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- NEIGHBORS SHARING ARE NEIGHBORS CARING -

April 2023

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street, pullmancivic.org

PCO GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President
John Lydon

Last month’s Flyer included a transcription of the first part of Mario Avignone’s “The Story of Why the Pullman Civic Organization was Organized” printed in 1984. As we continue to search Pullman archives for the second half of this story, I want to share aspects of an article I recently came across titled “Rethinking Pullman: Urban Space and Working-Class Activism” by Dr. Janice L. Reiff. Dr. Reiff was an Illinois native who worked at the Newberry Library and taught at Northwestern University as well as UCLA. She was an expert on Chicago history and often wrote about Pullman.

To start, let’s engage in a brief thought experiment. First, what comes to mind when you think of Pullman’s planned space? Next, what perceptions do you have about different spaces in our community? Finally, how might your neighbor experience these different spaces?

The three questions above relate to the central framework Dr. Reiff uses in “Rethinking Pullman” that examines conceived, perceived, and lived spaces. The primary goal of the article is to explore the intersectionality of these paradigms in defining community space and how people move within them over time.

Dr. Reiff argues the story of Pullman should further include the spaces that surround the company town, citing neighborhoods such as Roseland and Kensington were home to almost half of the Pullman workforce by 1894. These neighborhoods played a central role in the life of Pullman workers, providing not only options for housing and shopping, but also pivotal meeting places and partnerships critical to the historic strike.

Furthermore, “Rethinking Pullman” identifies forces created to ensure spaces maintained racial boundaries throughout the past century. In the article, Dr. Reiff names different associations such as the Greater Pullman Property Restriction Association and Roseland Area Protective Association that actively enforced restrictive covenants. There are also depictions of massive riots in response to the City of Chicago proposing integrated housing in our community. The history of redlining and racism continues to have an exponential impact on the world around us.

Today our community—now a National Historical Park—is celebrated for its significant influence on the labor movement and legacy of African American/ Black leadership as well as industrial innovation and urban planning. Pullman’s numerous, essential American stories need to be championed. Still, how can we recognize histories often untold?

Go back to the initial thought experiment. Can we use this framework to consider our collective histories and move together toward justice?

The Pullman Civic Organization is committed to the following goals:
Goal One: Increase our diverse membership
Goal Two: Clearly define our purpose and role
Goal Three: Extend our lines of communication
Goal Four: Make our community more inclusive
Goal Five: Address issues that impact our quality-of-life

Join us in this work! Every May the PCO hosts our annual membership drive. Come see what our organization is about and consider how your talents can be used to better our community.

Interested in learning more? The full article “Rethinking Pullman: Urban Space and Working-Class Activism” published in Social Science History (Spring 2000) can be accessed at the digital library JSTOR (jstor.org) where you can register for a free account.

Together, we can.



Nominating Committee
Wyatt Ollestad

The current slate of Nominees for elected positions within the PCO is as follows:
President: John Lydon
Vice President: Kathy Lynch
Secretary: Lynne Collins
Treasurer: Elizabeth Mishler

Zone 1 Director: Darrell Hill
Zone 2 Director: Susan James
Zone 3 Director: Mike McMahon
Zone 4 Director: CJ Martello

Nominating Committee 2024: Rachel Kovarsky, Claudia Flores, Beverly Ash-Larson

Historic Pullman Foundation Events
Emily Maynard

April 2023 HPF Speaker Series - April 23
In the 1960s, when the Pullman neighborhood was threatened with demolition, the residents united to save their homes and community. Long-time Pullman resident and Historic Pullman Foundation (HPF) Board Member Cindy McMahon’s presentation will touch on the origins of HPF and discuss how the organization managed major challenges, preserved significant buildings in the Town, and celebrated major accomplishments.

The Pullman Lens: The Center of the Universe - April 30
From its very beginning, Hotel Florence played a pivotal role in the cultural life of the Pullman community. HPF and Pullman historian and resident Andy Bullen will look some of the rich history and role of Hotel Florence in the lives of Pullman residents. The Pullman Lens event series takes place only every 5th Sunday of the month (quarterly) -- something you don’t want to miss!

Pullman Railroad Days volunteering
Support Historic Pullman Foundation by volunteering at this year’s Pullman Railroad Days (and beyond!). Volunteers at our semi annual event May 20-21 will assist with welcoming guests and checking them in, ticketed entry line management, parking, tours and programming, membership signups, and/ or gift shop customer service. Community volunteers make nonprofit events possible. Don’t wait -- consider supporting Pullman by signing up today: www.bit.ly/RRDvolunteers.

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HPF 2023 SPEAKER SERIES

Pullman Exhibit Hall | 11141 S Cottage Grove Ave

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APRIL 23, 2023

3 - 4 p.m. CT

NATIONAL PARK WEEK

APRIL 22 - 30, 2023

APRIL 22, 11am
RANGER POP UP
CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE CENTER

APRIL 24, 9am-5pm
Share #yourparkstory
NPS Visitor Center

APRIL 26, 6pm
PULLMAN READS
NPS Visitor Center

APRIL 28, 10am
COFFEE WITH THE
SUPERINTENDENTS
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APRIL 29, 6pm
FIRESIDE POETRY & JAZZ
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PULLMAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
& STATE HISTORIC SITE





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

Join us on Saturday, April 22, starting at 1:00PM at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113th St.) for a special presentation hosted by the PCO Beman Committee on Stability, Longevity, and Sustainability of Historic Districts by Keith Goad of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices. Keith is an expert on the real estate value of historic properties and will be on hand to discuss the unique importance of historic homes, the sustainability of historic districts, and the ways homeowners can contribute to the stability of their neighborhoods.



Caption: Agency and Activism, a conversation with Dr. Thagget and Dr. Rhodes on Feb. 25th, sponsored by the Pullman Civic Organization, National Park Service, Greenstone Church, Historic Pullman Foundation, and Historic Pullman Empowerment Organization (photo: Jeff Brown)



From the Dining Car
Astrid Fingerhut

It’s April and I’m feeling nostalgic for the olden days when celebrating Easter meant going to my parents’ place for the weekend and having a Passover seder the night before Easter Sunday to combine our family traditions. My father was an acolyte of the school of “we didn’t eat till midnight when I was a boy, so quit complaining about the multi-hour seder.” And even though we escaped many of the truly onerous traditions (my father favored a nice Petite Sirah or a lovely Shiraz over cloyingly sweet Manischewitz and skipped a lot of the “what the rabbis said” parts of the Haggadah), the amount of wine drunk before eating always left my head spinning and me sneaking off to the kitchen to try to tamp down the alcohol with a few surreptitious bites of matzah or a “checking to see if they’re done” wolfing down of a matzah ball.

So, this month I’m celebrating matzah. Whether it’s made into dumplings (matzah balls) or just spread with butter and served as a snack, matzah is delicious and satisfying. One of my favorites is Matzah Brei for breakfast... which seems a little odd and vaguely adventurous until you taste it and realize it’s pure comfort food.

Matzah Brei
(This recipe serves one—multiply accordingly)

- 2 eggs
- 1 sheet of matzah
- 1 tbsp milk
- 1 tbsp butter
- Salt and pepper
- Sour cream, jam, syrup, butter, applesauce

Whisk the eggs with the milk until fluffy. Run the matzah under hot running water until it begins to soften. You want it to be starting to get soft but not mushy—30 seconds to 1 minute. Put it on paper towel to rest while you heat the butter in a pan. Break the matzah into small pieces and saute in the butter for about a minute (till the pieces are fully coated) and then add the eggs. Stir and flip the eggs for another minute or two until they are no longer runny, but still soft. Don’t overcook! Add salt and pepper to taste and serve immediately. I prefer it with just sour cream or maybe sour cream and a little bit of jam, but lots of people like it exactly the same way they’d eat French toast... which is pretty much what it is. Unleavened, scrambled French toast—simple, delicious, and comforting. Enjoy!

CUB News
Kris Thompsen

The Citizens Utility Board is currently involved in law suits against every utility in the state including non-standard utility companies. These are the people who offer you big savings on your utility bills, but hide many hidden costs in the “FINE PRINT.” CUB has never found one that lives up to its promises. When you get these offers, you would be well advised to file them in the “circular file.” We are all fighting a decidedly up-hill battle.

One way to keep up on what’s happening is to check out the CUB Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/cubillinois/>
This would also give you a chance to renew or begin membership in CUB. Even a small donation of \$10.00 would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Kris Thomsen, board member.

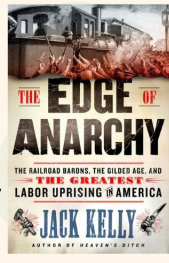

PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR APRIL - MAY 2023		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
PNHP Clocktower Visitor Information Center - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm		
The Block House Gallery Open Thurs 4pm-6pm / Sat 12pm-2pm 11137 S Langley		
Fri - Sun 11am - 3pm HPF Exhibit Hall 11141 S Cottage Grove		
Saturdays at 10am Yoga in the National Park - check Facebook for current location		
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
When	Event (\$ if charge)	Where/How
Sat 4/15 9:30a-12p	PCO/PNHP Annual Spring Clean-Up Meet @ Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th <i>Light refreshments will be provided by the Pullman Civic Organization and other partners</i>	
Tues 4/18 6pm	Beat 531 Community Meeting in-person at the Greenstone Church	
Wed 4/19 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!	
Sat 4/22 1pm	Stability, Longevity, and Sustainability of Historic Districts PCO Beman Committee hosts Keith Goad FLM Center 614 E 113th St	
Sun 4/23 3pm	HPF Sunday Speaker Series "Celebrating 50 Years in Pullman"(\$) Exhibit Hall	
Tues 4/25 6:30-7:30pm	Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rdSt	
Wed 4/26 6pm	Pullman READS "Edge of Anarchy by Jack Kelly" 610 E 111th St	
Wed 4/26 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th	
Fri 4/28 9:30am-11am	PNHP/PSHS: Coffee with the Superintendents 610 E 111th St	
Sat 4/29 6pm-7:30pm	Fireside Poetry and Jazz PNHP 610 E 111th St	
Sun 4/30 2pm-3:30pm	HPF: The Pullman Lens: The Center of the Universe (\$) Exhibit Hall	
Mon/Tues 5/1 & 5/2 9am	Street Sweeping - Watch for Signs & Move your Vehicles!	
Wed 5/3 7pm	Garden Club Membership Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St	
Thu 5/4 7pm	SAIC Historic Preservation Program Design Studio Class presentation PCO Beman Committee hosted event FLM Center 614 E 113th St	
Sun 5/7 1:30 pm	First Sunday Walking Tours Exhibit Hall www.PullmanIL.org	
Wed 5/10 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th	
Tues 5/16 6pm	Beat 531 Community Meeting in-person @ Greenstone Church	
Wed 5/17 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!	
Sat 5/20 9am-4pm	PULLMAN RAILROAD DAYS www.pullmanil.org/special-events	
Sun 5/21 9am-4pm	Buy a ticket for early priority access or volunteer!!	
Tues 5/23 6:30-7:30pm	Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St	
Wed 5/24 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th	
Mark your calendar - Pullman Garden Walk - Saturday June 24th		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

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.

PULLMAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

APRIL 26, 2023
6:00pm
Pullman READS



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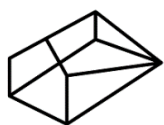
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