# \*\*\*PCO GENERAL MEETING\*\*\* Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 pm

### From the PCO President

John Lydon



Richard Guy Wilson's photo "The Hotel Florence" from 1988.

HB2878 was approved by both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly and sent to the desk of Governor JB Pritzker on June 22, 2023. Article 45-coined the "Reimagining Hotel Florence Act"-would provide \$21 million for the restoration of this historic building located in the heart of our neighborhood. The legislative intent language from the bill is included below for further reference:

The bill would allow the Illinois Department of National Resources, which owns the hotel, "to enter into a public-private partnership that will allow Hotel Florence to become a fully reactivated space in a timely manner."

Originally built in 1881, the Hotel Florence is located within the Pullman Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969 and was designated a National Historic Landmark on December 30, 1970. To save it from demolition the Historic Pullman Foundation purchased the hotel in 1975 and maintained ownership until 1991 when the State of Illinois took title of the building. The Hotel Florence is continually closed for renovations and is a semi-closed public space.

The Hotel sits next to the Pullman National Historic Landmark District, which was designated as a National Monument in 2015 and recently redesignated as Illinois's first National Park on December 29, 2022 and is operated by the U.S. National Park Service. This redesignation allows for the National Park.

Service to enter into cooperative agreements with outside parties for interpretive and educational programs at nonfederal historic properties within the boundaries of the park and to provide assistance for the preservation of nonfederal land within the boundaries of the historical park and at sites in close proximity to it, which may include the Hotel Florence.

The General Assembly has allocated \$21,000,000 in capital infrastructure funds to aid in the redevelopment of the Hotel Florence.

The General Assembly finds that allowing for the Department of Natural Resources to enter into a public-private partnership that will allow the Hotel Florence to become a fully reactivated space in a timely manner that is in the public benefit of the State and the local Pullman community.

Since its inception, the Hotel Florence has been woven into the fabric of our community. The passing and signing of this bill will mark a new era of possibilities. Let us know your thoughts at bit.ly/PCOhotel or our July meeting. Together, we can!

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### **PCO Summer Outing**

The morning of Saturday, July 29th, we will be boarding a coach bus from Exhibit Hall here in Pullman to Starved Rock State Park as well as make a stop in the beautiful neighboring town of Utica. The cost of attending the PCO Summer Outing is \$25 per seat, which contributes to a portion of the bus fare and provided snacks. Please review the timeline of events (see bit.ly/ pcosummer2023). We will leave Pullman at 8am sharp!

Space is limited; reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. The reservation form will close Wednesday, July 19th or when all seats have been filled. ALL ARE WELCOME! A waitlist will be established for those who are unable to reserve a seat and a copy of your completed reservation form will automatically be sent to your email upon submission.

Questions? Email Susan Schoephoester, PCO Hospitality Committee Chair, at pcohospitality@gmail.com

### Historic Pullman Garden Walk Saturday July 22, 2023, 10 AM – 4 PM



The Historic Pullman Garden Club, in partnership with Historic Pullman Foundation, invites you to attend the annual Pullman Garden Walk on Saturday July 22nd. This annual fundraiser helps support the public gardens that the Club maintains, including the flower beds in Arcade Park and Pullman Park, as well as the Gateway Garden at 111th and Langley.

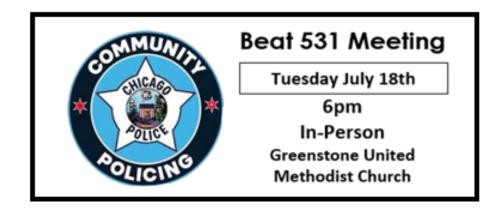
The day begins at the Pullman Exhibit Hall, 11141 South Cottage Grove Avenue. You can enjoy one of the guided walking tours (10:30am or 1:30pm) or use the self-guided garden map to stroll at your own pace and visit the public & private gardens open for the event. If you volunteer for a shift (3 hours) at the event, you receive a complimentary ticket and an invitation to the potluck thank you dinner that evening.

Tickets for the event are \$12 in advance, by emailing historic pullmangardens@ gmail.com or visiting www.hpgc.org, and \$15 on the day of the event. Hope to see you there!

# 50th Annual Pullman House Tour October 7 and 8, 2023

Patrick Brannon and Cindy McMahon Co-Chairs, 50th Pullman House Tour

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. Please join us for the next meeting planning meeting on Tuesday, July 25th at 6pm.





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

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

Windows are always a big item up for discussion, for both homeowners and renters alike. Chicago's hot summers and cold winters make drafty windows the easy culprit when our comfort or the energy efficiency of our homes is at stake. The Beman Committee is delving into a couple topics pertaining to windows: Window replacement and window restoration.

On Saturday August 19th from 1pm-4pm at the Pullman National Park Service Visitor Center the Beman Committee will be hosting a Window Expo with some of the best historic replacement window manufacturers. This will be an open exposition where vendors will set up tables and be ready to chat about their products as you come. Vendors include: Pella, JELD-WEN, and Sierra Pacific. New products and technologies now more readily available such as aluminum clad wood windows (approved by Landmarks), may offer residents lower-maintenance options that still look historically correct. Manufacturers like these also come with a warranty—something not to be taken for granted when talking about the huge investment that replacement windows require. Mark your calendars and stop by and pick up some information. You'll be sure to see some Pullman-specific sample windows at this event, too!

Many original wood windows throughout the neighborhood have since been replaced. If you do have old wood windows, stay tuned for our window restoration workshop! This will be a hands-on opportunity to learn from TMC Windows—a leader in window restoration for over 30 years—about why restoring your original wood windows is preferred in most situations both for superiority of building materials and their importance to preserving historic character. This workshop will hopefully open your eyes to the possibilities of restoring your wood windows to function just as good or better than the replacements. We're serious! You'll also get some DIY experience for projects you may even be able to tackle yourself (or at least some confidence in hiring a contractor!). Stay tuned for more info.

Did you know? Pullman homes were built in the days before air conditioning, so they are designed to take advantage of natural cooling and heating cycles each season. Double-hung windows are intended to cool by having both of their sashes operable – the lower sash is raised to allow cooler air to enter the lower part of the room, while the upper sash is lowered to allow hot air gathered near the ceiling to escape. During these hot summer months, if you're lucky enough to have fully operable windows on your home, try them out sometime to see if you can't shave a few extra days off the AC-running.

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.

### Green Spaces and Places: In Praise of Pullman Parkways

Lynn Smith

Pullman is continuing to "green up". By this I mean that in the over 25 year time that we have called Pullman home, we have witnessed more greenery, and more variety of greenery in people's homes and parkways. Just as Pullman interiors can be as different and creative as the people in them, our parkways show evidence of different solutions to how to manage the land between the sidewalk and the street, which we have only partial control over. Technically that trans-sidewalk street area is owned by the City of Chicago, but intrepid gardeners see it as a segway into expanding their garden kingdom, possibly without having to mow grass.

The visibility of a "curbside garden" means that it can instantly change the look of a block, either by planting a tree or grasses, perennials, or in even more earth moving ways, creating mini berms which can harbor mini "eco areas " through the use of more soil, rocks. soil amendments, and of course plants. If using berms one book recommends that the berm "need not be higher than a car" to have noticeable impact – but should be higher than car wheels for best effect.

When planting parkways, keep in mind the eventual size of the plant. Parkway worthy plants include but are not limited to yarrow, hollyhock, butterfly weed (native), Baptista (false indigo – also a native), coreopsis (native), alpine betony, artemisia, blue oat grass, evening primrose, Allegheny spurge (groundcover), bergamot, sambucus nigra, lavender, climbing roses (if you have enough sun). Small trees can also be considered, of which there are many that would fit the bill, always keeping in mind the eventual spread and height of the plant...and we'll keep talking...

### The Pullman Flver

### Historic Pullman Foundation Emily Maynard

Historic Pullman Foundation's (HPF) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Maria Pojeta Hibbs as President of HPF. Hibbs brings to the Historic Pullman Foundation's Board over three decades of experience leading civic organizations in Chicagoland's non-profit sphere. As part of a planned transition, she replaces Joseph C. Szabo, who served as President over the past three years during the organization's transformation to become the official

non-profit partner for Pullman National Historical Park. Szabo will remain on the Board as President Emeritus.

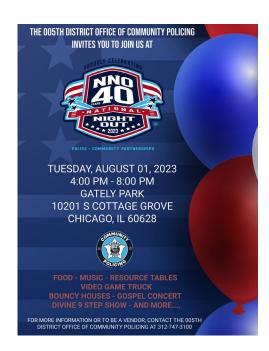
Hibbs is Co-Founder and Founding Executive Director of the Chicago Learning Exchange, a non-profit promoting educational innovation and equity of opportunity for young people in Chicago; and was Executive Director of three civic collaboratives at The Chicago Community Trust. She has also served on a number of non-profit boards throughout her non-profit and corporate career. 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.

"I am honored to be leading HPF's Board in celebrating our 50th year of preserving Pullman's historic structures – and just as importantly, the stories of people and social movements that have helped shape this nation," Hibbs said. "America's stories live in Pullman, and we are proud to collaborate with the National Park Service as the official non-profit partner of Pullman National Historical Park (PNHP)."

The park tells the story of America's first planned model industrial community; George M. Pullman, the sleeping car magnate who created it; and the workers who lived there. Pullman is significant for its influence on railroad transportation, industrial innovation, urban planning and design, and the American labor and civil rights movements.

"As a life-long South Sider, I am thrilled to support the Park as a national treasure and a catalyst for economic opportunity in this part of the city," Hibbs said.

HPF has also welcomed three new members to its Board of Directors. They are 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.









### From the Dining Car

Astrid Fingerhut

It's summertime and that means fresh fruit! There is nothing quite as delicious as a peach eaten sun-warm and dripping juice straight off the tree, but fresh-picked cherries busting with sweetness are a very close second. Even if you don't want to go pick your own (the Michigan fruit belt is close enough to allow a day trip—it's absolutely worth the effort), we still have access to fresh and local fruit through our farmers markets and many grocery stores. If you are very, very lucky, you might find a neighbor who has a beautiful cherry tree in her front yard and allows you to harvest the cherries!

So, this month, I present a sort of mishmash recipe that I made by taking the easiest crust recipe I could find and combining it with the easiest filling recipe and then modifying it a little to fit the ingredients I had. I used the beautiful tart cherries from Melanie's tree, but the recipe says you can use either tart or sweet. If you use sweet cherries, I suggest adding a little lemon juice to the recipe to give it a bit of acid.

Melanie's Cherries Cherry Tart

For the crust: 1 cup almond flour 1/2 cup flour 1/3 cup sugar 6 tbsp butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350. Whisk together all the dry ingredients, then stir in the melted butter. Press into a 9" tart pan along the bottom and up the sides. Put tart pan with crust into the freezer for about 10 minutes. Bake for 20 minutes.

For the filling:

3/4 cup whipping cream

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla

3 tbsp sugar

2 tbsp flour

1 pound cherries, pitted. NOTE: If you don't have a cherry pitter, it is absolutely worth getting one. Fresh cherries really make this recipe and even with a pitter it is a bit of work...without one, you will be cursing me long before you're finished pitting your cherries.

While the crust is baking, whisk together the cream, eggs, vanilla, and sugar. Add the flour and whisk until it's fully blended. Arrange the cherries in your tart pan and pour the cream filling around them so the tart fills evenly. I found that I had a bit of the cream filling left over, which Laika and the cats had a West Side Story-esque rumble over. Share it with your pets with caution— Fennec is still walking around hissing "When you're a Jet, you stay a Jet!"

Bake for about 40 minutes, or until the filling is just firm (jiggling slightly in the center). Allow the tart to cool on a rack. Dust with powdered sugar and serve with fresh whipping cream or vanilla ice cream. Try not to eat the entire thing yourself.

PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR JULY-AUGUST 2023	
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES	
PNHP Clocktower Visitor Information Center - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm	
Wednesdays 7am-1pm Pullman City (Farmer's) M	Market 111th Pl & Forrestville
The Block House Gallery Open Thurs 4pm-6pm / S.	at 12pm-2pm 11137 S Langley
Tues - Sun 11am - 3pm HPF Exhibit Hall	11141 S Cottage Grove
Saturdays at 10am Yoga in the National Park 610 E 111th St	
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS	
When Event (\$ if charge)	Where/How
Sat 7/15 Noon - 8pm Taste of Pullman (\$)	Pullman Park/Arcade Park
Sun 7/16 10am Plaster Repair with Durabono	Register at bit.ly/pcoplaster
Sun 7/16 1:30pm-3pm HPF-IL Labor History Society: Pullman Labor History Tour @ Exhibit Hall	
Tues 7/18 6pm Beat 531 Community Meeting in-person @ Greenstone Church	
Wed 7/19 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!	
Sat 7/22 10a-4p Pullman Garden Club Annual Gard	len Walk (\$) Exhibit Hall grounds
Sat 7/22 12pm-4pm Shop Roseland (music, vendors, et	tc) 112th/Edbrooke (Gately's site)
Sat 7/22 11am-2pm Play Streets (family fun with snacks/refreshments) 107th-108th on Champlain	
Sun 7/23 3pm HPF Speaker Series - Calumet: Draining the South Area of Chicago (\$) Exhibit Hall	
Tues 7/25 6:00 pm House Tour Committee FLM Center 614 E 113th St	
Tues 7/25 6:30-7:30pm Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St	
Wed 7/26 5pm-8pm Jazz on the Grass (family fun, light refreshments) Blue Door Center 756 E 111th St	
Wed 7/26 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th	
Sat 7/29 8am-6pm PCO Summer Outing - Starved Rock State Park (\$) Exhibit Hall	
Sun 7/30 2pm HPF Pullman Lens Series: "A Tal	e of Three Houses" Exhibit Hall
Tuesday 8/1 4pm-8pm NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Gately Park 10201 Cottage Grove	
Wed 8/2 7pm Garden Club Membership Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St	
Sun 8/6 1:30 pm First Sunday Walking Tours Exhibit Ha	all www.PullmanIL.org
Wed 8/9 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th	
Sat 8/12 10:30am Southside Monthly Bike Ride	Big Marsh, 11559 Stony Island
Wed 8/16 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!	
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Thurs/Fri 8/24 & 8/25 9am Street Sweeping - Watch for Signs & Move your Vehicles!	
Mark your calendar - Labor Day Parade in Pullman - Sat Sept 2nd	
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.



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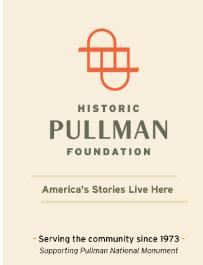
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