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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.



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BATTERIES!**

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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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.

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				
PNM Clock Tower Visitor Information Center - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm				
Farmer's Market through October - Wednesdays 7am - 1pm @ 111th Pl				
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 10/13 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)		HPF Exhibit Hall	
Sat/Sun 10/16 & 10/17 PullmanArts & Culture Fest ~ throughout the community Artists set up around the neighborhood, live musical on the HPF Bandstand throughout the day, food trucks, live garage painting sites, plus collective artist tents.				
Tue 10/19 6pm	Virtual Beat 531 Meeting with the Office of Community Policing (CAPS) Zoom Meeting Id: 824 4979 0148 Password: 844817			
Wed 10/20 7:30pm PCO Monthly Meeting (3rd Wed) HPF Exhibit Hall 112th St				
Mon 10/25 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (4th Mon)		carollagadinos@att.net	
Wed 10/27 Noon	Ladies Luncheon	Email for location: carollagadinos@att.net		
Wed 10/27 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting		pcobemancommittee@gmail.com	
Thurs 10/28 6pm	PCO Safety Committee Meeting		carollagadinos@att.net	
SUNDAY 10/31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 4PM - 7PM PCO TRUCK OR TREAT EXHIBIT HALL PARKING LOT Bring your decorated car and candy for the kids				
Wed 11/3 7 pm	Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting		FLM Center 614 E 113th St	
Friday 11/5 9am	Street Sweeping - Be sure to move your vehicles			
Monday 11/8 9am	Street Sweeping - Be sure to move your vehicles			
Mon 11/8 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (2nd Mon)		carollagadinos@att.net	
Wed 11/10 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)		HPF Exhibit Hall	
Thursday 11/11	Veterans Day		*program TBD	
Tue 11/16 6pm	Virtual Beat 531 Meeting with the Office of Community Policing (CAPS) Zoom Meeting Id: 824 4979 0148 Password: 844817			
Wed 11/17 7:30pm PCO Monthly Meeting (3rd Wed) HPF Exhibit Hall 112th St				
Fri 11/19 10am-12pm	Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri)		209 E 103rd (Dollar Tree lot)	
Mon 11/22 7pm	Coloring and Conversation (4th Mon)		carollagadinos@att.net	
Wed 11/24 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting		pcobemancommittee@gmail.com	
Thursday 11/25	Thanksgiving Day			
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com				

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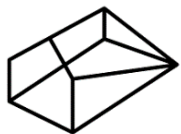
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