October 2021 Pullman Civic Organization 614 E. 113th Street

From the PCO President Rachel Smith

A wise neighbor posed a question to a group to ask - "As an organization, how would we define ourselves? What are we?" I found this question, on its surface, to be quite complex.

One definition of a civic organization includes any organization whose official goal is to improve neighborhoods through volunteer work by its members. Another is a social club includes any club or organization whose material purpose or activity is the arranging of periodic dances, dinner meetings or other functions which afford its members an opportunity to congregate for social interrelationships. Further, another definition of a civic organization is one that is comprised of people who join together to provide a service or services to their community.

Highlighted by the recent activities by the PCO's Vision Committee, the PCO is undergoing a process to better define, describe and explain our role in Pullman. While we take stock of who we are, what we do and how we operate, I find it's important to remember our commonalities. We all live in, care about and want to thrive in Pullman.

So, I pose this question to you, Reader, how would to define the Pullman Civic Organization?



PCO Trunk or Trest Tom McMahon

The PCO will again be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot of the Exhibit Hall at 11141 S. Cottage Grove on Halloween evening. We will gather at 4:00 PM and stay until 7:00 PM.

This event is becoming more popular each year. This allows us to gather as a community, decorate the trunks of our cars with witches and goblins and pass out candy to all children coming by.

Plan on participating or bring your trick or treaters by for fun and treats.



Good Neighbors Recognized Teri Gage

On Saturday, September 4th, during the grand opening celebration, the National Park Service and the Historic Pullman Foundation hosted a Good Neighbor Awards Ceremony to recognize individuals and organizations in Pullman for the work they've done over decades to preserve this unique place and the stories that have played such an important part of our nation's history. The award presentation took place under the event tent on the historic factory grounds.

The following organizations/individuals were recognized with a certificate and an etched glass plaque mounted on a rosewood base:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources was recognized for their key partnership role in managing the Pullman State Historic Site and the redevelopment of the historic factory grounds. Deputy Director John Rogner accepted the award.

Alderman Anthony Beale was recognized for being a champion of the national monument designation and an advocate for adjacent city improvements that benefit both area residents as well as park visitors.

The Pullman Civic Organization was recognized for its history as a long standing civic organization that fought off developers in the 1960s and continues to actively promote a safe community while preserving the historic homes and landscapes. The award was accepted by President Rachel Smith, Wyatt Ollestadt, and Debbie Newman.

The House of Chloe was recognized for its vital role in operating an outdoor food pantry, providing information and resources to neighbors in need, and maintaining the Pullman Passion Community Garden. Ms. Melva Jean Tate and Mr. Bernard Vasser were on hand to accept the award.

The Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation was recognized for its important role in preserving historic homes in the neighborhood, serving as a resource for accurate historic preservation and restoration of Pullman facades, and development of the Pullman House Project, which will offer guided tours that interpret the lives of Pullman workers and their families at home in the Pullman neighborhood. President Patricia Shymanski accepted the award on behalf of BHPHF.

The National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum was recognized for it's role in promoting, elevating, and interpreting the stories of A. Philip Randolph, the Pullman Porters, and their contributions to the labor movement. The award was accepted by NAPRPPM founder Dr. Lyn Hughes.

PullmanArts was recognized for their role in bring art into public spaces in Pullman as well as through their Block House Gallery. They host regular programs and exhibits, were key collaborators in the Pullman ArtSpace project, and host the annual Pullman Art Walk. The award was accepted by Ann Alspaugh.

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, Inc., was recognized for being an area leader in economic development, helping to preserve and restore historic Pullman properties. Through asset-based community development, they've helped attract thousands of new jobs to the greater Pullman area, new places to eat and shop, residential opportunities, and new amenities such as the Pullman Community Center. President David Doig was on hand to accept the award for CNI.

The Historic Pullman Garden Club was recognized for its work in maintaining public spaces that beautify the neighborhood and provides habitat for pollinator species (birds, bees, et al). The Historic Pullman Garden Club also hosts the annual Garden Walk, a reception for house tour volunteers, an annual Victorian tea, and a lecture series for residents as well as visitors. Mike McMahon and Norma Zarris accepted the award.

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

People of Pullman, we're back! After a year without our beloved Façade Reimbursement Program, the Beman Committee is proud to announce its triumphant return for 2022!

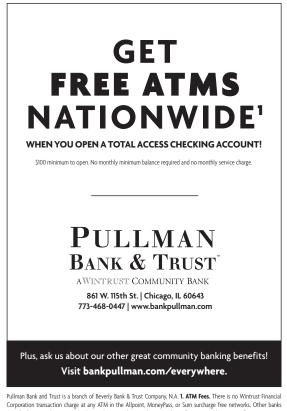
This year we'll be doing things a bit differently – instead of the usual dead-of-winter period for applying with a project, this year the Application cycle will run November 1-December 31, 2021. That means you have most of the Fall and just the very early onset of winter to apply for your project. Remember, contractors book up their schedules fast, so this is your perfect opportunity to get in 'on the ground floor' with a project before things go dormant for the winter. Applications will be available online (pullmancivic.org) and at the front door of 11307 Saint Lawrence starting November 1, and will be due back no later than December 31. So get those mental gears turning, and think about what you want to do for 2022!

Additionally, this year's Agreement period (that is, the time you have to complete the project) will run January 1-December 31, 2022, giving you the whole of the calendar year to complete it. We know the weather can be finicky, especially in the early and later months of the year, so we hope this will give everyone the maximum potential timeframe to complete their project. No more biting your nails in summery April waiting for the Agreement period to begin, and no more being blindsided by a seemingly arbitrary deadline during prime autumnal outside-work weather!

In other good news, we're removing the stipulation that Reimbursement recipients from the previous year will be selected on a standby basis. That means that even if you've received (or will receive) a reimbursement this year, you can apply again with a new project in 2022! We've made a few other adjustments as well, limiting the number of times House Tour participants are given priority consideration but allowing them to apply for a project already completed by that year's Tour, and changing the extension period of projects to one 6-month block. All other eligibility requirements remain the same, including the requirement to have volunteered for at least one shift at House Tour, so here's hoping that by the time you read this you're already patting yourself on the back for a volunteer job well done!

Now in its 15th year, the Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Program has leveraged close to half a million dollars in homeowner contributions for façade work throughout the community. Funded by half the net proceeds from each year's House Tour, the Program has to date issued just over \$100,000 to nearly 150 individual projects throughout the years, representing a near 500% return on investment (so to speak) for historic façade improvements in Pullman.

Remember, the amount of funding available for the Program each year is entirely contingent upon the success of House Tour, so make sure to talk the tour up to friends, family, co-workers, and even mortal enemies each and every year. And keep in mind that a restored and historic façade not only makes our community look beautiful, but it contributes to the historic character that keeps Pullman protected. So if you're ready to take the leap into sprucing up the front of your home, there's no time like the present to start planning! And if you have any questions about the Program, don't hesitate to contact us at the email address listed above. Welcome back to the Façade Reimbursement Program!



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House Tour 2021 Cindy McMahon

Myself and my co-chair, Pat Brannon, decided in the beginning of the year that it was important to have a House Tour in 2021. We needed to show the resiliency of this neighborhood in this pandemic year and bring about a sense of normalcy to Pullman. As the planning was underway, we hoped that we would get enough of a crowd for this event to break even with expenses while promoting Pullman.

This year exceeded our expectations. The weather cooperated, the homes were open and the crowds came. Eight residential homes were open with seven being first time showings. I don't recall ever having that many new homes and neighbors on the tour. Also, a first for this House Tour, two apartments from the Artspace Lofts were included. Another first was the work in progress, 605 E. 111th St (One Florence Boulevard) and the Pullman National Monument.

The event started Friday night with the Volunteer Candlelight Tour and culminated on Sunday afternoon. The feeling the entire weekend was electrifying. As we closed the houses on Sunday evening, Pat Brannon and I breathed a sigh of relief. We were so proud of our neighbors and neighborhood to pull off this event under such circumstances.

Overall, the attendance was above average for a typical House Tour. But considering this was a pandemic year plus the Marathon and the Bears game, we generated a great turnout.

Special thanks to all the homeowners for their hours of work over this last year to finish the renovations of their homes; the Mendoza Family, Katie McMahon, Margaret Kania, Alphonso Quiroz, the Lydon Family, Alexis Willis, Dan Pels, the Bazalude-Pesnell Family, Mike Manika, the Shymanski's and Pastor Luther Mason for opening the Greenstone Church.

Thank you to the volunteers who staffed the doorways and the interiors welcoming our guests to the neighborhood. Thank you to Carol and Larry Lagadinos who hosted the Homeowners Dinner and to Derrick and Stephanie McLean for hosting the rap up party. Thank you to our dedicated Committee members - we couldn't have done this without you. On to House Tour 2022...

On Putting the Garden to "Sleep" for the Winter: Green Spaces and Places Lynn Smith

Late October is a good time to divide and replant some perennials, grasses, and also put in Spring bulbs. Like squirrels we are looking ahead to the colder weather, and trying to take stock of what to keep and perhaps, what to share with neighbors. It is a good time to cut back fall blooming flowers like Anemone, Turtlehead, Asters, and Joe Pye Weed. Late blooming astilbe can be cut back. Hostas often need to be cut back now.

However, flowering grasses for the most part should be left uncut, when their plumage and flowers will shine in the Winter. Some perennials with reliably evergreen leaves such as Christmas fern, ajuga, and European ginger can be left intact. Drifts of Rudbeckia look good also not being cut back (and given food for birds) and Russian Sage is often best left intact through the Winter.

Finally, after late October is too late in the season to trim boxwood or yews. It is also a poor time to fertilize plants as most are trying to "wind down," slow their growth, before it gets cold. You do however want to continue to water in particular evergreens, which need the moisture to help them retain their health through the Winter with cold winds and freezing temperatures often the norm. And we'll keep talking...

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Metra was recognized for it's ongoing support of Pullman National Monument, improving rider experience and accessibility. They upgraded the amenities at the 111th Street station and have announced a planned major investment to completely renovate the stations at both 103rd and 111th Streets to include elevators and other features. Ms. Janice Thomas was on hand to accept the award for Metra.

NPS Superintendent Teri Gage presented the final award to the Historic Pullman Foundation. For nearly 50 years, HPF has worked to preserve the historic structures at Pullman, and has been telling the stories of Pullman for generations of visitors. They actively advocated for Pullman to become a unit of the National Park Service and earlier this year, they became the official philanthropic partner of Pullman National Monument. President Joe Szabo accepted the award on behalf of HPF.



Fire Protection Safety Lynne M. Collins

Gosh! It's time to push our clocks forward... Spring forward and fall behind! That means that it is also time to change the batteries in our smoke and fire detectors. Last month we looked at whether there is insurance coverage to protect our possessions should there be an unfortunate calamity. A fire can cause a lot of damage, so let's look at preparing our home so that we know that we have done all that we can to be safe from fire threats.

Be sure that exits to safety are not blocked. Boxes, clothing, stacks of newspapers or other items should be moved away from doors and windows. Are doors and windows locked? Is there a key nearby to unlock the door? Does everyone in the household know how to open the windows? Sounds elementary, but there are some windows that are tricky to open widely enough to get out safely.

Are electrical wires worn or frayed? Do not use appliances or lamps that have damaged wiring. And do not overload an extension cord with too many gadgets. A cord should not be hot to the touch. A hot cord is an immediate sign that there is an overload on the line. Unplug immediately until made safe. Have you placed a smoke or fire detector above the entrance to each bedroom or sleeping room? A detector should be placed in the kitchen and entrance hall, as well. How about in the basement, above the furnace; or, at the top of the basement staircase? It pays to have time to get to safety as soon as possible, and a smoke detector in the basement and in the hall provides precious seconds that can make all the difference.

We hear of fires occurring with families that barely made it out alive because they did not have a warning from a smoke detector. Maybe the detector was present, but there was no battery? Don't be one of those. Check today to be sure that you have working smoke detectors in all of the right places. Families with young children and elders present in the home should discuss how to respond to the sound of a fire alarm. What to do? Where to go? How to meet up? Take the time now, to discuss fire safety, emergency evacuation, and exit strategies. Yes, strategies.... not just one but consider different scenarios and discuss as a family, how to best plan an evacuation in each scenario.

It is also a good idea to have at least one fire extinguisher in every home. There are different types of extinguishers. One that is effective in putting out a grease fire is best for the kitchen. An all-purpose extinguisher is an excellent idea because it is effective against grease, electrical, and trash fires. This cannot be stressed strongly enough, protect yourself and those you love by making your home safe from fire. Test smoke and fire detectors monthly, to insure proper operation. Plan an exit strategy and know how to execute it. Finally, know who to call for help. If there is a fire, call 911 from outside of your home, after you have moved to safety.

Catalytic Converters Theft Carol Lagadinos

WARNING to residents about the drastic increase in the theft of catalytic converters in Pullman and nationwide with Illinois being the fifth most-targeted state in the nation. Toyota Prius are the number one converter stolen. Since the Prius is a hybrid, the catalytic converter corrodes less than on other cars, keeping the precious metal coating in better shape. It's also one of the most expensive to replace, costing between \$2700 and \$4100. Older model Prius are more likely to be targeted because they contain more precious metals. Pick-up trucks and SUVs have long been popular targets because they are easier for thieves to crawl under. Chevy, GMC, Jeep, Chrysler, Mazda, Nissan, Subaru are the Least Likely to be stolen due to less precious metals. However, that doesn't mean they are immune to being stolen, but the possibility is very low.

Thieves steal catalytic converters to get the precious metals rhodium, palladium and platinum. Scrap metal recyclers can turn those precious metals into cash, These types of thefts take less than five minutes and typically occur on residential streets. You will usually see someone crawl under vehicles that set up higher or they will bring a rapid pump car jack to raise the vehicles. The thief will bring a reciprocating saw (Sawzall) and they can remove the catalytic converter in less than 30 seconds

ADVICE:

- Park in a lit area, if possible near security cameras
- Park in a garage
- If you have an alarm, make your alarm more sensitive, to go off if the car shakes.
- Add a metal cover that goes over the catalytic converter because it adds an extra 20 minutes to cut the shield and thieves want to be in and out quickly.
- Check your car insurance to make sure you have full coverage in case of th
- Do not intervene if you witness a theft.

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From the Dining Car: Pie for Breakfast Patty Lawson

This recipe is too easy and tastes too good not to try immediately. You even might want to make two because I'm sure you'll want a slice during the week. It reheats very well in the microwave and if you eat your breakfast on the go or in the car, just grab a wedge and head on out!

BREAKFAST PIE

6 oz. package ready to eat sausage links (like Armour Sizzle & Serve), thawed and cut into small, bite-size pieces

1/4- 1/2cup onion, thinly sliced or chopped

1/2 cup biscuit and baking mix (like Bisquick, but any mix will do)

1 cup milk

2 eggs

1 cup shredded cheese (your choice; I like to mix Mexican and cheddar)

Preheat oven to 400°. Spray a 9-inch pie pan with cooking spray. Layer the bottom of the pan with sausage links and onion.

Mix baking mix, milk, and egg until blended. Pour into the pie pan. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until the knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Do you have a favorite recipe for the stove, oven, or microwave you would like to pass along? Simply email me at fromthediningcar@yahoo.com or place it in my place it in my mailbox at 11122 South Champlain.

Pullman Calendar for October-November 2021

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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PNM Clo	ck Tower V	isitor Information Center - Ope	en 7 days a week, 9am-5pm
Farm	er's Market	through October - Wednesday	ys 7am - 1pm @ 111th Pl
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	N	MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIA	AL EVENTS
When		Event (\$ if charge)	Where/How
Wed 10/13	7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeti	ng (2nd Wed) HPF Exhibit Hall
	around the		st ~ throughout the community HPF Bandstand throughout the day, ollective artist tents.
Tue 10/19 6ր		Beat 531 Meeting with the Of Meeting Id: 824 4979 0148 Pa	ffice of Community Policing (CAPS) assword: 844817
Wed 10/20	7:30pm P	CO Monthly Meeting (3rd V	Ved) HPF Exhibit Hall 112th St
Mon 10/25	7pm C	oloring and Conversation (4th N	Mon) carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 10/27	Noon	Ladies Luncheon Email for	r location: carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 10/27 7	':30pm PCC	D Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Thurs 10/2	8 6pm	PCO Safety Committee Meeti	ing carollagadinos@att.net
		TRUCK OR TREAT EX	THIBIT HALL PARKING LOT ndy for the kids
Wed 11/3 7	om Pullm	an Garden Club Monthly Mee	eting FLM Center 614 E 113th St
Friday 11/5 9am	Str	eet Sweeping - Be sure to mo	ve your vehicles
Monday 11/8 9a	ım	Street Sweeping - Be s	sure to move your vehicles
Mon 11/8	7pm Co	oloring and Conversation (2nd l	Mon) carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 11/10	7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeti	ng (2nd Wed) HPF Exhibit Hall
Thursday 1	1/11	Veterans Day	*program TBD
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Wed 11/17	7:30pm P	CO Monthly Meeting (3rd V	Ved) HPF Exhibit Hall 112th St
Fri 11/19 10am-	12pm Free	e Fresh Produce Distribution (3	Brd Fri) 209 E 103rd (Dollar Tree lot)
Mon 11/22	2 7pm C	Coloring and Conversation (4th	Mon) carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 11/24 7	:30pm PC0	D Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
Thursday 1	1/25	Thanksgiving Day	

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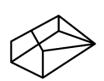
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