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October 2023

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street, pullmancivic.org

PCO GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President
John Lydon

The Pullman Civic Organization in partnership with 9th Ward Alderman Anthony Beale and the Historic Pullman Empowerment Organization will be hosting a Property After Death Forum presented by the Cook County Clerk’s Office on Saturday, October 28th from 11:00am-1:00pm at the HPF Exhibit Hall (11141 South Cottage Grove Avenue). All are welcome and space is limited; read more about the event below and register using the following QR code or link:



Since 1960, the PCO gathers, supports, and informs our community. This month, we welcome back the Cook County Clerk’s Office to ensure neighbors are able to properly protect their assets for their families and loved ones. While it may be difficult to discuss end-of-life planning, it is a critical measure as the threat of property fraud continues to be an increasing financial crime across the country. We are grateful for Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough and her team’s tireless efforts to inform residents about the best means to proactively plan.

Did you know federal data collected from 2020 to 2021 highlighted an increase in real estate scams by 64%, totalling over \$350 million in lost assets? Identification verification is a weak point in real estate transactions that can open the door to fraud. Property fraud is defined as the illegal recording of a document against your home’s property records. Property fraud can involve the recording or filing of false or forged transfers of ownership, quick claim deeds, or the filing of a bogus lien to steal property or harass an unsuspecting property owner. Even if your home is paid off, that does not stop someone from filing a new deed on top of it without the property owner’s knowledge. As Karen Yarbrough noted, “It’s easier to steal a home in Illinois than it is a car.”

What can you do? At the upcoming Property After Death Forum, you will learn about the Property Fraud Alert Program in addition to critical forms including the Transfer on Death Instrument, Payable on Death Instrument, and the Secretary of State Beneficiary Affidavit Form. While the Cook County Clerk’s Office does not provide legal advice, there will be volunteer attorneys available at the forum to meet with individuals to discuss the best next steps in planning.

The following are telltale signs of property fraud:
Individuals have stopped receiving water or utility bills as well as property tax assessments
Vacant property utility bills suddenly rise or unknown people inhabit a property
Tenants’ rent payments stop or are being directed to another entity
Payment books or other information is received from lenders with whom you have not done business
Homeowners find themselves in default on a loan or notified of foreclosure proceedings

Please also note the Cook County Clerk’s Office can provide essential documentation (e.g., home deeds) at a fraction of the cost of companies offering identical services that charge exorbitant fees. Join us on October 28th to learn more.

Support your community and our collective work by becoming a member of the PCO today at bit.ly/pcomembership. Together, we can!

50th Annual Pullman House Tour
Cindy McMahon

Grass was mowed, windows washed, candles lit, volunteers in place... House Tour 2023 was about to begin. It started with a great walk thru by volunteers on Friday night followed by a scrumptious array of foods and desserts at the newly opened Pullman Club Coffee Shop (thank you Mike and Pat Shymanski and the Pullman Garden Club).

Saturday started with a bang as our visitors arrived early. Lines formed at every house. Pullman was alive with people walking up and down our streets. At the end of the day there was a realization that we could run out of tickets for Sunday. What a nice problem to have.

Sunday arrived a bit cloudy but that did not dampen House Tour. Early in the morning classic cars began to arrive filling up the grassy area around Exhibit Hall. Again, lines formed at all the houses. Visitors filled the streets. It stayed busy to the very end.

The work of the Committee paid off with record-breaking attendance. The compliments by our visitors made all our efforts worthwhile. So much thanks need to go to the homeowners who worked so hard on their homes, to Al Quiroz with his memorabilia from Pullman Standard, Pullman School for opening their doors, the Hotel Florence for their hospitality and so many more.

Why was this House Tours so successful? Maybe we don’t recognize it because we live here and see it every day. But this years’ House Tour reinforces the idea that Pullman is special. Others see it...we need to embrace it.



It is impossible to list and thank everyone involved in House Tour so from Pat Brannon and I we will just say thank you, thank you and thank you.

PCO Trunk or Treat
Tom McMahon

The PCO will again be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot of the Exhibit Hall at 11141 S. Cottage Grove on Halloween evening. We will gather at 4:00 PM and stay until 7:00 PM.

This event is becoming more popular each year. It allows us to gather as a community, decorate the trunks of our cars with witches and goblins and pass out candy to all children coming by.

There are a number of great ideas on Pinterest for decorating your cars. Pick one and come join us for a haunting good time. Don’t forget to bring your trick or treaters by. We love seeing all the children in their costumes.





Solon Says: A Report of the PCO Beman Committee
Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs
pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

Well, another House Tour is now in the rear-view mirror, and it was a milestone one! This year House Tour turned the big 5-0, and it’s been thanks to the countless hours volunteered each and every year that has allowed it to continue decade after decade. That House Tour has lasted so long is a testament to just how much the residents of Pullman take pride in their community. Many thanks to all who offered their homes, participated in events, and volunteered their time. As a reminder and for those who don’t know, half the net proceeds from House Tour fund the Beman Committee’s Faade Reimbursement Program each year, so House Tour is very important to the Beman Committee!

Speaking of the Faade Reimbursement Program, we have our own special anniversary to announce: 2024 marks the 20th year of the Faade Reimbursement Program, started back in 2004 as a way to encourage property owners to restore the facades of their homes by offering matching reimbursements for qualifying work. In the 20 years of the Program, reimbursements totaling \$120,000 have been issued to property owners, leveraging \$541,358 in private investment. Let us repeat that: over half a million dollars has been invested by property owners in Pullman toward restoring the facades of our historic homes. These aren’t businesses or developers – these are your neighbors , once again showing just how important Pullman is to its residents.


We’re working on some ideas to make the 20th year of the Faade Reimbursement Program truly special, and as always be sure to watch this space, check out our Facebook group, or attend a PCO General Membership meeting for the latest and greatest. Applications and Guidelines for next year’s cycle will once again be made available starting in November and due back by December 31, with projects to then be completed in 2024. So gather up those contractor quotes, write out your list of questions for us on how to get a permit, print that drawing from the Faade Legacy Project website (pullman-museum.org/facades) and let’s celebrate the 20th anniversary in style!

Green Spaces and Places:
The American Cranberry Bush
Lynn Smith

As Fall continues to deepen, we look for plants that display the changing of the seasons with their showy colors and possibly berries. One of the more attractive native bushes with these characteristics is the American Cranberry Bush, or Viburnum Opulus var. Americanum.

This shrub, growing up to twelve feet high and 8-12 feet wide, grows well in sunny to partially shaded spots, with good drainage. It will produce lacecap white flowers in Spring that then develop into bright red, drooping fruits (which are edible to humans and birds and high in vitamin C, though having a large seed). It is well liked by birds and butterflies, and turns red, yellow and purple in Fall.

Native Americans used this bush for both food and medicinal purposes. It was consumed during the winter months due to its high vitamin C content. In one article it notes that though the berries are edible and tasty they should be eaten in small quantities. One article mentions that the fruits are best eaten when picked just after the first frost. And we’ll keep talking....



Beat 531 Meeting

Tuesday October 17th

6pm
In-Person
Greenstone United
Methodist Church

Veterans Day Ceremony
Lorraine Brochu

The Pullman Civic Organization invites all to a brief ceremony to remember those who served, who continue to serve and those who made the greatest sacrifice. The event begins on Saturday, November 11 at 11 am in Pullman Elementary auditorium and concludes at the War Monument outside.

This year we will have a board available for photos or names of vets you wish to remember (contact Lorraine at 312-731-2430 with questions). We’ll gather for fellowship afterwards at 614 E 113th St and invite those who will to bring a little something to share.



Ladies Luncheon
Sue Schoephoester

Save the date of November 22 for the next lunch, an informal gathering to check out local restaurants and socialize. Contact Susan at sschoephoester@gmail.com if interested.

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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WHEN:

September 15
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It's October—how did it get to be October so quickly?! Time has been playing tricks again. I've been finding myself walking around and muttering "There will be time... there will be time.... Time for you and time for me, and time yet for a hundred indecisions, and for a hundred visions and revisions before the taking of a toast and tea." The fall, with its shorter days and cooler temperatures is always a bit hard and even years where I don't feel constantly stressed for time, time in the form of daylight is slipping away. My mother reminds me every year of the Scandinavian concept of "hygge," which is basically creating an atmosphere of warmth, coziness, comfort, and contentment in your home that brings the focus inward during the dark, cold months.

So, this month I'm planning to make more soups and stews—rich, nourishing foods that fill the house with warmth and the scent of delicious things cooking. But, since hygge can only work if you aren't annoyed with having to cook all day, I'm planning to make things as easy as I possibly can too. I'm sure there are more delicious recipes for broccoli soup... but this one is easy and satisfying. May we all be surrounded with warmth and comfort and may the season be filled with family and friends and lots of hygge!

- A tablespoon or two of any high heat oil—I usually use avocado
- Two medium sized crowns of broccoli, cut into small florets and the stems cut a bit smaller
- A medium sized shallot (optional—shallots add flavor, but for the allium-averse, you totally don't need them)
- One medium to large potato skinned and cubed into small pieces
- One 32 oz container chicken broth (or veggie broth)
- 1/2 -1 cup whipping cream (or, you know, as much as you want....)
- Shredded cheddar cheese to taste—I like to taste a LOT of cheese
- Croutons or goldfish crackers

Heat the oil in a large pan or dutch oven to medium. Toss in the broccoli and cook until you start to get some caramelization. If you are cooking with shallots, you can add them a couple of minutes into the cook so they don't burn. Add your cubed potato and broth and let simmer for several minutes. Once the potato is cooked (soft when you poke it with a fork), you can either blend with an emersion blender or a food processor (or, if you have a reasonably powerful blender and no food processor, toss it in the blender) until it's smooth. The potato will thicken the soup. Return the soup to the pot and add cream until it's thinned a bit, the color is what you'd like, or you start to worry about your arteries. You can also add cheese to the main pot, but I tend to add enough cream that I like to fool myself into thinking I'm still being healthy by adding the cheese to my individual bowl instead. Add croutons or goldfish crackers and enjoy!

You can totally make your own broth and your own croutons, which will make this soup fancier... but honestly, it's pretty good even with Swanson's and Goldfish crackers.

PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2023		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
PNHP Clocktower Visitor Information Center - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm		
Wednesday (thru October)	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
Sat/Sun 10/14-15 10a-4p	OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO @ PNHP, Artspace Lofts & Pullman Tech Workshop	
Tues 10/17 6pm	Beat 531 Community Meeting in-person @ Greenstone Church	
Wed 10/18 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!	
Fri 10/20 10am-12pm	Free Fresh Produce Distribution (3rd Fri)	209 E 103rd St (Pkg Lot)
Fri 10/20 7pm-8:15pm	HPF Pullman Macabre Tour (\$0/mbrs, mature audience)	Begin at the Exhibit Hall
Mon/Tues 10/23 & 10/24 9am	Street Sweeping - Watch for Signs & Move your Vehicles!	
Mon 10/23 6:00pm	CCPSA District Council Monthly meeting	TBD * see FB for current location
Tues 10/24 6:30-7:30pm	Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting	Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St
Wed 10/25 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th	
Fri 10/27 7pm-8:15pm	HPF Pullman Macabre Tour (\$0/mbrs, mature audience)	Begin at the Exhibit Hall
Sat 10/28 11am-1pm	Property After Death Forum w/Cook County Clerk @ Exhibit Hall	
Sun 10/29 3pm-4:30pm	HPF Pullman Lens Series: Pullman, 1918	Exhibit Hall
TUESDAY 10/31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN		
4pm - 7pm PCO Truck or Treat Exhibit Hall parking lot Bring your decorated car, candy for the kids and a neighbor!		
TUE 10/31 4PM-9PM	005TH DISTRICT HAUNTED HOUSE	POLICE STATION 727 E 111TH ST
Wed 11/1 7pm	Garden Club Membership Monthly Meeting	FLM Center 614 E 113th St
Wed 11/8 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th	
Saturday 11/11 11:00am	Veterans Day Ceremony at Pullman Elementary School	
Begins in the Auditorium / Concludes at War Monument / Fellowship at FLM Center		
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Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

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11100 St. Lawrence	Sheldon Nagelberg

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11200 St. Lawrence (East)	Lynn Smith
112th Street	Mary Bosman
11200 Forrestville	Claudia Flores

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