



THE PULLMAN FLYER

- NEIGHBORS SHARING ARE NEIGHBORS CARING -

December 2021

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street

From the PCO President
Rachel Smith



“How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?”
Dr. Seuss.

I don’t know about you, but for me, 2021 flew by. It’s almost inconceivable that Christmas is less than 30 days away. And although we’re still feeling the impacts of the COVID pandemic, Pullman has accomplished so much this year. In January, the Vision Committee kicked off a successful and inclusive lawn sign campaign, reminding us all to “Be Kind”. The PCO successfully (and consistently) conducted executive and general membership meetings to maintain the business of the organization.

The Membership Committee, led by the enthusiastic Fernando Rosiquez and Claudia Flores kicked off the successful membership drive with a cookout for the community. PullmanArts also launched their 3-day formal opening celebration of the Pullman Artspace Lofts and The Block House Gallery. The Historic Pullman Foundation welcomed Julian Jackson as Interim (now permanent) Executive Director.

The Beman Committee was busy. From overhauling the Façade Reimbursement Program to showcasing profiles of various craftsmen experienced in Pullman’s homes, the Beman Committee continuously served to educate, inform, and support the Community about the beauty of preservation and restoration.

The grand opening of the Pullman National Monument Visitor Center and Pullman State Historic Site Factory Grounds on Labor Day served to showcase the community to the world. A weekend of activities – a car caravan, various tours, visiting train cars, and other various events – showed Pullman in our best light. Welcoming dignitaries such as United States Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland was arguably the highpoint of the year. Pullman’s annual events – Garden Walk and House Tour didn’t disappoint. Well organized and well-attended, both events showed that even in a pandemic, visitors continue to be curious about and interested in what Pullman is all about – quaint, charming, and historic. We’re looking forward to welcoming them back next year!

Family-focused events such as the Trunk or Treat in October, the planned Lionel Train Exhibit (December 17-19) and the PCO Holiday Party close out the end of a very busy year.

It is my hope, as president of the Pullman Civic Organization, that in 2022, the organization continues to live up to our charge of promoting the general welfare of the community, preserving its historical significance, and educating and promoting the significance of the area. It’s a been a heck of a successful year and I’m grateful to volunteer alongside many of my neighbors who care very much about Pullman’s past, present and future.

Celebrating the Season of Light
Lorraine Brochu

In December, barring pressing business, the PCO entertains a motion to suspend usual business and get on with the important matter of connecting with neighbors and friends. All are invited to the PCO General Meeting for our annual potluck and good cheer on December 15th at 7:30 pm at the Exhibit Hall. Please bring a dish to share if you can, bring a friend or neighbor, but most importantly bring yourself. If you’d like to help organize, tidy up, or brainstorm, please contact the Hospitality Chair, Susan Schoephoester, at sschoephoester@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve Car Caravan
Tom McMahon

Once again, we are going to have a Christmas Car Caravan through the streets of Pullman on Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM. We will gather at Exhibit Hall around 5:30 to decorate our cars. From there we will drive-up and down the streets of Pullman honking horns and yelling good cheer.

If you want to participate, please meet at Exhibit Hall. To decorate your car with lights I suggest purchasing an “inverter” (this is different from a converter) for your car (Menards \$20.00). This plug-in-device will allow you to fully decorate your car with hundreds of lights (use LED lights).

Again, we would ask that at 6:00 PM residents greet the caravan from their porches or curbs ringing bells. This Caravan was a great success last year and we would hope to make this an annual Pullman event. And yes, there will be that special visitor riding in the last car bringing lots of holiday cheer.



The Train Is Coming into the Station...
Tom and Mike McMahon

This December 17th from 6:00 PM/9:00 PM and December 18th and 19th from 11:00 AM/3:00 PM, the Historic Pullman Foundation will be hosting a model train exhibit featuring Lionel Trains. There will be a number of Pullman Cars on exhibit as well as realistic engines and accessories from the 1950’s and 1960’s.

Additionally, there will be a new exhibit on the Polar Express. Pullman was the back drop for the North Pole as envisioned by the director, Robert Zemeckis, who grew up in Roseland and graduated from Fenger High School (Class of 1969).

This one-of- a-kind exhibit will bring back memories of Lionel Trains running under your Christmas tree. We invite all to experience Lionel Trains at Christmas in Pullman at Exhibit Hall on December 17th, 18th, and 19th.

Attention Members: Bylaws Notice

The Bylaws Review committee has been formed for the normal review process. Cochairs are:
Patrick Watson patrickcwatson@icould.com
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The Caritas Chorale of Pullman
invites you to attend a concert:

Christmas Vespers at the Greenstone

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Reflections on the Caritas Chorale in Concert
Elizabeth C. Mishler

The Caritas Chorale, directed by Pullman’s Pat Brannon, will present a concert, Christmas Vespers at the Greenstone, on December 19 at 6 PM at the Greenstone Church. This new choir—a sixteen voice chamber ensemble—is named for caritas, the Latin word for charity; see I Corinthians 13:13:

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

In this context, charity refers to Christian love of humankind. My Swedish-American Grandmother, Ethel Baker, exemplified this virtue throughout her life-time. To sing with the Caritas Chorale is to be in her presence, though she is on the other side of the veil. While singing the Christmas hymns and carols with the chorale, I find myself enveloped in the ancient and holy chords that resound within this music. With Dr. Brannon’s direction and Dr. Jabir’s accompaniment, one is transported to a realm of pure harmony and love together with our community of singers and with the greater Pullman community as a whole. To exist within this holy sound is to be, once again, in my Grandmother’s arms and to hear the unfaltering beauty of her alto voice, harmonizing with the many voices of the ages who have sung these songs. Christmas was my Grandmother’s favorite time of year, the music of the season her favorite music. My family is a musical family and the deep bass sound of my Grandfather’s voice reverberated in your bones. My Grandfather, Reid Baker, was a professional musician and troubador with perfect pitch, who played the String Bass; but in reality, he could play anything with strings. My Mother has a powerful soprano voice that soars with the angels, a voice of which I have inherited only “una piccola parte.” As for my Father, he sings with an unparalleled appreciation of harmony. His soul listens with a deep abiding sense of wonder and faith to the amazing grace of our divinely imbued human voices.

The above passage from Corinthians was read at my wedding, 29 years ago. I would be remiss not to mention that my husband, Michael Mishler, is also a musician and singer whose knowledge of modern music is tremendous. Our son, Paul, a budding pianist, has inherited a century-old Mason and Hamlin grand piano from my Grandfather, a love of music from our family, and a voice all his own to share with the world.

And so it goes for all of us. The universal language of music connects us with each other and with all of the voices of the past and future. The Christmas season allows us to express our gratitude for life and our caritas for each other in many ways – through generosity, fellowship, forgiveness, and grace; but the greatest of these is to be together, as a community, sharing our love and hope with each other, in this case, through music.

After a year without live music due to the pandemic, please join the Caritas Chorale in celebrating this holiday season! The concert, Christmas Vespers at the Greenstone, will be on Sunday, December 19 at 6 PM at the Greenstone Church. Admission is free.

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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Pullman Calendar for December 2021 - January 2022			
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			
Jan/Feb 2022 HPF Exhibit Hall - Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11am-3pm			
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS			
When	Event (\$ if charge)		Where/How
Wed 12/15 7:30pm	PCO ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY <i>Please bring a dish or dessert to share and spread holiday cheer with your neighbors at the HPF Exhibit Hall on 112th St and Forrestville</i>		
Fri 12/17 10am-12pm	Free Produce Distribution (3rd Fri)	209 E 103rd (Dollar Tree lot)	
Fri 12/17 6pm-9pm	Lionel Train/Polar Express Exhibit	HPF Exhibit Hall	
Sat 12/18 11am-3pm	Lionel Train/Polar Express Exhibit	HPF Exhibit Hall	
Sat 12/18 6pm-10pm	Holiday Party at the Block House Gallery		
Sun 12/19 11am-3pm	Lionel Train/Polar Express Exhibit	HPF Exhibit Hall	
Sun 12/19 6pm	The Carital Chorale - Christmas Vespers at the Greenstone Church		
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 Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com	
Fri 12/24 5:30pm	Decorating cars / gathering at the Exhibit Hall for the : 6:00 PM CHRISTMAS CAR CARAVAN THROUGH THE STREETS OF PULLMAN		
Fri 12/24 6-6:10pm	RING BELLS with neighbors ~ Get your jingle on, from your porch!		
Fri 12/24 10:30pm	Christmas Eve Mass at the Greenstone Church		
Thurs 12/31 11:59pm	Deadline for 2022 Façade Program Reimbursement Applications		
<i>Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year - Welcome 2022</i>			
Wed 1/5 7 pm	Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting	FLM Center 614 E 113th St	
Wed 1/12 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	HPF Exhibit Hall 112th St	
Tue 1/18 7pm	PCO Safety Committee Meeting	carollagadinos@att.net	
Wed 1/19 7:30pm	PCO Monthly Meeting (3rd Wed) HPF Exhibit Hall 112th St		
Wed 1/26 Noon	Ladies Luncheon	Email for location: carollagadinos@att.net	
Wed 1/26 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com	
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com			

From the Dining Car: Holiday Eating Tips
Patty Lawson

As we celebrate this joyous season in various and wondrous ways, more than likely, food will be at the center of most of our activities. Over the years, friends and my sister, Janet, have offered their tips on how to get the most out of the holiday meet-and-eat occasions, and I pass them on to you.

- Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they’re serving rum balls.
- Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly. Like fine single malt scotch, it’s rare. In fact, it’s even rarer than single malt scotch. You can’t find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It’s not as if you’re going to turn into an eggnog-aholic or something. It’s a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It’s later than you think. It’s Christmas!
- If something comes with gravy, use it. That’s the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
- As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they’re made with skim milk or whole milk. If it’s skim, pass. Why bother? It’s like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
- Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people’s food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
- Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year’s. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you’ll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10 pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
- If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don’t budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They’re like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you’re never going to see them again.
- Same for pies. Apple. Pumpkin. Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or, if you don’t like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?
- Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it’s loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards. One final tip: If you don’t feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven’t been paying attention. Reread tips; start over, but hurry. January is just around the corner.

May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends that care. And may you always believe in the magic of the season.



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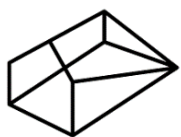
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