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**Limb Damage to TA-2 Classroom at Tallwood, September 12 (No Harm to Personnel or Equipment); It Is Under Repair by Mason Facilities**

**September 16, 2022**

Editor of the Week: Dave Gundry

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## Alerts & Notices

- Registration for the fall term 2022 continues on a space-available basis. The term begins September 19.
- The Computer Club meets Saturday, September 17 (tomorrow) at 1:00 via Zoom and in person at Tallwood.
- The next issue of *OLLIE-News* will be published Friday, September 23; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, September 20, at 6:00.

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## OLLI Walk & Talk Club: Mason District Park



By Marilyn Harriman and Bob Heyer, Board Members and Walk & Talk Club Coordinators

**Reminder!** Next Monday, September 19, we meet at 8:00 and will walk trails around OLLI Tallwood for 45 minutes. Meet at the picnic tables in the breezeway adjacent to the restroom building.

If you plan to attend, please email Marilyn ([mwharriman74@gmail.com](mailto:mwharriman74@gmail.com)) or Bob ([rheyer@verizon.net](mailto:rheyer@verizon.net)) with your "yes" so we'll know to wait for you. If you are running late, please call one of us on our cell phones: Marilyn at 703-725-0965; Bob at 571-214-8597.

In case of rain, we will text you and reschedule the walk for Tuesday, September 20, at the same time and meeting place.

On Monday, September 12, 13 walkers had the opportunity to see Mason District Park, a beautiful park that we never realized had so many paths and facilities.

THANK YOU to Michael Nephew as a wonderful guide. Without him, we would still be lost in the woods! We walked up and down dirt paths across quaint bridges, gravel paths along the meandering stream, and then a few paved tracks across the steel bridge, enjoying the beauty of walking among many large, tall trees, fall leaves, and newly planted and protected trees!



We are so lucky to have Fairfax County keep up these parks. Along the path, we found a wonderful concrete pavilion with many in-ground benches for free concerts during the summer, six tennis courts, and a jungle-gym play area.



There is also a doggie park. At one point, at the top of a hill in the attached picture (Tony Harriman took the picture), Michael stopped to tell us where five different paths went among trees all around; someone said, "Ah, Seven Corners in the woods!"

We also noted areas were missing low growth due to deer in the area, and a few orange signs indicating hunting deer this fall. We had a great time in a beautiful forest, interrupted only by conversations among our 14 walkers.

Thanks to Michael Nephew's guidance, we did wonderfully well, enjoying a great Fairfax County park. We will do this again in Mason District Park and cover different trails.

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## COVID Update for September 16



**By Michele Romano, Health Advisory Committee Chair**

The news is good. COVID-19 is on the decline in Fairfax County. Cases per 100,000 have dropped from 262 on July 16 to 116.8 as of September 12. The infectivity rate (R0) has been < 1.0 since August 11, indicating that the disease is on the decline. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) places us in the low-risk category (Green). However, we know this could change as we get closer to the winter respiratory season; fingers crossed.

**Here is what OLLI is doing to help decrease the risk:**

- A link is posted on the Daily Schedule with our health and safety protocols.
- OLLI requires that all members and staff coming to campus be fully vaccinated.
- OLLI continues to urge everyone who is at higher risk, has concerns, or feels uncomfortable, to wear a mask. Check out Chris Narbut's mask review in the *E-News* (September 2) as well as the CDC website for further guidance.
- Masks continue to be mandated on all OLLI and Mason group transportation.
- We have excellent air filters and hand sanitizers everywhere.
- The 2023 winter term (when the risk of respiratory infections is highest) will be via Zoom only.
- The Health Advisory Workgroup will continue to monitor CDC, Fairfax County, and Virginia Department of Health tracking websites. If things start to change, we will notify the Board and OLLI members via email, *E-News*, or *E-Blast* asap.
- Look for a variety of health-related topics and updates (both good and bad) in the *E-News*.

**What can OLLI members do:**

- Stay up to date on all vaccines and boosters.
- Stay current on risk, spread, and guidelines via COVID websites (see above).
- If you choose to wear a mask, be sure it's a good one.
- Stay home and test if you are sick.
- Stay up to date on CDC, Mason, and OLLI health and safety protocols.

We are at higher risk because of our age and the vulnerabilities that go with it (e.g., heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, weakened immune system). But we take those vulnerabilities with us wherever we go (e.g., concerts, weddings, funerals, church, air travel, graduations, babysitting, dining out). OLLI is probably one of the safest gathering venues because:

- Our age group takes our health seriously.
- We are all vaxxed and most are boosted.
- We are conscientious and responsible; we won't knowingly put other members at risk.
- We are intelligent and capable of making the best choices for ourselves and our families.

I doubt you will find this level of precaution anywhere else. You are probably better off on an OLLI campus than anywhere else you go. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can email me at [tufax2@gmail.com](mailto:tufax2@gmail.com).

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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 Cochair**

So happy you asked! OLLI program planning groups are OLLI member volunteers responsible for reviewing and selecting course proposals each quarter. There are thirteen 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 the ability to encourage people to present courses at OLLI. Program planning group members often work together to create, support, or present a class; many groups now meet via Zoom.

Keep in mind that no presenter receives monetary compensation for teaching at OLLI/GMU. 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 at [mimihodges4@gmail.com](mailto:mimihodges4@gmail.com) or Peggy O'Brien at [mazob@live.com](mailto:mazob@live.com).

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

*Editor's note: This article appeared in the preceding issue of OLLI E-News. It is repeated here at the author's request to encourage member participation.*

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## You Can Do OLLI Program Planning!



**By Shannon Kim Morrow, Program Associate**

- "That class on *Synergies between Climate Change, Human Rights, and Race* was great!"
- "I loved the instructor who taught *Black Flags and Red Lines...*"
- "Your friend's class on *Defeating Isis* was so informative."
- "That instructor sure knows a lot about gender issues!"
- "I just registered for 981Z!"

What do all these classes have in common? Well, they were taught by instructors recruited by someone at OLLI who knows them personally.

Have you loved certain OLLI classes? Are there particular kinds of classes you like or would like to see more of? Have you wondered how OLLI gets its rich assortment of diverse offerings? OLLI's program planning groups do a fabulous job recruiting instructors and you may join any of these groups. But you don't have to be a program planner to influence what courses get on the schedule.

Many of the instructors and topics come to OLLI because members like you ask people they know to teach at OLLI. Do you go to a vet, the doctor, church, or have friends who teach or who are in the military or government? Do you have friends or family members with special expertise, skills, hobbies, or talents? Any member may reach out to people they know or someone they meet and ask them to teach at OLLI. Potential instructors don't have to have a teaching background or experience in lecturing. If you know someone you think would make a wonderful contribution to our program, have him or her complete the course proposal form: <https://olli.gmu.edu/olli-course-proposal-form/> or email [smorrow4@gmu.edu](mailto:smorrow4@gmu.edu) or [nklein4@gmu.edu](mailto:nklein4@gmu.edu) for more information. If you want to join a program planning group, you will be welcomed, but even if you just want to start small, you too can participate in OLLI programming!

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## Photo of the Month



The September 2022 Photo of the Month theme was night photography. We selected Lynne Cline's photo "Artemis-1 on the Launch Pad" which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

-- By John Olsen and Ed Marion, Photography Club Coordinators

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## Poet's Corner

**Susan Bennett: a Haiku**

heatwave bakes dry earth  
moist breeze tickles fragrant blooms  
thumping rain arrives

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

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## Note These Special Mason Music Events

By Dr. Linda Apple Monson, Director, Mason School of Music

**Mason Musical Season**



The fall Mason musical season opens with a celebration performance by faculty and students led by Dr. Linda Apple Monson on Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 in the Center for the Arts Concert Hall.

### Arts by George



Arts by George! has raised more than \$2 million since it began in 2006. This annual benefit event supports student scholarships at George Mason University's College of Visual and Performing Arts, Mason Community Arts



Kristin Chenoweth  
Saturday, September 24

Academy, [Green Machine](#)

[Ensembles](#), and the *Great Performances at Mason* season at the [Center for the Arts](#). The evening begins on September 24 by showcasing the remarkable talents of Mason students amid an array of spectacular food and beverages, and culminates with a performance at 8:30 by [Kristin Chenoweth](#). Admission: \$350.

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**A Grand Piano Celebration**  
Featuring Mason's Art-Steinway School and a Musical Tribute to Ross and Sid Dewberry

Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 PM  
George Mason University  
Center for the Arts Concert Hall

Dr. Linda Apple Monson, pianist  
Dr. Dennis Edelbrock, trumpet  
Dr. Anna Balakerskaia, duo-piano  
Dr. John Healey, piano ensemble  
Dr. Eunae Ko Han, piano ensemble  
and outstanding student artists

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors, \$5 Youth  
music.gmu.edu | (703) 993-2787

## Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, September 16 through September 26



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, call 1-888-945-2468, buy tickets online through the event calendar (see links below), or visit the venue's box office. For more information, see the CFA [ticket page](#) or the Hylton Center [ticket purchase page](#).

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 web page 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

#### Comedian Jay Pharoah

Fri, Sep 16, 9:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$35, \$25.

#### Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel: *American Pianistic Treasures*

Sun, Sep 18, 7:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$50, \$43, \$29.

#### Kristin Chenoweth in Concert

Sat, Sep 24, 8:30  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$125, \$85, \$65 (included with *Arts by George* ticket).

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### Mason Student and Faculty Performances

(see [music.gmu.edu](http://music.gmu.edu) for additional student recitals)

#### Grand Piano Celebration

Sun, Sep 18, 3:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$20, \$15 senior.

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### At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

#### Gallery Exhibit: Bennie Herron: *Zero and One*

Sep 6 through Nov 6  
Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
Admission: Free.

#### An Evening with Norm Lewis

Sun, Sep 18, 7:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$70, \$55, \$40.

#### KC Dance Center: *Kollywood Night 2022*

Sat, Sep 24, 5:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$25.

#### Mike Super: *Magic and Illusion*

Sun, Sep 25, 4:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$15.

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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. 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 Sep 17	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club Personal Computer User Group
Mon Sep 19	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?
Tue Sep 20	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Spanish Club Tai Chi Club
Wed Sep 21	1:45 pm 1:45 pm 2:00 pm	Bridge Club Mah Jongg Club Memoir and More Writing Group
Thu Sep 22	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Reston Book Club Tai Chi Club
Fri Sep 23	9:15 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon	Recorder Consort Craft and Conversation Classic Literature Club Homer, etc. Photography Club
Sat Sep 24	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Sep 26	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?
Tue Sep 27	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Sep 28	1:45 pm 1:45 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Bridge Club Spanish Club Mah Jongg Club Theater Lovers' Group
Thu Sep 29	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Sep 30	9:15 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	Recorder Consort Craft and Conversation Classic Literature Club Homer, etc.
Sat Oct 1	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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## About OLLI E-News

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