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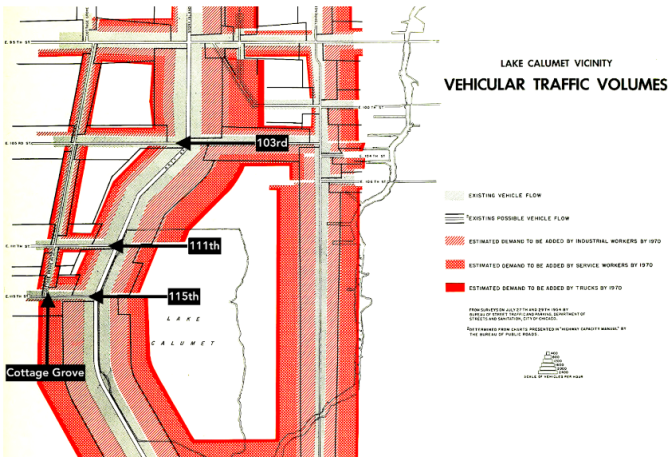
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PCO GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President
John Lydon

Last month’s Flyer unpacked the article, “Rethinking Pullman: Urban Space and Working-Class Activism” by Dr. Janice L. Reiff. A central theme in her writing examined Pullman through conceived, perceived, and lived spaces that define community boundaries and how people move within them over time. This month, let’s use the same framework to probe further into the history of our community’s conceived boundaries.

From its inception in 1880, Pullman spaces were planned with an intentional cohesion of architecture by Solon Beman and integrated landscape by Nathan Barrett. Over 75 years later, the Chicago Plan Commission produced an interim report recommending the need to raze the community, allowing for a new industrial park to be built to attract additional industry and jobs. The report called for the “immediate passage of the proposed Chicago zoning ordinance which contains provisions for the rezoning from residential to industrial use of hundreds of acres of potential industrial land in and around Lake Calumet” in addition to citing “obsolete and substandard dwellings need replacement or rehabilitation by urban renewal programs” for the expansion and extension of “expressways and parking lots.” The rendering below highlights the dire threat the plan presented to Pullman residents.



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In 1960, the Pullman Civic Organization—originally a WWII Civil Defense Organization—was reinstituted to rally against the proposed demolition promoted by the South End Chamber of Commerce. After the PCO won the battle to preserve Pullman, decades of subsequent efforts and accolades arose. Pullman became recognized by the city, state, and nation for its significant historical contributions; these designations & dates are below.

- 1969 Pullman designated a State of Illinois Landmark
- 1969 Pullman added to the National Register of Historic Places
- 1971 Pullman designated a National Historic Landmark District
- 1972 Pullman south of 111th Street designated a Chicago Landmark District
- 1993 Pullman north of 111th Street designated a Chicago Landmark District
- 1999 Pullman Chicago Landmark Districts joined, forming the singular district
- 2015 Pullman designated a National Monument
- 2022 Pullman designated a National Historical Park

All of these designations establish defined, physical boundaries (i.e., conceived space). Today, all designations are bounded north and south by 104th and 115th. Every organization and institution of service to our community—the Historic Pullman Foundation, National Park Service, National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, Historic Pullman Empowerment Organization, Historic Pullman Garden Club, and Pullman Arts—have no restrictions regarding membership. The one exception is the PCO; the last vestige of separating conceived space in our community.

As we head into a new year of membership and officer terms, it is critical to consider how conceived boundaries impact perceived and lived spaces in Pullman. Talk with a neighbor. Discuss with someone new. Together, we can!

JOIN US FOR THE 2023-2024 PCO
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND COOKOUT
Wednesday, May 17th on the Exhibit Hall
grounds from 5:30-7:15pm

The Pullman Civic Organization invites you to our annual membership drive! We will have food on the grill and activities for all in addition to a first come, first served, limited edition PCO decal for those in attendance. PCO membership dues are \$10 and directly fund the work we lead as an organization. Join us!

Can’t make it? Become a member using the link or QR code below.

bit.ly/pcomembership



Nominating Committee

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent special events!

Save the Date for..50th Annual Pullman
House Tour
October 7 and 8, 2023
Patrick Brannon and Cindy McMahon
Co-Chairs, 50th Pullman House Tour

April showers bring May house tour planning. This years House tour will be held October 7th and 8th. Many exciting events happen in Pullman and House Tour is definitely one of them.

Becoming one of the oldest, most successful, annual house tours in the Chicagoland area, is due to the planning and hard work of our dedicated residents. With that said, our first house tour meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 23, @ 6:00pm at the Florence Lowden Miller Center at 614 E. 113th Street. We can use your help and ideas. Please join us.





Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

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

In April, Keith Goad from Berkshire Hathaway Home Services joined us for a presentation about the importance of historic preservation at both the individual and community level, and how proper restoration contributes not only to the stability of individual buildings but also the neighborhood as a whole. Historic districts are by their very nature sustainable, and as property owners each and every effort we make towards maintaining Pullman’s historic character helps to stably increase property values both for ourselves and for our community.

And then in early May, graduate students from the School of the Art Institute presented their ideas for adaptive reuse of Market Hall as part of their classwork under instructor Charlie Pipal, detailing their research and offering two distinct ideas for potential reuse of the building. Special thanks to Nino Quiroz for creating a wonderful video overview of the presentation, available on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/bZKNwm1Ifg8>.

And be on the lookout for even more great programming coming from the Beman Committee this year: in June, we’ll be hosting a hands-on masonry workshop led by restoration consultant and stonemason Simon Leverett, in which he’ll explain the importance of proper mortar usage on historic buildings and teach the proper methods for repointing – a skill which every homeowner (especially of historic buildings) should know! We’ll also be hosting workshops regarding interior plaster repair and on window restoration later in the summer – watch this space for further updates on everything we have coming up!

Green Spaces and Places:
The Remarkable Redbud Tree

Lynn Smith

I recently returned from several days of hiking at Starved Rock State Park, which is about two hours west of here. The Redbuds, otherwise known as “Cercis canadensis” were spectacular, with their purplish pink pea shaped blossoms blooming prior to the leaves, so amazingly colored that by comparison the crabapples trees, while pretty, just looked peevisly pastel. Better yet, Red buds are native to our area, and can grow in light shade to sun. Like the Amelanchier, or Shadberry, Redbud are understory trees, which makes them ideally suited to city environments where part sun is more common than a full sun exposure.

This deciduous tree grows to 25 feet tall with heart shaped leaves – and flowers which are edible and can be eaten raw in salads (I personally prefer them on the tree, but there’s no accounting for tastes). The tree is a nitrogen fixer, meaning that it’s growth improves the soil, and invaluable to birds, bees, and butterflies.

This tree will need good watering in the first year or two to become established, but when mature can tolerate drought. An interesting purple leaved cultivar is named “Forest Pansy”. There are few Spring trees that have such striking blossom colors, and we’ll keep talking...



Beat 531 Meeting

Tuesday May 16th

6pm

In-Person

Greenstone United Methodist Church

Historic Pullman Foundation Events

Emily Maynard

Annual Rail Car Reception: May 18

Join Historic Pullman Foundation’s Annual Rail Car Reception at Chicago’s Union Station on Track One Platform. We are thrilled to honor our loyal supporters and bring together the Pullman community as we celebrate our 50th anniversary and kick off the Pullman Railroad Days weekend!

Do not miss this intimate, time capsule event including first access to three privately-owned Pullman rail cars that capture historic luxury, with hors d’oeuvres and cocktails to match. Your support and attendance at this reception allows us to continue our work as the official Friends Group and philanthropic partner of Pullman National Historical Park.

Pullman Railroad Days: May 20-21

Join Historic Pullman Foundation for its annual Pullman Railroad Days, taking place at Pullman National Historical Park May 20-21. This weekend-long celebration about the important Pullman story: railroad innovation and the people who drive it.

In partnership with Metra, and the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners, visitors will be able to explore historic Pullman rail cars from different eras at the 111th Street/Pullman Metra Electric station over the weekend. Included are the 1923 New York Central 3, the 1950 Royal Street Observation car, and the 1949 Colonial Crafts. Other activities include...

- The grand opening of our 50th-anniversary exhibit From Wrecking Ball to National Park, celebrating our decades of work on preserving, interpreting, and promoting Pullman’s rich history
- Assorted tours of multiple historic sites within the National Historical Park, including Hotel Florence, the factory site, and the neighborhood
- Virtual Reality experience and Rail Engineer Simulator hosted by Norfolk Southern
- Family friendly activities hosted by HPF and partners
- Food trucks from local restaurants, live music, and more!

Take advantage of 20% Advance Ticket discount and receive special early access to the historic railcars by purchasing tickets today for \$24/Adult. This discount expires on May 14. Priority access to the historic train cars – Advance ticket holders only get exclusive access to the historic train cars between 9:00-11:00 am both Saturday and Sunday. Lines tend to get long later in the afternoon.

2023 HPF Speaker Series: Creating America’s first Black Labor Tourism District in North Pullman: May 28

Join Historic Pullman Foundation with National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum’s David Peterson for a discussion centered around their organization’s mission and plans for the future. The museum promotes, honors, and celebrates the legacy of A. Philip Randolph, Pullman Porters, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and contributions made by African-Americans to America’s labor movement; with a significant focus on the African American Railroad Employee. Additionally, David will discuss the Museum’s plans for the \$30 million investment that will expand their exhibits, improve visitor access, create an events venue, and establish the Jesse Jackson Civil Rights Wing focused on empowering the next generations.

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

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.



From the Dining Car
Astrid Fingerhut

Well, Chicago is being Chicago again... as I write this, it’s cold and gray and rainy, but by the time you read it, it could just as easily be 85 and sunny. Not that a bowl full of warm, spicy dal isn’t welcome when it’s hot outside, but today, particularly, I keep thinking about how satisfying and warming this sounds.

Today’s recipe comes from Arlene Echols, who described this dish to me a couple of weeks ago and said it is her go-to lunch that she never tires of eating... which has made me think of it every cold Chicago spring day since then! It’s a modified Pakistani recipe that former Pullmanite Tazeen Swinea’s mother taught to her and that she taught to Arlene. Arlene says “Leave out the crushed red pepper, or add more, depending on your affinity for a taste that bites. As you can see, it’s vegan, but add meat or other veggies if you like. This dish freezes exceptionally well.”

Masoor Dal

- 3 cups water
- ½ lb red lentils
- 3 cloves
- 3 whole peppercorns (<¼ t ground pepper)
- 1 t salt
- 2 tsp turmeric
- 3 tsp whole cumin
- 1 T minced garlic
- 1 T minced ginger
- ½ t crushed red pepper
- ¼ to ½ c cooking oil
- 1¼ cup chopped onion
- Fresh chiles (if desired)
- 1 bunch cilantro (if desired)

Rinse the lentils. Bring lentils, cloves, peppercorns, salt, and 1 tsp turmeric to boil. Skim off the foam. Grind 1 tsp cumin between palms into dal. Add ginger and garlic. Add ¼ tsp crushed red pepper. Cook on low heat for about 40 minutes.

In a separate pan, bring oil to a simmering heat. Add 2 tsp cumin. After 1-2 minutes, when cumin is mostly risen to the top, add onion. Fry onion on medium heat for about 10 minutes until it begins to brown. Add ¼ tsp crushed red pepper. Turn off onions. Add 1 tsp turmeric. Combine the dal (lentils) and the onion. Serve over rice with fresh chiles and cilantro on the side.

PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR MAY-JUNE 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
Tues 5/16 6pm	Beat 531 Community Meeting in-person @ Greenstone Church		
Wed 5/17	5:30-7:15pm	PCO Membership Drive Cook Out!	HPF Exhibit Hall
Renew your \$10 membership for 2023-23 and visit with neighbors			Parking lot
Wed 5/17 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) immediately following the Cook Out		
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!!		
Mon 5/23 6:00 pm House Tour Committee FLM Center 614 E 113th St			
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 Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th			
Sun 5/28 3pm HPF Sunday Speaker Series "First Black Tourism District in North Pullman"(\$) Exhibit Hall			
Sun 6/4 1:30 pm	First Sunday Walking Tours	Exhibit Hall	www.PullmanIL.org
Wed 6/7 7pm Garden Club Membership Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St			
Wed 6/14 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th			
Sat 6/17 9am-1pm FREE Fishing Derby at Wolf Lake 126th/Ave O (all ages/skill levels)			
Sun 6/18 1:30pm-3pm HPF-IL Labor History Society: Pullman Labor History Tour @ Exhibit Hall			
Tues 6/20 6pm	Beat 531 Community Meeting in-person at the Greenstone Church		
Wed 6/21 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!		
Sat 6/24 10a-4p Pullman Garden Club Annual Garden Walk (\$) Exhibit Hall grounds			
Sun 6/25 3pm HPF Sunday Speaker Series "CTA Rail cars built & proposed by Pullman"(\$) Exhibit Hall			
Wed 6/26 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th			
Wed/Thurs 6/28 & 6/29 9am Street Sweeping - Watch for Signs & Move your Vehicles!			
Mark your calendar - Taste of Pullman - July 15th			
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com			

Historic Pullman 50th Annual House Tour Special Event License plate



The Historic Pullman Foundation is offering a special event license plate celebrating 50 years of Pullman House tour. **This license plate can be displayed from August 7, 2023 until October 8, 2023.** If you are not an Illinois resident, but still want to own this collectible license plate, expired plates will be sent after October 8, 2023. Order deadline is June 15, 2023.

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- Include this form, payment and copy of your current registration to: Historic Pullman Foundation, 614 E. 113th Street, Chicago, IL. 60628

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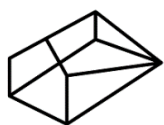
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