# PCO General Meeting, Wednesday, October 19, 7:30pm

HPF Exhibit Hall, 11141 S Cottage Grove



## From the PCO President

John Lydon

The PCO Vision Committee created a report last September that was a culmination of over sixteen months of meetings and discussions around feedback from over 150 community members. From this report, the PCO is committing to work toward achieving the following five goals:

Goal One: Increase our diverse membership

Goal Two: Clearly define our purpose and role in the community Goal Three: Extend our lines of communication with the community

Goal Four: Make our community more inclusive Goal Five: Address issues that impact our quality-of-life

At the most recent PCO meeting, members approved our annual budget, which prioritized and aligned with these five goals. Funds have been designated to expand PCO sponsored special events; in addition to the upcoming Trunk-or-Treat, Veterans Day, Holiday Party, and Black History Month celebrations, we invite members to bring ideas to the Hospitality Committee that will further foster a sense of community. All ideas are welcome-from honoring LGBTQIA+ Pride and Hispanic Heritage Months to engaging in cook-off competitions and family nature walks. Have an event in mind? Reach out to our amazing Hospitality Committee chair, Susan Schoephoester.

Our annual budget also allocated expanded funds to three PCO Committees. The Communication Committee will be researching email/SMS platforms that will better connect our organization with its members and the broader community. The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Committee will be hosting a facilitator to lead a series of sessions and community discussions on how we can collectively move toward equity and justice. The Beman Committee will lead hands-on workshops around best practices in historic preservation and how to navigate resources related to our Historic District. All of these initiatives align to our goals and are led by members who serve our community through their committee work.

To learn more and find a committee that interests you, take the PCO Committee Interest Survey at bit.ly/pcocommittees or by using the QR code below. Join us in this work!



## OCTOBER PCO MEETING

At our upcoming meeting, we will collaborate on ideas for committees to achieve our goals followed by a debrief of the 49th Pullman House Tour and the planning of upcoming events. If you are able, bring a bag of candy to donate to our Trunk-of-Treat event!

Together, we can.

## Fireside Stories and Blues

Pullman National Monument

Enjoy the melancholic sounds of blues and crackling of fire at our Fireside Stories & Event October 29th @ 4:30 – 6:00 PM. In between Blues sets, tell your own spooky story or poem about Pullman. The event will be hosted outdoors on Pullman State Historic Site Grounds (610 E. 111th Street), so make sure to bring a blanket and a lawn chair!

And afterwards, join our official friend's group the Historic Pullman Foundation's Pullman Macabre Tour (fees apply) at 6:30 PM: "From fiery train crashes and primitive surgeries to mysterious deaths, murders, and devastating tragedies, join us as we unearth stories from Pullman's history. Once headlining local papers now largely forgotten, the stories we share on this tour are the grim side of the American dream."

### **PCO** Trunk or Treat

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. It 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. There are a number of great ideas on Pinterest for decorating your cars. Pick one and come join us for a haunting good time. Don't forget to bring your trick or treaters by. We love seeing all the children if their costumes.

### **House Tour Car Show**

Tom McMahon

They came early wanting to get a good spot in the Historic Pullman House Tour Annual Classic Car Show. Soon over 85 classic/vintage/unique autos were parked in the lot next to Exhibit Hall. This was the 15th year we have had this event to add to our already successful House Tour.

The Best in Show/Ranger's Choice was a beautiful 1968 red and white Jeep completely restored back to original. The Crossroads Corvette Club came out to support our show as they have done for a number of years. Thanks to Mike McMahon, Paul Taylor and Nick Ziemba for helping direct traffic and assisting with parking.



## Congratulations

The Pullman National Monument and State Historic Site Project has been awarded a 2022 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award for Rehabilitation! The program is in its 29th year of celebrating exceptional preservation efforts in Illinois, and has honored individuals, organizations, projects and programs whose work demonstrate a commitment to historic preservation. An in-person ceremony to honor the nine awardees will be held November 4th at the Chicago Cultural Center.

This award honors six organizations and federal agencies for their decades of leadership and advocacy work in Chicago's Pullman community that led to the creation of the 12-acre Pullman National Monument & Historic Site and the \$35 million rehabilitation of the long-vacant Pullman Administration-Clock Tower Building (now the Pullman Visitor Center). Recipients of the award are: the National Park Service, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, National Park Foundation, Positioning Pullman Project Team and Historic Pullman Foundation. Congratulations to all ~ Go Pullman!!



# The Pullman Flyer

## Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

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

Did you know that the PCO Beman Committee has a program in which homeowners can receive reimbursements of up to \$1000 for the restoration of the facades of their historic homes?

That's right, the PCO Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Program, now in its 10th year(!), provides property owners with reimbursements of up to \$1000 matched dollar-for-dollar by the owner for restoration work to the façade of their historic home. Windows, doors, porches and mansard roofs are just some of the things for which homeowners can receive a reimbursement, so long as the proposed work contributes to the historic character of the neighborhood.

And how does one go about applying for one of these reimbursements, you ask? It's easy — beginning November 1, Applications for the Program will be made available online and in-person beginning at that month's PCO General Membership meeting. Proposed work must meet the Committee's qualifications for historic preservation and restoration, and all necessary permits must be secured before the work is undertaken. And if the cost of a permit seems daunting, remember: by virtue of our living in a historic District, permit fees (for any work!) can be waived by the City. Contact the PCO Beman Committee for more information.

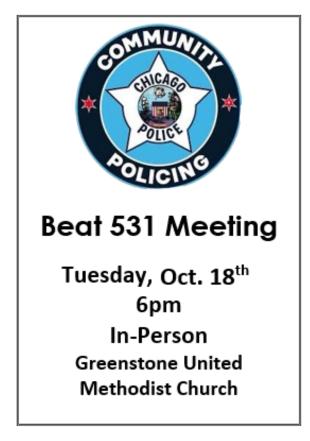
And did you know that the Façade Reimbursement Program is funded each year by the annual Pullman House Tour? That's right, half of the net proceeds from each year's Tour fund each yearly cycle of the Program, ensuring that the House Tour continues to benefit homeowners and the community as a whole. The amount of funding available each year for the Program is thus entirely dependent upon the success of the previous year's House Tour – the more tickets are sold, the more money is available to fund the Program. So be sure to talk up and promote the House Tour each and every year, because without House Tour, there is no Façade Reimbursement Program!

So if you're looking to finally get those windows replaced, that front door fixed up, or even just want to give your house a fresh coat of paint in Pullman colors in 2023, now's the perfect time to start planning and take advantage of the PCO Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Program, now having leveraged just shy of half a million dollars in private investment since its inception a decade ago. Be on the lookout for the Application and Guidelines in November!

## **National Parks October Events**

Lisa Burback

- 10/8 @ 10am Steps with a Ranger
- 10/16 @ 10am Bike with a Ranger
- 10/29 @ 4:30pm-6pm Fireside Spooky Stories and Blues. Bring your ghost encounter stories or anything creepy to share!
- 11/5 All Day: National Bison Day Pullman National Monument and State
  Historic Site will be joining in celebration with Midewin National Tallgrass
  Prairie on their annual Bison Crawl. There will be student decorated bison
  displayed on the Pullman State Historic Site grounds and in the visitor
  Center carriageway.
- 11/11 @ 3pm: Veterans Day Lecture by Joe Parziale
- 11/19 @ 1pm: Guest Speaker Christina Henderson, Prairie Supervisor,



## Green Spaces and Places: Bringing the Outdoors In

Lynn Smith

As we head are heading into the cooler months of Autumn and Winter, it can be useful to find more ways of bring the outdoors in, not through making our homes more habitable to squirrels and racoons (!), but through the use of precooled bulbs (or alternatively cooling them yourself in the frig, in a paper bag for about 8-12 weeks) in a tall vase, often weighted down with gravel to help the flowers stay upright as they develop flowers.

Simply put, a healthy bulb, firm, large and without soft spots, has all the nutrients needed to flower indoors, once put in water, with gravel, with pointed side of the bulb planted upwards. It does not need soil. What it does need is fairly good bright indirect light (south, west and east facing light tends to be the brightest, in respective levels of brightness).

If they are not precooled bulbs, they will need to be cooled in the frig for the following number of weeks, in paper bages: Daffodils – 12-15 weeks, crocus – 8-15 weeks, hyacinths – 12-15 weeks – You can also get already set for forcing paperwhites/ narcissi, grown in Israel, at many garden centers, which do not need to be refrigerated first.

So, consider the use of either pre cooled (ie. narcissus, paperwhites, sometimes hyacinths if advertised as precooled) bulbs or regular bulbs (which you will need to cool in a root cellar or a refrigerator for the requisite time) to brighten up the chillier months of the year...and we'll keeping talking...

## Pullman School's Dia de los Muertos

Pullman Families,

We would like to invite you to join in our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15), and in celebration of the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) holiday which is celebrated Nov. 1 & 2. Please join us on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 from 4-6pm as we celebrate with music, activities, snacks, student art display, altar, and more.

Día de los Muertos is a holiday celebrated throughout Latin America and around the world in many other cultures. It brings together groups of people to honor and celebrate friends and family members who have passed on. Come out and learn more about Dia de los Muertos and celebrate with us.

We are asking students who would like to participate in the schoolwide altar to bring in a photo of a loved one they would like to remember during this time. The photo will be placed on and alter that will be set up in the Pullman Auditorium for display. We will not keep the original photo. A photocopy will be made and the original photo will be sent back home. You can also email a photo to Ms. Chico at pmchico@cps.edu. We are asking for all photos to be brought in by no later than Monday, Oct. 24, to allow for preparation time.

We look forward to celebrating with you all.



# The Pullman Flyer

## From the Dining Car

Astrid Fingerhut

Back in the early days of the pandemic, whether because grocery store aisles started looking apocalyptically bare or because many of us got anxious about our lack of traditional survival skills, everyone started baking. Even before it became news and packaged yeast disappeared like Lysol, half the country decided to brush up on their bread-making. I made a few reasonably successful attempts my own self. I even bought a lovely Pullman pan for that perfectly square loaf...which I've now used exactly twice.

The truth is, in the giant game of "fast, cheap, good—you get to pick two" that comprises most of the decisions in our lives, my cooking decisions AL-WAYS include "fast." And bread is, well, just not fast.

So, no matter how delicious my homemade bagels were (and honestly, not to brag, but they were GOOD! Not New York good, mind you, but maybe ... western New Jersey?) there are far too many steps and too much precise waiting for things to rise for me to want to make them very often. That's the glory of Allison Kallo's no knead bread recipe—the rise time can be varied without huge consequences, and you truly don't need to knead the dough to make delicious, crusty bread! This bread is perfect with the goat cheese and tomato tapas recipe from last month... and both are wonderful for these fall evenings as the temps drop and you start to crave hearty, warming dishes.

#### Ingredients:

- Three cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon rapid rise yeast (Instant yeast. Not Active Dry yeast)
- 1 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon vinegar (white or apple I use apple)
- 1 1/2 cups hot water

Possible Extras: Herbs, pepper, cheese, olives, onions (don't add sugar/sugary things; it messes with the yeast and yields a different—icky—flavor)

### Steps:

#### Make the Dough:

- 1. In a largish bowl, whisk flour, yeast and salt. (If you are adding pepper or dried herbs, add them now.)
- 2. Add hot water and vinegar and stir until well mixed.
- 3. Give it a Long Rise. Cover the bowl with plastic or a plate and leave it alone for at least 4 hours. The dough should be stringy and airy.
- 4. Place your Dutch oven in the oven on a low rack. Turn on oven to 450. The pot should be in the oven for at least 20-30 min heating.
- 5. Give the Dough a Short Rise (while the pan and oven are preheating). Place some parchment paper on the counter, spray some olive oil or Pam or butter the parchment paper. Then scrape the dough from the bowl onto the parchment paper. (It should have bubbles on the surface, feel sticky, and look kinda stringy.)
- 6. If you are adding extras, toss them on the weird dough mass on the parchment paper. Pick up the ends of the dough and fold them toward the middle, covering any cheese that you tossed on (or they will bust through the dough when cooking and burn on the bottom of the bread). Leave it alone for about 20-30 min, while the pan preheats.
- 7. Put the Dough in the Hot Pan in the Hot Oven. This is the tricky part Basically you have to get the dough into the hot Dutch oven. I use two methods:
- 1. Parchment Paper Method: Cut the parchment paper around the dough. Pick up the dough by the bottom parchment paper and toss it in the Dutch oven without burning yourself. It is totally ok to throw the dough. This is preferred and, I think, much safer. The parchment paper may discolor, but it is ok.
- 2. No parchment paper: Fold the dough back on itself and make it into as much of a ball as possible. Toss it into the Dutch oven. If possible, toss it in seam side up. But none of that actually matters.
- 8. Put the lid on and place the Dutch oven back in the oven. Bake 25 to 30 min.
- 9. Take the lid off and bake for 15-20.
- 10. Cool for 10 -15 min. Enjoy!



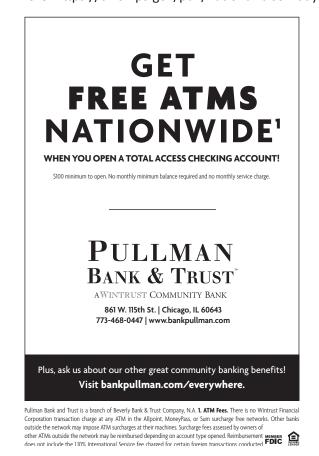
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# National Bison Day

Elijah Olomoniyi

Join us for National Bison Day on November 5th! Pullman National Monument and State Historic Site will be joining in celebration with Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie on their annual Bison Crawl. There will be student decorated bison displayed on the Pullman State Historic Site grounds and in the visitor Center carriageway. The visitor center will be open from 9AM - 5PM and the grounds are open everyday from sunrise to sunset.

On November 19th at 1PM, we will also have our guest speaker Christina Henderson, Prairie Supervisor, USDA Forest Service, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie presenting "The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Bison Project". Join us in person at the Pullman National Monument Visitor Center (610 E. 111th Street). Learn more: https://cms.nps.gov/pull/national-bison-day.htm







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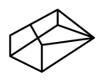
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