# PCO GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 pm

### From the PCO President John Lydon

Thank you to everyone who hosted and attended "Agency & Activism: Black Women's Untold Stories" at the Historic Greenstone United Methodist Church to honor Black History Month. As we move into Women's History Month, it is imperative to recognize and delve deeper into Dr. Miriam Thaggert's research on the stories of the Pullman Company Maids. You can learn more by reading her book Riding Jane Crow: African American Women on the American Railroad or watching the Newberry Library's speaker series at bit.ly/PullmanMaid.

Together, we can.

Several weeks ago, I was helping my kids—Harvey and Mara—complete their Junior Ranger Activity Book from the National Park Service. The section Pullman Timeline: Take a Ride through History caught my eye. Included in the list of monumental events of our community's past was the following: "1960 - The Pullman community is threatened with total demolition to make way for an industrial park. Residents form the Pullman Civic Organization, which lobbies the city to save their community." Since its inception, the PCO has championed community voice and collective action; we continue to strive toward this mission.

To share more of the history of the PCO, I transcribed an article coined the Parable of Pullman. This article was brought to my attention by a former PCO President—Lou Bertoletti—who cited the tradition of publishing it in the December issue of the Pullman Flyer. The following comes from a 1984 printing of the Flyer, which was found thanks to the archives kept by Beverly Ash-Larson.



## THE STORY OF WHY THE PULLMAN CIVIC ORGANIZATION WAS ORGANIZED As remembered by Mario Avignone

Excitement ran high throughout our community and everyone waited for the evening of March 10th to arrive. The question on all of our minds was, "What will happen to Pullman and to our homes if the South End Chamber of Commerce's recommendation that all of the Pullman homes be torn down and made into an industrial estate becomes a reality?" Father Adolph Nalin, pastor of St. Anthony Church, said at one of his masses, "This is a terrible thing to recommend for Pullman. St. Anthony Parish will back up the people of Pullman in whatever stand they take." Father James E. Sheridan, pastor of Holy Rosary, gave the pledge of his parish to help fight the devilish plan of the chamber of commerce. Rev. Frank Coates, who had already given permission to use his church facilities to meet in, told his congregation one Sunday, "The Pullman Methodist Church will join with the people of Pullman in their fight to survive as a community." With the three local churches on our side, there was no doubt in our minds who was going to come out on top. "God was on our side!"

March 10, 1960 finally arrived. By 7:30pm the Pullman Greenstone Church was packed to capacity with many standing in the aisles and rear of the church. Rev. Coates was heard to say, "I would be the happiest minister in the world if this church could be crowded like this every Sunday."

Arnold Bader took over the meeting and explained to the excited and attentive crowd just why we were meeting that evening in the church. A few people in the audience were given permission to get up and say what was on their minds. Some asked how we could win when the South End Chamber of Commerce was composed of industries, merchants and professional people valued in the multi-millions of dollars. "We are just plain, retired and working people and we have to fight against such a big giant."

A temporary committee was picked to help reorganize the PCO. Some of the people on the committee were Ray Standley, Bill Berrick, Arnold Bader, Lino Lisciotto, Bob Guastalli, Bill Sheahan, Steve Lavric, Sara Frischkorn, Mable Ravas, myself and several others. The people left the Pullman Greenstone Church that evening feeling a new hope and encouragement knowing that the community was taking some action and something was going to be done to save our community from the wreckers ball.

Arnold Baer later scheduled the first meeting of the PCO for Wednesday evening, April 20th in the American Legion Hall. Several days after the meeting of March 10th in the Pullman Greenstone Church, the temporary committee met in the Hotel Florence to form plans for the new PCO. That evening, Arnold Bader was elected as temporary president of the PCO. Arnold pledged that he would work day and night for Pullman and to get the PCO off the ground and running...and he did. He gave all he had to organize a new PCO. The Fischer family, then owners of the Florence Hotel, invited the PCO to use the hotel for a meeting held on April 13th to choose a nominating committee who would pick a slate of permanent officers for the PCO.

The first meeting took place on Wednesday evening, April 20, 1960. In the American Legion Hall with a full house of Pullmanites attending, Arnold Bader greeted the audience. He said that all of Pullman was encouraged and that the local politicians—9th Ward Alderman Dominic Lupo, 9th Ward Democratic Committee Leslie V. Beck, and 9th Ward Republic Committee John Donovan—had pledged their support to the people of Pullman and the newly organized PCO to save Pullman. Now with the local clergy and politicians on our side, we were very encouraged.

Arnold Bader then remarked, "The South End Chamber of Commerce is going to learn that they had grabbed a tiger by the tail before it's all over with." One lady at the meeting said that the PCO was like David in the Bible who slew the giant with a stone. "We are David," she said. "The South End Chamber of Commerce is the giant," she concluded.

It was voted that our PCO would meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the American Legion Hall. Sarah Frischkorn ended the evening by saying, "I have never seen such excitement in Pullman before."

[To be continued in the following article...]

### Annual Pullman Spring Clean -Up Grace Kruse

Saturday April 15, 2023 from 9:30 am to 12:00pm Pullman National Historical Park is hosting the 3rd Annual Spring Clean-Up. Volunteers should start at the National Park Service Visitor Center located at 610 E 111th street to sign up, grab supplies, and be assigned to a location. Dress for the weather. Wear pants, closed-toed shoes, and bright colored clothing. For more information call (773)468-9310. Light refreshments will be provided by the Pullman Civic Organization.





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

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Permit Workshop! As a reminder, the PCO Beman Committee is always here to help if you have any questions about the permitting process – feel free to reach out to us via the email above.

With the unseasonable warmth we've been experiencing these last few weeks, we'd be forgiven for prematurely declaring that the building season is upon us! Whether you're a long-time resident or a new neighbor, the PCO Beman Committee is here to help with any restoration efforts you may have planned for this year. In addition to our annual Façade Reimbursement Program, resources such as the Pullman Façade Legacy Project (www.pullmanmuseum.org/facades) and Homeowner Guide (available at www.pullmancivic. org or by contacting the PCO Beman Committee) are available all year round to help property owners navigate the sometimes-daunting prospect of historic restoration.

In addition to these local resources, City, State, and Federal resources are also available for owners of historic properties. At the City level, the Permit Fee Waiver is perhaps the most useful – it allows for owners of historic properties to have the fees for their building permits waived for any work (including interior work) proposed on an historic property. All of the buildings constituting the original Town of Pullman are part of the Pullman Historic District, so each and every one of those buildings is eligible! At the State level, the Property Tax Assessment Freeze, and at the Federal level, the Historic Preservation Tax Credit, are the most applicable to Pullman property owners. Contact the PCO Beman Committee or see the Homeowner Guide for more information on these programs.

Be on the lookout for more news and events from us throughout the rest of the year, and keep your eyes peeled for another season of what's certain to be wonderful work – including of course this year's Façade Reimbursement Program projects – on scales both big and small to keep our beautiful, historic community looking its absolute best (and ever better)! Happy building season, Pullman!

### Welcome Committee

Cheryl Briscoe

Zone Directors, please encourage your block captains to supply names and addresses of new neighbors to you, so you can forward them on to me for the Welcome Bags. The Annual PCO membership drive is about to begin and we want to capture as many new neighbors as we can at that time. I can be reached at 773.995.9231. Thank you.

## Safety Committee

Tom McMahon

Last month a vehicle was stolen from our neighborhood, a Kia. With the help of Sgt. Vivian Williams of the CAPS Office it was recovered the next morning with minor damage. Kia and Hyundai are the two most frequently stolen vehicles in Chicago. If you own one the best protection is the CLUB, a bar device that locks the steering wheel making the vehicle inoperable. I hope to have a couple of these devices at the next CAPS Meeting, March 21st.

Recently we had a man exposing himself in a vehicle parked near Pullman School. Police responded but could not chase the vehicle due to policy restrictions. The next day he returned a block away and did the same thing. This time a license plate was observed. The vehicle was reported stolen earlier in the month. Case Reports were made documenting this guy and a Community Alert was issued. Detectives from Area South have been assigned to follow-up on this incident.

In this last incident the responding officers initially failed to make a Case Report of the incident. Phone calls were made to the Watch Commander and the proper documentation of the incident was made.

If you have a problem with Beat Officers not giving you what you believe is proper service, call 911 ask for a supervisor to respond to your location. Then post it on the Safety Network and I will follow up.

Next Beat Meeting: March 21, 2023 6:00 PM Greenstone Church

## **The Pullman Flyer**

## Green Spaces and Places: Ideas for Climate Proofing Your Garden

Lynn Smith

Climate change is upon us. That being said, there are ways that we can minimize the impact of these changes in our gardens, continue to enjoy them, and possibly in our way, improve our ecosystem by making better soil, thereby making our plants more resilient to change.

The temperature that plants begin to show signs of heat stress is 86 degrees Fahrenheit... In addition to hardiness plant charts, one can also try browsing the National Climate Assessment to get an idea of what type of heat stress your plants might encounter in your area...and plan accordingly.

Using mulch and compost , drip irrigation, water barrels, a diversity of plant materials , organic soil amendments, and mostly native plant selections (though the type of native plants continues to change as our world becomes warmer – i.e. at one time Chicago would not have fostered red bud trees, now they grow well here) will make your garden more resilient. Using pesticides and herbicides will damage your garden and the environment, and should only be used very sparingly, if at all.

Large ornamental grasses are beneficial to insects and small creatures. Nesting boxes and perches encourage creatures as well. Planting trees and shrubs reduces carbon dioxide and produces shade in the summer heat.

When we moved to Pullman over 25 years ago, our back yard soil was bleak. We were told that the previous owner had used much pesticide. There were no trees or shrubs in back. There was only grass, miscellaneous bricks under the soil, and very poorly draining soil. After years of mitigation the soil is moisture retentive and rich, teaming with nutrients. Birds visit our back yard often. The plants, trees and shrubs are doing very well! You too can make a difference! And we'll keep talking....



## **Education Committee**

Cheryl Briscoe

From Principal Salter:

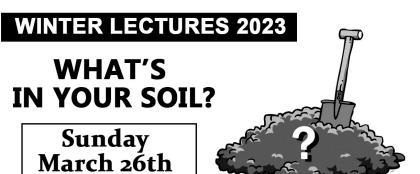
Good afternoon. CPS will host a Community Informational Meeting/Capital Improvement Projects at Pullman on Tuesday, March 14 from 5-6pm to present updates to the school community, which includes parents, teachers, students, and all community stakeholders.

We will have it in the auditorium, and also set it up to give people an option to attend virtually.

I'm just letting you know now as CPS Communications will create the actual "communication" to be distributed to the community.

As soon as they send me the communication, I will share with you to help send it to the Pullman Civic Organization and community. I will also send to parents and staff, as well as have a few staff and student volunteers place on cars and boxes of homes along the perimeter of the school. Thank you for your patience.

The Historic Pullman Garden Club and National Park Service Present



presented by

Dr. James Montgomery of De Paul University

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



@ Greenstone Church



## From the Dining Car

Astrid Fingerhut

When she was about two, my niece learned how to say my name in a desperate bid to convince me to give her more of the flourless orangey chocolate cake that I had made for a family celebration. Her mother had already said no to seconds, but the chocolate was driving that baby's brain, and Sophie was utterly convinced that if she could just get my attention by saying my name clearly, surely I too would ignore her mother and hook her up with just one more slice....

March is Sophie's birthday month and while that adorable baby is now turning 15 and is taller than I am (still very adorable), I continue to get a hankering for this delicious cake every year around this time. I didn't make up this recipe so really had no right to rename it... but when you love a cake as much as she loved this one, it kind of gets to be yours.

#### Sophie Cake

- 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, plus extra for greasing
- flour, for dusting
- 6 ounces bittersweet chocolate
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- zest of one large orange
- 4 eggs plus 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup (55 g) unsweetened cocoa powder
- confectioners' sugar, for dusting
- vanilla ice cream, to serve

Preheat the oven to 375°. Butter and flour a 10-inch round cake pan. Line the bottom of the pan with parchment paper, then butter and flour the parchment paper. Gently melt the chocolate over a double boiler. Stir the butter into the chocolate to melt, and stir until smooth. Remove from the double boiler and whisk the sugar and orange zest into the chocolate mixture. Add the eggs and egg yolks and whisk well. Sift the cocoa powder over the chocolate mixture and whisk the batter until totally smooth. Pour the batter into the pan and bake for approximately 35 to 40 minutes, or until the top has formed a good crust. Cool the cake in the pan on a rack for 10 minutes. Invert the cake onto a serving platter. Dust with confectioners' sugar and serve with vanilla ice cream.



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#### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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Saturdays at 11am-12pm

Tues 3/21 6pm

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

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Yoga in the National Park - check Facebook for current location

Event (\$ if charge) When

Tues 3/14 5pm-6pm Community Info Meeting/Capital Improvement Projects @ Pullman School

PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Wed 3/15 7:30pm Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!

Sun 3/19 1pm-3pm Spring Health Fest @ Roseland Hospital 45 W 111th St

531 Beat CAPS Meeting in-person Wed 3/22 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th

Sat 3/25 10:30am-12pm Adult Book Discussion: Last Summer on State Street @ Library 11001 S Indiana

Sun 3/26 2pm Pullman Garden Club & National Park Service present "What's in Your Soil" Light refreshments will be served at this free event at the NPS Visitor Center, 610 E 111th

Tues 3/28 6:30-7:30pm Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St

Street Cleaning begins in April - Watch for Signs and Move your Vehicles!

Wed 4/5 7pm Garden Club Membership Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St Wed 4/12 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th

Sat 4/15 9:30a-12p 3rd Annual NPS Spring Clean-Up Meet @ Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th

Wear pants, closed-loed shoes, and bright colored clothing - For more information call (773)468-9310

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531 Beat CAPS Meeting in-person at the Greenstone Church Tues 4/18 6pm

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Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!

Sat 4/22 9am Clean & Green Day (neighborhood clean-up) Meet at 610 E 111th St April 22 - 30 is National Park Week!! Check out Pullman National Historical Park for activities

Tues 4/25 6:30-7:30pm Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rdSt

Wed 4/26 7:30 pm PCO Bernan Committee Meeting (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th Volunteer for PULLMAN RAILROAD DAYS May 20th and 21st

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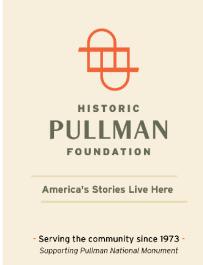
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