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- NEIGHBORS SHARING ARE NEIGHBORS CARING -

February 2023

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street, pullmancivic.org

PCO GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 15, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President
John Lydon

February welcomes, celebrates, and honors Black History Month. Borrowing Barack Obama’s words, “Black History Month is about the shared experience of all Black Americans whose lives have shaped, challenged, and ultimately strengthened America.” It is also a Chicago story, stemming from progenitor Dr. Carter G. Woodson on Chicago’s South Side in 1915. The PCO is recognizing Black History Month this year at the collaboratively hosted event “Agency & Activism: Black Women’s Untold Stories” on February 25th from 1:00-3:00pm at the Historic Greenstone United Methodist Church. Join us! Last month, the PCO tasked neighbors with appreciating those in our community who actively enrich their lives. Below is a compilation of the responses received:


ANDREW BULLEN “for committing himself to look for archives of Pullman and presenting to the community. He’s always putting things together for the people of Pullman all throughout the year.” **ANDY MORGEN** “for constantly connecting our community to city services.” **ARLENE ECHOLS** for being the “Best. Block Captain. Ever.” **BEVERLY ASH-LARSON** “for her leadership and involvement in the community.” “She is a wonderful resource for me and established Pullman residents, a terrific neighbor, and just a fair and decent human.” **BRENDA OGDEN** “for always taking care of our block gardens and keeping things beautiful.” **CHERYL BRISCOE** “for being very neighborly and a good advocate for our community.” **THE BUSHWALLERS** “for providing countless loaves of friendship bread to neighbors tables.” **CLAUDIA FLORES** and **FERNANDO ROSIQUE** “for elevating the role of Membership Chair and continuously working to build a sense of community” “They work tirelessly to help with PCO Membership. Love the cookouts. They rise to every challenge.” **DARRELL HILL** “for sharing your expertise to better our community and always looking for ways to help others.” **DEBBIE NEWMAN** “for being involved in so many projects in Pullman and keeping us on our toes; from being the copy editor of the Flyer and updating the calendar to reaching out about and keeping us abreast of safety concerns.” **ED KRUGER** “for always being of inspiration, knowledge, and perseverance as well as checking in on neighbors.” **ELIZABETH MISHLER** “for always caring and sharing in our neighborhood.” **EVA VILLAGOMEZ** “for always being a beacon of kindness and continuously finding ways to serve others.” **FELIPE GRANADOS** “for his commitment to others and always being there when needed.” **FRANCINE WILLIAMS** and **BEATRICE “LYNN” HARDY** “for being powerful people, notable neighbors, and the most hospitable hosts of the best block parties in Pullman!” **GORDON HIRSIG** “for helping people with emergencies.” **HARRIETTE BURKS-WATSON** “for always pushing my thinking; your wisdom makes our community stronger.” **JACQUE RESCH** and **JOHN CWENKALA** “for always looking for ways to help keep our neighborhood clean.” **JASON JONES** “for always looking out for and helping your neighbors.”

JEAN GLADSTONE and **SANDRA AM SUWANSKI** “for creating a vibrant yard full of flowers, trees, shrubs and wildlife; for rescuing so many plants from almost certain doom; for being outside to say a friendly hello and having a wealth of knowledge for all plant parents like myself.” **LINDA BULLEN** “for your outdoor artwork on both our main streets—111th and Cottage Grove—which is beautiful and inspirational, evidencing many hours of planning and execution.” **LORRAINE BROCHU** “for always stepping up to spearheading initiatives that improve our community.” **REV. LUTHER MASON** “for your leadership in making the Greenstone Church open its arms and heart to the Pullman Community once again. Your love for Pullman and its residents is obvious and we are very grateful to have you.” **LYNNE COLLINS** “for always looking for ways to help your neighbors, community, and beyond, even taking the initiative to take the collection of #6 foam containers to places where they can be recycled.” **MARGARET KANIA** “for bringing your authentic self and spirit to better our neighborhood.” **RALPH LARSON** “for volunteering his time and talents as a master craftsman by repairing my front porch.” “Ralph has been a special guy for our family and has helped my husband with projects that could not have been done without him. He’s an honest, good human being. Everyone in Pullman knows Ralph.” **SANDY MELNYCZENKO CZAJKOWSKYJ** “for your continued service as editor of the Pullman Flyer for many years.” **SUSAN JAMES** “for her many contributions to our Pullman community” and “for always informing neighbors about what is going on in the neighborhood.” **SUSAN SCHOEPHOESTER** “for helping to bring the people of Pullman together again!” **TONY DZIK** “for giving the gift of his time and talents in creating House Tour, Garden Walk, and Pullman Companion Animal Blessing Fliers over the years.” **TOM MCMAHON** “for leading everything from the Safety Committee and CAPS to Trunk-or-Treat and the Christmas Parade. Tom looks out for the community and executes great activities. Great neighbor to have.” **WYATT OLLESTAD** and **MEGAN LYDON** “for championing preservation and serving our community through the Beman Committee.”

The PCO extends its deep appreciation to everyone in our neighborhood who strive and serve to make Pullman more connected, inclusive, and whole. Together, we can!

FEBRUARY PCO MEETING
At our upcoming meeting, the PCO has been able to reschedule MARK DOYLE’s presentation about the new roastery, brew pub, and cafe coming to Pullman! Mark is the founder of Rags of Honor (ragsofhonor.us), Veteran Roasters (veteranroasters.com), and RNR Brews (rnrbrews.com), all ventures focused on providing Veterans careers and community after service. Join us!

The Historic Pullman Garden Club and National Park Service Present




WINTER LECTURES 2023

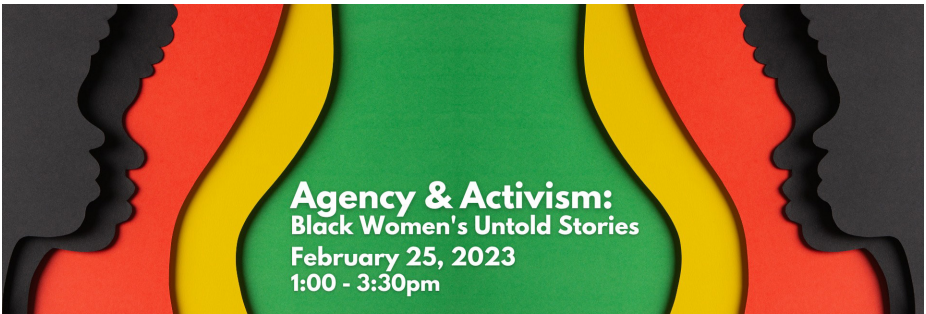
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Sunday February 26th

presented by staff members from the MORTON ARBORETUM

This free lecture will be held at the NPS Visitor Center at 2 pm.





Family History & Pullman Porters
Cook County Board Commissioner Donna Miller


Agency & Activism: Black Women's Untold Stories Discussion
Featuring Dr. Miriam Thaggert & Dr. Jane Rhodes

Black History Month Art by
Local Students and Pullman Artist Deborah Jackson

Beverages and light snacks will be served

Greenstone United Methodist Church
11211 S Saint Lawrence
Chicago, IL 60628

This Black History Month event is sponsored by:





Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

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

Permit Workshop to be held March 4 from 1-3pm

Come one, come all – the Beman Committee will be hosting a building permit workshop on Saturday, March 4th from 1-3pm at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113th Street). Applying for a building permit is never easy. But, the Beman Committee is here to help! Join us for an informational working session. Show up at any time to chat with committee co-chairs, Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad, about the permit process, Landmarks requirements, or the permit fee waiver program. And if you’re actively looking to apply for a permit or the fee waiver, feel free to bring a laptop and your project’s information (including contractor info) and we’ll help walk you through the process live & in-person!

Wondering why you need a building permit or what the permit fee waiver is? Take a look below for some quick facts:

Building Permits: Ensuring that any proposed work meets with the requirements of the Chicago Building Code is important to preserve the structural integrity of buildings and safety for its occupants. Moreover, much of Pullman’s noteworthiness is because of its architecture, so making sure no improper work is done to the facades of buildings is equally important.

Permit Fee Waiver: One of the perks of living in a Chicago Landmark District is the opportunity to waive all City Permit fees. This includes permits for all work being done to buildings within our district – both interior and exterior, including work to the rear of a property such as new garage construction, fences, etc.

Landmark District: The Commission on Chicago Landmarks is part of the Department of Buildings, and oversees the preservation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of Chicago’s historic buildings. The southern part of Pullman was declared a City Landmark District in 1972, the northern part in 1993, and then both were merged into one in 1999. Unlike many other Landmark properties in the City, the entirety of Pullman constitutes a singular District, which means each and every building within the District falls under Landmarks purview.

Façade Regulations: Commission on Chicago Landmarks and the Beman Committee are really only concerned with the street-facing facades of buildings, as they connote the historic architectural significance of the neighborhood. Property owners are free to do with the inside of their buildings as they see fit – so long as any applicable work is permitted. The interior of Pullman buildings is guided by the Chicago Building Code, so any major structural, electrical, plumbing, etc. work needs to be permitted. Which is to say, the same standards apply to the interior of Pullman buildings as the interior of any other building in the city.

If you have questions or want to learn more about the details of your house, please reach out to the Beman Cmte. at pcobemancommittee@gmail.com.

Black History Virtual Social Hour
Melissa Campos

Join your Invest South/West Roseland-Pullman Corridor Managers for our 2nd annual Black History Virtual Social Hour! In partnership with Burst Into Books, Blue Door Neighborhood Center, Greater Roseland Chamber of Commerce, Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, and Calumet Area Industrial Commission for a Virtual Celebration with games, prizes, Q & A and Health & Wellness on Thursday, February 23rd from 6pm - 7:30pm. Be sure to join with your background set to your favorite Historical Black Figure! Join at: <https://tinyurl.com/54z7mt7s>

Green Spaces and Places:
Starting from Scratch - Seed Starting Basics
Lynn Smith

A seed could be considered a plant embryo in a protective seed coat. All the ingredients for success are within that capsule, it simply needs light, moisture, a good soil / germination mixture, and sometimes, depending on the plant, a period of chilling or what is called – scarification- when the seed needs to be nicked or sanded, to germinate properly. Some reasons to consider growing plants from seeds include reducing the cost of perennials and annuals, the simple enjoyment of it, ability to get a greater variety of plants than you might get otherwise, and getting a head start on the nurseries!

Seeds vary in terms of the time that they take to break the seed coat, i.e., germinate. With some seeds such as nasturtium you might see seeds germinating in ten days, while other seeds can take up to a month. They also vary in terms of their light needs- and though one can use a windowsill or ideally a south facing window for some plants needing more light (at least six hours of light), other, more shade tolerant plants such as mints, ivies, parsleys, etc., might grow well with four hours of sun.

Sturdy water holding containers of all types such as yoghurt containers, coffee cups, small clay pots, etc, can be used to put soil starting medium like sterilized soil, peat moss, etc., but these containers need to be clean and with good drainage. Clear plastic can be put in place over the pot with the soil and seed initially, to ensure there is proper moisture, but should be removed once the seed starts to sprout and you can continue to keep it moist. Most seeds that you start indoors will need a period of “hardening off” – toughening the plants up before they are ready to be transplanted into the garden. This normally entails putting the indoor acclimated seedling outside, to a shady area for several hours at a time, and then bringing them in / repeatedly, until the plant appears strong enough. Late February will still be early to actually begin seeds but certainly by late March or April one could begin the propagation process. Certainly now is a good time to begin perusing the seed catalogs, and there are a large variety of seeds at your disposal! So don’t let the Winter doldrums grab a hold of you! You’ve got a world of seeds at your disposal! And we’ll keep talking...



ELECT Tom McMahon
Police District Council : 005th Police District

Hello Neighbors,
As many of you know I am running for a position on the Police District Council and I am asking for your vote on Election Day February 28th. This position will oversee the recommendations from the consent decree as they apply to district law enforcement.
I am a 37-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department retiring as a Captain from our own 005th District and have lived in Pullman for over 35 years. I have a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University and have been an Adjunct Professor at CSU as well as Calumet College of St. Joseph.
Additionally, I have been the Chair of the District Advisory Committee for the 005th District and currently the Beat Facilitator for our police beat, Beat 531. I also serve as the Chair of the Safety Committee for our PCO.
“A better police department means a better and safer community.”
I am #71 on your ballot and thank you for your continuing support.



9TH WARD
FEBRUARY COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

***SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT DUE TO ELECTION DAY ON FEBRUARY 28TH**

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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For more information contact:
The 9th Ward Service Office at (773) 785-1100

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The 5th District Office of Community Policing will raffle a club at each of our beat meetings for the month of February to Kia and Hyundai owners.
To be eligible, you must attend the meeting for the beat where you live and provide a valid driver’s license and vehicle registration showing proof of a 5th District address.



Beat 531 Meeting
Tuesday February 21st
6pm
In-Person
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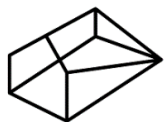
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