



# THE PULLMAN FLYER

- NEIGHBORS SHARING ARE NEIGHBORS CARING -

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**Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 7:30 pm**

### From the PCO President

John Lydon

During a recent visit to the Pullman Club Coffee Shop, an exhibit titled "Pullman Preservation Pioneer" caught my eye. The exhibit showcases the role John Edward Ertzman played in preserving our community through a series of framed correspondences from the 1960s. Not knowing this history, I had to learn more.

John Ertzman was a longtime Pullman resident credited as the progenitor of harnessing historic preservation with the survival and sustainability of our community. As this idea spread, the president of the Pullman Civic Organization formed the Beman Committee in 1968. Named after the architect who planned Pullman, Solon S. Beman, the incipient purpose of the committee was "to preserve the historic and residential character of Pullman so that it would satisfy today's needs without destroying yesterday's heritage or jeopardizing tomorrow's future."

The following quotes are excerpts taken from the "Pullman Preservation Pioneer" exhibit and highlight the initial push to preserve our neighborhood.

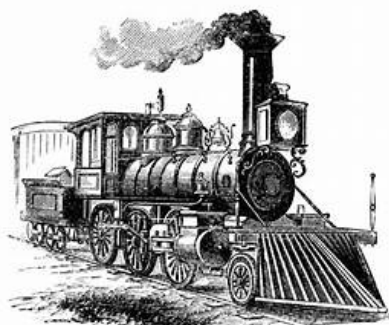
Donald O'Toole, President of the Pullman Banking Group, wrote to John Ertzman on December 3, 1963: "Last Saturday evening I picked up your interview on the television. You made me feel really proud of our Town of Pullman, of its great historical background, and of the tragedy that would be if it were not carefully preserved."

Ertzman replied to O'Toole on June 25, 1964: "I don't know what reaction our South End Chamber of Commerce would have on any proposal for concerted furthering of the Pullman project—perhaps the area looks too enticing for industrial purposes. On the other hand, interest and action by the National Park Service, or other competent authority, could give invaluable publicity to our community and provide a 'must' for visitors to Chicago. Who knows, one day there may be a museum depicting the origin and development of sleeping cars in the Pullman area?"

Ira J. Bach, Commissioner of City Planning, wrote to Donald O'Toole on July 9, 1964: "I do feel, however, that if a number of individuals strongly believe the old Pullman area deserves to be preserved, they should investigate the means of financing and carrying out such a program. Many successful preservation projects have their beginnings in the efforts of a small group of people."

Starting with a small group of people like John Ertzman, Pullman received local, state, and national designations starting in 1968, achieving the status of a National Historical Park in 2022. The success of preserving Pullman can be largely attributed to the paradigm of a community focused on its own collective efforts rather than those of outside interests paired with the pride fostered by the historical significance of residents' homes and neighborhood.

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

Happy New Year, Pullman! We're looking forward to all of the exciting things we have coming up in 2024, and hope you are too!

Join us at this month's PCO General Membership meeting, where we'll be presenting our annual Stewardship Awards for exemplary restoration projects from the past year, and where we'll be announcing the recipients of this year's Façade Reimbursement Program! Now in its 20th year, the Façade Reimbursement Program has leveraged over half a million dollars in private investment since the Program's inception in 2004, resulting in some of the best examples of historic preservation and restoration the community has on display. Each and every year, the Beman Committee awards qualifying projects from half the net proceeds of House Tour, ensuring that all of our volunteer efforts at House Tour each year go back into making Pullman an ever more beautiful place to live and visit.

On Saturday, January 27 from 9:00AM-12:00PM we will be co-presenting a Window Workshop at Revolution Workshop (120 E. 111th St.), featuring hands-on demonstrations for reglazing wooden window sashes. Although space has already filled up, be sure to watch this space for additional workshops being held throughout this year.

Have questions about building permits and navigating the City's application process? Then join us on Saturday, February 24 from 1:00-3:00PM at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113th St.) for our Permit Workshop, hosted by your very own Beman Committee co-Chairs! No registration necessary – just show up ready for guidance and with your questions.

We have a whole year of great events planned for 2024, so be sure to keep an eye on each month's Flyer for all the latest news. Happy 2024, Pullman!




**The Historic Pullman Garden Club  
& the National Park Service present**


## 2024 Winter Lectures

**February 25  
March 24  
April 28**

**TOPICS  
TO BE ANNOUNCED**



**All the lectures are free  
and will be presented on Sundays  
at the Pullman National Historical Park at 2pm.**





### Christmas in Pullman 2023

Tom McMahon

The 2023 Christmas season arrived in Pullman just as it always does... with a roar. Homes were decorated in holiday lights and volunteers prepared for the season.

First up was the Blue Island Christmas Light Parade. This was the fourth year Pullman was represented in the parade along with the National Park. We walked the route south on Western covered in holiday lights waving to the kids and parents crowded on the sidewalks.

After that a dedicated group of residents on Christmas Eve decorated their cars with holiday lights and along with Santa went up and down the streets yelling holiday cheer to those who came out on their porches ringing in the holiday with bells.

Lastly, what has become an annual holiday event, a display of Lionel trains and an exhibit on the role Pullman played in the movie the Polar Express, presented by new daddy, Mike McMahon and yours truly rounded out the season for our visitors.

Come join us next year and volunteer in one or all of these events which makes living in Pullman unique.

### Green Spaces and Places: New Year's Resolutions for Gardeners

Lynn Smith

What are your resolutions, dear reader? If like me, you have been working on your Pullman garden for a number of years, you have likely come across some challenges to creating the perfect garden. So, in the spirit of example (and thinking that you may have encountered some similar perils), I will share some of my garden related resolutions.

They are:

1. I will be aware always – of the eventual size of the specimen I am planting
2. I will faithfully photograph where those bulbs are coming up each Spring, for best effect
3. I will make sure I more faithfully spread compost, for the health of the garden
4. I will not buy more plants than I have space to plant them in (related to resolution number 1
5. I will share garden ideas, knowledge, and enthusiasms with the Pullman community...

Speaking of which, keep in mind that the Historic Pullman Garden Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm (unless announced otherwise)! We plan to do our best to educate, inform, elevate and embolden you to try out plant and garden enthusiasms! And we'll keep talking...



News Release



### 103rd St./Rosemoor Station on Metra Electric Line is Under Full Construction

The 103rd Street/Rosemoor Station is currently under construction. The station is expected to be closed for 7 to 12 months.

The street closure has been extended to be completed by March 31, 2024.

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## Polar Adventure Days at Big Marsh Park

11559 S Stony Island Avenue

**Saturday, January 20th and  
Saturday, February 17th, 2024**

**12pm - 3pm**

- Animal Encounters
- Face Painting
- Arts and Crafts
- Sled Dogs
- Live Music
- Bonfires
- S'mores

**Family fun for everyone!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

### Block Captains and Zone Directors

#### Zone 1

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11200 St. Lawrence(East)	Lynn Smith
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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

Happy New Year! It's cold and it's dark, but it's getting lighter every day... and summer is coming! In anticipation of that, our neighbor Desiree Kiss agreed to share her delicious dandelion dip, which even though I never had anything like this till Desiree introduced me, tastes like the memory of fresh cut grass and morning birdsong. Enjoy!

Fresh dandelion greens (please do not pull these out of the yard). 4 bunches, each equivalent to a bunch of parsley.  
Tahini - ground sesame seed sauce. Roughly 1 cup  
Olive oil - for sauteing onions your choice how much (we prefer a little extra)  
Large onion, diced  
Salt to taste  
Large lemon - we like a LOT of lemon so again, to taste. Start with 1/2 of a lemon squeezed, taste and add or don't.  
Garlic - I used 4 cloves (we like a LOT of garlic)  
Water - I probably used 1/2 cup

Clean and chop the dandelion greens into roughly 1/4" pieces.

Barely cover the greens with water in a large pot. Add salt (a pinch). Cover and bring it to a boil, then turn it down to a simmer and leave it covered. Your goal is to "boil down" the greens so they're squishy. This will take 30 minutes at least--just stir occasionally and see if they're soft/ squishy or still "hard" leaves.

While the dandelion is simmering, dice an onion (if you prefer less onion, use less).  
Saute the onions in olive oil. We like them WELL DONE some even burnt—cook to your preference.

Pour 1 cup of tahini into a bowl. Squeeze the lemon and add that. Mix the tahini and lemon - it will get THICK like a heavy dough, that's when you add water, a little bit at a time and mix it until it becomes creamy again. Add the garlic and salt (to taste). Stick your finger in and taste it - do you want more salt/ lemon or garlic? Now is when you add it. You DO NOT WANT IT RUNNY. It should be creamy like a ranch salad dressing. If you add too much water, add more tahini and lemon to thicken it. Set aside.

Once the onions are sauteed, turn the heat off and let them chill in the pan.

Once the dandelion is soft, strain it. I use a metal mesh strainer. Once it's in the strainer, SQUEEZE out excess water by "mashing" it against the strainer with a spoon. It will mush into a ball of soft squishy mess. That's what you want. If you don't squeeze it enough, your sauce will taste "watery" so make sure you squeeze as much water out as possible.

Dump the mushy dandelions into the tahini sauce, dump the onions in. Take a whisk and mix it together so the dandelion blends with the tahini sauce and onions. Taste it - do you need more salt/ lemon/ garlic, etc? you can still add it at this point.

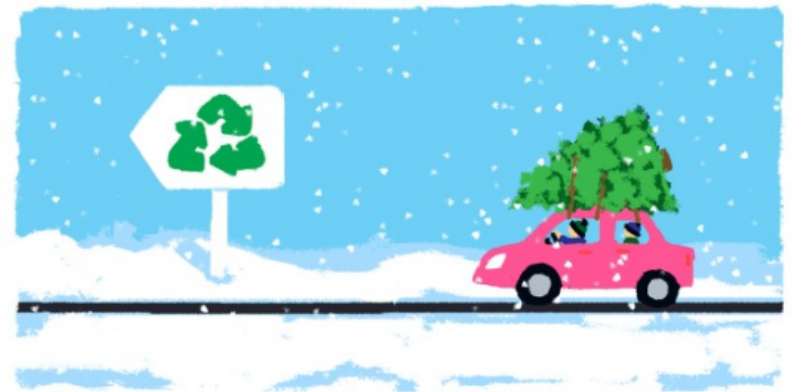
We usually eat at least 1/3 of it right then and there. It actually is better the NEXT day when the flavors have kind of "melded" better.

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PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2024		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
National Park Service Visitor Center (Clocktower) - Open 7 days a week, 9am-4:30pm		
The Block House Gallery Open Thurs 4pm-6pm / Sat 12pm-2pm 11137 S Langley		
Closed for winter season Historic Pullman Foundation Exhibit Hall 11141 S Cottage Grove		
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS		
When	Event (\$ if charge)	Where/How
Wed 1/17 7:30pm	<b>PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)</b> Exhibit Hall 112th St	<b>Everyone is welcome!</b>
Sat 1/20 7am-2pm	LAST DAY for Tree Recycling	Forestry Site 900 E 103rd St
Sat 1/20 12pm-3pm	Polar Adventure Days	Big Marsh Park 11559 Stony Island
Mon 1/22 6:00pm	CCPSA District Council Monthly meeting	HPF Exhibit Hall
Wed 1/24 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th		
Sat 1/27 9am-12pm Beman: TMA Windows (glazing) @ Revolution Wkshp 120 E 111th St		
Wed 2/7 6:30pm	HPGC (Garden Club) Membership Drive Dinner	FLM Center 614 E 113th St
Wed 2/14 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th		
Sat 2/17 12pm-3pm	Polar Adventure Days	Big Marsh Park 11559 Stony Island
Tues 2/20 6pm	531 Beat Meeting	Greenstone Church*
Wed 2/21 7:30pm	<b>PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)</b> Exhibit Hall 112th St	<b>Everyone is welcome!</b>
Sat 2/25 1pm-3pm	<b>Beman Committee Permit Workshop</b>	<b>FLM Center 614 E 113th</b>
Sun 2/25 2pm	HPGC/NPS Annual Winter Lecture Series #1	Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th
Wed 2/28 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th		
Thursday February 29th HAPPY LEAP YEAR 2024!		
Mark your Calendars for March 24 and April 28 for more gardening lectures!		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

Tree Recycling and Free Mulch



Chicago's Tree Recycling Program runs from January 6th to 20th.

Only live/natural trees are accepted. Because the trees are turned into mulch, all tinsel, ornaments, lights, and stands must be removed. Plastic bags used for transport also need to be removed before putting trees into the stalls.

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