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Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street, pullmancivic.org

+++PCO General Meeting, Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 7:30 pm+++

From the PCO President

John Lydon

The Pullman Civic Organization provides a platform for neighbors to connect, have a voice, and volunteer to support our community. When I moved to the neighborhood, my first introduction to the PCO was through attending several monthly Wednesday meetings. After learning more, I took on the role of Block Captain and later joined the Vision Committee. I volunteered during the annual Pullman House Tour, and after six years of renovation, offered my home to be part of it. For the last four years, I have served as an Officer of the PCO, first as Vice President and now President. There are many ways to become involved in the PCO though they are not always apparent; let's explore these opportunities.

First and foremost, becoming a member of the PCO supports our work. The PCO budget is largely built around the funds from our annual membership. The membership drive kickoff starts every May and the new membership year begins in June. Neighbors can join by connecting with their Block Captain or through the PCO website (pullmancivic.org).

Next, attending PCO meetings that take place the third Wednesday of every month allows neighbors to meet, discuss issues impacting our community, and vote on solutions. In addition to monthly meetings, the PCO sponsors numerous events throughout the year—from hands-on window restoration workshops and Black History Month programs to our yearly holiday party and summer outing—that both inform and connect neighbors. There are also opportunities to volunteer at events such as our annual house tour and clean-and-greens.

The majority of the work accomplished by the PCO occurs in committees. Committee chairs lead each committee and most convene on a monthly basis. Joining a committee allows neighbors to use their skills and talents in specific areas to support our community. Below is a list of the current committees and their focus.

- Beman: leads historic preservation efforts
- Communication & *Pullman Flyer*: disseminates and manages all communications
- Membership: promotes recruitment initiatives and maintains membership records
- Welcome: creates and delivers membership bags for new neighbors
- Community Improvement: connects neighbors with essential city services
- Safety: liaises with the Chicago Police Department & Beat Facilitator
- Education: collaborates with local schools and informs of educational opportunities
- Hospitality: helps organize and prepare for annual events
- House Tour: coordinates the logistics of house tour with the HPF
- Finance: works with the PCO Treasurer on budget and strategy
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: spearheads projects that promote DEI

One of the most important positions for the PCO are Block Captains; our goal is to identify someone from every block in the neighborhood. Block Captains commit to the following: connect with the residents of their assigned block for the purpose of promoting membership and involvement with the PCO, communicate residents' concerns to elected members of the PCO, and deliver the PCO Flyer and membership materials. In addition to Block Captains, Zone Directors are elected officials who are members of the PCO Board of Directors and oversee a section of the four zones of our neighborhood. In addition to attending board meetings, Zone Directors identify members to be Block Captains in their zone and collaborate in distributing the Flyer and promoting membership. Finally, the four elected officer positions of the PCO Board of Directors who are charged with protecting the best interest of the organization are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

How will you get involved? Become a member, attend a meeting, come to an event, join a committee, or express interest in an elected position. Email pcopres@gmail.com for more information. Our neighborhood is better because of you.

Since 1960, the PCO gathers, supports, and informs our community. Together, we can!

Solon Says:

A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

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

Save the date! The Beman Committee will be hosting a presentation on Saturday, April 27, 1:00-3:00PM at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113th St.) – the topic will be the Façade Legacy Project and its importance to homeowners and the community. Did you know there's a searchable database of Pullman facades right at your fingertips? And did you know you can look up the history of your very own house, including the names and jobs of the people who lived there before you? Come to our presentation to find out all about it – the resources available to Pullman homeowners are truly incredible, and can be a useful tool when planning façade work or simply as a means to learn more about the rich history of our community!


Thank you to everyone who participated in our Permit Workshop in February! The City of Chicago recently changed its permitting process, and the good news is it's never been easier to apply for a permit. Much of the work that's typical for homeowners, including most façade work, falls under the City's Express Permit Program, which is a fully online application that will allow you to receive a permit right at your computer – no need to go downtown! Even better, the Permit Fee Waiver, which waives all permit fees including those for interior work, is now automatically applied to historic properties as part of the Express Permit Program. So now you can both apply for a permit and have its fees waived without having to fill out a mountain of paperwork! Larger projects that require architectural drawings are not eligible for the Express Permit Program, and the old Permit Fee Waiver process would still be applicable.

Revolution Workshop will be hosting Power Tools 101 on Saturday, March 23 1:00-3:00PM at their Roseland location at 120 E. 111th St. (the former Big Pawn). This event will cover how to safely and effectively use 6 common power tools for home improvement projects. Whether you're new to home improvement or just need a safety refresher, this workshop will teach you the ins and outs of how to make the most of your power tools and finally get that project that you've been putting off done! The event is free and open to the public, and those interested in attending can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/power-tools-101-tickets-819218794467>.

Historic Pullman Garden Club and National Park Service present

Native Pollinators

with Master Gardener Sarah Long
of the University of Illinois Extension Service



Sunday March 24 at 2pm

at Pullman National Historical Park
610 E. 111th St. Chicago

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Historic Pullman Garden Club
What Do You Value?
Lynn Smith

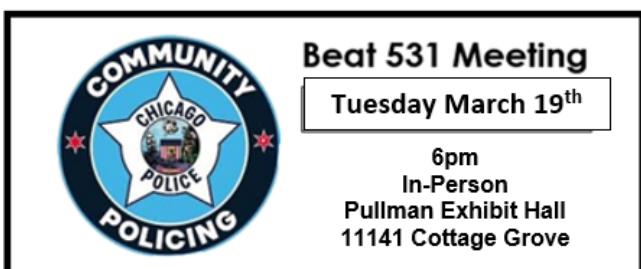
We are midway through our Winter Lecture Series, with the next lecture being on Sunday March 24th at 2 pm, held at the Pullman National Park Classroom, and featuring a talk on Native Pollinators with Sarah Long, who is a Master Gardener with the University of Illinois. These lectures are free and open to everyone whether in or outside of the Pullman area. You can thank Arlene Echols, loyal and enthusiastic garden club member, for making the arrangements for these lectures in collaboration with the National Park. Following this lecture there will also be the third lecture at the Pullman National Park which will feature Tree pruning basics with Jerome Scott, an arborist with the Chicago Park District, on April 28th at 2pm, also at the National Park Classroom.

Besides these the Pullman Garden Club is busy incubating (sorry there are just too many botanical and medical terms that can apply) ideas for other garden demonstrations which will benefit the Pullman Garden Club, which incidentally is a great value to you. Have you ever considered the factors that make this neighborhood much more livable than some??? While many value the architecture (yes I do also) and the relative reasonableness and solidity of the housing stock, and the safety, again relative to the City as a whole- a big factor in making this neighborhood stand out is the greenery. My husband and I have lived here over 25 years and during this time we have witnessed a "greening" of the area, with improvements in Gateway Garden (111th and Langley), Langley Bark Park, Pullman Park, Arcade park, and in residents front and back yards. Many plant pollinator yards, and some incorporate architectural fragments and many beautiful perennials. So next time you consider what makes this neighborhood special, consider joining the Pullman Garden Club for a ridiculously low 10 dollar fee (or better yet, contribute more as it is a 501 C3 organization). You do not need plant knowledge to join us in our efforts. There is no quiz to join. However I can guarantee you that when you join you will learn much more about the wonderful world of plants . . . and contribute to what makes our neighborhood great.

Green Spaces and Places:
Parter of the Larger Landscape
Lynn Smith

In Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy's book "The Living Landscape" they introduce their topic by saying "No matter how much any individual garden may seem a separate place, a refuge, or an island it is in truth part of the larger landscape, and that in turn is made of many layers." In Pullman, and on this far south side of Chicago, we are blessed to be very near scenic and biologically diverse marsh parks and one very close (Harborside), very nice golfcourse, with beautiful views of Lake Calumet and the Marsh. Very close marsh parks near us are Big Marsh Park, five minutes from Pullman, and Hegwisch Marsh park – the latter just off 130th and Torrence and the former just a little north and east of Pullman.

Big Marsh Park, with its Ford Environmental Center, native plantings and winding and athletic bicycle paths is a great park to bicycle and walk in. My husband and I have walked there numerous times and seen many birds, deer, and even a coyote or two. Neither the deer or the coyote bother you. Hegwisch Marsh is also a very pretty park, more wooded than Big Marsh, presently and is due to be getting more improvements to their paths. Both these parks offer a wildness and possibly biodiversity that you may not see as much on the north side of Chicago, pretty as those parks also can be. So walk a bit on the wild side (of nature, that is) and take a look at these verdant nature sanctuaries- and we'll keep talking...



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day in
Pullman National Historical Park
Alfonso Quiroz



In 1892, the Pullman Industrial Complex employed over 400 Irish immigrants. To honor their contributions and celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Pullman Club Coffee Shop will be serving Irish Soda Bread Scones along with Irish Cream Lattes on Saturday, March 16, and Sunday, March 17. The scones are perfectly buttery, tender, and delicately sweet with a hint of orange zest, making them a delightful treat! Enjoy them with a cup of tea or our Irish Cream Latte.

Don't forget to stop by! The Pullman Club Coffee Shop is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pullman Arts
Soren Spicknall

What's Ours: Opening April 13th, 2024
Join us the evening of Saturday, April 13th as we celebrate the artists who live and work inside the Pullman Artspace Lofts!

PullmanArts originated the idea to construct an affordable live-work space for artists in our historic neighborhood, and today that space is fully realized - home to dozens of talented visual, audio, performing, and culinary artists and their studios. Our 2024 spring show is all about them.

The reception on April 13th will feature food, drinks, and music alongside original pieces from more than half a dozen Pullman-based artists, plus a selection of regular Block House Gallery favorites like prints, pins, and apparel.

The Block House Gallery is located at 11137 South Langley Avenue in Chicago, and is fully wheelchair accessible.

Block Captains and Zone Directors

Zone 1	
Director	Darrell Hill
11100 Langley (East)	
11100 Champlain (East)	John Cwenkala
Director	Eva Villagomez
11100 Langley(West)	Eva Villagomez
11100 Champlain (West)	Patti Kraning
11100 St. Lawrence	Sheldon Nagelberg
Zone 2	
Director	Susan James
11200 Champlain (East)	Beverly Ash-Larson
11200 Champlain (West)	
11200 Langley	Susan James
Director	Harriette Burks-Watson
11200 St. Lawrence (West)	Patrick Watson
11200 St. Lawrence(East)	Lynn Smith
112th Street	Mary Bosman
11200 Forrestville	Claudia Flores
Zone 3	
Director	Susan Schoephoester
11300 Cottage Grove	Jason Jones
11300 Forrestville (West)	Jacob Hartman
11300 Forrestville (East)	
11300 St. Lawrence (West)	Linda Feutz
11300 St. Lawrence (East)	Arlene Echols
Director	Mike McMahon
11300 Champlain (East)	Pilar Carrera
11300 Champlain (West)	Pamela Williams
11300 Langley (East)	Makeda Coutee
11300 Langley (West)	Mark Cassello
Zone 4	
Director	C.J. Martello
11400 Champlain (East)	
11400 Champlain (West)	
11400 St. Lawrence (East)	Denise Alcantar
115th Street	C. J. Martello
Director	Beatrice Hardy
11400 St. Lawrence (West)	Katie Williams
11400 Forrestville (West)	John Lydon
11400 Forrestville (East)	Francine Williams



From the Dining Car
Astrid Fingerhut

March requires some, uh, flexibility—first it’s dressed as winter, then, nah, that isn’t working, so... summer hot? Or possibly lovely, blooming spring—but winter was so stark and delicious... though is cold really cool? Sigh. Maybe just endless weeks of gloomy silence, chilly and gray and somewhere between seasons. Let’s see you try to dress for that!

Of course you can’t predict March, it contains multitudes. So, in honor of fickle, moody March, here’s my recipe for veggie chili. It’s actually vegan chili, but if you’re a dairy addict like me, you can dress it up by piling on cheese and sour cream. It’s hearty, but not midwinter stew hearty. It’s made with easy-to-find ingredients that you probably already have at home. And, above all, it’s quick to make and delicious.

Black bean chili

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup chopped sweet onion (or, you know a lot more... the recipe this is based on called for both bushels of onions and enough garlic to kill a person, so add according to your taste/tolerance levels)
- 2 green peppers, chopped into large bite-sized pieces
- 2 tbsp chili powder
- 2 tsp dried oregano
- 1 ½ tsp ground cumin
- ¼ to ½ tsp cayenne pepper, according to taste. I like it a bit hot, but it’s not fun to watch your guests’ eyes water if you overdo it, so be careful
- 1 large can crushed tomatoes
- 1 small can chopped tomatoes
- 1-2 tbsp tomato paste
- 3 cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- Grated sharp cheddar cheese
- Sour cream
- Goldfish crackers

Heat the oil in a large pot. Cook the onions and peppers until the peppers turn bright green and the onions start to get translucent. Add the spices and cook a minute or two until the spices get fragrant. Add the tomatoes and bring to a gentle boil. Reduce the heat and add a tablespoon or two of tomato paste. Don’t succumb to the desire to use the whole little can of tomato paste—it will overpower your chili. Add your strained and rinsed beans. Cook at a simmer for about 15 minutes (though you can go much longer at a very low heat if you need to). Serve with whatever toppings you like—I load mine up with cheese and sour cream and top with goldfish crackers, but you can forego the dairy and serve it with cilantro and chopped scallions and any vegan dairy products that you like.

Kid’s Corner



Paul Mishler’s “The Three Faces of Infinitae Fortitudinis”
Kiln fired ceramic sculptures with various glazes.

PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR MARCH–APRIL 2024		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
National Park Service Visitor Center (Clocktower) - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm		
The Block House Gallery Open Thurs 4pm-6pm / Sat 12pm-2pm 11137 S Langley		
Historic Pullman Foundation Exhibit Hall Friday-Sunday 12pm-4pm 11141 S Cottage Grove		
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
When	Event (\$ if charge)	Where/How
Tues 3/19 6pm	Community Policing 531 Beat Meeting	HPF Exhibit Hall
Wed 3/20 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)	Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!
Sat 3/23 1pm-3pm	Power Tools 101 @ Revolution Wkshp	120 E 111th St
Sun 3/24 2pm	HPGC "Native Pollinators" with Sarah Long	NPS Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th
Mon 3/25 6:00pm	CCPSA 5th District Council Monthly meeting	HPF Exhibit Hall
Tues 3/26 6:30-7:30pm	Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting	Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St
Wed 3/27 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed)	FLM Center 614 E 113th
Wed 4/3 7:00pm	Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting	FLM Center 614 E 113th St
Sun 4/7 3-4pm	Looking through the Pullman Lens: The Immigrant Experience	@ Exhibit Hall
Mon 4/8 1pm-3pm	A Partial Eclipse at the Park	NPS Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th
Wed 4/10 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)	FLM Center 614 E 113th
Sat 4/13 6pm-10pm	Artspace Lofts : What's Ours Reception	@ Block House Gallery
Tues 4/16 6pm	Community Policing 531 Beat Meeting	HPF Exhibit Hall
Wed 4/17 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)	Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!
Tues 4/22 6:30-7:30pm	Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting	Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St
Wed 4/24 7:30 pm	PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed)	FLM Center 614 E 113th
Sat 4/27 1pm-3pm	Beman Committee: Façade Legacy Project	FLM Center 614 E 113th
Sun 4/28 2pm	HPGC Annual Winter Lecture Series #3	NPS Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th
<i>Mark your Calendars for Pullman Garden Walk, Saturday June 29th!!</i>		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

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