Pullman State Historic Site. Pullman will be abuzz on Labor Day weekend 2021 for the Grand Opening of Pullman National Monument Visitor Center and Pullman State Historic Site Factory Grounds! Pullman has been preparing for this moment for decades, and in earnest since President Obama designated the Pullman National Monument in February 2015.

Come out to celebrate the opening of the new Visitor Center and grounds, and to support the many partners who are hosting events that weekend! Family-friendly activities on

Saturday, September 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, September 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will include:

- tours of the new Visitor Center (free)
- tours of the first floor of historic Hotel Florence (free)
- programs under the tent at the Factory Site (free)
- walking tours and self-guided tours of the historic community (free)
- tours of historic Pullman-built rail cars,
- car caravan, live music, and more! (free)

Stay up to date on the Pullman National Monument-National Park Service Facebook page and at <https://go.nps.gov/pullmangrandopening>.

Volunteer for the Grand Opening

Dozens of volunteers are needed to help with Grand Opening weekend festivities, September 3-6, 2021, including parking attendants, set-up and clean-up crews, information tent greeters, and more. Volunteers will receive a free commemorative volunteer T-shirt and an invitation to a volunteer appreciation party on Monday afternoon, September 6. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the volunteer form at pullmanil.org/forms, and event volunteer coordinator Shelly Strickland will be in touch.

Free neighborhood ticket lottery for Monday ribbon-cutting

While the majority of events during the Grand Opening weekend are open to all, the official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, September 6, is a ticketed event with limited capacity. One hundred (100) of the 500 total tickets have been designated for a free neighborhood lottery, open to all individuals who live within the Pullman National Monument boundaries (the residential areas from 103rd to 115th streets, and from Cottage Grove Avenue to the Norfolk Southern Rail Line).

Other entry guidelines follow. If you meet these guidelines, you may enter the free, random drawing online at pullmanil.org/forms, OR by dropping off a form at the House of Chloe (10701 S. Champlain Ave. #3), National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum (10406 S. Maryland Ave.), or Historic Pullman Foundation Pullman Exhibit Hall (11141 S. Cottage Grove Ave.). Entries must be received by August 16 and winners will be notified by August 23.

1. Tickets are non-transferable. They can only be used by the person that applied and name must match a government issued ID that has your current address on it.
2. Only one lottery entry per person is allowed. You may enter online, OR with a written entry, BUT NOT BOTH.
3. Anyone who has received an invitation already is not eligible for the lottery.
4. If your address is not within the Pullman National Monument Boundaries OR your ID’s address does not match your application, you will not be let in.
5. By applying to the lottery, applicants agree to further communication about the Grand Opening and Pullman National Monument Events. All data is stored by the Historic Pullman Foundation (HPF) in its role as the non-profit partner of PNM, NOT by the National Parks.
6. Entries must be in by August 16, 2021.
7. Lottery ticket winners will be notified by August 23, 2021.



Saving the Model Town: Pullman Civic Organization Wyatt Ollestad

In August 1960, the Pullman Civic Organization was officially reorganized, having previously acted as a civil defense organization during World War II. The reason for the PCO's reactivation? A City of Chicago plan for urban renewal.

On February 10, 1960, a report was issued that stated the best use for Pullman was to tear down the houses and make way for an industrial park. On March 10 of that year, over 600 residents of Pullman gathered at the Greenstone Church to re-form the Civic Organization and combat this new threat. Pullmanite Arnold Bader led the charge, later becoming the first de facto President of the PCO. The mission: prove to the City that the Pullman community was thriving and vibrant, and not simply a mess of old buildings destined for the wrecking ball.

Longtime residents of the community undertook 'modernization' efforts to make Pullman look more like the suburbs that were then growing at exponential rates. Brick facades were painted and picture windows were installed to try to show that Pullman could be just as cutting-edge. And while many of these owner-led improvements did not place much importance on the historic character of the homes, they were crucial in showing that the residents of Pullman were willing to put in the money and sweat equity to keep their neighborhood alive. But concurrently with these modernization efforts, a new way of looking at the neighborhood began to take shape.

Longtime resident John Ertsman saw an important link between community survival and historic preservation, and began initiating efforts to have Pullman declared a national historic landmark. But despite residents' support of the cause, it seemed impossible to penetrate the city, state and local governments in order to achieve the desired objective.

Enter Gil Harvey, an interior designer from the north side who discovered Pullman in the early 1960s and soon bought property and moved his family to the town. With an emphasis on preserving and restoring both the interiors and exteriors of architect Solon S. Beman's residential dwellings, Harvey set about fixing up the properties he owned, and, a few years later, he set up an antique shop in the Annex of the Hotel Florence. Through both his contacts in the antique collector world and his own tireless enthusiasm for the town of Pullman, Harvey began to attract more and more 'outsiders' who began purchasing and restoring their own residential pieces of history within the town. With Harvey's enthusiasm, the effort to showcase Pullman's architecture and importance in American history got the shot in the arm it needed to attract ever more attention on both local and national levels.

In 1966, the Historic Preservation Act was passed by Congress, expanding the role of the federal government in assisting state and local municipalities with protecting their historical resources for the enjoyment of future generations. The passing of this Act created a new avenue to emphasize the importance of Pullman, and new opportunities to ensure its protection. Primarily, the Act allowed for local Landmarks commissions such as Chicago's to tangibly ensure their historic resources were protected properly.

Finally, in December 1968 the City issued an analysis of their Far Southeast Development Area, identifying sections of the Calumet region by their current value and notable characteristics. And right there was Pullman, denoted at long last as an 'Area of Architectural and Historical Significance', thus putting a final end to the City's plan to demolish the community. The residents had won, and Pullman was saved.

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

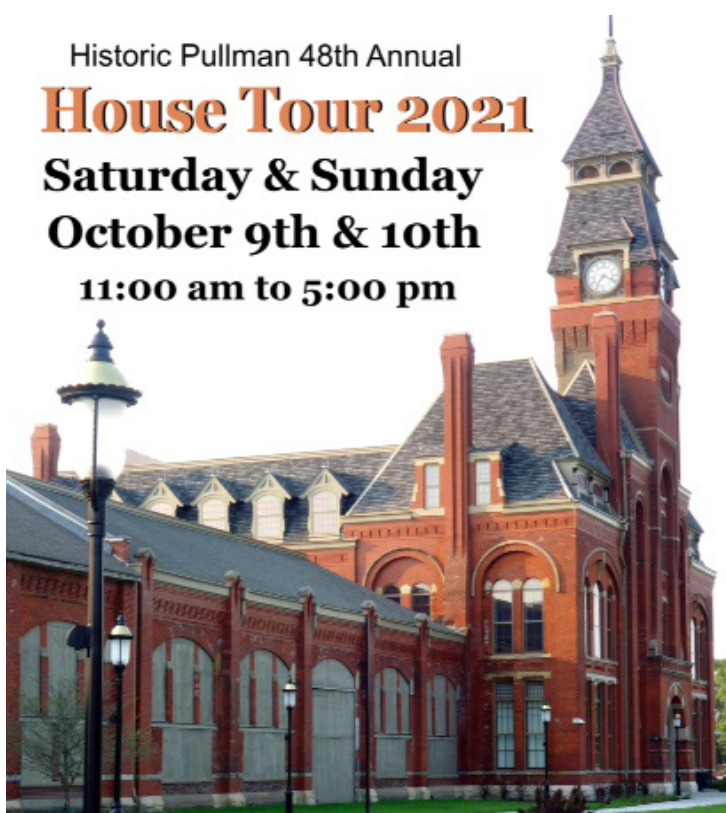
In 1968, the proposed construction of a motel that would have negatively impacted both the residential and the architectural character of Pullman was fought vigorously by an ardent band of residents and eventually shot down. Then-PCO President Mario Avignone recognized the groundswell effort to advocate for Pullman's historic character, and, seeing the need for a program that would allow the community to recommend rather than react to development and change, established the Beman Committee for the Preservation of Historic Pullman in that same year.

The purpose of the Committee's efforts to preserve the historic and residential character of Pullman was so that the town would satisfy the needs of the day without destroying the heritage of the past or jeopardizing future opportunities. More specifically, attention focused on two objectives: enlisting the support of property owners and residents to preserve the exterior façades of historic dwellings through good maintenance and compatible remodeling; and marshaling the necessary resources to preserve and enhance the larger structures and spaces beyond the immediate control of the residents. The approach was to structure a program with clearly stated positive goals, realistic incremental steps, and maximum citizen participation. This approach was based on communication – honest, informed, and regular.

In just the first few years of the Beman Committee, numerous milestones were achieved: parkways were replanted; improvements were made to Pullman Park; extensive archives were established; approximately 20 percent of the historic dwelling units underwent some form of remodeling that was in keeping with the original architecture; allowable mortgage payment periods were extended by up to six years; a remodeling program for the Greenstone Church was completed; a local restaurant adopted interior décor and a name to reflect the historic nature of Pullman; two local industries constructed new facilities; and people began moving into Pullman as buyers and renters who were interested in community values as much as they were in property values. In June of 1969, Pullman was decreed a State of Illinois Historic Landmark, initiating a breakthrough in historic recognition for the district. Pullman received federal recognition in 1970, when it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and in February 1971, Pullman was declared a National Historic Landmark District. In August 1972, the Commission on Chicago Historical and Architectural Landmarks voted to make the South Pullman Historic District a City Landmark, thus bringing South Pullman under the purview of the City's Landmarks Commission. Later, in 1993, the northern half of the district received the same City Landmarks designation, and was eventually annexed into the overarching historic Pullman District in 1999, a definition which continues to this day.

In 2015 came what many would consider the fulfillment of the promise made 60 years ago, that Pullman would forever be protected and noted on a national scale for its contribution to the history of America. On February 19, 2015, then-President Barack Obama declared Pullman a National Monument, adding it to the National Park Service's register and thus ensuring that this place would be shared for years to come.

Through it all, the PCO and its Beman Committee have remained active and crucial components of residential life in Pullman, as well as being advocates for Pullman's historic importance and architecture. In recent years, the Beman Committee has developed award-winning resources for homeowners, including the Façade Legacy Project, which documents and provides drawings for nearly all of the facades in the District; the Pullman Homeowner Guide, an invaluable resource for residents both new and old alike; and the Façade Reimbursement Program, a yearly matching grant program to offset costs to property owners for historic restorations. The Committee continues to advise residents on best practices for maintaining the historic façades of their homes in accordance with City of Chicago requirements, and its current archive of façades can be found at www.pullman-museum.org/facades.





Historic Pullman Foundation
Cindy McMahon

Hats off to the National Park Service on the opening of the new Pullman National Monument Visitor Center from your friends and supporters at the Historic Pullman Foundation!

The Historic Pullman Foundation, founded in 1973, is an Illinois not for profit, tax-deductible organization whose goals are to provide a vehicle for preservation, restoration, education, and research activities within the National Pullman Historic Landmark District.

The Foundation’s first acquisition was the Masonic Lodge at 614 E. 113th Street. The Historic Pullman Center (Masonic Lodge) is used by community organizations and, initially for the Foundation’s tour program. Over the years, the Foundation has purchased Market Hall, the Hotel Florence and the American Legion Hall/Arcade site, now Pullman Exhibit Hall. After rescuing the Hotel Florence, the Historic Pullman Foundation opened a restaurant and museum within the hotel in 1976. After the Hotel was sold to the state of Illinois in 1991, the Foundation continued to lease the hotel and operate the restaurant and museum until 2000. In the 1980’s, the Foundation purchased more than 20 properties in North Pullman to save them from being demolished. In 1993, the Foundation opened the Pullman Visitor Center (current Pullman Exhibit Hall) for tours, educational programs, lectures and exhibits.

Since the unfortunate 1998 fire that nearly destroyed the Pullman Clock Tower Administration Building, the Foundation has worked diligently to save the reminds and rebuild the damaged complex and obtain National Park Service designation. Today we are proud to partner as the Pullman National Monument Friends Group to support the National Monument and the Pullman State Historic Site.

The Historic Pullman Foundation relies on memberships, tour revenue, and donations to continue facilitating restoration activities and educational programs in Pullman, for the Pullman National Monument and the Pullman State Historic Site.

Join us and be a part of something special.

Community Safety
Lynne Collins

Historic Pullman is a tightly-knit community of dedicated residents who are committed to keep our very special community safe and free from crime. Mrs. Carol Lagadinos is at the helm of the Pullman Civic Organization’s Safety Committee and she has worked tirelessly to ensure that residents are safe while in their homes and on our streets.

The Safety Committee’s small group of dedicated volunteers meet monthly to discuss safety measures and attend community police strategy meetings. Concerns are aired and strategies are developed to help resolve safety concerns and fight crime.

We have an excellent relationship with 005th District CPD Commander, Glenn White. Commander White is applauded for providing a bridge to community relations excellence through his leadership and by his example. The fine police officers who serve with him are praised for their dedicated service.

Our crime rates are very low because we work hard to keep them low. When we see something, we say something. Our call-in numbers are the highest in the 005th District, and crime data statistics show that our crime rate is among the lowest.

We embrace community policing and applaud the 005th District’s Office of Community Policing (formerly CAPS) and the dedicated citizens who strive to keep the vibrant Historic Pullman community one of the safest communities in the City of Chicago.

Dancing with Bells On
Lorraine Brochu

Pullman’s own Morris team invites all to partake in this English country dance tradition, dating from at least the 1400s. Our village team currently meets Sundays at 6:30 pm in Arcade Park. We gladly welcome beginners, musicians, dancers, and non-dancers. For more information, contact Andy Bullen at abullen@ameritech.net.



A Special Thanks to Our HPF Membership Drive
Volunteers & All Who Attended the Cookout!
Marsha Adduci

We had an enthusiastic turnout for the Historic Pullman Membership Drive Cookout Event July 29th, so a big thanks to our Pullman neighbors and friends for coming out & supporting us by becoming new members or renewing your memberships! We raised over \$1600.00 which will help HPF to continue offering the many programs, exhibits, tours and events that make Pullman such a special place. And sincere thanks to HPF President Joseph Szabo and David and Maria Hibbs, HPF Board members, for generously matching the event’s membership drive totals!

A successful membership drive wouldn’t be possible without our many dedicated volunteers, guest speakers and all around helpers who made it happen. Thanks to Cindy McMahon & Jimmy Badali for leading off this event & to our grill master & servers Fernando Rosiquez & Claudia Flores. An extra thank you to Claudia for printing our many event flyers!

Thanks to our guest speakers for a great program: HPF Interim Executive Director Julian Jackson, past HPF President, Mike Shymanski; Pullman National Monument Superintendent, Teri Gage; and HPF Board President, Joseph Szabo.

Thanks to HPF Membership Committee Chair, Maria Hibbs & committee members Jeanne Schulman, Kathy McDonough, Marsha Adduci & Ruth Lopez. Thanks to Laura Ruiz-Stephan for assisting our Spanish-speaking neighbors & to her grandchildren Adrian & Fiona for helping with our raffle drawing.

Thanks to Method Products & Richard’s Super Premium Ice Cream for donating raffle prizes & to our HPF membership committee for donating gift cards from Lexington Betty Smokehouse & Potbelly Sandwich Shop. Congrat’s to our raffle prize winners Kayla Chase, Mary Mauritz, Lilia Cadena, Regina Hightower, and Melinda Moore. It was a fun time for all!

We thank the volunteers whose names we may have missed & all who came out to support us!

REMINDER! PULLMAN NATIONAL MONUMENT GRAND OPENING:
Saturday, Sept. 4th 10 am to 6 pm & Sunday, Sept. 5th, 9 am to 4 pm

Visit the Monument & Pullman State Historic Site Factory Grounds,
Tour the 1st floor of the historic Florence Hotel & much more!

La Gran Inauguracion del Pullman National Monument

Acompanenos para la Gran Inauguracion del Pullman National Monument y State Historic Site, Sabado y Domingo, Septiembre 4 y 5. Este fin de semana habra muchas actividades de celebracion. La organizacion Historic Pullman Foundation, con el National Park Service, Illinois Department of Natural Resources y varios sociedades se uniran para abrir el Centro de Visitantes por primera vez.

Para mas informacion de todas las actividades planeado para nuestra vecindad Pullman, incluyendo detalles de los tours que tendran para el publico, visite el sitio web: <https://go.nps.gov/pullmangrandopening> Disfrute estos festividades monumental!

Pullman Book Club
Jane Bushwaller and Beverly Ash-Larson

The Pullman Book Club was started in 2013. To date we have read over 100 books. One of the hallmarks of our club is that we actually discuss the books we read. Yes, it’s true. We take turns hosting, and there is never a lack of food or drink along with robust discussions. We always come home feeling wowed by the creativity and insight shared by fellow readers. Learning something new and feeling inspired is a great way to spend an evening in Pullman. There’s room for everyone.



Pullman Partners...

National Park Foundation

Alanna Sobel, Director, Media Engagement and Public Relations

As Pullman National Monument welcomes people to its visitor center for the first time on Labor Day Weekend 2021, the National Park Foundation is celebrating the diverse community of supporters that came together to make this park a reality. Thanks to the leadership and vision of many generous donors, community groups, and national organizations, we are connecting people to the important role that Pullman Porters played in labor history, including calling attention to the growing wealth inequality of the Gilded Age and advocating for better working conditions and wages. Not only that, the National Park Foundation also celebrates its support for the Historic Pullman Foundation in its role as the park’s philanthropic partner. Pullman National Monument reminds us that supporting national parks is a team sport and we are thankful that you are part of the team! Learn more at nationalparks.org.

Pullman National Monument

Grace Kruse, Park Ranger

Are you passionate about Pullman, labor history, urban planning, or The National Park Service? Are you looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? Pullman National Monument is looking for individuals who are interested in volunteering. Volunteers In Parks (VIPs) can assist the National Park Service in many ways including visitor center operations, research work, historic and natural history programs, clerical assistance, park maintenance, and more. Put your expertise and talents to good use and volunteer with Pullman National Monument. For more information on current positions, contact Park Ranger Grace Kruse at 773-318-7160 or grace_kruse@nps.gov.

National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)

Mark Mesle, Midwest Senior Outreach Coordinator

The National Parks Conservation Association wants to congratulate the Pullman community members whose passion has sustained this special place for so long. Without their dedication none of this would be possible. For over a hundred years, the National Parks Conservation Association has been working with advocates across the country to protect and enhance America’s national parks. From that rich history, we can say with certainty that anyone looking to establish an urban national park in the decades to come will look to Pullman as a template for how to do it right. They will review the Positioning Pullman collaboration and see how community members, designers, planners, government officials and city leaders laid out a vision for a neighborhood national park. NPCA has been incredibly proud to be a part of this collaboration and see that vision being realized. To learn more visit npca.org/pullman.

Friends of the Pullman State Historic Site

Nathaniel Parks

The Friends of the Pullman State Historic Site announces the bittersweet news of our dissolution and transfer of remaining assets to the Historic Pullman Foundation.

We are deeply proud of our work over the last 7 years and grateful to all of our members and supporters for enabling our accomplishments. Highlights include: support and building of the Pullman House History Project and the Pullman-Museum.org websites; raising \$30,000 for an engineering study of the Rear Erecting Shops; material support of the PSHS archives; and tireless advocacy for the establishment of the Pullman National Monument.

We are thankful that the HPF will continue the meaningful work of The Friends in moving Pullman forward.

Pullman House History Project (PHHP)

Andrew Bullen

The Pullman House History Project (PHHP) documents demographic information (former residents and photos) about each dwelling in the town of Pullman that housed residents or had small businesses. It is using as primary source material 19th century city directories, phone books, and U.S. censuses (1900-1940). Data is arranged by address, name, ethnicity, occupation, and people of color. Explore the PHHP at <https://www.pullman-museum.org/phhp/>.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Tim Schweizer

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is anxiously anticipating welcoming visitors onto the site and showcasing the investment made to transform the grounds into an inviting landscape allowing us to engage with the public about the remarkable and multi-faceted history associated with the Pullman State Historic Site. The 12-acre grounds include the Front Erecting Shop North Wing, Front Erecting Shop South Wing Ruins, Front Erecting Shop, and the Hotel Florence. All improvements are ADA accessible and connected by the former Transfer Pit – once used to move under-construction train cars – which is now a linear plaza that again connects the site. Other improvements include an entry plaza, a sweeping lawn at the former Lake Vista, a reconstruction of the famous Worker’s Gate, traditional park open space, and an arrival plaza and new visitor parking near the Administration Building.

Illinois Labor History Society Partners

with Pullman Opening

Mike Matejka, ILHS VP

The Illinois Labor History Society (ILHS) is the nation’s oldest popular labor history organization and a strong Pullman advocate.

On Saturday, September 4, the ILHS will be in the factory grounds tent. Actors’ Equity union members will portray historic figures Jennie Curtis, an 1894 Pullman striker, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters President A. Phillip Randolph, and Pullman pastor Reverend William Carwardine. Labor History tours are offered Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The ILHS will host a book table at the National A. Phillip Randolph Pullman Porters Museum. The HPF’s Visitor Center will host an ILHS display on the 1894 strike.

MJHP

Dave Rathke

Mary Harris “Mother” Jones, labor’s most famous icon, first came to prominence in 1894 for her role in Coxey’s Army and then the Pullman Strike. As an organizer for the American Railway Union she organized support and raised funds for the legal defense of hundreds of workers who had been jailed in the aftermath of the strike in Pullman and across the nation. She remained friends and comrades for the rest of her life with many of Strike’s participants, especially Eugene Debs and Clarence Darrow. Actress Brigid Duffy will portray Mother Jones at the “tent” near the NPS Visitor Center at Noon Saturday September 4, 2021. She will reflect on the Pullman Strike and its significance. The Mother Jones Heritage Project is dedicated to promoting the legacy and relevance of Mary Harris “Mother” Jones.

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Pullman Partners...

Illinois Railway Museum Marcus Ruef, Managing Editor, Rail & Wire

The Illinois Railway Museum (IRM) in Union, IL is proud to assist with the Grand Opening of Pullman National Monument and Pullman State Historic Site. IRM members will be serving as volunteer docents guiding visitors and guests through the historic Pullman-built passenger cars being displayed at the Metra Electric 111th St/Pullman Metra station both Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend. IRM has a substantial collection of artifacts that were built by Pullman over the course of its long history, totaling 70 cars ranging from luxurious heavyweight private sleeping cars to workaday box-cars, coaches, streetcars, rapid transit cars, among others. The historic preservation movement is fortunate to have such a large collection of artifacts preserved in the same region as the factory that built them.

Metra Proud to Serve and Partner with Pullman

Metra is proud to be partnering with the National Park Service and the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the grand opening of the Pullman National Monument Visitor’s Center and the Pullman State Historic Site Factory Grounds. As part of the celebration, Metra is also pleased to be able to host the historic Pullman-built railcars at our 111th Street (Pullman) Station.

The Metra Electric Line is a primary gateway to the Pullman National Monument, with trains stopping directly across the street from this site so significant to the history of urban planning and labor in America. Metra has big plans to improve the Pullman visitor experience and is currently designing a new 111th Street Station that will replace the current structures and platforms, adding elevators and other features that will make the station ADA accessible and welcoming for all. Watch for My Metra magazine’s summer issue, which will include a feature on Pullman, at <https://metra.com/my-metra-magazine>.

Amtrak

Amtrak is advancing passenger rail initiatives to get more trains for more people; people that want to travel to the 500 communities we serve in 46 states and three Canadian provinces, plus 160 more new places we want to provide modern, safe, green passenger train service. Amtrak looks forward with a nod from our past, the tradition of high quality, comfortable, safe passenger railroading as embodied by the Pullman Company products and services. Pullman Company set the standard that we endeavor to live up to today. We’re glad to take part in the Grand Opening of the Pullman National Monument, and pleased our contribution can help future generations of railroaders and passengers experience the best of the past on trains of the future.

Chicago Park District and ASM Global

The Chicago Park District and ASM Global are proud to support the Pullman National Monument and State Historic Site and congratulate the Pullman Civic Organization on preserving this beautiful and significant piece of Chicago’s history for visitors to experience. The Track & Field Center at Gately Park, a world-class track and field facility located just east of the Pullman National Monument visitor’s center, offers free parking for guests visiting the historic site. The 139,000-square foot track facility located in the heart of the Pullman community offers affordable Chicago Park District programming for all ages. The facility features a hydraulically banked 200-meter track, a 4,000-square foot curtained warm-up area, eight sprint lanes, two long and triple jump runways and pits, pole-vault runway and pads, a high jump area, discus area, and scoreboard. The facility also houses multipurpose rooms to accommodate birthday parties, meetings, or for other private rentals. For more information on the facility, visit gatelytrackandfield.com.

PullmanArts Board of Directors

The board of PullmanArts would like to congratulate our Pullman National Monument, soon to be Pullman National Historical Park, community of neighbors and advocates on the opening of the NPS visitor’s center under the iconic Pullman Palace Car Company clock tower. Many community members have spent countless volunteer hours/years of tireless advocacy, from those who saved Pullman from the wrecking ball in the late ‘60’s, to those, like PullmanArts founding member, Arthur Pearson who lobbied congress alongside other Pullman neighbors and orgs at our nation’s capital for Pullman to become a National Park. Bravo! If you would like to learn more about PullmanArts mission, visit us at www.PullmanArts.org. Follow us at www.facebook.com/PullmanArts and Instagram @blockhousegallery for current events.

Greenstone Church: A Vision for the Future Pastor Luther Mason & PCO Beman Committee

Anyone who is familiar with the company town of Pullman knows the Greenstone Church. The 600-seat building was designed by Solon S. Beman and constructed in 1882 as part of the original plan for the town. It goes without saying that the eye-catching green serpentine stone has a lot to do with its notability. The church’s greatest asset, however, is Pastor Luther Mason. His dedication over the years has paved the way for major restoration funding, both underway and in the works.

The Greenstone Church recently received a large grant facilitated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation together with American Express, as well as contributions from Landmarks Illinois and the United Methodist Church. Phase 1, which began in October 2020, included full roof replacement and safety stabilization of the bell tower. With a total of \$157,000 raised, the project came in under budget by \$20,000. The church is using the additional funds for what they are calling Phase 1.5, which includes repairs and masonry repointing to the south end chimney, and the creation of an emergency door on the east elevation of the parsonage’s second floor. Their proposal for the additional work is \$39,000, leaving less than \$20,000 left to raise.

And they aren’t stopping there. The Greenstone Church has big plans for the future, ones that include full restoration of both the exterior and interior. The sanctuary, which has remained largely unchanged since the 1880s, still features the cherrywood altar and pews, over 90% of the stained-glass windows, and the manual-tracker pipe organ; all have plans to live for another 150 years. Pastor Mason described his vision as not only preserving the historic features and finishes, but creating a truly functional space for community to come together. “While the restoration of the Historic Greenstone United Methodist Church is very important, what this really does is bring restoration to the community. The church has a special place in Pullman,” said Mason, “a place where everyone is welcome, building unity in community through service and love – it’s a Mission Possible!”

Mason has been working on two large fundraising opportunities, The National Fund for Sacred Places Grant and the City of Chicago Adopt-a-Landmark Fund, which have the potential to see this project through to completion. These opportunities will only be possible with the help and support of our neighborhood and city, as well as those across the nation who care about Pullman and preserving the history of this important place. Your help is truly important. It is in scripture that Mason describes his grounding and inspiration for this campaign: “Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.” (Isaiah 58:12).

To make a donation toward the Historic Greenstone UMC’s grassroots campaign for Phase 1.5, please visit: <https://gofund.me/26f9b7ac>.

To donate an offering or charitable gift to the church and the larger restoration campaign, please visit the link below:
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A New Chapter for the Pullman National Monument Mark Cassello, President, PNMPs

The grand opening of a new visitors center for the Pullman National Monument marks a new chapter in the Pullman story. We honor the past and present generations who made this moment possible. The Pullman National Monument Preservation Society (PNMPs) is a unique, community-based organization founded in 2016 that uses advocacy and outreach to help ensure the legislated purposes for which President Obama established the monument are fulfilled.

Our advocacy involves monitoring activities within the 203-acre Pullman “National Monument Boundary” by the National Park Service, the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, and other organizations and individuals. We want to ensure transparency, accountability, and true and meaningful public participation in decision-making about the monument. We also advocate for preservation and restoration of the “historic designed landscape” of the model Town of Pullman (1880-1907).

Our outreach involves sharing information with Pullman residents and the public about decisions being made in and about the monument, the laws and regulations governing its management, and lesser-known or marginalized aspects of Pullman history. As a truly independent organization, we can share information and voice perspectives that may not otherwise be adequately represented. Learn more about PNMPs at facebook.com/pullmanpreservation.



Growing Pullman's Green Thumb

Pullman Curb Appeal Garden Walk
Andrew Bullen

Join us for a free garden walk! The garden walk will combine a selection of Pullman front lawns with an architectural and historical tour of the historic neighborhood.

Co-presented by the Historic Pullman Garden Club (<http://www.hpgc.org/>) and the Historic Pullman Foundation (<https://www.pullmanil.org/>). Sunday, September 19, 2021. Tours at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00pm, starting at the Garden Club Tent at 11141 S. Cottage Grove Ave.

Garden Club merchandise available. Donations are welcomed!

Green Spaces and Places: A Pullman Herb Garden

Lynn Smith

Having an herb garden in Pullman is a quintessential summer pleasure! If you have not yet planted one, preferably in close proximity to your kitchen, you are in for a treat!

The definition of herbs became more specific after the Middle Ages, at one time all plants were considered “herbs” but more recently herbs are generally considered for their use in cooking, medicine, dyeing, or fragrance. Herbs are said to be depicted in French cave dwellings going back to 13-25,000 years ago – and may have been cultivated as far back as 60,000 years ago.

Herbs that grow well in Pullman might be (perennial and hardy): oregano, sage, chives, English lavender, parsley, mint, thyme, dill, fennel, mint, and garlic. Annual herbs would include rosemary (which is hardy to zone 7), basil, marjoram, and cilantro. There are many more herbs but these are some of the basics. Herbs need at least about six hours of sun. They prefer some shelter and well drained, gritty soil. If you have too much clay in your soil, you may need to add in some coarse sand. Mint because of its rapacious habits will need containment.

The beauty of growing herbs is that they take little space (you can use window boxes!), save money and time for cooking, and can be just a few steps away from your kitchen. In addition they can be very pretty and attractive (ie., especially fennel and dill) to beneficial insects...and we'll keep talking...

Trees in Pullman

Susan James and Tom Shepherd

During dry spells as we've had in July, and so far in August, our neighborhood trees would love to have a big bucket of water poured onto their roots when we're not seeing rain for a spell.

Especially those young trees that we've planted over the last few years with Garden Club support, and involvement of neighbors, through a grant from Openlands. There was a commitment by folks who had a tree planting to help provide water during driest of times.

One of those five gallon buckets every couple of days, and the tree will be grateful for a hundred years or more.

And you'll be contributing to Pullman's canopy restoration, as well as the neighborhood legacy, by preserving our trees.



From the Dining Car...

Easy-Peasy Chocolate Pullman Pie
Patty Lawson

Aah, late summer, when the final fine breezes of summer whisk your stray hairs around, tickling the inside of your ear. You think it's a bug and half bash your brains in trying to swat it away.

I'm taking a mental vacation this month - the only kind that fits my budget at the moment, don'tcha know - so I'm rerunning one of my favorite summer recipes. You newer Pullmanites who weren't part of the “historic ‘hood” the first time this ran are in for a treat because it's quick, inexpensive, easy, and chocolate!

Anyhoo, I read that chocolate slows down the aging process. This may or may not be true, but why take a chance? So let's be good girls and boys and take our medicine in the form of a no-bake pie worth its weight in chocolate!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ready made graham cracker crust
- 1 8 ounce bar cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 12 ounce (2 cups) bag of chocolate chips (dark, semi-sweet, or milk, your choice)
- 1/3 cup heavy cream (milk can be substituted)
- 8 ounce container Cool Whip

Melt chocolate and cream/milk in the microwave 45-60 seconds. Remove from microwave and stir until chocolate is completely melted, creating a chocolate ganache. Heat for an additional 10 seconds, if necessary.

With a mixer, cream the softened cream cheese and powdered sugar together. Add chocolate ganache, saving ¼ cup for drizzle on top of the pie, and mix again until well combined. Add Cool Whip and mix on low speed. Once combined, pour into pie crust.

To drizzle the chocolate: if it has thickened, place it back in the microwave for 10-15 seconds. Place chocolate in a sandwich size plastic bag and cut a small hole in the corner of the bag. Drizzle chocolate over the pie in a pattern of your choice.

Refrigerate for at least 2-3 hours before serving. Don't be surprised if this pie is gone in a day. It is so addictive, make sure you pick up extra ingredients because you will “need” another pie at the ready when this one is gone!

TIP OF THE MONTH

Now that we're reaping and preparing the harvest of our hard work in the garden (or at the Farmer's Market), did you ever wonder if you should boil the water before or after adding your fresh vegetables? Here's a simple way to remember: If the veggies are grown underground (potatoes, carrots, beets), start them off in cold water. If they are grown above ground (beans, greens, corn), wait until the water boils.

“Researchers have discovered that chocolate produces some of the same reactions in the brain as marijuana. The researchers also discovered other similarities between the two but can't remember what they are.”
– Matt Lauer

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 St. Champlain. Please include your name, phone number, and/or email address. I may have questions.

Black History Month Planning

Tom Shepherd

The planning committee for Black History Month is seeking members who would like to be a part of the February 2022 events. In February 2019, before the pandemic, we had an ambitious agenda of three programs during the month. Our presentations were very well-received, and we had a large attendance. This year, with increasing publicity surrounding the National Park Service opening the new Visitor Center, we'll probably be expecting large numbers once again. If you want to demonstrate your creativity and passion for Black History Month, please call Tom at 773-370-3305 and join our team!

THE HISTORIC PULLMAN GARDEN CLUB WILL PRESENT A

Curb Appeal Garden Walk

Sunday September 19th

Guided tours at 11:00am 1:00pm and 3:00pm
Starting at the Garden Club tent at 11141 S. Cottage Grove

For more information: <http://www.hpgc.org>

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Located in the Pullman National Monument, in the new Pullman Artspace Lofts building at 11137 S. Langley Ave. is now open and available to rent for gallery exhibits, cultural events, celebrations and more. The gallery is 1,300 sq.ft. with lots of natural light. Please contact events@PullmanArts.org for details and pricing.

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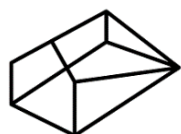
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Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 4-5, 2021

- Historic Pullman Train Cars
- Tours of the NEW Visitor Center
- Tours of Hotel Florence
- Community Car Caravan
- Programs Tent
- Music, Food, Live Entertainment
- ...and much More!

Visit nps.gov/pull for more details and the full schedule.



GRAND OPENING

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Make a Joyful Noise:
Welcoming NPS in True Pullman Form
Lorraine Brochu

On Saturday, Sept. 4, the PCO and its partners host the kick-off events, the Pullman Car Caravan and block party, for a full weekend celebrating the opening of the NPS Visitor Center and reopening of the PSHS factory site. We still have some spots for Pullmanites and friends - as individuals, as clubs, as businesses or blocks - to participate and have blast. Sign up now to have your car in this leisurely but joyously raucous promenade through Pullman (email pullmancarcaravan@gmail.com to register or contact co-chairs Tom McMahon tmac639@sbcglobal.net or Lorraine Brochu pullmanjandl@att.net). And cyclists and motorcyclists, there's plenty of room for you!

Most of all, dear neighbors, we're looking to you to line the streets 10:30-11:30 am to cheer on the caravan. Our route is Champlain from 111th to 115th, north on St. Lawrence to 112th, south on Forrestville to 114th, north on Cottage Grove into North Pullman to 103rd St east on 103rd St to Corliss, south on Corliss to 106th, west to Champlain and then south to 108th st. 108th st west to Cottage Grove and back south on Cottage Grove. C'mon for more fun 11:30 am - 2 pm outside the HPF Exhibit Hall at 11141 S. Cottage Grove for a block party with music, entertainment and food.

48th Pullman House Tour: October 9th and 10th
Cindy McMahon

This year's House Tour promises to be one of the best. Everyone is ready to open their homes to old friends of Pullman and new friends visiting for the first time. The homes offer a wide variety of housing stock. Visitors will be able to meander through the Historic District and observe all the efforts of preservation done by our local residents.

Since 1973 homeowners and residents have understood the uniqueness of Pullman and wanted to promote their neighborhood. The first House Tours were only one day with a limited number of homes. Over the years, it has grown into the current two-day event. Food, music and an antique car show were added creating a festive event for visitors.

Half the proceeds from our House Tour go to the Faade Restoration matching grant program which has gone a long way to preserving the facades of Pullman housing while assisting the homeowners with the financial impact of the exterior restorations. In addition, proceeds have also funded projects at the Greenstone Church, Hotel Florence, Florence Lowden Miller Community Center, Market Hall and Historic Pullman Exhibit Hall.

New to the area? Want to meet your neighbors? Want to discover our unique history? Volunteering house tour weekend is a great way to meet your neighbors and receive a free ticket. Yes, you can work a 3 hour shift and receive a free ticket. Send us an email and we will be glad to sign you up, pullmanhousetour@gmail.com or leave a message at 773.785.8901.

Invite your friends and family for a weekend of festivities. Advance tickets are available through October 7, 2021, \$20 for adults \$17 for seniors, order on line at <https://pullmanhousetour2021.eventbrite.com>. Tickets are available at the door \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors at Historic Pullman Exhibit Hall, 11141 S. Cottage Grove. Questions call 773.785.8901

Don't miss Pullman's best event of the year, second of course to the Pullman National Monument Grand Opening. The 48th Pullman House Tour Salutes the National Park Service on the Grand Opening of the Pullman National Monument.

Calendar of Events

Pullman Calendar for August-September 2021			
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES			
Visitor Information Center - Open Tues/Wed 11am-3pm Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun 9am-4pm (*3pmSun)			
Wednesdays 7am - 1pm		Pullman Farmer's Market 111th Pl & Cottage Grove	
The Block House Gallery - Open Thurs 4pm-6pm / Sat 12pm-2pm 11137 S Langley			
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS			
When	Event (\$ if charge)		Where/How
Wed 8/11 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)		Visitor Center
Tue 8/17 6pm	Virtual Beat 531 Meeting with the Office of Community Policing Zoom Meeting Id: 824 4979 0148, Password: 844817 **This is updated		
Wed 8/18 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Visitor Center			
Fri 8/20 10am-12pm	Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri)	209 E 103rd (Dollar Tree lot)	
Fri 8/20 5pm-7pm	Alderman Beale's Back to School Family Event with fun, games, backpack giveaway, learning materials and more! @ Community Center (10355 Woodlawn)		
Fri 8/20 6pm-9pm	Live Music and Dancing @ 111 Food Hall Parking Lot (756 E 111th St) Food and drinks available for purchase		
Mon 8/23 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (4th Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net	
Tue 8/24 6:30pm	Annual House Tour Committee Meeting	FLM Center	614 E 113th St
Wed 8/25 Noon	Ladies Luncheon	Email for location: carollagadinos@att.net	
Wed 8/25 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com	
Thurs 8/26 6pm	PCO Safety Committee Meeting	carollagadinos@att.net	
Sat 8/28 12pm-4pm	SHOP ROSELAND	Local Vendor Event with food trucks @ 33 E 114th St	
Wed 9/1 7 pm	Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting	Arcade Park	
Sat 9/4	Car Caravan Celebration: 9am decorated motorized vehicles (any) and bicycles line up in House of Hope parking lot (752 E 114th, enter 115th St) 10:30am departure to ride through the entire historic district !!		
Sat 9/4	~11:30am - 2:30pm Old-fashioned Block Party with The Jesse White Tumblers, food trucks, live music and more @ HPF Exhibit Hall (11141 S Cottage Grove) Free, timed tours for a "sneak peek" at the new PNM Visitor Center and Hotel Florence available with on-site sign-up, plus self-guided tours of the district		
Sun 9/5	9am-4pm Grand Opening Celebration - Honoring First Responders , poster artist afternoon Meet-n-Greet, plus food trucks, a DJ and more! Free, timed tours for a "sneak peek" at the new PNM Visitor Center & Hotel Florence available with on-site sign-up, plus self-guided tours of the district		
<i>Mon 9/6 Pullman National Monument Visitor Center Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Ticket required</i>			
Tues/Wed 9/7&8 9am		<i>Street Sweeping</i> - Look for signs and please move your vehicles	
Wed 9/8 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	HPF Exhibit Hall	
Mon 9/13 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (2nd Mon)	carollagadinos@att.net	
Wed 9/15 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) HPF Exhibit Hall			
Fri 9/17 10am-12pm	Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri)	209 E 103rd (Dollar Tree lot)	
Sun 9/19 ~Free event~	Historic Pullman Garden Club "Curb Appeal" Garden Tours Guided 90 minute tours depart from HPF Exhibit Hall @ 11am, 1pm, 3pm		
Wed 9/22 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com	
48th Annual Pullman House Tour Weekend - October 9 & 10 Sign up to volunteer and receive a complimentary ticket			
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com			

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