June 2023

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street, pullmancivic.org

PCO GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President John Lydon

June marks the start of summer, the celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community, and the commemoration of Juneteenth. This month also marks the start of a new membership year for the Pullman Civic Organization. Why support the PCO through your membership? Let's look at a year in review.

The PCO gathers our community. This past year, the PCO continued Chicago's longest-running House Tour, the proceeds from which fund the Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Program that directly goes back into our neighborhood. The PCO also helped produce the Black History Month collaborative event "Agency & Activism: Black Women's Untold Stories" as well as honor those who served at our Veterans Day program. The annual Companion Animal Blessing was revived and members gathered at the PCO Holiday Party, Trunk-or-Treat, and 114th/Forrestville Block Party. Up next is our summer outing as we board a bus to Starved Rock State Park.

The PCO supports our community. This past year, the PCO Community Improvement Committee made sure our neighborhood had everything from working street lights to paved potholes as well as partnered in community cleanup programs. The PCO Safety Committee worked with both CPD and CAPS while the PCO Education Committee collaborated with CPS to address issues impacting neighbors. PCO members voted to help fundraise for the individuals impacted by the recent house fire and participated in the Red Cross Sound the Alarm program to install fire detectors throughout our community. Additionally, PCO Officers attended the 2023 Chicago Neighborhood Summit to meet with Mayor Lori Lightfoot and discuss city programs that would benefit Pullman.

The PCO informs our community. This past year, the PCO hosted presentations from Alderman Anthony Beale as well as leaders of new developments coming to our community such as Veteran Roasters and The Pullman Club Coffee Shop. The PCO DEI Committee spearheaded the first cohort to participate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programming through Heal Chicago; plans for additional cohorts forthcoming. The PCO Beman Committee facilitated events to help neighbors navigate the building permit process and a hands-on "Restoration Masonry and Mortar Workshop" in addition to a guest speaker series, most recently on the topic "Stability, Longevity, & Sustainability of Historic Districts." PCO meetings have included both a look back with "Stories from the Pullman Building" and a look forward with updates on state and federal legislation that would directly impact our neighborhood.

There is much to celebrate and much more to do. Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to our collective efforts in moving Pullman forward. Together, we can!

Join the PCO for the 2023-2024 membership year using the QR code or link below.



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JUNE MEETING

At the upcoming PCO meeting, our very own Darrell Hill will be presenting about the Roseland Medical District for which he serves as a Commissioner. This development is positioned to be the economic and medical anchor for our community through the investment of an estimated \$2.5 billion within the next 10 years. Join us!

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New HPF Board Members

Pullman welcomes life-long South Sider Maria P. Hibbs as the new president of the Historic Pullman Foundation's Board of Directors. She brings over three decades of experience leading non-profit organizations. Outgoing president Joseph C. Szabo will remain on the Board as President Emeritus.

Ms. Hibbs is Co-Founder and Founding Executive Director of the Chicago Learning Exchange, was Executive Director of three civic collaboratives at The Chicago Community Trust, and served on a number of non-profit boards. A George M. Pullman scholarship recipient as a first-generation college student, she brings a wealth of leadership experience, philanthropic connections, communications skills, and community building to the Board.

The HPF also added three new members to its Board of Directors: Colleen Callahan, former Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Founder and Owner of Colleen Callahan Consultancy; Angela Manning-Hardimon, Vice President for Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Illinois Institute of Technology; and Kelwin Harris, a Pullman resident and Director of Outreach and Engagement, Cook County Assessor's Office.

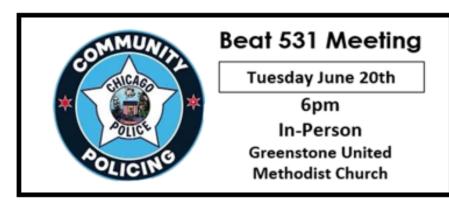
Save the Date
50th Annual Pullman House Tour
October 7 and 8, 2023



Saturday July 22nd



Starting at the Pullman Exhibit Hall





Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

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



With our rowhouses being constructed of brick, masonry and mortar logically become hot topics here in Pullman. And rightfully so - recommendations for masons who do restoration work are one of the most common requests the Beman Committee receives. We recently chatted with some masons who are new to the neighborhood, but not at all inexperienced when it comes to restoration work. On top of learning a little about Ted's Restoration Inc. below, a reminder that our hands-on masonry workshop led by restoration consultant and stonemason, Simon Leverett is coming up on June 17th. Simon will give a

short lecture on the history of masonry and mortar before we move outside for a live demonstration and a chance to get your hands dirty mixing lime mortar and repointing! Although workshop space is limited to registered participants (sorry, we are sold out!), anyone can join the lecture portion of the event beginning at 1:00PM at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center at 614 E. 113th St.

Ted's Restoration Inc. is a family-owned and operated masonry restoration company founded ca. 1992 and based in the Northwest suburb of Palatine. Jack Hamerksi has been working with the company for 15 years and Dominik Usakiewicz has been working full-time for the company for 8 years, although he recalls going on site visits and helping his father write up contracts since he was 11 years old. "Any time I had a day off of school," Dominik recalls, "my father would bring me along to the job site... to help break down that language barrier. As an immigrant family, this has been part of my life since I can remember." Dominik's father, Ted, came to the states from Poland and got his start in masonry with US Heritage Group, where he learned the art of restoration masonry. From there, he ended up branching out on his own, but kept the niche of restoration masonry.

"When you start mixing sand and lime, people's eyes get big and they wonder: 'Is that it? Is that really all that's holding my building together?'" Dominik chatted with us about how although the work they do and the needs of old buildings is sometimes new and surprising, it's typically well-received when they take the time to explain the process to property owners. And from what we observed, the work from Ted's Restoration is spot on; clean, orderly, and considerate of neighbors; and completed with a permit and proper tarping to avoid dust and debris. Check out the fully repointed façade of 11439 S. Champlain to get a glimpse of their work in person. You can reach out for an estimate at ted@tedsrestoration.com or at 773-315-1850.

Following masonry, mark your calendars for our next workshop, 'Plaster Repair with Durabond', on Sunday, July 16 at 10:00AM. Space will be extremely limited, so please register if you are interested in attending: bit.ly/pcoplaster. Didn't get a spot in either of these workshops but were interested in attending? Email us so we can plan for future events!

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.

Summer Explorers Return to Pullman National Historic Park

Alex Rubenstein

Summer is right around the corner, and we are moving "Full STEAM Ahead" with the popular Pullman Summer Explorers program. Park Rangers at Pullman National Historical Park will lead three fun-filled sessions in June and July 2023, that combines nature-inspired STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) learning with outdoor adventures. This free program is for children going into fourth grade, or those who have just finished fourth grade.

Each three-day session will be a learning expedition in the great outdoors. We'll spend a day in Pullman National Historical Park, exploring what makes a park, and even set up our own campsite! We'll visit Chicago's one-of-a-kind 300-acre adventure park called The Forge: Lemont Quarries, where Explorers will experience archery, canoeing, and outdoor navigation with a compass and map. We'll also hike the dunes and splash on the beach at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore! Pullman Summer Explorers will gain creative problem-solving skills, learn to work collaboratively, build confidence, and have fun in the great outdoors!

The three-day sessions are Wednesday through Friday, June 28-30, July 12-14, and July 26-28. Transportation to activities, lunches, and snacks are provided. Priority is for children living in the 60628 zip code. Space is limited, so apply now! Explorers will also receive a National Park Pass for themselves and their family to get in free to any national park for the summer. Pullman National Park, 610 E. 111th St., Chicago, IL 60628

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Green Spaces and Places: Pullman: A Green Legacy in the "Most Perfect Town"

Lynn Smith

George Pullman was many things – patriarchal, the archetypal capitalist who famously believed in the value of hard work and the value of "not giving things away," that people would appreciate what is given to them more by having to pay for it. He was also a lover of both beauty and comfort, who used his town as the advertisement for the quality of his products – the Pullman train – and believed that by giving the world "this most perfect town" he would sidestep labor unrest, anarchy, and the thing that he seemed to dislike more than most – disorder. However you could make a strong case for the fact that Pullman was in fact rather emotionally invested in trying to uplift the worker – (through the many amenities that he provided in the town-good housing, indoor plumbing a library, theatre, good indoor lighting – 30,000 trees, with 100 gardeners employed when Pullman was in it's heyday)– just like he lifted the Tremont Hotel out of the proverbial swamp. He invested 3 million dollars in 1880 dollars – in building the town of Pullman.

Contrast this with the tenements that were provided in the Stockyard area, in Chicago. He contracted with Nathan Barrett, a landscape architect (before they used this title) from the East, to provide the winding paths varied landscaping, and at that time, Lake Vista – which would cool the Corliss engine and greet viewers eyes as they arrived in the town. In many ways Pullman was ahead of his time – in his use of indoor plumbing, recycling of waste, use of greenery to provide a more restful environment for all, but his patriarchal, rigid and controlling ways (also very much a product of his time) gave the town a different legacy as well.

The outlines (in Arcade Park) and in the current tree lined streets of Pullman still hark back to that original vision of a green town somewhat distant from the problems of the City. I believe that one of the reasons we are still talking about George Pullman apart from the fact that we live in the town (!) is that he was a problem solver (not a perfect one but a problem solver nonetheless) interested in big ideas and their resolution . His vision of a greener more attractive park like environment, with airy factory buildings making use of good quality light and ventilation was one of his more progressive perspectives. And we'll keep talking...

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.

Volunteers are the Best Asset

Cindy McMahon

Prior to the recent Railroad Days event sponsored by the HPF there were a number of local residents I would like to thank for their efforts in sprucing up our neighborhood. To all the dog walkers and other walkers who stopped to pick up trash on lawns and sidewalks....thank you. To Linda and Tom Feutz who spent hours manicuring the flower beds and planters around Exhibit Hall (Tom spent hours weeding the east side of the building)thank you. To Mike Manika who cleaned up Arcade Park after the not so acceptable grass cutting job done by the Park District..... thank you. To all of those who cleaned up and spruced up their front lawns, porches and sidewalks in anticipation of the visitors seeing Pullman for the first time....thank you. You proved volunteers are our best asset.....thank you.

Feed the Hungary

Lorraine Brochu

"We miss everything, and we'll take anything."

- Raquel, a Venezuelan asylum seeker upon being asked what food she most missed.

As a sanctuary city, Chicago's welcome of migrants hasn't been without major hurdles in the scramble for resources. These men, women, and children temporarily housed in the 5th District Police Station – at one point the count was 50 people -- wait patiently for officialdom's due process as they apply for asylum, surviving on their own meager resources. In this battle, Pullmanites have joined not-for-profits in stepping up admirably to help feed, clothe, and in some cases, attend to the medical needs of those at the station. But as individuals our own stock of funds, energy and time is limited. We need your help to feed those people fleeing tyranny, seeking a better life for themselves and families. This could mean making the occasional breakfast or dinner, dropping off snacks, or donating money to have others with more time make the meals. If you can help, there are some links in the Pullman Virtual Neighborhood Facebook page, or call Ellen Garza at 773-474-0503.



From the Dining Car

Astrid Fingerhut

My father loved trying new foods—the more unknown to him the better. His favorite restaurants were the ones where the menu was in another language and where he would charm the restauranteurs with his obvious enthusiasm into introducing us to the more interesting foods of their culture. There was nothing more delightful than having the chef offer to cook off menu to make something truly authentic or really special.

But because we lived in Indiana, most of the time trying new foods meant learning how to make them ourselves... and so my father embraced cooking. From Indian to English, Greek to French, my father was all in--no matter how many steps or how many dirty dishes it took. Dad went through many culinary romances, but his longest relationship was with Chinese food.

My father died on May 23 and the world is a bit less bright without him. I would give quite a bit to go back in time for a huge bowl of his hot and sour soup. While the traditional recipe calls for pork, Dad made it with chicken for me. I remember him making this whenever I was sick or sad—it's pure comfort.

Hot and Sour Soup (serves 6-8)

10 dried lily buds, soaked in hot water for 15 minutes

2 tablespoons cloud ear fungus, soaked in hot water for 15 minutes

4 cups chicken broth

6 oz lean pork or chicken breast, cut into matchstick strips

1/2 cup tofu, cut into thin strips

1/4 cup bamboo shoots, cut into thin strips

6 dried Chinese mushrooms, soaked in hot water until spongy, then discard stems and slice caps into thin strips

Sauce mixture:

1 tablespoon thin soy sauce

1/4 tsp sugar

3/4 tsp salt

2 tablespoons cornstarch mixed with 3 tablespoons water

1 egg—beat until foamy

Vinegar and pepper mixture:

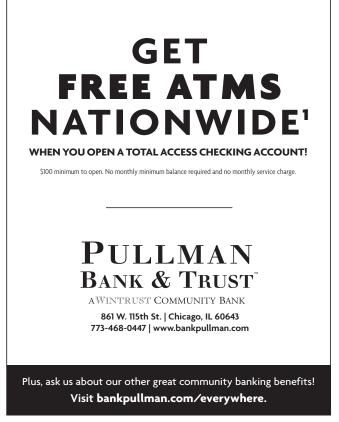
3 tablespoons Chinese red vinegar

1/2 tsp ground white pepper

2 tsp sesame seed oil

2 scallions cut into pea-sized pieces

- 1. Pinch off tough parts of soaked lily buds and cloud ears. Tear them each in half lengthwise and set aside.
- 2. In a 3-quart pot, boil the chicken broth. Add chicken (or pork), tofu, bamboo, cloud ears and mushrooms and cook for a few moments.
- 3. Stir in sauce mixture and cornstarch mixture until the soup boils gently. Slowly swirl in the beaten egg. Turn off the heat immediately and do not stir! This allows the egg to set slightly—it will resemble a mass of yellow clouds. After the egg has set, stir to mix.
- 4. Pour the soup into serving bowls containing the vinegar and pepper mixture and add scallions. Stir gently to mix in the vinegar and pepper. Enjoy!



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PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR JUNE-JULY 2023 WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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Opening July 5th - Wednesdays 7am-1pm Pullman City (Farmer's) Market 111th Pl & Forrestville

The Block House Gallery Open Thurs 4pm-6pm / Sat 12pm-2pm 11137 S Langley

Tues - 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 Event (\$ if charge) Where/H

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

Tues 6/27 6:00 pm House Tour Committee FLM Center 614 E 113th St

Tues 6/27 6:30-7:30pm Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St

Wed/Thurs 6/28 & 6/29 9am Street Sweeping - Watch for Signs & Move your Vehicles!

ın 7/2 1:30 pm First Sunday Walking Tours Exhibit Hall www.PullmanIL.org

Wed 7/5 7pm Garden Club Membership Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St

Wed 7/12 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th

Sat 7/15 Noon - 8pm Taste of Pullman (\$) Pullman Park/Arcade Park

Sun 7/16 10am Plaster Repair with Durabond Register at bit.ly/pcoplaster

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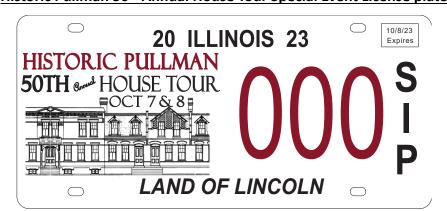
Wed 7/26 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th

Sun 7/30 2pm HPF Pullman Lens Series: "A Tale of Three Houses" Exhibit Hall

Mark your calendar - Labor Day Parade in Pullman - Sat Sept 2nd

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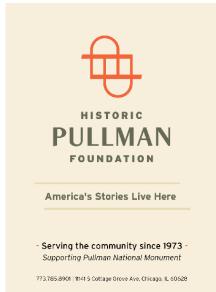
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