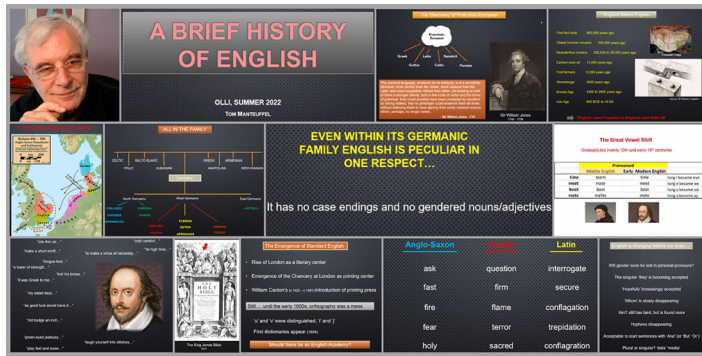


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Alerts & Notices

- Note:** This delivery of *E-News* is the official copy. You may have received an issue Wednesday night which was sent from the OLLIE office in error before the final review and scheduling of delivery. This copy is not very different from that one.
- Priority registration for fall 2022 is under way, continuing until August 24. The term begins September 19.
- Remember that you must register for your clubs each term when registering.
- The next issue of *OLLIE E-News* will be published Friday, September 2; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, August 30, at 6:00.

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OLLIE Players Brings Down the Curtain



By Kathie West, OLLIE Players Director

After 16 years of performing, OLLIE Players is hanging up its hat. We started as a drama club in 2006 and then went to channel 10. We then started road performances from Haymarket to Alexandria and Loudoun and in between. We performed for the Fairfax Board of Supervisors and were also asked to do scam skits for TV. We performed at libraries, nursing homes, senior centers, memory care homes, independent and assisted living centers, and of course OLLIE. We are listed in Northwest Senior Theatre in Oregon and have performed for them in Washington, DC.

In the 16 years, we have written five Murder Mysteries, an Octoberfest Play, two Christmas programs, and a Veterans Day play. We have performed at 35 venues and performed over 70 different pieces of theatre. We have become a family that has changed over the years, and we have lost some beloved members. We kept on going and getting new members all the time. Each member has their own special offering, and it was fun.

From the 16 years, we still have three original members with us, Sandy Lisiewski, Manny Pablo, and me. We laughed and cried and yelled and screamed but the show went on. So, without further ado, the OLLIE Players bring the curtain down. Thanks for the memories.

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Join the *What's in the Daily News?* Club



By John Quinn, Co-Moderator

You follow the news every day, right? Of course. On your phone, computer, TV, radio, print news, or wherever. And you have reactions, opinions, emotions, professional insights, and questions about the news you'd like to share, don't you? Of course. OLLI has just the thing for you. It's called What's in the Daily News? (WIDN) Club.

Join us online every Monday morning at 9:30, year-round, for the WIDN Club. The class participants have immense professional expertise in a wide range of areas, including journalism, world affairs, economics, education, politics, the military, law, medicine, and many more areas. The discussion is always lively, respectful, and informative, and everyone gets an equal chance to speak. The group carries on the discussion via email throughout the week, and even has its own Friday afternoon happy hour!

Come and join us this fall—make some new friends—and speak your mind! You can find the WIDN Club listing on page 38 of OLLI's fall 2022 Catalog.

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Food and Drink Guidelines at Campus Social Events



**By Marilyn Harriman, Social Activities Chairperson,
and Dick Crawford, Health Advisory Workgroup**

As OLLI starts the new calendar year, the Social Activities Program Planning Group is looking forward to hosting social events, either stand-alone or activities in conjunction with clubs and committees.

Social events and food are important to our OLLI experience and we are excited to be getting back together!

The OLLI Health Advisory Workgroup has met and is advising event organizers about food and beverages served on campus.

It is possible to enjoy safe communal dining while practicing social distancing and best practices regarding the handling of food.

There is no evidence of food or food packaging being associated with the transmission of COVID-19. The virus that causes COVID-19 is one that causes respiratory illnesses and is not known to

be transmitted by exposure to food.

I think we all know it is much more likely that an infected person will spread the virus through person-to-person transmission rather than contaminated food or food packaging material.

The workgroup advises the following practices:

- **Food and drink will be served with no direct contact with the food or beverage when served.**
- **Snacks such as cookies and pretzels will be pre-packaged, wrapped in plastic, or available using proper utensils, containers.**
- **Homemade goods may be self-serve as long as proper utensils are available (e.g., spatulas, tongs, spoons, toothpicks), or in individual containers, such as brownies in paper cupcake liners.**
- **Coffee, hot tea, cold beverages can be served in break rooms and classrooms.**
- **Volunteers wearing plastic gloves may serve foods such as pizza.**

Health Advisory Workgroup members who are in committees and clubs will serve as resources for food advisory questions and guidelines.

As OLLI restarts social activities on campus, these guidelines will apply to three upcoming events:

- OLLI Fall Kick-Off Coffee at Tallwood, September 15, 10-11:30
- Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch at Tallwood, October 14, 10-11:30
- Halloween Party at Tallwood, October date, time to be announced.

The Social Activities Program Planning Group is looking to expand opportunities for food at future OLLI events. As COVID conditions remain in flux, the Health Advisory Workgroup will review guidelines as part of planning for the future.

Look for news of additional social events on *E-News* as well as in the catalog.

Bon Appétit!

If you have questions or comments, please contact Michele Romano, Chair, Health Advisory Workgroup, tufax2@gmail.com.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Home Away From Home

Over the long silver expansion
Bouncing sunlight off the steel
High over the glinting reflection
Leading me to a different real

Onto the island of crab and water

Rest wine and food abound
Routine rhythm and rules to alter
A release from the daily routine found

Friendship warming the way to relaxation
Fellowship new and old so inspire
A break from the routine to vacation
The home away from home to desire

Sally Sibley

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, August 20 through September 5



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.

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

No Events Scheduled

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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)

Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *The Raleigh Ringers*

Sat, Aug 27, 7:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$25, \$20 senior.

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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 Aug 20	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club Personal Computer User Group
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Mon Aug 22	9:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	What's in the Daily News? Bridge Club Mah Jongg Club
Tue Aug 23	9:30 am 4:30 pm	Annex Art Tai Chi Club
Wed Aug 24	10:30 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Tom Crooker Investment Forum Memoir and More Writing Group Ethnic Eats Club
Thu Aug 25	11:30 am 11:50 am 4:30 pm	Program Planning Committee Meeting All the News Tai Chi Club
Fri Aug 26	9:15 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon	Recorder Consort Craft and Conversation Homer, etc. Photography Club
Sat Aug 27	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Aug 29	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	What's in the Daily News? Bridge Club Poetry Club
Tue Aug 30	9:30 am 4:30 pm	Annex Art Tai Chi Club
Wed Aug 31	10:30 am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum
Thu Sep 1	11:50 am 4:30 pm	All the News Tai Chi Club
Fri Sep 2	9:15 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Recorder Consort Craft and Conversation Homer, etc.
Sat Sep 3	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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