November 2022

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street, pullmancivic.org

PCO General Meeting, Wednesday, November 16, 7:30pm

HPF Exhibit Hall, 11141 S Cottage Grove



From the PCO President

John Lydon

As leaves change and daylight dwindles, November is a time to pause and give thanks. This month's article features Gavin Armour, for whom I am grateful.



Gavin and his family—Leshele, Nicholas, and Erin—have called Pullman home for the past two decades. Growing up in the Roseboro neighborhood, Gavin is surrounded by relatives and friends both in Pullman and adjacent South Side communities, which grounds him here. "After traveling in the Army, there's something about being in a familiar place for a long time. I chose to raise my kids here and wouldn't trade this place for anything," reflected Gavin.

Right after receiving his Bachelor's in Political Science and Government and Master's in Public Administration from Grambling State

University, Gavin enlisted in the United States Army in 1998. He first served as an 88M Truck Driver and 63J Heavy Equipment Operator before being commissioned as a Medical Planning and Operations Officer. In the Army, Gavin traversed both the country—from Fort Sam Houston (his favorite) and Fort Bragg to Fort Dix and Fort McCoy—and the world—from Qatar and Kuwait to Iraq and Afghanistan. During his travels, Gavin took the opportunity to learn from the people in every place he was stationed. "Everywhere I went, everyone was doing their best for their families, for their children. Many people today try to label or paint groups with a broad brush when in actuality, people are just finding ways to make it. If you think we're different, we're not."

Following his over twenty-year career in the Army, Gavin now works for the US Department of Veteran Affairs as a Legal Administrative Specialist where his focus is helping Veterans access benefits and navigate supports. "The Army changes you; once you've been deployed, you are different from the person who joined," Gavin limned. On Veterans Day, Gavin recommended not only to show gratitude for Veterans, but also advocate for the continued improvement and alignment of the systems that support our service members when they return home. Gavin noted he knows people in our neighborhood who are still on their journey to fully make it home. "My advice is to get to know your neighbors—introduce yourself to those you don't yet know with the goal of making Pullman a welcoming environment for all."

Thank you for your continued service to the people of our community and country, Gavin. Together, we can.

NOVEMBER PCO MEETING

At our upcoming meeting, Mark Doyle, founder of Rags of Honor (ragsofhonor.us), Veteran Roasters (veteranroasters.com), and RNR Brews (rnrbrews.com), will present about the new roastery, brew pub, and cafe coming to Pullman! All of Mark's ventures are focused on providing Veterans a place to work and regain their lives after service. To honor veterans in our community, the PCO plans to collect photos of Pullman Veterans, past and present, to be displayed at this new development; more details on this project are forthcoming.

Interested in learning more? Head to bit.ly/pullman2024.

49th Annual Pullman House Tour

Patrick Brannon and Cindy McMahon

The 49th Annual Pullman House Tour is now behind us and another success is on the books. Friday night homeowners manned their stations and allowed volunteers to have a sneak peek. Mike and Pat Shymanski and the Garden Club hosted a warm and wonderful get together for our volunteers at the new Café (aka 1 Florence Boulevard). Saturday's visitors lined up outside Exhibit Hall early in anticipation of a great tour and were not disappointed. Music from the Qombo enhanced the day while food trucks provided a taste of Pullman and Chicago. Homeowners enjoyed a day-time Oasis and an evening thank-you dinner hosted by Carol and Larry Lagadinos.

Sunday opened with beautiful weather and another great crowd walked through the array of wonderful homes opened for viewing. Music from the Mudcats played from the bandstand while another outstanding car show enhanced the experience for our visitors. We wrapped up the weekend with a pizza party for the homeowners and committee members hosted by Stephanie and Derrick McLean.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped support this important Pullman event, and a huge thank you to the Homeowners! Without you we could not host such a spectacular tour. Thanks to Sarah Buchmeier, Dr. Jor'Dan, Pam and Keith Eiten, Sue Moss, Robert Anderson, Kris Thomsen and the Ludham Family, Jim Badali, and Bill Tyre. A double shout out to all the committee members and volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you! For the past 49 years the houses always change but Pullman Pride stays strong.

On to planning the 50th House Tour; it's not too early to plan. Is there a project in your home you would like to see done? House tour is a great incentive to get those projects completed and now you have plenty of time to plan. Who saves and maintains a Landmark? . . . We all do.

Pullman Agencies Announce Joint General Management Plan

Teri M. Gage

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) are developing a joint general management plan for Pullman National Monument (Monument) and State Historic Site (Historic Site).

The two agencies signed a co-management agreement last year, prior to the grand opening of the new visitor center and re-developed factory site that interpret key themes of the Pullman story. The joint general management plan will set management direction for the co-located monument and historic site for the next two decades. During the first phase of planning, the NPS-IDNR planning team will gather public input to inform the planning process. During the week of November 13th, members from the NPS-IDNR planning team will host multiple open houses at the following times:

Tuesday, November 15 - Clock Tower from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 16 - Clock Tower from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, November 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Virtually via Zoom

Pullman was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969, declared a National Historic Landmark District in 1970, and then as a Chicago Landmark District in 1972. The State of Illinois purchased Hotel Florence and the Pullman Car Works in 1991, and established Pullman State Historic Site. In 2015, President Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation that designated the historic community as Pullman National Monument and a unit of the National Park Service.

Moving forward, the agencies will consult with other government agencies, nonprofit organizations, stakeholders, residents, and other interested parties to prepare a joint general management plan that will guide future management decisions about resource protection, interpretation, and visitor use. The final plan will provide a valuable tool for park managers who make daily decisions that can affect the site resources, visitors, and neighbors. You can engage in this planning process by joining an open house, visiting the Monument's website (www.nps.gov/pull) or by following the Facebook page @PullmanNationalMonument.NPS. Updates are shared on the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment page https://parkplanning.nps.gov/pullmanjgm



The Pullman Flyer

Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

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

2023 Façade Reimbursement Program Applications & Guidelines Now Available at pullmancivic.org – click on the 'Resources' tab

The Façade Reimbursement Program is back for its 19th cycle, and Guidelines and Applications are now available on the PCO website or by contacting pcobemancommittee@gmail.com. Paper copies will also be made available at this month's PCO General Membership meeting.

Like last year, applications are due back December 31, with the period for projects running the 2023 calendar year. We'll be announcing the recipients at the January General Membership meeting, so be sure to get those Applications in on time! As a reminder, a completed Application, quote from a contractor, and drawings of façade elements to be restored are all required. Projects requiring permits will also need to provide a copy of the permit or show proof of submission for a Permit Fee Waiver before the project is undertaken. Drawings can be found at pullman-museum.org/facades — these drawings can be used as part of your application, to solicit bids from contractors, and even apply for a building permit! Take advantage of this wonderful, community-generated resource at your disposal!

The PCO Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Program is a wholly community-led effort and funded entirely by each year's House Tour — no outside sponsors or organizations have a hand in it, which ensures that the Program remains of the community and for the community.

Part of that community spirit comes from everyone doing their part to chip in — we reap the benefits of what we sow, and it is only through community engagement and volunteer participation that the Façade Reimbursement Program has been able to continue.

Volunteering for House Tour allows such a massive event as that to go on being a successful destination for visitors, and without the willingness of everyone who helps out, there would be no House Tour — and thus no Façade Reimbursement Program. A three-hour shift commitment once a year is a small favor to ask of each of us, regardless of whether or not we've benefitted from a Reimbursement in the past. And there are so many ways to help out, you don't even need to think of it as strictly a shift at a house — there's always so much going on that weekend, pretty much anyone can help make a difference in whatever way they're capable.

And instead of seeing it as a chore, think of it instead as a way to show off the pride in your neighborhood and what it has to offer. Visitors almost always walk away feeling impressed by how much the people here love this town, so think of House Tour as a way to show off your pride in this place we call home.

Green Spaces and Places: Winter Window Boxes

Lynn Smith

As I am typing this our annual geraniums are still going strong in our front window boxes. But I know it won't last. This Fall, unlike our Spring, has been unusually long and mild. So, I am thinking ahead to when the cold will be arriving – and getting inspiration from past visits to Europe, where they are seriously creative about Winter window boxes.

Winter window boxes can include fresh evergreens such as pine, boxwood, holly, magnolia, or spruce. It can also include miniature, planted evergreens (if your window box is deep enough), winterberry, ornaments, fake berries (they make some good fake, red, white, or light green berries). Anything with an interesting seed pod can be used in a window box- lotus seeds for example are sometimes used. Small garlands of battery-operated twinkling lights can be very nice in window boxes... to be seen from both the out of doors and indoors.

Beneath the pine garlands, again if you have enough space, you can plant bulbs for the coming Spring - Festive window boxes, with twinkling lights, act as a bridge to get us through the Winter, reminding us of color and evergreens even when the outdoors is gloomy and dark. And we'll keep talking...

PCO Trunk or Treat

Tom McMahon

The Annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween evening at the Exhibit Hall parking lot was a great success. Over 500 ghosts, goblins, and superheroes came to trick or treat. I want to thank all of our residents who decorated their cars and provided the candy that made this event successful. From all the comments made by parents and the look on our children's faces, this will be an annual event. Plan on coming out next year and make this event bigger and better.

Pullman Leaders Recognized with National Award

The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) recently recognized Pullman National Monument Superintendent Teri Gage and Pullman Project Manager Todd Ravesloot for their innovative and unwavering work to transform Chicago's first and only national park site: Pullman National Monument.

The Stephen T. Mather award is named after the first director of the National Park Service and given to individuals in the National Park Service who have shown steadfast leadership and persistent dedication to our national parks. Teri and Todd are recognized for their innovation and dedication in transforming Pullman National Monument for visitors and for the people who live in this urban national park. Located on Chicago's far South Side, Pullman faces a variety of challenges from historic disinvestment to equity of access. Through their important work here, the National Park Service has pulled residents in to create a stronger sense of community around the park. "Being the Superintendent at Pullman National Monument is the highlight of my National Park Service career and I'm pleased to accept this award on behalf of all the employees, volunteers, and partners who helped to stand up this new park," said Teri Gage, Superintendent for Pullman National Monument. "The Town of Pullman was originally built as a model industrial community and today it is an exemplary model of public-private partnership, in which NPCA played an important role. We are thankful for their ongoing support at Pullman National Monument."

Through their collective patience and persistence, Teri and Todd successfully led the renovation of the \$34 million visitor center and 12-acre site, overcoming the challenges of a global pandemic to open on schedule Labor Day 2021. The iconic Pullman Administration Clock Tower Building was devastated by fire in 1998. Today it serves as the gateway to the park and welcomes people to learn the important history of the nation's labor and civil rights movements.

"After working for the National Park Service for several years in the Washington, DC area, I was given the incredible opportunity to move to my hometown of Chicago to join the staff of Pullman National Monument," said Todd Ravesloot, former Project Manager for Pullman National Monument. Today Ravesloot is Chief of Facilities at nearby Indiana Dunes National Park.

"While there, I helped lead the construction management on the Pullman Clock Tower Building and assisted the State of Illinois with the renovation of the factory site," Ravesloot added. "Due to my family connections to the Pullman story, it was a privilege for me to just be involved with the project, as my grandfather grew up down the street from Pullman and my father worked for Pullman Standard when I was born. The Stephen Tyng Mather award is icing on the cake, and I couldn't feel more honored."

Teri and Todd's work, along with NPCA and partners, has been recognized with numerous local, state and national awards for innovation over the years.

"America's third largest city didn't have a national park until Pullman was established, and any new park in a city this size comes with challenges," said Theresa Pierno, President and CEO for the National Parks Conservation Association. "Teri knew the key to the park's success would be to fulfill the promise of renovating the Pullman Clock Tower, building strong relationships and ensuring the area was safe and welcoming for visitors and residents alike. She is doing that one neighborhood meeting and one new relationship at a time. Together with partners, Teri and Todd established new neighborhood access points, new safety systems with the Chicago Police Department, and many new programs to connect residents to the park and the powerful stories Pullman tells. They exemplify leadership, have overcome obstacles, and have lifted Pullman up to become the gold standard for launching new urban national parks across the entire park system. And we are so proud to recognize and celebrate them with the Mather award."

Teri and Todd accepted the Stephen T. Mather award on October 29, 2022, at the Association of National Park Rangers' Ranger Rendezvous 45, in Tucson, Arizona.





The Pullman Flver

@ Greenstone Church

Gateway Garden

Location TBD

From the Dining Car

Astrid Fingerhut

The holiday season is upon us! I absolutely love the series of holidays that take us from Halloween to the new year, full of get togethers and parties, family, friends, and good cheer... which then leave us fat, exercise-deprived, and disconsolate through the grim, dark, blizzard season while we all pretend to engage in hygge.... In related news, I think this is the year I'm writing to Santa for a SAD lamp!

Second only to getting together with my family for Christmas with all the special, once-a-year foods and traditions is hearing about other people's special holiday foods and traditions. Better still is being able to taste a little bit of other people's holiday traditions. So, how about a cookie exchange? Bring the cookie that puts you in the holiday spirit, speaks of your cultural traditions, or reminds you of that one year when the neighbors' dogs broke in and stole the turkey and you ended up having a Chinese food feast instead....

Feel free to play fast and loose with the definition of cookie—if your holiday traditions involve a special candy, great! If your family really doesn't get into sweets, but your aunt makes yeast rolls that everyone in the family fights over, fantastic!

Pullman Cookie Exchange Saturday, December 17 Write to me by November 30 to RSVP: astrid@uchicago.edu

Blue Ribbon Glee Club: Live and Pullman Library

Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 3:00PM – 3:45PM Chicago Public Library - Pullman Branch, 11001 S. Indiana Avenue

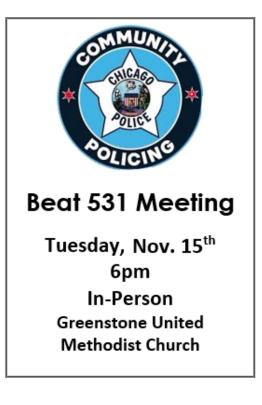
The Pullman Branch invites you to come out and hear this amazing acapella group.

The Blue Ribbon Glee Club is a Chicago-based acapella group performing covers of classic punk, new wave and alternative rock songs. Formed in 2007, the group released an EP on Whistler Records in 2009 and has since self-released their music. They have performed as far afield as Los Angeles and in the world's largest corn maze, but in the Chicago area they have performed at Metro, Beat Kitchen, The Viaduct Theater, Lincoln Hall, Subterranean, The Hideout, Livewire Lounge, The Empty Bottle, The Center on Halsted and, The Chicago Cultural Center. Learn more at the Blue Ribbon Glee Club on Facebook.

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How to Attend

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Pullman Calendar for November-December 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

Tues - Sun HPF Exhibit Hall 11141 S Cottage Grove

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday 11/11 11am PCO Annual Salute to Our Veterans at the Pullman Elementary School

Event (\$ if charge)

When

Tues 11/15 6pm

Wed 12/21 6pm

Wed 12/21 7:30pm

Friday 11/11 3pm Veterans Day Lecture by Joe Parziale PNM 610 E 111th

Sat 11/12 10:00am YOGA in Parks @ Pullman National Monument classroom 610 E 111th

Tues 11/15 4:30-7:30pm NPS/IDNR Joint General Mgmt Plan Public Input PNM 610 E 111th St

531 Beat CAPS Meeting in-person Wed 11/16 11:30am-1:30pm NPS/IDNR Joint General Mgmt Plan Public Input PNM 610 E 111th St

PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Wed 11/16 7:30pm

Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome! Thu 11/17 10:00-11:30am NPS/IDNR Joint General Mgmt Plan Public Input via Zoom

Sat 11/19 10:00am YOGA in Parks @ Pullman National Monument classroom 610 E 111th

"The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Bison Project" at PNM Sat 11/19 1pm

Sun 11/20 4pm-5pm HPF Speaker Series with Mike Raia @ Greenstone Church

Thursday 11/24 Thanksgiving Day

Sat 11/26 10:00am YOGA in Parks @ Pullman National Monument classroom 610 E 111th

Wed 11/30 7:30pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

Sat 12/3 4pm-8pm Mistletoe, Mingle, and \$hop! A Holiday Pop-Up event @ BlockHouseGallery

Wed 12/7 7 pm Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th

Wed 12/14 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center

Winter Solstice - Labyrinth Walk

Sat 12/31 11:59pm DEADLINE for 2023 PCO Façade Reimbursement Program Applications

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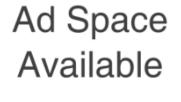


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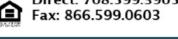




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