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Pullman Civic Organization

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PCO General Meeting, Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 7:30 pm

From the PCO President

John Lydon

February welcomes, celebrates, and honors Black History Month. Borrowing Barack Obama’s words, “Black History Month is about the shared experience of all Black Americans whose lives have shaped, challenged, and ultimately strengthened America.” It is also a Chicago story, stemming from progenitor Dr. Carter G. Woodson on Chicago’s South Side in 1915. The PCO is recognizing Black History Month this year at the collaboratively hosted event “Agency & Activism II: The Underground Railroad” with Darcel Rockett from the Chicago Tribune on February 17th from 12:00-3:00pm at Revolution Workshop (120 East 111th Street). Join us! Darcel Rockett’s documentary series on the Underground Railroad can be accessed using the following QR code or at bit.ly/darcelrockett.



Over the past several months, my articles have focused on past contributions of the Pullman Civic Organization. This month, let’s consider our future.

The National Park Service (NPS) and Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) just released the Joint General Management Plan for the Pullman National Historical Park and Pullman State Historic Site. The 100 page document outlines numerous analyses and recommendations for continued growth that directly align with the preamble of the PCO bylaws, which state, “The residents of this community, known as Pullman, have banded together and formed this Organization to promote the general welfare of the Community and to preserve its historical significance, and continue to educate and memorialize the significance of the area.” How can the PCO best support the future of this work? Below are excerpts taken from the plan regarding partnerships, preservation, and programming.

PARTNERSHIPS - Actions in the Residential Neighborhood Area will primarily be led by community groups, partners, or private individuals. The NPS and IDNR will support, where feasible, activities and actions that align with organization missions and desired conditions outlined for this area. Additionally, the NPS can assist public and private landowners with design and implementation of interpretive media and programs that enhance public understanding of the cultural and natural resources of the NHL district.

PRESERVATION - NPS would be a convener for discussions on best practices in historic preservation and support research on historic preservation that preserves the stories and histories in the Pullman community. NPS would convene workshops about historic preservation and IDNR would support the NPS in this action.

NPS would develop a homeowners guide to support historic façade preservation that is applicable to the entire NHP boundary.

PROGRAMMING - The 2022 National Parks Conservation Association proposed Pullman Cultural Trail would connect the north and south ends of the Pullman Community, within the NHP boundary. The cultural trail would primarily use existing infrastructure with the route potentially being completed with NPS support outside of NPS and IDNR owned property and would therefore not impact historic structures or cultural landscapes.

To read the Joint General Management Plan, use the QR code below or head to bit.ly/pullmanplan.



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
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Permit Workshop to be held February 24 from 1-3pm

The Beman Committee will be hosting their annual building permit workshop on Saturday, February 24th from 1-3pm at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113th Street).

Applying for a building permit is never easy. But, the Beman Committee is here to help! Join committee co-chairs, Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad, for a quick presentation on the permit process, Landmark District requirements, and the permit fee waiver program. This will be followed by open discussion and a working session for those actively looking to apply for a permit or the fee waiver. If applicable, feel free to bring a laptop and your project’s information (including contractor info) and we’ll help walk you through the process in-person.

Wondering why you need a building permit or what the permit fee waiver is? Take a look below for some quick facts:

Building Permits: Ensuring that any proposed work meets with the requirements of the Chicago Building Code is important to preserve the structural integrity of buildings and safety for its occupants. Moreover, much of Pullman’s noteworthiness is because of its architecture, so making sure no improper work is done to the facades of buildings is equally important.

Permit Fee Waiver: One of the perks of living in a Chicago Landmark District is the opportunity to waive all City Permit fees. This includes permits for all work being done to buildings within our district – both interior and exterior, including work to the rear of a property such as new garage construction, fences, etc.

Landmark District: The Commission on Chicago Landmarks is part of the Department of Buildings, and oversees the preservation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of Chicago’s historic buildings. The southern part of Pullman was declared a City Landmark District in 1972, the northern part in 1993, and then both were merged into one in 1999. Unlike many other Landmark properties in the City, the entirety of Pullman constitutes a singular Historic District, which means each and every building within the boundaries falls under Landmarks purview.

Façade Regulations: Commission on Chicago Landmarks and the Beman Committee are really only concerned with the street-facing facades of buildings, as they connote the historic architectural significance of the neighborhood. Property owners are free to do with the inside of their buildings as they see fit – so long as any applicable work is permitted. The interior of Pullman buildings is guided by the Chicago Building Code, so any major structural, electrical, plumbing, etc. work needs to be permitted. Which is to say, the same standards apply to the interior of Pullman buildings as the interior of any other building in the city.


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.

The Historic Pullman Garden Club & National Park Service present a 2024 Winter Lecture

Beneficial Insects

February 25th

With Master Gardener Jerry Hosli of the University of Illinois Extension Service



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



Historic Pullman Garden Club Musings and Announcements Lynn Smith

My intent in adding this periodic but not necessarily monthly column is not to replicate the minutes of the Historic Pullman Garden Club, which are already available online and well documented by Lorraine Brochu, our dedicated and thorough Secretary. My hope is to bring another notification method and resource to the adventurous and enthusiastic gardener! Our aim at the Historic Pullman Garden is to beautify and educate our neighborhood, and we have been working steadily on this for the past several decades.

We have three Winter lectures planned for February through April, in conjunction with the University of Illinois Extension Office (first two lectures) and the Chicago Park District (third lecture) and being given at the Pullman National Historic Park/Clocktower Complex at 610 E. 111th St. Sunday, February 25th at 2 pm, will be a lecture with Jerry Hossli on “Beneficial Insects” (yes these do exist!); Sunday, March 24, at 2 pm will be a lecture on Native Pollinators with Sarah Long; and finally the Sunday, April 28, 2 pm lecture will be on Tree Pruning 101 with Jerome Scott. All of these lectures are free and open to all.

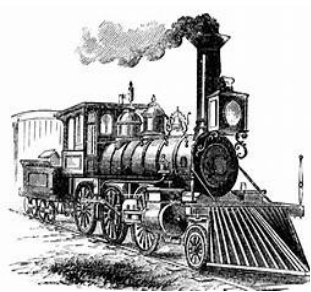
In addition we are in the process of developing some more “hands on” demonstrations for gardeners having to do with possibly the pruning of Spring Flowering bushes, propagation methods, composting methods, ways of repotting plants, use of houseplants in the design of your garden, and some more information about historic gardens and gardeners who have been influential. You may see people in the community giving some of these talks! Viva the Gospel of Gardening!!

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Pullman Joint General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment Available Teri Gage

The National Park Service (NPS) and Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) are pleased to announce the release of the final Joint General Management Plan (JGMP) and Environmental Assessment for Pullman National Historical Park and Pullman State Historic Site. The plan establishes a long-term management philosophy and decision-making framework for the co-located sites. The JGMP incorporates desired conditions and management actions for the Car Works Factory Site and Hotel Florence, as well as strategies for supporting partner organizations in restoring, maintaining, and providing interpretation and visitor services at historic locations within the Historical Park boundary.

The JGMP was drafted by an NPS-IDNR team over a two-year planning process that included consultation with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, stakeholders, residents, and other interested parties. The planning process included development of an Environmental Assessment for National Park Service management actions prescribed by the JGMP. The National Park Service concluded that no significant environmental impacts are expected to result from implementation of the JGMP and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document was signed on November 24, 2023. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will engage in compliance for future management actions specific to the Pullman State Historic Site. The final Joint General Management Plan, Environmental Assessment, and FONSI are available on the National Park Service website at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/PULL_JGMP_FONSI

Green Spaces and Places: American Beautyberry Bush Lynn Smith

Now that Historic Pullman and the City of Chicago are officially in zone 6, there are several more horticultural choices for the avid gardener. One of them is Callicarpa Americana, or the American Beautyberry Bush. This bush, with a height and spread of 3-6 feet has deep pink flowers in Spring which turn into violet purple berries in Autumn, from late August to November. The foliage turns yellow in Fall. You can also find cultivars which have either white or pink berries. As a matter of fact, there are several beautyberry bushes on the property of the State Site, near the Pullman Clocktower with pink berries I believe.

These bushes produce more berries and are more impressive, when planted in gps of for example, three. This bush is recommended by the Morton Arboretum for it’s ease of care and attractiveness to wildlife, including songbirds and butterflies. Crushed leaves of this plant are said to be a deterrent to mosquitos and ticks, always a positive quality. It grows well in partial to full sun. . .And we’ll keep talking. . .

Educational News Cheryl Briscoe

State Superintendent Tony Sanders, CPS CEO Pedro Martinez, and other local, state, and federal educational and civic leaders are coming to Edgar Allan Poe Elementary School (in February) to visit and recognize an “Exemplary” school report card this year. They are using it as an opportunity to share the celebration with all the school stakeholders that have made us successful.“Exemplary” schools are the top 10% of all schools in the state based on overall performance. Growth and proficiency in math and reading scores, proficiency in science, graduation rates, and chronic absenteeism are the major indicators that determine a school’s designation, according to an ISBE statement.

	Beat 531 Meeting
	Tuesday February 20th
	6pm In-Person Pullman Exhibit Hall 11141 Cottage Grove



From the Dining Car
Astrid Fingerhut

A couple of days after losing my beloved three-year-old cat to cancer, I offered to foster four rescue kittens, thinking that kitten antics would sooth my heart. It became apparent very quickly that they were sick, which turned out to be the very deadly panleukopenia. Two of them died within the first two days, and since then it has been a flurry of tag-teaming emergency care with professional cat rescuer Erica Roewade.

Well, this morning the little boy, who couldn't keep his head up yesterday, suddenly started climbing on me while I was holding him... and then eating on his own! By this evening, he was playing with the toys in his crate and, fingers crossed, is on the road to recovery!

Basil Chicken

- 1 clove garlic (or more if you're not part vampire)
• 4-6 Thai peppers
• A bit of cooking oil. I use avocado oil
• 1 lb ground chicken
• Fish sauce
• Soy sauce
• Sugar (optional)
• a big handful of fresh basil—you really can't have too much
• one package of snow peas

Chop the garlic and peppers and saute them in the oil just long enough to start cooking and get fragrant. Add the ground chicken and cook at medium-high heat until the chicken cooks through, releases its juice, and the juice evaporates.

Add the basil and and snow peas and cook until the basil is wilted and the snow peas turn bright green and are tender but still crisp.

Serve with rice. Enjoy! Give your cats some extra attention today—and for the love of everything holy, spay/neuter and vaccinate!

Revolution Workshop
Megan Lydon

Revolution Workshop, a non-profit workforce development organization, is excited to host an open house at their new training facility at 120 E. 111th Street in Roseland on Friday February 23 from 12:00pm to 2:30pm.

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PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH 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
Sat 2/17 12pm Black History event with Darcel Rockett @ Revolution Wkshp 120 E 111th St
Sat 2/17 12pm-3pm Polar Adventure Days Big Marsh Park 11559 Stony Island
Tues 2/20 6pm Community Policing 531 Beat Meeting HPF Exhibit Hall
Wed 2/21 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!
Fri 2/23 12pm-2:30pm OPEN HOUSE @ Revolution Workshop 120 East 111th St
Sat 2/24 1pm-3pm Beman Committee Building Permit Workshop FLM Center 614 E 113th
Sun 2/25 2pm HPGC "Beneficial Insects" Lecture (1 of 3) NPS Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th St
Mon 2/26 6:00pm CCPSA 5th District Council Monthly meeting Location TBA
Tues 2/27 6:30-7:30pm Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St
Wed 2/28 11:30am Ladies Lunch Group (4th Wed) Interested? Sschoephoester@gmail.com
Wed 2/28 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th
Thursday February 29th HAPPY LEAP YEAR 2024!
Wed 3/6 7:00pm Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St
Wed 3/13 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th
Wed 3/20 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!
Sun 3/24 2pm HPGC Annual Winter Lecture Series #2 NPS Visitor Ctr 610 E 111th
Wed 3/27 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th
Mark your Calendars for Pullman Railroad Days, June 1st and 2nd!!
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com

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