



From the PCO President
Rachel Smith

Far too often, we don't stop to acknowledge the sacrifices that are made on our behalf. This year's Veterans' Day event was a sobering reminder of everything that larger than us and our wants.

I'd like to thank Fred Ortiz for offering remarks and providing context as to why this day is so meaningful to him as a Pullmanite. I'd also like to express thanks to the volunteers who ensured that event went off without a hitch – Tom McMahon, Jim Badali, Cindy McMahon, Marnee Schereck, CJ Martello, James Kelly – Scoutmaster and scouts of Troop 1791, members of Zeta Phi Beta Inc., and everyone who attended the Veterans' Day event.

My speech is included below:

Good morning and thank you for attending this event, even in such inclement weather. Thank you to Troop Master James Kelly and scouts from Troop 1791 for joining us here today.

I'm honored to be speaking with you today on such an important occasion. We're here today to honor our service members and to remember their sacrifices they have made and the courage it takes to defend honor, duty, country.

We're here today to honor our heroes, to remember their achievements, their courage and their dedication, and to say thank you for their sacrifices. Thinking of the heroes who join us in this group today and those who are here only in spirit, a person can't help but feel awed by the enormity of what we encounter. We stand in the midst of patriots and the family and friends of those who have nobly served.

The service members we honor today have come from all walks of life, but they shared several fundamental qualities. They possessed courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication to duty and integrity – all the qualities needed to serve a cause larger than one's self.

Many of them didn't go to war because they loved fighting. They were called to be part of something bigger than themselves. They were ordinary people who responded in extraordinary ways in extreme times. They rose to the nation's call because they wanted to protect a nation which has given them, and us, so much.

Millions of Americans have fought and died on battlefields here and abroad to defend our freedoms and way of life. Today our troops continue to make the ultimate sacrifices, and even as we lose troops, more Americans step forward to say, I'm ready to serve. They follow in the footsteps of generations of fine Americans.

We have awarded medals to many Soldiers, added their names to monuments and named buildings for them, to honor them for their bravery. But nothing can ever replace the hole left behind by a fallen service member, and no number of medals and ribbons can comfort the ones left behind. Today, people throughout the country will gather together to remember, to honor, and to pay gratitude to those who have served our country. Our gathering is just one small spark in the flame of pride that burns across the nation today and every day. It's not a lot, but it's one small way we can honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in freedom. Your presence here today and that of the people gathering all across America is a tribute to those lost troops and to their Families. It is a way to say we remember. We remember and honor them all. Veterans have given us freedom, security and the greatest nation on earth. It is impossible to put a price on that.

We must remember them. We must appreciate them.

Thank you for attending today. God bless you and your families; God bless our veterans and God bless America.

Vision Committee
Beverly Ash-Larson and Bob Bushwaller

The PCO Vision Committee is happy to report that our work is almost complete; we are winding down. We need your attendance at the next PCO meeting to help determine what happens next. The PCO has demonstrated great strength since its inception 60 years ago. To assess what more the PCO can do, we put out a community survey over a year ago. The community gave an overwhelming response. Our committee of 12 residents reflected on and consolidated the thoughtful information from the survey. We recently presented our final report, a five-year plan with dozens of recommendations; some are new ideas and some expand already existing programs. These suggested Action Items fall into four categories: Membership, Structure, Communication, and Quality of Life. The report can be accessed on the PCO website at www.pullmancivic.org. (Click on the Resources tab and find "Five Year Strategic Plan.")

We have developed a one-page Priority Actions Survey for PCO members to fill out to give your input as to what you would like to see the PCO tackle first together. We will tabulate the responses and report back to the Executive Board and PCO general membership in January, after taking a break to relax together at the PCO Holiday Party at the December PCO meeting. Please come to the next PCO meeting on November 17 to share your input and ideas by filling out the Vision Committee's Priority Actions Survey.

Candlelight House Walk Cancelled
Cindy McMahon

The committee involved in the planning of this event has mulled over the decision to cancel this favorite Christmas Event for some time. As COVID is still amongst us, we are going to error on the side of caution and not host the Christmas House Walk. We hope things will change by next year when we can enjoy this holiday event in safety.

Lionel Train Exhibit
Cindy McMahon

The HPF will host a model train exhibit at the HPF Exhibit Hall 11141 S. Cottage starting on December 17th and run through December 19th. This exhibit will focus on Pullman cars and the history behind them. Additionally, there will be a set of Lionel Polar Express cars for viewing. There is a strong connection between the movie The Polar Express and Pullman that our model train engineers will be glad to explain. A visit after to the Pullman National Monument Visitor Center would be a perfect way to round out your holiday experience.

National Parks Conservation Association

Congratulations to all for DECADES of great work in protecting Pullman's rich history!

Because of you, Pullman now has revived its iconic Clocktower and grounds for all the world to see and to experience the great American stories that live here.

Let's all get together for a celebratory dinner at 6:30pm, right before the November 17th PCO General Meeting.*

Let's toast the great work we've done together and get started on all the great work we have ahead!

*Pizza dinner is on us, but you can sure bring a dessert if you want to!



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Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs
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Ask the Builder: Gordon Hirsig – What kind of maintenance is needed for my wood porch?

When you look around the neighborhood, you may notice quite a variety of front porches. Originally, row houses in Pullman all had wooden porches, most of which were coverless, although some had canopies. As maintenance lapsed over the years and the porches began to fail, they were often replaced with concrete. You can see some of the older concrete porches throughout the neighborhood with heavy cast iron posts and pipe railings. More modern concrete porches often feature wrought iron railings with ornamental detailing.

Gordon Hirsig is a contractor who has lived and worked in Pullman for the past 25 years. He has been an integral part of the preservation and restoration of this neighborhood. Chances are, if you have a historic replica front porch, Gordon played some role in its construction. The Beman Committee recently stopped by Gordon's house to catch him in porch-maintenance action!

How often do wooden porches need general maintenance: It's best to do yearly maintenance to help avoid bigger issues down the line. The deck (floor) should most likely be repainted every other year.

What are some common causes of deterioration: Plants are a huge issue. If you keep a lot of potted plants on your wood porch, you will have the added moisture from watering your plants plus the water retention from the pots themselves. Shoveling is also a big one. Try to use a broom to brush away light snow. If you have to use a shovel, make sure not to hit it against the bottom of the railing.

Do you recommend using salt in the winter: No, don't use salt. You will see a lot of peeling paint and deterioration much faster if you do. Behr makes a great porch paint with sand included for grip. It also fills in cracks really well.

Any other advise for homeowners: Keep your joints caulked and all wood sealed. This will help keep water out and wood from rotting.

What are some must-have tools for the job: Paint scraper, sandpaper, JAP Dynaflex Ultra latex caulk, and JB Weld wood restore putty and wood hardener.

Front façades of all houses, including porches, in Pullman are part of the City's Landmark District and are required to follow certain guidelines for construction. You are required to follow the original design when constructing a new front porch. If you are interested in finding a drawing of what your original façade looked like, check out the Façade Legacy Project website: <https://www.pullman-museum.org/facades/>.

If you have questions or want to learn more about the details of your house, please reach out to the Beman Committee at pcobemancommittee@gmail.com.

Safety Article

Lynne M. Collins

So, what's in your wallet? When was the last time that you looked? Are you carrying around credit cards or debit cards that you don't use? Or use infrequently. Take a look into your wallet and set aside, in a safe place, those credit and/or debit cards that you are not using, often.

Is it time to cancel an account? When was the last time that you recorded your credit card numbers with their toll-free customer service numbers? Did you place the list in a very safe place? Make plans to accomplish this task, soonest. The purpose of this activity is to have immediate access to your credit card information, should you need to contact your creditor due to loss of the card(s), or suspected fraudulent activity, on your account.

Do you attend large public events, such as plays, concerts, sports events? Are the promoters requiring proof of vaccination? If that's the case, you may very well need to retrieve your proof of vaccination card from its safe place. Put it into your wallet the day of the event. Managing these cards may seem to be a bit of a bother; but, it is so much easier than suffering the loss and inconvenience of being turned away from a highly anticipated event. Being properly prepared, is being forearmed.

If you are one to use a smartphone, it is a good idea to take a picture of your important documents, i.e., your motorist's license or state ID, passport, international inoculation card, COVID inoculation card, etc, and keep them stored in your phone. You may even wish to create an email with these pictures attached and send it to yourself. Copy your next of kin. Having easy smartphone access to this information is so "21st Century."

The following three credit bureaus can assist you should you lose a card or become a victim of credit card fraud. They are: Experian, www.experian.com TransUnion, www.transunion.com and Equifax, “www.equifax.com.” Report the loss or theft of credit cards to these bureaus to cancel a card or notify them of fraud against your identity. Doing so is crucial to minimizing your loss.

While you are shopping those Black Friday sales, it will be so satisfying to have credit card peace of mind.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

On Enjoying Holiday Containers: Green Spaces and Places

Lynn Smith

One could make an argument that it is in the spareness of Winter, when Winter limbs and ground are more bare, that Winter arrangements, be it in window boxes or containers, are more welcome. Festive window boxes and containers look especially pretty when viewed against the warm brick of our Pullman houses, with the greens and rusts of the trim also fitting in nicely to the tableau. Winter lights add another pretty feature -- nice also when viewed from indoors.

Foliage candidates for window boxes and containers would include: pine branches, holly, boxwood, and magnolia leaves. Pine cones, whether frosted or not, make another festive note. Winterberry (deciduous holly) can be added to the window boxes, if you happen to have some in your yard, but if that is not the case, artificial berry branches can be a good stand in, with evergreen foliage. Other good candidates for window boxes and containers include curly Willow, Dogwood branches, and holiday ornaments. Use your imagination Birch branches are often also used to give more of a Woodland feel to the holidays.

Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season, and we'll keep talking...

Community Improvement

Andreas Morgen

Hello, some of you may know me...others may not. I'm Andreas Morgen one of your fellow Pullmanites. I'm the Community Improvement Coordinator with the PCO. If you have any problems that needed to be addressed please let me know after notifying 311. I will follow up with my contacts at Alderman Beale's office. I can be reached at 773-431-9081, Andreas.M.Morgen@gmail.com or on our several Facebook sites.

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Memorial for Mack Boyd
Erica Roewade

The memorial service for Mack Kennedy Boyd will be held Sunday, November 21st, at the Greenstone Church, at 4pm. Please bring your mask. Thanks to all who donated to his final arrangements and making this memorial happen. Thanks also to those who gave Mack a paid odd job, a cigarette, a \$10 bill, a can of pop, a piece of cake, a banana (Mack always asked me if he could have a banana) a bag of chips, or helped him along his way, with one thing or another.

Remembering Fred Fallin

It is with sadness we report the passing of Pullman’s own Fred Fallin. Teacher, musician, historian and Langley neighbor, Fred was was never at a loss for great stories, interesting factoids, and history you should know. Although he had been living away from Pullman for sever- al years, many remember the richness that he was in character, wit and charm. An avid ukulele player, he travelled to Hawaii, performed frequently, and shared his gift with us. For those who remember and those who never got the pleasure to know him, we invite you to view this short clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvzPkE7UoRs>

From the Dining Car: Whip It Good
Patty Lawson

Leave all of the brand name, ready-made whipped creams in the grocery dairy case and go for the real think this holiday season. Once you do, you may not go back. I very seldom do. And, as always, I will lead you down the path of easy and fast. Now, let’s get started. All you need are:

- 1 cup of cold whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (real, never artificial)
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar

Start with a chilled bowl and beater, so pop them in the refrigerator for at least 20 minutes. Pour the cream into the cold bowl and immediately start whipping it briskly with the beater. Do this continuously for several minutes until stiff peaks start to form and the cream has doubled in thickness. Gradually add sugar and vanilla extract. Whip it for another minute and taste. If it’s not sweet enough for you, add more sugar, a little at a time. Continue beating at a fast speed until stiff peaks form. To test it, take your beater out of the cream and hold it upside down over your bowl. If it’s firm and doesn’t move, it’s done. The whole process should take between 5 to 10 minutes, depending on how quickly you can whip. One cup of whipping cream should give you two cups of whipped cream. Make sure not to over-beat, or the cream will begin to separate and you’ll have to start over. I speak from (ahem) experience.

TIP OF THE MONTH:

For all of you holiday cooks with so many dishes to make and so little time to make them (and even less helping hands):

- Toss a few marbles in the bottom of your double boiler. When the water boils down, the noise will let you know!
- To prevent tears, peel onions under cold water or refrigerate them before chopping.
- The Butterball Hotline is now open through Christmas Eve, at 1-800-BUTTERBALL (1-800-288-8372). Or text your questions to 1-844-877-3456.

A Thanksgiving wish for a full stomach and a grateful heart from my home to yours!

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

PCO Trunk or Trest
Tom McMahon

The PCO sponsored the recent Trunk or Treat at the Exhibit Hall on Halloween. Fifteen cars showed up with decorated trunks full of treats for our Trick or Treaters. The costumes were out of this world. We had Luke Sky Walker to Metra Trains to Harry Potter all stop by for treats. Lots of princesses and puppy dogs to round out the attendees. Some generous neighbors stopped by to donate their unused candy as many Trick or Treaters failed to knock on their doors. If this was your case and you found yourself eating your candy days later plan on joining us at Exhibit Hall 11141 Cottage Grove. We have plenty of room and we would love to see this expand next year. Come and join us.

Pullman Calendar for November-December 2021				
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES				
PNM Clocktower Visitor Information Center - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm				
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	
Tue 11/16 6pm	Virtual Beat 531 Meeting with the Office of Community Policing (CAPS) Zoom Meeting Id: 824 4979 0148 Password: 844817			
Tue 11/16 7pm	PCO Safety Committee Meeting		carollagadinos@att.net	
Wed 11/17 7:30pm PCO Monthly Meeting (3rd Wed) HPF Exhibit Hall 112th St 6:30pm - NPCA hosting a Pizza Dinner before the meeting				
Fri 11/19 10am-12pm	Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri)		209 E 103rd (Dollar Tree lot)	
Sun 11/21 4pm	Memorial for Mack Boyd		Greenstone Church	
Wed 11/24 Noon	Ladies Luncheon	Email for location: carollagadinos@att.net		
Thursday 11/25	Thanksgiving Day			
Sat 11/27 11am-4pm	Santa and Mrs Claus (pics, books, toys)		Block House Gallery	
Wed 12/1 7 pm	Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting		FLM Center 614 E 113th St	
Sat 12/4 11am-4pm	Holiday Makers Market (\$)		Block House Gallery	
Wed 12/8 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)		HPF Exhibit Hall	
Sat 12/11 11am-4pm	Holiday Makers Market (\$)		Block House Gallery	
Wed 12/15 7:30pm PCO ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY				
Please bring a dish or dessert to share and spread holiday cheer with your neighbors				
Fri 12/17 10am-12pm	Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri)		209 E 103rd (Dollar Tree lot)	
Fri/Sat/Sun 12/17-18-19	Lionel Train Exhibit		HPF Exhibit Hall	
Sat 12/18 6pm-10pm	Holiday Party at the		Block House Gallery	
Tue 12/21 7pm	PCO Safety Committee Meeting		carollagadinos@att.net	
Wed 12/22 Noon	Ladies Luncheon	Email for location: carollagadinos@att.net		
Wed 12/22 7:30pm	PCO Berman Committee Meeting		pcobermancommittee@gmail.com	
Thurs 12/31 11:59pm	Deadline for 2022 Façade Reimbursement Applications			
Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year - Welcome 2022				
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PullmanArts
Board of Directors

HOLIDAY MAKERS MARKET! PullmanArts invites you to our 1st annual ‘Holiday Makers Market’ every Saturday from November 27-December 18, 2021 at the Block House Gallery. Kicking off on Small Business Saturday, come by to support local & area artists, makers and small businesses while enjoying food, beverages, and live music. Visit www.PullmanArts.org and click on the Block House Gallery link in the menu for each day’s specific details.

- November 27th / 11am-4pm -Come hang out with the official Santa of Chicago, Dreezy Claus! We’re setting up a scene for your photos with Santa and have a very special Mrs. Claus, Meagan McNeal. This day is especially for kids, including some book giveaways & toys.
- December 4th / 11am-4pm -Get your holiday shopping done while supporting local!
- December 11th / 11am-4pm – When you shop local, there is no waiting for cargo ships!
- December 18th / 6pm-10pm – Holiday Party! Bring your cheer & festive vibes!

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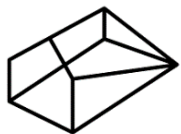
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