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Parking Warning

A number of members have received parking tickets from American University for parking on the street. Please read the notice below.

If you are attending OLLI classes or lectures, you may not park on the street, even if you have a DC Zone 3 parking sticker. AU has an agreement with the District that all members of the AU community — including OLLI members — are required to park in AU lots while attending OLLI. If you park on

Letter from the Chair

Beginning “Year Two”



Towards Strengthening the AU-OLLI Relationship

Though OLLI began 36 years ago, this year seems as if it were just “Year Two.” This is due to key changes initiated last year to strengthen our bond with AU. We changed our name from *OLLI* to *OLLI at AU*.

And we literally are *at* AU — leasing space in its former law school at “4801” until, at least, 2026.

These changes build on our existing relationship with AU. OLLI has identified more than 35 members who are AU alums, emeriti professors, former administrators, or otherwise connected with AU. Let us know of your [connection to AU](#). AU professors enrich our curriculum through numerous classes. OLLI receives yearly distributions from the recently valued \$2.25 million Osher grant awarded for OLLI's benefit and administered by AU. OLLI members are entitled to [many AU resources](#), such as the library and gym, at reduced or no cost.

What's New? The first week of classes went smoothly, in large part due to staff support and to Jeanne Kent and the Social Committee arranging September member previews at a “Meet and Greet” and an “Open House.” Many thanks to Sue Boley, Ginny DeRoze, Sue Edson, and Cindy Lisec who all volunteered as guides the first week. Study Group Leaders benefited from advanced training offered by Selma Rosenthal. It helped too that all our small classes are on the Fifth Floor. (Only the large lecture classes are on the First Floor.)

In other news, AU has approved installing hearing

the street, you are subject to receiving a \$200 ticket. OLLI has no say in this matter. This is a non-negotiable rule of the University. If you want to appeal a ticket, you must call 885-3111 or visit the Office of Parking and Traffic Services, Lower Level, Letts Hall, Suite 1, on the main campus.

Refunds

Today is the last day to request a refund for the fall semester. You must put your request in writing. The easiest way to request a refund is to [**email the office**](#). We are now able to process credit card refunds back to your cards. If you have not yet received your refund, call your credit card company. Those who paid by check will receive a check.

Collage

The collage study group is looking for any materials that could be used in collage, including cloth, jewelry, puzzle pieces, seeds, dried flowers, seashells, embroidery thread, toys, etc. Also welcome are old paper products, such as

loops, and the first of six classrooms should be wired as a test case by early November. Monitors displaying upcoming events and up-to-the-minute OLLI news also will be installed shortly. Our Lecture Series has begun — the first lecture was enthusiastically received. October events include a revamped “Coffee and Conversation” series in our social space, an SGR Breakfast, an October 22 concert at the University Museum in the Katzen Center, and an October 27 Town Hall.

What’s Next? We want to enhance our already rich academic program (with more than 1,000 members and 90 classes this semester alone), to maintain affordable tuition, increase diversity, and to reach out to potential members provided we have space. To achieve these goals, our emphasis is on planning and funding. A team has begun meeting with the Compass project leader and assistant provided by the grant OLLI at AU received in August for strategic planning. We look to upcoming member surveys and/or focus groups to help shape OLLI's future. Campaign 2020 is mobilizing its first round of fundraising. We will share more information about these efforts in the coming months.

Myra Barron
Chair

Coffee & Conversation

Next week's **Connect with Coffee & Conversation** will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 11:15 to 11:45 am in the Fifth Floor Social Space. The topic is OLLI's classes on the Humanities. No reservation necessary. Just come.

Round House Theatre

Round House Theatre begins preview performances this week for the world premiere of I’LL GET YOU BACK AGAIN, written by Sarah Gancher and directed by Tony Award nominee Rachel Chavkin (Broadway’s Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812). Because this show is so unique, we’d love to fill our preview houses to give the

books, magazines, stamps, postcards, photos, sewing patterns, matchboxes, maps, and sheet music.

Trash

Please help clean up the classrooms when you leave them. Please don't leave papers, coffee cups, etc.

artists as much audience feedback as possible. To that end, we're inviting our community partners to take advantage of **complimentary tickets during preview week.** [Order tickets.](#)

Tickets Available

Thurs Oct 5 at 7:30 pm | Fri Oct 6 at 8:00 pm

Sat Oct 7 at 8:00 pm | Sun Oct 8 at 2:00 pm

About the Play

Chloe is a struggling stand-up comedian - until she decides to sit in for her dead father as the bassist for his seminal psychedelic rock band. While the band plays on and old tensions rise, Chloe must navigate memory, history, and the lessons we've learned from the Sixties.



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