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January 2022

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street

From the PCO President
Rachel Smith

Happy New Year! I wanted to take a moment and thank each and everyone who contributed to the end of the year holiday party. The turnout was fantastic and the spread was impressive and thanks to the Hospitality Chair, Susan Schoephoester, the event was a success. Thanks also to Jim Badali, Cindy McMahon, and everyone who set up tables, moved chairs, brought food, drinks, and desserts and everything else. Thanks also to Tony Dzik who created a lovely slideshow for everyone to watch. Also, the train club display and the Christmas Eve car caravan added a festive feel to the neighborhood. Thank you one and all!

So, it's now 2022 and it's an opportunity for members of the Pullman Civic Organization to start with a clean slate. But it can be difficult figuring out where to start. Might I suggest...

1. Set achievable goals: it's always a good idea to have something to aim for. Walking around Pullman at least 3 times per week is great exercise and does wonders in making new friends.
2. Clear out the clutter: As one person's trash is another's treasure, donating the extras around the house and clearing out the items you don't need helps to de-stress. Consider donating items to benefit our neighbors in Roseland, North Pullman (like House of Chloe) or the Greenstone Church who is raising funds for repairs.
3. Stay Connected: Reach out to others to check in and check on one another. This time of year when it's cold and dreary, it can be easy for many of us to become isolated and feel alone. Even a friendly wave can make someone's day. Try adding a smile and see what happens!
4. Take care of yourself: get enough sleep, drink plenty of water and eat delicious items in moderation. You are the most important *You* there is! These are simple but effective ways to start the new year off right.

Due to the pandemic and in an abundance of caution, the PCO will be holding the executive and general membership meetings virtually for the foreseeable future. We will be monitoring conditions to determine when to re-start in-person meetings and will communicate with the community when it's safe to do so.

The PCO executive board appreciates your flexibility and looks forward finding innovative methods to keep the community informed and engaged.

Attention Members: Bylaws Notice

The Bylaws Review committee has been formed for the normal review process. Cochairs are:

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*****The next PCO General Meeting
will be held virtually via Zoom*****

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Christmas Eve Car Caravan
Tom McMahon

Its approaching 6:00 PM on Christmas Eve. The last of the decorations are being placed on the cars in the parking lot of Exhibit Hall. A squad car from the 005th District arrives, "I was told to escort Santa through the neighborhood," related the officer. Santa approached the officer and asked, "Have you been good this year?" The officer started to stutter... but eventually said "Well I didn't write anyone in Pullman any tickets this year." And so, our 2nd Annual Christmas Car Caravan took off down the streets of Pullman honking horns, flashing lights spreading good cheer with Santa bringing up the rear. Up and down each street the caravan went greeted by residents ringing bells.

Mike McMahon led the parade on his decorated Harley complete with a plastic Santa. Pat and Mike Shymanski attached their blow-up lawn decorations to their cars, Stacey Peponis had Christmas music and a snowman in the bed of his truck while Katie McMahon and Jim Badali lit up their cars with hundreds of lights. Fernando and Claudia decorated their car as did Luann Wethington. Our NPS Superintendent Terry Gage and her husband arrived in time to add to the caravan. Lastly, Santa (Ed DeLeon) wearing a handsome suit complete with the proper face mask sat back in the sleigh (my 1966 convertible) waving at everyone and throwing candy to the children waiting at the curbs. I want to thank all the others who participated and added to the length of the caravan. What fun this was for all of us. Let's plan on doing this again next year.



Santa and friends getting ready for the Pullman Car Caravan



Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs
pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

A big thank you to everyone who applied for this year's Façade Reimbursement Program! Recipients will be announced at this month's general membership meeting, so please stay tuned.

Despite missing a year of House Tour due to COVID 19, and in turn the Façade Reimbursement Program, we did not see anything short of amazing restoration work completed throughout the neighborhood. I hope that many of you have been able to follow our Facebook posts highlighting these wonderful projects in the recent months. We've seen doors, windows, and whole façades brought back to life with the help of a little love, dedication, and some truly skilled craftsman!

Christopher Ellis and Dawn Marie Galtieri completed a stunning transformation of their façade. They removed old asphalt siding on their bay feature and replaced with cedar shingles, restored the original window openings, and installed new wood sash windows and storms.

Michael Burgess restored his original wood sash windows and original front door. His project really highlighted the magic of refinishing original features.

Katie McMahon showed us what a little collaboration with a neighbor can do. The work included a new slate roof, wood box gutter, masonry repointing, parapet wall rebuilding, and extensive painting including existing windows, pediment, and enclosed porch.

Bruce Lange demolished a deteriorated concrete porch and constructed a new historic replica wood porch. A project he personally had a hand assisting with.

Michael and Elizabeth Mishler, Jim Osterello, and Larry and Carol Lagadinos installed new replica wood sash windows.

Lalo and Marilyn Garcia installed new wood doors and transoms with a personal touch of finish work completed by Lalo himself.

These projects, along with countless others, are what help honor the history of this magical community. We all know that these projects are not easy or cheap, but their transformations take our breath away. We hope that you continue to reach out to us with questions, recommendations, and stories of joy or frustration – we love hearing from you!

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.

Ladies Luncheon Group

Carol Lagadinos

The Ladies Lunch Group celebrated the holidays in December at an outdoor luncheon with a Paris Christmas Market theme that was held on a residents backyard heated patio. In spite of chilly weather, a fun time was had by all. The Group has selected to take a break in January due to a surge in COVID cases being reported. A selection for February has not been chosen but may be virtual. For information contact carollagadinos@att.net

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Christmas Pullman Trains

Tom and Mike McMahon

Over the weekend of December 17th, 18th and 19th, there was a display of Lionel Model Trains in the Exhibit Hall with a Polar Express theme.

Over 200 people came through the doors and observed the seven sets of model trains ranging from a vintage 1948 Lionel engine with a working smoke stack to a newer Polar Express Train complete with a life size cut-out of Tom Hanks as the Conductor.

Children entering the hall were given a special Golden Ticket to take with them just as in the movie. It was a delight to see the youngsters operating some of the accessories and watching the trains circle the tracks. It was just as much fun watching the adults walk down memory lane when they owned sets like these back in the day. Let's hope we can make this a yearly event!

It took about five days to set up and three days to take down and could not have been possible without the help of Mike McMahon, Jim Badali, Fernando Rosiquez, and Kevin Barry from the Chicagoland Lionel Model Railway Club.



Youngsters watching the Lionel Trains at the Exhibit Hall

The Forest Preserves of Cook County is honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. with a Day of Service

Join a self-led volunteer litter cleanup on January 17, 2022 and make a direct impact on the health and beauty of your local forest preserves. From casually discarded cans to intentionally dumped tires, every bit of trash left in the Forest Preserves hurts our natural areas and the plants and animals that depend on them.

Contact Credell.walls@cookcountyil.gov or Erin.Scheffler@cookcountyil.gov with questions.

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2022 Holiday Tree Recycling
From www.recyclecity.com

Chicago’s Holiday Tree Recycling events return starting January 8th, with the addition of another Southside location!

Why tree recycling is good for the planet Trees collected at the Holiday Tree Recycling events are turned into mulch. Mulching trees is far more earth-friendly than sending them to landfills. By foregoing the landfill, your tree won’t be rotting away releasing greenhouse gas emissions or taking up landfill space; instead, the mulch it creates will be used to benefit plants and soil at local parks and forests.

Events run from Jan. 8th - 22nd, 2022. Chicago’s Tree Recycling Program runs from January 8th through the 22nd at 26 parks across the City. Trees can be dropped off anytime during normal business hours.

Only live/natural trees without flocking are accepted (no garland or wreaths). Because the trees are mulched, all tinsel, ornaments, lights, and stands must be removed. Plastic bags used for transport should also be removed before putting trees in the stalls.

Six locations will also provide free mulch on a first-come, first-served basis, starting January 12th: Lincoln Park, Margate Park, Mt. Greenwood Park, North Park Village, Warren Park, and the Forestry Site.

- Bessemer Park, 8930 S. Muskegon Ave.
- Clark Park, 3400 N. Rockwell St.
- *Forestry Site, 900 E. 103rd St.
- Garfield Park, 100 N. Central Park Ave.
- Grant Park, 900 S. Columbus Dr.
- Humboldt Park Boathouse, 1369 N. Sacramento Ave.
- Jackson Park, 6300 S. Cornell Ave.
- Kennedy Park, 2427 W. 113th St.
- Kelvyn Park, 4438 W. Wrightwood Ave.
- Lake Meadows Park, 3117 S. Rhodes Ave.
- *Lincoln Park, Cannon Dr. at Fullerton Ave. (East side of Cannon Dr.)
- Mahalia Jackson Park, 8385 S. Birkhoff Ave.
- *Margate Park, 4921 N. Marine Dr.
- Marquette Park, 6700 S. Kedzie Ave.
- McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing Rd.
- *Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St.
- *North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd.
- Norwood Park, 5800 N Avondale (Service Yard)
- Portage Park, 4100 N. Long Ave.
- Riis Park, 6201 W. Wrightwood Ave.
- Rowan Park, 11546 S. Avenue L
- Sheridan Park, 910 S. Aberdeen St.
- Walsh Park, 1722 N. Ashland
- *Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.
- Wentworth Park, 5701 S. Narragansett Ave.
- West Chatham Park, 8223 S. Princeton

In 2020, 22,236 Christmas trees were mulched through the Holiday Tree Recycling events, a whopping 25% increase over the previous year. That’s equal to diverting approximately 775,000 pounds from landfills. Let’s do our part in Pullman and recycle.

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Pullman Calendar for January-February 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 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 General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) **Virtual only (go to pullmancivic.org for Zoom link)	
Wed 1/26 Noon	Ladies Luncheon	Canceled this month
Wed 1/26 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
February : Look online for virtual Black History Month events and activities		
Wed 2/2 7 pm	Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting	TBD
Wed 2/9 7:00 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	*** Virtual ***
Tue 2/15 7pm	PCO Safety Committee Meeting	carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 2/16 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) **Virtual only (go to pullmancivic.org for Zoom link)	
Wed 2/23 Noon	Ladies Luncheon	Email for location: carollagadinos@att.net
Wed 2/23 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting	pcobemancommittee@gmail.com
SAVE THE DATES - MAY 14/15 RAILROAD DAYS IN PULLMAN		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

Condolences

Condolences to long-time Pullman resident Joe Lopez who lived on 113th and Forrestville and passed away this month at the age of 90. Mr. Lopez will be remembered for his kind, generous spirt and infectious laugh. He will be truly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

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.

After School Crafts: MLK, Jr. Art Poster



Please join Ms. Anna at the Chicago Public Library - Pullman Branch and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday by making an artistic MLK, Jr. poster for display in the library, on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 4pm – 5pm.

How to Attend – Pullman Library is at 11001 S Indiana Ave (312) 747-2033

This is an in-person event. The safety and health of our patrons and staff is our priority. We’re requiring all visitors over age 2 to wear masks that cover nose and mouth. If you do not have a mask, we will provide disposable masks. CPL staff wear masks at all times.

When visiting the library, maintain at least six feet of distance from staff and other patrons. Stay home if you or someone in your group are experiencing symptoms of any illness per order of the Chicago Department of Public Health.



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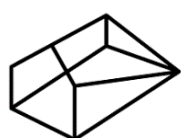
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