



# THE PULLMAN FLYER

- NEIGHBORS SHARING ARE NEIGHBORS CARING -

September 2023

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street, pullmancivic.org

\*\*\*PCO GENERAL MEETING\*\*\*  
Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President  
John Lydon

Since 1960, the Pullman Civic Organization continues to leverage community voice and lead through collective action. This month’s article highlights different initiatives and developments happening across our community. Use the QR codes and links to learn, support, and provide feedback. Together, we can!

Asylum-Seeker Support

In late July, the PCO created a GoFundMe fundraiser to support the numerous volunteers from our neighborhood who continue to work tirelessly to provide food and basic needs for asylum-seekers housed at the 5th District Police Department. The PCO contributed \$500 to start the fund, which has reached a current total of \$2,420. The number of asylum-seekers has recently risen and the demand for additional donations is in great need. Please consider supporting this work. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and resources to directly impact the lives of asylum-seekers fleeing tyranny, hoping for a better life for themselves and their families.

Lake Calumet Bike Network Study

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) and Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) are hosting an in-person guided bike tour on Saturday, September 23rd from 10am-12pm as part of the Lake Calumet Bike Network Study. DoTH and CDOT are interested in hearing feedback from residents on ways to improve walking and biking paths in the Pullman and Roseland neighborhoods. The ride will start at 95th Street and King Drive; registration is required. Not able to attend? Take the online survey to have your voice heard.

NPS & IDNR Joint General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) are seeking your input on the Joint General Management Plan (JGMP) and associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Pullman National Historical Park and Pullman State Historic Site. The NPS and IDNR will be accepting public comments on the JGMP and EA from September 1st through October 15th. Community comments and input are fundamental to the planning and environmental review process.

111th Street/Pullman Station Rehabilitation, Metra Electric District

The PCO has been included as a community group to provide input into a project that will rehabilitate various elements of the 111th Street/Pullman Station on the Metra Electric District (MED). The purpose of the project is to modernize the station, improve transit access to the Pullman Historic District, and have the station comply with accessible design guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Key elements to be improved include:

A new street-level station entrance and depot building; Construction of an elevator to make the platform accessible; Platform reconstruction with a new canopy along the entire length of the platform; Platform lighting and security cameras; Multi-modal connectivity improvements; Headhouse replacement; Miscellaneous site improvements that may include signage, sidewalk replacement, curb ramps, and bike racks

Red Line Extension

On September 8th, the federal government announced the Red Line Extension (RLE) project is in line for \$1.973 billion in critical grant funding. The RLE project has officially advanced into the next phase of the federal “New Starts” program – an important step to moving closer to groundbreaking. The CTA can now begin the “Engineering” phase, which includes further design and engineering needed to build the project and identifies the federal grant dollars the CTA can receive once this phase is completed and approved by the FTA.

Acme Steel Coke Plant Site

Spanning over 100 acres, the Acme Steel Coke Plant site is located adjacent to Big Marsh Park near 114th Street and Torrence Avenue. The plant produced steel-making fuel coke starting in 1910 and has now been shuttered for over two decades. Certain contaminants on the site were mitigated by the EPA starting in 2005, but there is a renewed interest in making Acme a Superfund site as identified by the Biden Administration. The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allocated \$3.5 billion to the Superfund program and the agency recently began a 60-day process for public comment regarding the Acme site.

50th Annual Pullman House Tour  
October 7 and 8, 2023  
11am-5pm



It’s fall and time for the 50th Annual House Tour. It is a time when residents come together to welcome visitors and show off our Pullman neighborhood. Seven homes will be open to demonstrate how unique and different they all are even though one may say “they all look alike from the outside.”

The weekend is packed full of activities. On Saturday, from 11 am-1:30 pm, check out Q Kiser and his group, Qombo, will be performing on the Exhibit Hall Bandstand. Sunday on the east lawn of the visitor center from 10 am-4 pm check out the classic car show. Also, on Sunday at the bandstand the Prohibition Orchestra Band will be performing from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

By the way, it takes a village to have a successful event. The homeowners are doing their part, now we need you. Mary Ferazza, Margaret Kania and Katie McMahon are recruiting people to volunteer 3.5 hours shifts in the homes. No special skills are needed. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and help put Pullman’s best foot ward. Know a student who needs community service hours? Bring them along. Volunteering gets you a free ticket to house tour, the opportunity to tour on Preview Night, Friday October 6th, and attend the Friday night wine and cheese event. Please contact the volunteer committee via email at pullmanhousetour@gmail.com to volunteer.

Not interested in volunteering, then please purchase a ticket, 50% of the net proceeds helps fund the façade reimbursement program. Advance tickets can be purchased up to October 6th at pullmanhousetour2023.eventbrite.com, or at the door the day of the event.

Help us spread the word. Please stop by the Exhibit Hall, 11141 S. Cottage Grove, Noon to 4 pm Thursday through Sunday, to pick up house tour posters and brochures. Ask your favorite businesses to post in their windows. Send brochures to friends, family (those you like and don’t like) and get everyone on your Christmas card list.

Thank you to everyone who has already helped in any way for this year’s tour. If you are unable to volunteer take a few minutes and spruce up the front of your home. Let’s rake the leaves, sweep the sidewalks and welcome the many visitors to our neighborhood.

See you House Tour Weekend!

Volunteers Needed for House Tour  
Mary, Katie, & Margaret,  
Volunteer Coordinators

The homeowners are opening their homes...now we need you!

Volunteering gets you a free House Tour ticket, the opportunity to tour on Preview Night, Friday October 6th, attend the Kickoff Party, AND the undying gratitude of the Volunteer Committee! Go to <http://bit.ly/451F0Ob> or Scan QR CODE or Email pullmanhousetour@gmail.com

Please add Pullman House Tour gmail address to your contact list and check your spam/junk folder for confirmation that your application has been received.



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Acme Steel Site Feedback



Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

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

Exactly one year ago, the Beman Committee wrote an article for the Pullman Flyer featuring Bob and Jane Bushwaller’s PassivHaus. Now, as they wrap up their passion-filled project and get settled in their new home, they are also preparing to share their space with neighbors, friends, and strangers in this year’s 50th Anniversary Pullman House Tour! We know this house has a bigger story to tell than can be seen during a crowded walk-through on House Tour weekend, so we asked Bob to share about the home’s design, new technologies, energy efficiencies, and reveal some secrets in a special intimate lecture. Please join the Beman Committee for All Walls Can Tell a Story on Saturday, September 23rd at 1:00 pm at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113th Street).

The PassivHaus, or Passive House in English, is an industry standard certification originating in Germany. The characteristics of such a building, Bob says, are “focused around incredible energy efficiencies for both heating and cooling including serious insulation, vapor sealing, energy recovery valves, latest generation heat pump, tons of natural light, and other geeky things.” But beyond the components that make this house especially smartly constructed, is the incredible detail to architectural design. And, despite its modern technologies, special care and attention is still paid to carefully selected historic features.

We know that without the willingness of everyone who helps out for House Tour each year, there would be no House Tour – and thus no Beman Committee Façade Reimbursement Program. So, THANK YOU for your dedication! If you haven’t volunteered before, now is a good time to start. It’s a fantastic way to show off pride in your neighborhood, get to know new neighbors, and get some nice perks as well – including a free ticket to the tour!

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:  
On Planting Mora Anti-Rodent Bulbs

Lynn Smith

The intersection of nature and buildings is not always friendly. Squirrels, and racoons have a way of getting into buildings (they do after all like to cocoon and stay warm, just like we humans do) but it is the intersection of squirrels and gardeners that tends to turn otherwise sweet people into – well more angry humans.

In the interest of staving off squirrel human disputes, I offer up a compendium of bulbs that are either poisonous to rodents or much less appealing to squirrels and will minimize the likelihood of your bulbs ending up where you didn’t plant them.

Daffodils are high on the list of bulbs rodents don’t like. Add to that all of the ornamental allium bulbs, whether the larger (ie “Globemaster”, “Ambassador”, etc.) or the smaller Allium which tend to bloom in June in our climate. Any of the Chionodoxia (“Glory of the Snow”) small bulbs are not appealing to squirrels – Fritillaria (which also grow in partial shade) are not on the squirrel preferred palate. Snowdrops (Galanthas), the early harbinger of Spring is not squirrel friendly. Muscari and scilla are also good bulbs for deterring animals. In the tulip family, the species tulips, which are perennial and shorter, smaller tulips, are less likely to be disturbed by rodents.

And we’ll keep talking....

P.S. Lest the reader think that gardeners can be murderous toward rodents--squirrels and rodents appear to have evolved to avoid the poisonous bulbs, such as daffodils. They will simply avoid these and other poisonous bulbs.

Animal Blessing 2023

Marnee Schereck and Andreas Morgen

### Historic Pullman Companion Animal Blessing



**Sunday October 1st**

**1pm to 4pm**  
**Exhibit Hall grounds**  
**11141 S. Cottage Grove Chicago**

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| <b>Sponsored by:</b><br>Saint Anthony of Padua Church<br>Greenstone United Methodist Church<br>The Pullman Civic Organization | <b>Featuring:</b><br>Chicago Herpetological Society<br>Flintcreek Wildlife<br>Music by Sharon Quattrin and Q. Kiser | <b>And:</b><br>Guest Speaker from NPS<br>Vegan Food<br>Silent Auction<br>Raffle Items<br>Pet Parade |
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**All dogs must be leashed**

Sunday October 1st we will gather to celebrate our beloved animal companions at Historic Pullman Foundation Exhibit Hall from 1pm to 4pm.

Joining us once again will be the Chicago Herpetological Society with some amazing reptilian creatures with which to interact. Flintcreek Wildlife joins us as well to answer questions and possibly bring a raptor (bird).

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We are thrilled to welcome the return of Pullman’s own Sharon Quattrin and Q Kiser, who will amaze all of us with their musical talent.

Our vegan food selections will allow us to enjoy a compassionate, earth friendly and delicious meal. Local businesses have generously donated products and gift certificates for our raffle and silent auctions.

If any of our Pullman artists would like to donate a piece of your work, or if you have an interesting item that would be appropriate as a raffle or auction item, please contact us. This would be most appreciated. New this year will be face painting for children only.

The focal point of the day will be the blessing ceremony!! This takes place approximately 3-3:45pm and will be administered by Fr. Mark of St. Anthony’s Church and Rev. Luther of The Greenstone Church. The raffle drawings and closing of auction will take place after the blessing.

We welcome not only dogs and cats, but other companion animals... all dogs must be leashed and other animals safely contained in a cage or carrier. We ask that you be mindful of your animal’s personality or aggressive behaviors. If your dog needs to be kept apart from others or muzzled, please leave in your car for their blessing.

The finale will be the pet parade, lead by Pullman’s own Andy Bullen and his concertina renditions. Even if you do not have a companion animal, come join us for this memorable event.

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### Beat 531 Meeting

**Tuesday September 19th**  
**6pm**  
**In-Person**  
**Greenstone United Methodist Church**





From the Dining Car  
Astrid Fingerhut

I’ve mentioned before that I’m not a great cook... I’m lazy and messy and if there are too many ingredients or steps, I will absolutely miss some of them. I also like to modify recipes to add things that sound good or make substitutions to reduce things that I can’t eat much of (I come from a long line of vampires—we are all very sensitive to alliums). Sometimes it turns out just fine (my blue-ribbon-winning state fair cookies where I forgot the flour) and sometimes... well, I suspect the reason Laika sniffs every treat as if I intend to poison her is some deep-seated memory of me trying to share some of my less-successful recipe modifications.

I do recognize the irony of me writing a food column... but this is Pullman and there are lots of better cooks who are willing to share their recipes. This month’s recipe is one of these... it comes from Linda Lavallee, who made this dish to share with the asylum-seekers at the police station!

Greek-Style Stuffed Grape Leaves  
Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 - 3lbs of hamburger (80-20 lean/fat mix)
- 32 oz. long grain white rice (not instant)
- 32 oz. jar Orlando grape leaves
- 2 cups Real Lemon juice
- Salt (optional)

Preparation:  
Empty the liquid from the jar of grape Leaves. Rinse with cold water. Remove grape leaves from the jar, unroll and place on a plate. Carefully, take each grape leaf and cut the stem off, place on a clean plate vein-side up. Continue until all grape leaves are prepared. Line the bottom of a deep pan with the oversized grape leaves. Set aside. Mix the meat and rice (both uncooked) until evenly mixed. Add salt – optional!

Wrapping the grape leaves:  
Left to right set out grape leaves, meat mixture, and the large, deep pan in front of you. Take a grape leaf (vein side up), place a tablespoon of the meat mixture on the grape leaf, just below the cut stem...roll, fold sides over, place into the pan, fold side down starting from one side and layering on top of first layer. Continue with all grape leaves or until no meat mixture is left.

Mix 2 cups lemon juice and 2 cups water in large bowl. Pour the lemon mixture over the grape leaves in the pan. Cook on low to medium heat. Cover the pan--just watch to ensure that the liquid has not evaporated. If the liquid looks low, add additional lemon & water mixture as needed.

Cook 1 -2 hours, serve hot with pita bread.

I purchase my grape leaves and freshly baked pita bread at Harlem Foods, 9250 S Harlem Ave, Bridgeview, IL 60455, Tel. 708.233.0044

I (Astrid) have not made these yet... though I love all things lemony, and this dish seems like one you should make with friends—lots of hands making light work and a feast at the end! I will likely add a few of the ingredients that make my mouth water when I think of dolmas... I will cook the meat mixture with a shallot or two, some chopped fresh mint and parsley, a tablespoon of tomato paste, and some chopped currents and pine nuts. So, fair warning... if I invite you over to try this recipe, maybe give Laika a good once-over. If she’s giving you serious side eye, you might want to insist on sticking to Linda’s original recipe!

If you would like to help feed the asylum-seekers, Ellen Garza (773-474-0503) can help you sign up on the weekly food coordination Google doc.

HPF Events  
Emily Maynard

First Sunday Walking Tour (last one of the season!), Oct 1  
This neighborhood tour explores how Pullman town and its people played an important role in the development of American industry, rail innovation, urban design, and the labor movement. Experienced guides explore the connections between the town, the State Historic Site, and Pullman National Historic Park!

Want to Meet With Alderman Beale?

During September, Alderman Beale will host Residential Night every Monday between 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Residents are welcome to walk in and meet with the Alderman, one on one on a “first come, first served basis”. Attendees must have a government-issued ID with a 9th Ward address. Residential night is for residential concerns. Visit <https://www.ward09.com/> for more information.

| PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023   |  |  |                                       |                          |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| WEEKLY ACTIVITIES   |  |  |                                       |                          |
| PNHP Clocktower Visitor Information Center - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm                            |  |  |                                       |                          |
| 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                       |                          |
| Thursday through Sunday   |  | 12pm - 4pm   | 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                             |                          |
| Sun 9/17 1:30pm-3pm   | HPF-IL Labor History Society: Pullman Labor History Tour                               |  | @ Exhibit Hall                        |                          |
| Tues 9/19 6pm   | Beat 531 Community Meeting   |  | in-person                             | @ Greenstone Church      |
| Wed 9/20 7:30pm   | PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)<br>Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome! |  |                                       |                          |
| Sat 9/23 1pm  | Beman Committee: All Walls Can Tell a Story @ FLM Center                               |  |                                       |                          |
| Sun 9/24 3pm HPF Speaker Series - Early Preservation in Chicago with William Tyre (\$) Exhibit Hall |  |  |                                       |                          |
| Mon 9/25 6:00pm   | CCPSA District Council Monthly meeting   |  | TBD * see FB for current location     |                          |
| Tues 9/26 6:30-7:30pm   | Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting  |  | Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St |                          |
| Wed 9/27 7:30 pm  | PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th                               |  |                                       |                          |
| Sat 9/30 10:30am  | Southside Bike Ride with a 70's Theme after party (1p-4p)!                             |  | Arcade Park                           |                          |
| Sun 10/1 1:30 pm  | First Sunday Walking Tours   |  | Exhibit Hall                          | www.PullmanIL.org        |
| Sun 10/1 1pm-4pm  | Pullman Companion Animal Blessing  |  | Exhibit Hall Grounds                  |                          |
| All are welcome to come out and enjoy the program, raffle and silent auction!                       |  |  |                                       |                          |
| Wed 10/4 7pm  | Garden Club Membership Monthly Meeting   |  | FLM Center 614 E 113th St             |                          |
| Fri 10/6 7pm-9:30pm   | House Tour Volunteer Thank You: Wine & Cheese Reception@ 605 E 111th                   |  |                                       |                          |
| Sat 10/7 11am-5pm   | Sun 10/8 11am-5pm  | 50th Annual Pullman House Tour : Ticket\$ @ Exhibit Hall<br>Classic Car Show @10am Sunday, Live Music both days on the Bandstand |                                       |                          |
| Wed 10/11 7:30 pm   | PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)  |  | FLM Center 614 E 113th                |                          |
| Thu 10/12 10am-2pm  | 9th Ward Resource Fair   |  | Pullman Comm Ctr 10355 Woodlawn       |                          |
| Tues 10/17 6pm  | Beat 531 Community Meeting   |  | in-person                             | @ Greenstone Church      |
| Wed 10/18 7:30pm  | PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)<br>Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome! |  |                                       |                          |
| Fri 10/20 10am-12pm   |  | Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri)  |                                       | 209 E 103rd St (Pkg Lot) |
| Mon/Tues 10/23 & 10/24 9am  |  | Street Sweeping - Watch for Signs & Move your Vehicles!  |                                       |                          |
| Help make the neighborhood shine for the 50th Annual House Tour !                                   |  |  |                                       |                          |
| Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com                    |  |  |                                       |                          |

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**WHEN:**

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| September 15 |
| October 20   |
| November 17  |
| December 15  |

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- 21,000+ sq. feet
- 23 medical exam rooms
- 2 behavioral health rooms
- 9 dental operatories
- group therapy classrooms
- electronic health records