

PCO General Meeting, Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President Wyatt Ollestad

Come one, come all to the PCO Block Party on Saturday, August 3, starting at 12:00PM. We'll be gathering on 112th St., at the southwest corner of Arcade Park. Parts of 112th St. will be closed off during the day, so please plan accordingly. Further details are elsewhere in this month's Flyer, but be sure to come out to what's sure to be a fun day of fellowship!

It pains me that my first Flyer article as President also has to be my last, but such is the way fate sometimes works. I very much looked forward to serving the PCO as its President for the next year, but I unfortunately must resign my position, effective at the close of business of this month's General Membership meeting. I'll still be very much active in the Organization, and you can always catch me in the Beman Committee column.

Allow me then to take this very brief opportunity to remind you all that the PCO is served by members who *volunteer* their time in the service of our community – many of us have families and full-time jobs, in addition to attending to all the other miscellaneous responsibilities that make up life. I feel it is important then to recognize that all of the folks you see out at events, serving on the PCO Executive Board, and just chipping in whatever way they can are doing so because they *want to*. None of us get paid for it – we just want this very special place to be as good as it can be. While it sometimes may be easy to feel offended when disagreement rears its ugly head, remind yourself that differences of opinion are what makes our community (not to mention society) great, and that we here all have the same shared goal in mind. So rather than take something personally, take instead the opportunity to volunteer and help shape the Organization in the way you see fit. Trust me when I say we're always looking for new ideas.

Following the conclusion of my term, Vice President Melissa Campos will fulfill the duties of President until a replacement is found (which the Board is working on, rest assured). So if nothing else, be sure to come to this month's meeting for my One Night Only! performance as PCO President – I'm confident the Organization is in good hands both with its current Executive Board and engaged membership, and I look forward to continuing to serve it and the community I love for years to come.

Membership Committee

Arlene Echols

Congratulations to Al Quiroz, winner of the PCO's June \$50 member lottery! Have you joined the Pullman Civic Organization for the 2024-25 year? There are 3 ways to do so.

- Buy a \$10 membership from your (or any) Block Captain
- Buy a membership at the monthly PCO meeting
- Buy a membership online through the PCO website at pullmancivic.org

PCO Summer Picnic

Lorraine Brochu

While we can't bring the beach to Pullman, we can help bring folks of all ages together for some fun at the PCO's Summer Picnic on Sat., Aug. 3 from 12-4 pm in front of the Pullman Exhibit Hall (11141 S. Cottage Grove). There will be music, games, prizes, a bounce house, and food. More importantly, we hope this will be a gathering of many of our neighbors and friends.

In the spirit of Pullman's stone soup magic, we'll have a table set up for any potluck donations for the festivi-ties. The committee would love to have your talent and ideas, either for planning the party or helping the day of the event. Please let Melissa Campos, John Lydon, or Lorraine Brochu (pullmanjandl@ att.net) know if you'd like to help. So bring a chair, a friend, and something to share on Aug. 3rd (and maybe put in a good word to the weather gods?)!

Pullman National Historical Park: July Happenings

All events at NPS Visitor Center (610 E 111th St) are Free with No Reservation Required

July 20, 2024, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Pullman Protectors

Looking to help around the neighborhood while accumulating volunteer hours? Join us on the first and third Saturdays of the month for a Pullman neighborhood clean-up. We'll make our way through the area, picking up trash. This is a great opportunity to support your Chicago neighbors and help maintain our country's National Parks!

July 20, 2024, 10 am - 2 pm Pullman STEAM Nature Fest

Unplug from your screens and join us in the great outdoors! Not sure how? This free program celebrates nature through STEAM activities, tent set up demos, fire building and cooking, crafts, a photo station, and a campfire at the end of the event. Prizes for the best dressed in nature theme. Not your style? Try "Camp Glam" or camo style.

July 20, 2024, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm Pullman Bee Spotters

Looking for a new and interesting way to engage with your community and nature? Join the Bee Spotters program every first and third Saturday afternoon as we track, document, and study the pollinators that share the Pullman neighborhood with us!

July 27, 2024, 10 am – 12 pm Parks on the Air

In the streaming age, niche groups dedicated to ham radio operation are keeping the hobby alive. Interested in getting started? Join us for Parks on the Air, where local ham radio operators gather, including a broadcast from the

(small PayPal fee)

Please join and support the organization that works to support your concerns in Pullman.



Beverly Ash-Larson - Membership Comm., Julie Quiroz, Marilyn Quiroz, Al Quiroz, Arlene Echols - Membership Comm., Ray Quiroz park.



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 has spent some time in recent years exploring windows-from hosting a window restoration workshop and permit workshops to our very first (and very successful!) window expo in 2023! This August, we'll be bringing back the Window Expo with some of the best historic replacement window manufacturers, including some new options not at our last event. 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, Marvin, and Sierra Pacific. New products and technologies now more readily available such as aluminum clad wood windows (approved by Landmarks), 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. Keep your eye out for upcoming details on date, time, and location. You'll be sure to see some Pullman-specific sample windows at this event, too!

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.

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Historic Pullman Garden Club Lynn Smith

So a bit late but a more complete thank you to all of you involved in the Garden Walk this year. . . (this is what I would have liked to say but it would have taken too long !) Thanks for the HPF for sponsoring this event and all the people whose work together made this event a success including Sue James, our vice president, Debbie Newman, treasurer, Lorraine Brochu, secretary, and Tony Dzik, our very talented and loyal creative advertiser and photographic chronicler. Thank you to Bart from the HPF for getting the word out about the walk, and last but certainly not least, thanks to Anna Fillmore, volunteer scheduler, who worked with Lorraine to make sure the yards were staffed. You did a great job! Thank you to the home gardeners: Mary and Jim Bosman, Mary Zehnder, Mike Trombley and Beale Stafford, Pat Brannon, Veronica Moraga and Mark Cassello, Brenda Ogden, Amy Lindner and JB Daniels, Andy Morgan, Tom and Cindy McMahon, and Mike and Pat Shymanski who used their gardening and designing talents to showcase Pullman. Thank you to the volunteers who worked tirelessly in our public spaces! Thank you to the Pullman Coffee Club whose garden and house is beautiful! Thank you to Andy and Linda Bullen for organizing the potluck dinner! Thank you to Rebecca Conant who was patient and tireless in supporting our Pullman garden efforts. Thank you to the Pullman National Park for offering your support.

Thank you to those who work in and enjoy gardens, and those whose enjoyment in gardening is just beginning . May your life be made richer in spirit by the color – green – and may your enjoyment in gardens add another dimension to your life in Pullman.

The garden club will continue to work on our public spaces and in thinking of future educational events . . .

Green Spaces and Places: Painting with Plants Lynn Smith

The design of a garden takes place first in your imagination, often as you recall places you have enjoyed as either a child or adult. Did you particularly like the smell of pines when you were hiking? Well, that might be a reason to try to locate one which would not outgrow your yard. Did you find the knot gardens in Europe a distinctive look? This can fit in well in a small Pullman front yard.

If your aim is to make a more informal garden, be aware that most plants show best in drifts of color, usually (but not always) with shorter plants in front and graduating to taller plants in back. But there are no hard and fast rules. Experts recommend that beginners often plant in odd numbered groups: groups of three, five, seven, etc. - if three in more of a triangular shape. Consider foliage of plants even before flower color. The foliage and shape will be more long lasting and make more of an impression on the visitor. Also consider the fall and winter interest of a plant, and where you will view the garden from the house.

For those seeking to critique your garden, it is recommended that you take a picture of your garden in black and white. . . . If still visually arresting in black and white, you have a very fine garden indeed, for what you are primarily seeing is shape, form and texture, negative space and positive space, just like you would in both a photograph and a painting.

But garden "rules" are meant to be broken and the beauty of gardening is that, like painting, there are many ways to create a striking visual perspec-

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Katie Williams John Lydon Francine Williams tive, each right for the creator, and we'll keep talking....

Save the Date for.. 51st Pullman House Tour October 12 and 13, 2024

Summer is in full swing, and so is our annual house tour planning. The Pullman House tour is held on the on the SECOND weekend in October, the 12th and 13th. 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. With that said, our house tour committee meeting is scheduled for Monday July 22nd @ 6pm at the Florence Lowden Miller Center at 614 E. 113th Street. We can use your help, ideas and homes. Without houses we can not host a house tour. Please join us. Patrick Brannon and Cindy McMahon, Co-Chairs

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From the Dining Car Astrid Fingerhut

I'll let you in on a secret... I don't love chocolate chip cookies. I mean, they're COOKIES, so of course I LIKE them. But the reason I make chocolate chip cookies to give to other people is that I find them... resistible. I can make a big batch and only eat one or two. The cookies that I really love I tend not to make, because I will quite literally eat the whole batch myself.

Years ago, a colleague introduced me to Chicago Public Schools butter cookies by presenting me with a batch baked by another colleague who was famous for her butter cookies and her pound cake. These cookies, which are similar to shortbread but lighter and crisper, are kind of my idea of heaven. They're pure buttery goodness. The baker colleague had a little side business making her amazing cakes and cookies and didn't share her recipes... but I was able to find several CPS butter cookies recipes online (even 15 years ago!) and modified mine to include a bit of lemon juice since I like lemon and was going through an anti-vanilla phase that I've since outgrown. Either lemony or just vanilla-y, these are about as simple and perfect as cookies get.

The colleague who introduced me to these cookies just took early retirement and left last week... and the baker colleague whose cookies are the standard against which mine never quite measure up passed away unexpectedly (and far too early) on Friday. So, this week I'm going to make Miss Memory's butter cookies (as close as I could create) and remember that things change, time is fleeting, and sometimes you should make and enjoy the cookies that you really love.

Almost Miss Memory's Butter Cookies

- 2 sticks unsalted butter, softened (you can use salted butter—just skip the salt in the recipe)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp vanilla
- Healthy pinch of salt
- juice of 1/2 lemon (optional)

Preheat oven to 350. Beat butter and sugar until light and creamy. Add vanilla, salt, and lemon juice. Add flour in stages, beating thoroughly between. Dough will be very light and fluffy. Chill your hands in cold water, then roll the dough into balls. Flatten the balls with your fingers on the cookie sheet to give them their signature look. Cook until they begin to turn light golden brown at the edges (about 12 minutes) Remove from oven but allow cookies to cool on the cookie sheet until firm enough to remove (a minute or two). Transfer to a cooling rack until completely cool. Cookies will be crisp and flaky. Put any uneaten cookies into a baggie or airtight container and refrigerate—they will pick up moisture and be far less good if left out. I have no idea how long they will last refrigerated. In my house they've never lasted longer than two or three days.

Remembering Jean Kelly

Longtime Pullman resident Jean Kelly passed away in Crown Point, Indiana, June 14, 2024. Jean loved living in Pullman and made many friends during her years here. Jean was a supporter of everything Pullman, especially our Annual House Tour, and was always one of the first in line to purchase a House Tour sweatshirt. Her Pullman home was featured on the 2014 House Tour. She will be missed; but now she's at peace and reunited with her parents, her son, and her beloved doggies, Bunny, Gertie & Fannie. If you wish, you can sign or

Pullman Calendar for July - August 2024		
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
National Park Service Visitor Center (Clocktower) - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm		
Wednesdays 7am - 1pm Pullman Farmer's Market 111th PI & Forrestville		
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		
Wed 7/17 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!		
Fri 7/19 10a-Noon Free Food/Produce Distribution Dollar Tree Lot, 209 E 103rd St		
Sat 7/20 9:30am Pullman Protectors 1:30pm Bee Spotters NPS 610 E 111th St		
Mon 7/22 6:00pm House Tour Committee Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St		
Tues 7/23 6:30-7:30pm Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St		
Wed 7/24 11:30am Ladies Lunch Group (4th Wed) Interested? Email Sschoephoester@gmail.com		
Wed 7/24 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th		
Sat 7/27 10am-12pm Parks on the Air NPS Visitor Center 610 E 111th St		
Sun 7/28 3pm HPF Speaker Series: Before She Was Mother Jones (\$) @ Exhibit Hall		
Sat 8/3 Noon - 4pm PCO/Pullman Summer Picnic Exhibit Hall/112th St		
Sun 8/4 1:30 pm First Sunday Walking Tours Exhibit Hall www.PullmanIL.org		
Tuesday 8/6 4pm-8pm NATIONAL NIGHT OUT National Park 610 E 111th St		
Wed 8/7 7:00pm Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St		
Tue/Wed 8/6 & 7 9am Street Sweeping - Watch for Signs & Move your Vehicles!		
Wed 8/14 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th		
Sat 8/17 Noon - 8pm Taste of Pullman (\$) Pullman Park/Arcade Park		
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Sat 8/24 12pm-4pm Shop Roseland (music, vendors, etc) TBD		
Tues 8/27 6:30-7:30pm Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St		
Mark your Calendars for our Annual House Tour Weekend - Oct 12th & 13th!!!		
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com		

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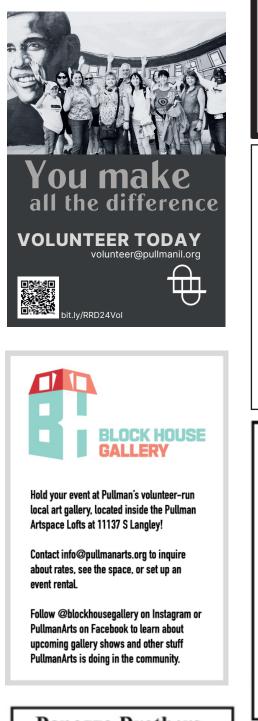
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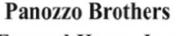
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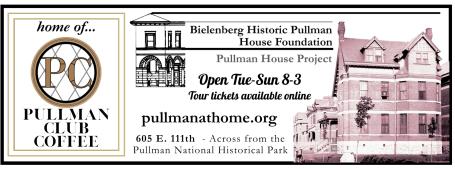


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