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Perspectives on Local Government, June 30



Fairfax County Strategic Plan

Shaping the Future Together
Fairfax County Strategic Plan

Lifelong Education and Learning

Outcome Statement
Fairfax County is a place where all residents at every stage of life are taking advantage of inclusive, responsive, and accessible learning opportunities that enable them to grow, prosper and thrive.

Strengthen the Connection Between Our Schools and Our Community

- LEL 8. Champion initiatives that encourage family engagement in educational activities within and beyond the classroom.
- LEL 9. Engage with adults and the 50+ community to serve as volunteer mentors, educators, and career coaches.
- LEL 10. Increase and enhance lifelong learning opportunities for the 50+ community, especially programs with a technology focus.

James Walkinshaw, Fairfax County Braddock District Supervisor, Spoke on Local Government, Including Strategic Plan Goals Supporting Lifelong Learning

July 8, 2022

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Alerts & Notices

- Board of Directors meeting Friday, July 15, 10:00. All members welcome; Zoom meeting link will appear in the OLLI Daily Schedule email for July 15.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, July 15; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, July 12, at 6:00.

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Behind the Scenes in OLLI Zoom Classes



By Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Program Planning Group Co-chair

Ever wonder who those wonderful people are that "Allow" you to log in and "Admit" you to your OLLI Zoom classes? This technologically-astute group is equipped with a myriad of skill categories needed to support successful Zoom interaction. Each of them has been providing us with the ability to log in to see and hear our OLLI presenters since the coronavirus forced everyone to change their "in-person" habit of attending. They did not skip a beat. In addition to their own duties, they also provide guidance to presenters unfamiliar with the newly required technology for "Zoom only" as well as hybrid classes. Some of them were part of the tech support group even before Covid.

We are grateful for this tech-savvy group consisting of: **Meg Przybylski, Mike Emery, Brenton**

Abrams, Irina Irchai, Richard Hoback, Nick Wenri, Bill Walsh, and Julija Pivo (who recently left the OLLI family due to her acceptance of a Fulbright Study Award). Be sure to thank them as you log off or leave your next OLLI class and commend them for remaining calm during challenging presentation quirks.

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Loudoun and Reston Program Planning Group Meeting



By Barbara Wilan, Loudoun-Reston Program Planning Group Co-chair

Please join us for our first live program planning meeting in over two years! Bring your coffee or another drink to enjoy with doughnuts and bring your programming ideas. Here are the details for this hybrid meeting:

- Date and Time: July 19, 10:00-11:45 Eastern Time (US and Canada)
- Location: Mason-in-Loudoun, Room 209.

Mason-in-Loudoun is located at 21335 Signal Hill Plaza, Sterling, VA 20164, diagonally across Rte. 7 from the Potomac Run Shopping Center.

This will be a hybrid meeting so that those who cannot meet in person may view the meeting on Zoom.

To attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 10:00, please click [this link](#) to join the meeting and use passcode 010203 (Note: enter passcode with NO spaces) or enter meeting ID 827 2377 4249 in the Zoom app and use the above passcode. You may instead dial in at 301-715-8592.

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What are OLLI Program Planning Groups and What do they Do?



By Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Program Planning Group Co-chair

So happy you asked! OLLI program planning groups are OLLI member volunteers responsible for reviewing and selecting course proposals each quarter. There are ten program planning groups, each responsible for a specific topic. You will find them listed in the Table of Contents of each OLLI catalog. The members meet regularly to brainstorm ideas for course presentations, discuss

possible presenters, create courses, and contact instructors for possible future classes. In addition, each program planning group reviews course proposals submitted independently by interested persons who desire to share their expertise. Courses are discussed and confirmed by program associates who keep track of classes and determine their scheduling.

Who can join a Program Planning Group? Anyone interested in supporting a particular course topic may join a program planning group. We rely on personal and professional contacts and on the ability to encourage people to present courses at OLLI. Program planning group members often work together to create, support, or present a class. Program planning groups are currently meeting via Zoom.

Keep in mind that no presenter receives monetary compensation for teaching at OLLI Mason. Therefore, we are extremely grateful for each of our instructors.

For information regarding joining the Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Program Planning Group, contact: Camille Hodges mimihodges4@gmail.com or Peggy O'Brien mazob@live.com.

For other OLLI program planning group information contact staff program associates: smorrow4@gmu.edu or nklein4@gmu.edu. Thank you.

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the last issue of E-News; it is repeated here to encourage members to participate in program planning.

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Share Your Life Stories with "Gen-Z"



By Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Program Planning Group Co-chair

Dr. Spencer Crew is looking for a few OLLI members to work with his "History of the Family" fall course. Those of us who experienced intergenerational dialogue with his students in previous years found it personally rewarding.

This collaboration would require at least two meetings with two students assigned to you by Dr. Crew. If you are interested in sharing your life stories with university students during the fall 2022 (September-December) term, please contact him at the following e-mail address: srcrew@gmu.edu. He will respond to you with details about the class.

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the last issue of E-News; it is repeated here to encourage members to enjoy participation.

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Computer Club

3rd Saturday, July 16 In Person and Via Zoom
Impact of Technology on Civil War Intelligence:
From Aerial Reconnaissance to Cryptology
Learn in 30: Make a Mix Tape with Audacity



By [Paul Howard](#), OPCUG Program Chair

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, July 16, in person and via Zoom. You must observe OLLI/GMU Health protocols (see [this link](#)). Program activities begin at 1:00; the Zoom session usually opens at 12:45.

Impact of Technology on Civil War Intelligence: From Aerial Reconnaissance to Cryptology – Presented by Jim Anderson

At the outset of the Civil War, neither side had any organized intelligence structure. The two warring governments quickly recognized the importance of creating effective intelligence capabilities. The efforts included tradecraft techniques such as disguise, deception, and covert surveillance. The two sides also experimented with technologies (e.g., telegraphy, cryptology, and aerial reconnaissance). We will examine the various technical means used by Washington and Richmond to exploit tactical and strategic information to influence events on the battlefield. Jim Anderson spent 3 years as an Air Force Officer and 27 years with the CIA, which included six overseas tours in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East. Since 2009, he has spoken frequently at OLLI on Civil War and American Frontier topics.

Learn in 30: Make a Mix Tape with Audacity – Presented by John Krout

Learn how to create audio segues, where the end of a song overlaps the beginning of the next song, for a seamless "mix tape" audio result. You will see and hear how to do this using the free Audacity software for Windows/Mac/Linux and your personal music collection.

John Krout is a regular presenter at our meetings a prolific author of articles appearing in the PATACS *Posts* newsletter.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG Website](#). OPCUG dues are \$5 for 2022—see <http://olligmu.org/opcug/comm.html> for details on making payment.

To attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45, please click [this link](#) to join the meeting and use passcode 816743 (*Note*: enter passcode with NO spaces) or enter meeting ID 823 0941 3026 in the Zoom app and use the above passcode.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Do I Really Need a Corn Kernel Stripper?

Declutter, the magazine article shrieks
accosting seniors at least once a week;
give it away, get rid of it, the authors advise
don't leave your offspring a nasty surprise;
vow to clean up this week, month or year
excuses won't make your junk disappear
Let yourself know that enough is enough,
you simply don't need to be hoarding this stuff.

Okay, I get it, now I can see
that those articles are intended for me;
I'm ready to begin the job;
and prove to you that I'm no slob.

I first tackle my crowded kitchen,
three stuffed drawers that I've been itchin'
to organize; before a minute is up I mutter,
"What in heavens name is that...an avocado cutter?"
Three fancy gifted garlic presses
are the kinds of things that create messes,
a pineapple ringer, a honey dipper,
a melon baller, a kale and herb stripper,
turkey forks, a crooked egg slicer,
corn ear holders, a potato ricer
broken tea cozies, graters big and small,
wine bottle stoppers, maybe two dozen in all,
brushes for basting
spoons made for tasting
seven colorful tongs
a miniature dinner gong
barbecue skewers, both steel and bamboo
a cracked glass juicer held together with glue
decorative cutters for vegetable trays
relics from long-gone party days.

Two wasted hours have gone down the tubes
pawing through junk I no longer use
now piled so precariously close to the sink
I can't even pour me a much-needed drink
I must find a cardboard box I can fill
and store on a shelf labeled "DONATIONS GOODWILL."

– Sandy Myles

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances July 8 through July 18



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Current vaccination policy for the Center for the Arts and Hylton Performing Arts Center is summarized as follows:

Audience members are not currently required to show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test result for most events **except** when required by the event organizer or artist. If proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test result is required for a specific event, it will be indicated on the webpage with event details. **Face coverings continue to be required at all events.**

Specific requirements are detailed and any future policy changes may be found here: <https://cfa.gmu.edu/plan-your-visit/vaccination-policy>.

Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just sign up at [this link to stay in touch](#). Also, the Center for the Arts has a website, [Mason Arts at Home](#), which has a calendar of online events and access to many past performances. Information can also be found at [CFA ticket purchase page](#), [Center for the Arts YouTube Channel](#), or the [Hylton ticket purchase page](#).

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

No Performances Scheduled

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

ARTfactory and Pied Piper Theatre: *Disney's Moana JR*

Fri, Jul 15, 7:00
Sat, Jul 16, 2:00 and 7:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$12.

Prince William Little Theater and Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *The Sound of Music*

Fri, Jul 15, 7:00
Sat, Jul 16, 2:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adult, \$30; senior and military, \$24; child \$19.

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For further details on any of the above events, see the [CFA event calendar](#) and the [Hylton Center event calendar](#).

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Meetings & Clubs

Please note: Although some physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled, some may be meeting in person or, in a hybrid mode, both in person and online. OLLI events and activities meeting online bear the identification "Z" in their course or event number. Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates; also, check the [OLLI calendar](#) and daily schedule email for event information.

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office. The list is accurate as of mid-week but for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (bolded below). The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members; you may also log in at the [member portal](#) and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.*

Sat Jul 9	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Jul 11	10:00 am	Spanish Club
	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club
Tue Jul 12	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club

Wed Jul 13	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group
Thu Jul 14	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Jul 15	9:15 am	Recorder Consort
	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	10:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
Sat Jul 16	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
	1:00 pm	Personal Computer User Group
Mon Jul 18	10:00 am	Bridge Club
	10:00 am	Mah Jongg Club
Tue Jul 19	10:00 am	Reston/Loudoun Program Planning Group
	4:00 pm	Spanish Club
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Thu Jul 21	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Jul 22	9:15 am	Recorder Consort
	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	12:00 noon	Photography Club
Sat Jul 23	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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Deadline: Tuesday, 6:00, for that week's issue (Monday, 6:00, for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

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