PCO General Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President John Lydon

Pullman enters the new year with an updated designation; our neighborhood is now part of the Pullman National Historical Park. The transition from Pullman National Monument to Pullman National Historical Park builds upon President Obama's 2015 Proclamation (9233) with the following merits: The national historic designation status is strengthened by being passed through an act of Congress (H.R. 2617).

The name encompasses the significance of the entire community that is Pullman rather than appearing to be a singular monument. The National Park Service is able to work with partner organizations to provide cultural interpretation and support preservation planning for historic structures and resources.

To read the signed legislation, go to bit.ly/pullmannationalhistoricalpark (pp. 2936-2940).

There are many people and organizations in our community who continue the legacy of championing Pullman, each bringing their own brilliance to a common cause. With numerous voices aimed at the same goal, different paths may and should be discussed and debated. This is the heart of the Pullman Civic Organization. Since 1960, the PCO harnesses community voice and spurs collective action to promote the people of Pullman. And, with discussion and debate, listening, reflection, and grace are essential. The saying "Pullman is Magic" is not about history or architecture; it's about the interwoven community of people who live here and the connections they have with each other. Pullman is its people.

Every New Year's morning, my family looks forward to the bountiful breakfast hosted by our phenomenal neighbors Francine and Lynn. We know Spike bakes spectacular scones, Tim succulent salmon chowder, Aaron otherworldly jerk chicken, JB killer cookies, Carol picturesque chicken piccata, and everyone in Pullman would benefit from Kasey, Luther, and Nick having a pulled pork competition. Community is created by fostering a sense of belonging through sharing and caring, rituals and traditions. "Pullman is Magic" because of a willingness to break bread and be there for one another.

Entering 2023, both appreciate those in our community who actively enrich your life and consider ways to further engage neighbors new and known. In this spirit, I would like to appreciate the dedication of PCO Committee Chairs and Members, Zone Directors, and Block Captains who spend countless hours in service to our collective. A special thanks goes to Pullman Tech Workshop and the PCO Hospitality Committee for hosting our annual Holiday Party; after years apart due to the pandemic, it was monumental being together again. The PCO is grateful to all of our longstanding partners—the Historic Pullman Foundation, Greenstone United Methodist Church, and National Park Service—with whom continued collaboration is central to moving Pullman forward.

"Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it all into words is all that is necessary." –Margaret Cousins, Social Reformer and Women's Activist

Who do you appreciate? Feature a neighbor who makes our community great by filling out the PCO Appreciation Form at bit.ly/pcoappreciations or scanning the QR code below:



Pullman National Historical Park Teri Gage

Dear Pullman Friends, Neighbors, Partners,

We are pleased to invite you to join us on January 19th to celebrate the redesignation of Pullman National Monument as a National Historical Park! We will hold a press conference, followed by photos, and a reception at the clock tower building. Please join us as we celebrate and elevate this important moment for Pullman and to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this new designation happen.

Please RSVP to Lisa_Burback@nps.gov by January 17th.

What's in a Name? Teri Gage, Superintendent

National Monument? National Lakeshore? National Battlefield? The National Park Service has two dozen ways of saying "national park." What's the difference? In 2015, then President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation designating Pullman National Monument. With President Biden's signing of the Omnibus Bill on December 29, 2022, the Monument was re-designated as a National Historical Park. If you'd like to learn more about what this means for Pullman, please join Superintendent Teri Gage for a one-hour Community Conversation on Friday, January 27, at 10AM. The Community Conversation will be held in the multi-purpose room on the first floor of the Administration Clock Tower Building, on the corner of 111th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. All are welcome!

Legislation signed by the President on December 29, 2022, includes a provision that changes the designation of Pullman National Monument to Pullman National Historical Park. The historic Pullman community was designated a national monument by President Obama in 2015, making it the first National Park Service unit in Chicago.

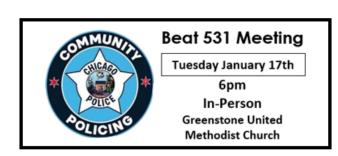
The park tells the story of America's first planned model industrial community, the sleeping car magnate who created it, and the workers who lived there. The park is significant for its influence on railroad transportation, industrial innovation, urban planning and design, and the American labor and civil rights movements. The Pullman Strike and Boycott of 1894, and the establishment of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925, are watershed moments in American labor history.

Park Superintendent Teri Gage commented, "This is a very exciting and meaningful change for Pullman and yet another tribute to all of the Pullman neighbors and partners who have worked for decades to preserve this beautiful historic neighborhood. We are so appreciative of the Illinois delegation for their recognition and support of this special place. The name change will help visitors better understand the resource and what they can expect to experience at Pullman."

While the name change is effective immediately, Superintendent Gage indicated that it may to take several months to update signage, exhibits, and publications to reflect the new designation.

The park staff looks forward to celebrating this change in the near future and to working with Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the City of Chicago, and park partners to spread the word about Pullman National Historical Park. The National Park Service will continue its collaborative work with park partners to protect this very special place in Chicago and to provide an outstanding visitor experience.

To learn more about Pullman National Historical Park, visit the park website at www.nps.gov/pull and follow the park on Facebook and Instagram @ PullmanNPS.





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Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

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

The Beman Committee would like to extend a thank you to all who applied for this year's Façade Reimbursement Program! Recipients will be announced at this month's general membership meeting, so please stay tuned. We are looking forward to another season of amazing restoration work. I hope that many of you have been able to follow our Facebook posts in the past highlighting some of these projects. 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!

The Pullman Homeowner Guide has also been updated is now available on the PCO website for assistance in completing all these upcoming projects. It truly is an invaluable resource for both incoming residents and long-timers — in it, you can find recommendations for specialty service providers and shops to help you with those always-difficult-to-source restoration projects; more than a little bit of background information on your house and the neighborhood; and even a series of curated Preservation Briefs outlining topics from simple painting to financial incentives available to owners of historic properties. So be sure to check it out at pullmancivic.org, where you'll also find even more helpful resources for Pullman homeowners.

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.

Green Spaces and Places: Reflections on the Winter Season

Lynn Smith

Winter and gardening the two seem a contradiction in terms, do they not? As you look out on what may seem a blank or non interesting slate of grass, you will see that it is not as incongruous as it might seem. Eluned Price, in her book *The Winter Garden* writes, "Like the Japanese concept of fusoki-shugithe aesthetic of incompleteness, the perception of beauty in what has been left out rather than what has been included, the knowledge of what is to come or what is no more - it makes the appreciation of winter all the sharper". So in the winter garden what we call "negative space" and the interplay between structure in the garden and the wild elements become more important. In the Winter, we have less color to distract us.

Having said all this, there are certain plants that lend themselves well to the look of a Winter garden, and I will be noting these in a minute. These are plants that by their bark, shape or blooming time lend themselves to either Winter or very , very early Spring. These might be plants that you would consider placing in your garden for the next Winter, after taking photos of how your garden looks now, when it is more bare....

Acer Griesum, or paperbark Maple, is a small (growing no more than 15-20 feet) tree with interesting peeling bark in Winter and flamboyantly rich colors in the Fall, an interesting tree for four season interest. Another Winter lovely tree is birch, or Betula, with either the River Birch or Himalayan Birch or Grey Birch – being among the good possibilities. There is a smaller cultivar of River Birch called Betula Nigra "Little King," which grows to ten feet tall and twelve wide, and will grow in part shade to full sun, keeping in mind that birches like to be well watered initially as they become established, but do not like sitting in water. Other possibilities for winter interest include boxwood, Japanese quince (it will flower against a brick wall in a sheltered spot, in very early spring), Dogwood, Winter Aconite (one of the earliest, and most cheerful, very early Spring bulbs), ferns, euphorbia (also called milkweed), Witch hazel (hammelis is the botanical name) and the Irish Juniper, especially J. communis"- Hibernica," which is a very narrow, columnar juniper which is a cold season stand in for a Cypress look. It can grow to between 10 and fifteen feet but likes sun.

If you are looking for winter gardening inspiration, take a walk in the Lincoln Park Zoo, which is not only a beautiful zoo but a horticultural treasure, and we'll keep talkling...

Pullman Finally Becomes a National Historical Park! Mark Mesle

National Park Conservation Association

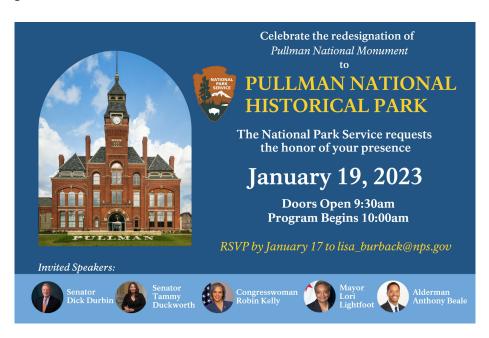
Some exciting news came in the final days of 2022 – Pullman is now a National Historical Park, taking its place in history with many other great national park sites whose names have changed over the years. What hasn't changed is that this wonderful historic neighborhood national park is still a testament to all the people - Pullman residents and preservation advocates - who have fought for years to protect this community and ensure that the Pullman stories are alive and understood.

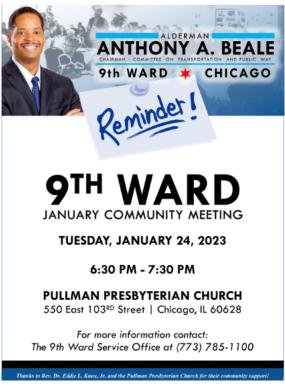
The passage of the Pullman National Historical Park Act builds on its 2015 presidential proclamation in valuable ways. Take the name change as an example. Many visitors who come to a National Monument ask "where is the statue?" or "is this clock tower the monument?" They don't think of a national monument stretching 12 city blocks from north to south. Pullman now joins many other units of the National Park System that have undergone a name change from monument to park, including Katmai, Grand Canyon, and Acadia. In other words, a national historical park better identifies the vibrant, rich history of Pullman and the people who live there.

When President Biden signed The Pullman National Historical Park Act into law, he also provided the National Park Service with new abilities to preserve historic features in Pullman and support storytelling throughout Pullman and adjacent areas. This newly bestowed ability is of tremendous value to groups and individuals who want to have a role in telling the Pullman story.

Pullman National Historical Park has been a long time coming. In January 2014, Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk and Representative Robin Kelly joined community advocates in the Pullman visitor center to announce the introduction of the Pullman National Historical Park Act. When that legislation stalled in Congress, President Obama stepped in to ensure Pullman would become a part of the National Park System. Now, thanks to Congress and the President, the National Park Service has the tools at Pullman that they have at nearly every other national park to work with partners in the name of telling America's story and to preserve history for future generations.

Thanks to the work of so many people who care about Pullman and its stories – Senator Durbin and Congresswoman Kelly, Pullman residents, labor advocates, architects and planners, descendants of people critical to the Pullman stories, and national park advocates – we can celebrate, and be part of, the great future of Pullman National Historical Park.







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Tribute to Betty Pavlis George Palvis

Betty Pavlis, age 76, lifelong South Side and 41 year Pullman resident passed away on December 17, 2022, surrounded by her children. She was a beloved sister, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Betty took on many roles in her life; waitress (where she met her true love), homemaker, Jays Potato Chip Floor Lady, in-home daycare provider, master gardener, handyman (renovating her home), family caregiver, and decades long active Pullman Civic Organization member. No matter what role she filled, Betty was a staunch believer that "If something is worth doing, it is worth doing right!" She never met a stranger and remained a pillar of the neighborhood, loudly greeting everyone with her wonderful sense of humor. Her resounding laughter transformed strangers into dear friends and eventually into her cherished extended family.

Betty took both pride and joy in helping her neighbors when they were in need and gladly did so until she desperately needed assistance of her own. Her neighbors in-turn provided sorely needed assistance and diligently watched over her, allowing her to remain in her home fulfilling her final wish of remaining in Pullman until she could be reunited with her husband. The Pavlis family is eternally grateful for the friendship, love, and support you provided during Betty's final years until the Lord called her home.

From the Dining Car Astrid Fingerhut

Well, the holidays are over... welcome to the short, painful season of Resolutions! The good news is Resolutions is over quickly. The bad news is it is followed by a series of several extremely short seasons that repeat and amplify if you aren't careful--Indulgence, Regret, and Resolutions Part Two, Electric Boogaloo.

Finally, the utterly distracting Terrible, Awful Winter Storm rolls in sometime in late January/early February, kicks us out of the post-Resolutions quagmire, and we are free to play the Comfort in a Storm card until springtime. I say embrace that comfort card! And in that vein, I present easy winter comfort food: roasted chicken with mashed potatoes and roasted Brussels sprouts.

Not only is the meal warming, nourishing, and delicious, it's simple to make and is one of those meals that every omnivore should have in their back pocket to serve to guests.

Roasted chicken is one of the simplest meats to cook. Buy a whole chicken-make sure you remove the bag of offal that is usually stuffed inside the bird. Salt and pepper the skin on both sides and pop into a roasting pan. I like to slide several pats of butter underneath the skin of the breast. Cook at 350 degrees until the temperature of the thickest part of the thigh is 165. Remove the bird from the oven and let it rest before carving.

While the chicken cooks, make the mashed potatoes. I know... everyone thinks their mom's mashed potatoes are the best. I'm willing to admit that there may be someone's mom's mashed potatoes that are better than my mom's... but I haven't found them yet. Peel and dice your potatoes and just barely cover them with water (the trick is to use little enough that you don't have to drain the nutrient-rich water without using so little that they burn) add a little salt and cook on medium heat until the potatoes are fork tender. Mash the potatoes with milk (if you use low fat milk, supplement the milk with some half and half or cream. Add some butter and between a ¼ and ½ of the slab of cream cheese. You must taste the potatoes during each of the steps and adjust the additions to your liking. I really like the rich tanginess of the cream cheese and tend to go heavy... you may like more buttery potatoes and add less cream cheese and more butter.

While the chicken and the potatoes cook, wash and cut the ends off your Brussels sprouts. Cut them in half and arrange them in a baking dish with sides (if you put them on a cookie sheet, the oil will drip off and you will curse me as you scrub your oven), then give them a nice coating of olive oil and salt and pepper. Once you have taken the chicken out, turn your oven up to 425 and cook the sprouts for 15-20 minutes, turning them halfway through. You want them to caramelize and for the outer leaves to get crispy. Brussels sprouts are incredibly forgiving and are delicious both rare and more well done.

Serve the meal as is... or cook a quick pan gravy with a tablespoon or two of flour in a bit of butter while stirring until it gets medium brown and crumbly (but not burnt). Add water by the tablespoonful until you get a dough-like consistency. Then slowly add all the drippings and scrapings from the baking dish to your gravy, stirring constantly.

Use your leftovers for chicken salad or feed them to your pets... or cook your whole carcass in a pot of water and enjoy bone broth-based chicken soup the next day. Enjoy!

PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2023

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

Winter season closure at the HPF Exhibit Hall 11141 S Cottage Grove

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

When Event (\$ if charge)

Wed 1/11 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th

Mon 1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (federal holiday) observed

Tues 1/17 6pm 531 Beat CAPS Meeting in-person @ Greenstone Church

Wed 1/18 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!

Thu 1/19 9:30am Redesignation Celebration at the National Park Service Vistor Center Please RSVP to Lisa_Burback@nps.gov by January 17th

Fri 1/20 10am-12pm* (while supplies last) Dry Pet Food Giveaway 9th Ward Office 34 E 112th Pl

Sun 1/22 2pm HPGC/NPS Winter Lecture "Adopt a Garden bed in Pullman" Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th

Tues 1/24 6:30-7:30pm Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rdSt

Wed 1/25 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th

Wed 2/1 6:30pm Garden Club Annual Membership Drive Dinner FLM Center 614 E 113th St Everyone is welcome to enjoy this pot luck dinner, bring a dish to share, membership is \$10

Wed 2/8 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th

Wed 2/15 7:30pm PCO General Mem

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Fri 1/27 10-11am NPS Community Conversation with Supt. Gage

Wed 2/22 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th

Tues 2/21 6pm 531 Beat CAPS Meeting in-person @ Greenstone Church

Sun 2/26 2pm HPGC/NPS Winter Lecture with Morton Arboretum Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th

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Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com

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