

Welcome!

New Member Materials 2024



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We are pleased that you've decided to join our dynamic learning and social community and believe that you will find it greatly rewarding.

By this time, you should have received some initial welcome emails with important information about new member orientations and how to sign up for OLLI COMM, our primary member communications tool. Please contact the OLLI office if you haven't received them.

This information packet will help you continue on your path to experiencing everything that OLLI@UGA has to offer.

Included in the Packet:

- List of Committees and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs). Joining one or more is an easy way to further your individual interests and talents, and connect on a small group level.
- Guidelines for registering for OLLI classes, events and trips, plus links to our how-to tutorials.
- Contact and location information for the OLLI office and a list of our vital community sponsors.

Here are comments from a few OLLI members:

“OLLI@UGA provided us with an easy way to make new friends and feel part of the Athens community when we first moved here.”

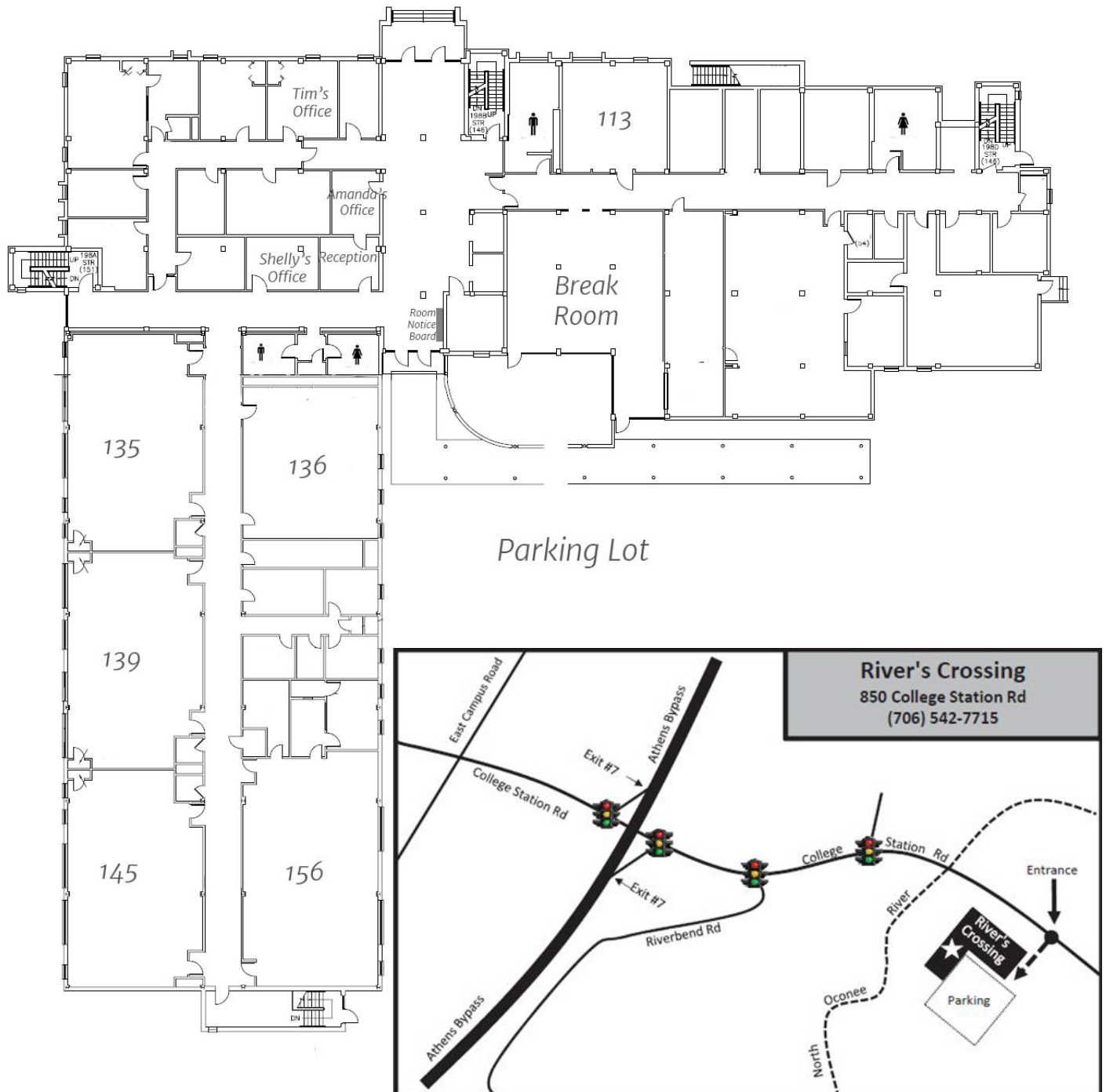
“OLLI@UGA has given me an opportunity to attend interesting classes and participate in social activities.”

“Participating in and helping with OLLI Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) has been an enjoyable way to gain a better understanding of all kinds of topics and make lots of friends.”

OLLI@UGA Campus

Most of our in-person classes take place at River's Crossing at 850 College Station Road in Athens. You will need to pay to park at River's Crossing between 8:00AM and 4:30PM.

Parking Passes for the Academic Year (through July 31, 2024) are available for purchase online. We recommend purchasing your parking tag ahead of your first class. If you do not wish to have an OLLI parking tag, please use the ParkMobile service provided by the University of Georgia.



OLLI@UGA Staff and Contact

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Contact

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2024 Shared Interest Groups (SIGs)

Meet new friends and socialize with members
who share similar interests



Aging & Longevity

Peter Balsamo, Leader

How are you aging? How can you benefit from research findings and other information about health, happiness, housing, and other topics of interest to those 50+? We meet as announced to consider these and other topics.



Book Discussion

Cheryl Copeland, Leader

Informal, convivial discussions of fiction, non-fiction, mystery, memoir, travelog, contemporary and classic books selected by group vote. We meet from 3:00 to 4:00 pm the second Thursday in Room LG-4 at Wesley Woods, 801 Riverhill Drive.



Cinema @ Ciné

Dennis Caughey, Leader

We meet as announced at Ciné (234 W Hancock Avenue), Athens' only independent Art House Cinema. Join us to watch and discuss a film with refreshments and snacks.



DNA for Genealogy

Laura Carter, Leader

Learn and share information about the ways DNA can help us make family connections. Join us at 3:00 pm on the first Sunday at announced locations.



Dots & Dragons

Caly DePalma, Leader

Join us to play American Mahjong from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on the second and fourth Thursdays in the break room at River's Crossing. Whether you're brand new to the game or a long-time player, all are welcome!



Enjoy Opera in Athens

John Songster, Leader

Join us Saturdays as announced for a MetOpera Live broadcast in HD at Beechwood Cinemas, preceded by a lunch presentation/discussion led by a UGA opera grad student at a local restaurant. We also attend UGA Opera Theatre productions and student recitals.



Euchre

Joe Beckner, Leader

You don't have to be from the Midwest to play this popular card game! Whether you're new or have played for decades come join the fun at 2:00 pm every Friday at Authentic Brewery, 108 Park Avenue.



Flash Mob Coffee

Cher Snyder, Leader

Spur-of-the-moment gatherings at local venues provide opportunities to meet and get to know fellow OLLI members over a cup of coffee or other beverage.



Garden Enthusiasts

Peter Smagorinsky, Leader

Join us as announced to tour commercial nurseries, organic farms, botanical gardens, and our own gardens. We share local knowledge, swap seeds and cuttings, and help each other with planning or planting a garden.



Happy Hikers

Sue Flemming & Jackie Rains, Leaders

Hikers meet as announced from September to May for hikes ranging from short to long and easy to challenging. We hike for fitness, fun with friends, and enjoyment of the marvels of nature.



Lunch Bunch

Glover Housman, Leader

Come socialize, meet new people, form new friendships, and enjoy wonderful food at locally owned Athens-area restaurants. Join this lively, friendly group at 1:00 pm the third Tuesday.



OLLI Walks

Lew Frazar, Leader

Improve your health while exploring Athens and getting to know other OLLI members! We stroll ~2 miles twice a week throughout local historical neighborhoods, parks, and gardens.

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Picture This!

Gary Whiting, Leader

We're all about photography with a focus on having fun with a camera or smartphone. No need to be a professional with fancy gear. All you need is a desire to learn more and a willingness to share!



Pinochle Posse

Lorraine Downie, Leader

For those who already play, have not played for some time, or have never played but wish to learn! We meet from 6:00 to 9:00 pm Mondays in Room LG-1 at Wesley Woods, 801 Riverhill Drive.



Poetry Writing – Wednesday Poets

Adrien Helm, Leader

We write together, share our efforts, and learn about poetic forms and the works of other poets. Join us from 2:00 to 4:00 pm every other Wednesday at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 780 Timothy Road.



Poker

Lorraine Downie, Leader

Ladies and gentlemen, all are welcome to join our "dealer's choice" games. We meet from 6:00 to 9:00 pm Mondays and from 5:00 to 9:00 pm Fridays in Room LG-1 at Wesley Woods, 801 Riverhill Drive.



R.O.M.E.O. - Retired Old Men Eating Out

Warren French, Leader

We meet for lunch and camaraderie at a different local restaurant at 11:45 am the first Tuesday. Join us as often as you please!



Socrates Café

Elizabeth Kraft, Leader

The Socrates Café features lively, wide-ranging discussions of topics suggested by our members. Experienced facilitator Dr. Nathan Gilmour uses a version of the Socratic Method to guide our discussions in an open atmosphere. We meet at 4:30 pm the second Tuesday at River's Crossing.



SoloSeniors

Vic Armstrong & Louise McElroy, Leaders

Our group fosters friendship, interaction, and camaraderie among OLLI members without partners. Join us for dinner at a different local restaurant at 6:00 pm the first Thursday, and online from 5:00 to 6:30 pm other Thursdays.



Splashdown!

Gary Whiting and Jack Hagerman, Leaders

Members ranging from beginner to expert enjoy kayaking and paddle sports on smooth lakes and easy-flowing rivers around the Athens area. We focus on safety and exploration while having fun! Paddling events are scheduled weather-permitting, and rentals are usually an option for those who need to rent a boat. If you enjoy the water, check us out!



Supper Club

Carolyn Ashley & Jean Crown, Leaders

Every January & September, members form Home and Restaurant groups. Home members take turns hosting a monthly dinner. Restaurant members dine together at a local venue of their choice. It's a great way to get to know OLLI members and enhance friendships!



WiseMEN

Peter Balsamo, Leader

Groups of 8-12 discuss common issues and challenges faced by men living in retirement, share each other's knowledge and expertise on a range of topics, and socialize in an informal environment. Meetings as announced.



Writing Memoir

Linda Jenkins, Leader

Members meet monthly to share life stories they are writing for their memoirs. Join us from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon the third Thursday at The Church at College Station, 1225 College Station Road (across from the UGA Veterinary School).

Standing Committees

Share your time and talents as a member of one or more standing or ad hoc committees. To join, please visit OLLI COMM, select SIGs/Committees from the left-hand menu. Scroll through the options, then click the 'request to join' button on the committee you'd like to join.

Curriculum

Creating great classes for great people
Monthly (2nd Wednesday, 12:00-1:30PM)
Chairs: Angela Greene / Lisa Myers

Finance

Monitoring our financial health
Monthly (2nd Monday, 2:00-3:00PM)
Chair: Vacant

Hospitality

Facilitating our Social Activities
Monthly (2nd Monday, 10:30-11:45AM)
Chair: Terry Kaley / Carolyn Schneider

Marketing/ Communications

Spreading the word about OLLI@UGA
Monthly (2nd Wednesday, 2:00-3:00PM)
Chair: Patricia Dixen

Membership

Recruiting, retaining, and engaging our members
Monthly (1st Tuesday, 2:00-3:15PM)
Chair: Joesi Pascual

Travel Study

Planning regional/domestic/international trips
Monthly (2nd Wednesday, 2:00-3:30PM)
Chair: Vacant

Examples of job descriptions for each committee can be found on the website (olli.uga.edu/volunteer) or ask at the New Member Orientation.

OLLI@UGA Board

OLLI@UGA is a member led and member run organization, both a 501(c)3 and as part of the University of Georgia.

Our Board works to support the mission of the organization

OLLI@UGA Board of Directors

Monthly (4th Monday, 1:00-2:30PM)

President: Dawn Torcivia

4 Officers, 10 Directors

Directors are nominated for a two year term.

These meetings are open to the membership.

OLLI@UGA Executive Committee

Chair: Dawn Torcivia (President)

Members: Officers, Executive Director, Board Liaison, Mary Frances Early College of Education Liaison, Past-President

Ad Hoc Committees

Some of our Committees meet to solve problems and assist the organization on an ad-hoc basis.

Bylaws and Policies

Documenting and disseminating bylaws/policies

Fund Development

Investing in our future

IT Committee

Ensuring that our IT systems work across the organization

Long Range Strategic Planning

Charting our course

Nominating

Finding Future Leadership for OLLI@UGA

If you are interested in any of these committees please email the Executive Director, Tim Meehan (timothy.meehan@uga.edu) who will be able to put you in touch with the appropriate volunteer.

Class and Event Registration

The online class and event registration site is used to:

- Register or renew your OLLI membership
- Register for available classes, luncheons, travel, and social events
- Register for a Parking Pass for River's Crossing
- Pay your account balance

[How to Register Video](#)

Signing in:

- Go to the olli.uga.edu website.
- Click the “**Members Area**” button in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
- Select the button that says “**Registration**” for Membership, Classes, Luncheons, Travel, Social Events. You will be taken to the registration Sign-in page.
- As a current member, enter the name and password you used to create your account under [Sign In to Existing Account](#). Then click “**Sign In.**”

Viewing and registering for classes, trips, and social events:

- Select the type of activity (Classes, Social Events, Travel) you wish to view.
- Browse through the selections by clicking on a category or alphabetical grouping.
- NOTE: Until registration opens for a particular activity or event, you may only preview it.
- Once you find the activity for which you wish to register, click the “**Add to Cart**” button. The activity will appear in your shopping cart. Click the “**Back**” button to continue shopping for other activities.

Checking out:

- When you have registered for as many activities and events as you wish, click the shopping cart, then follow instructions for payment and processing. You will receive a confirmation email upon completion of your order.

If you are using a public computer, please log out to keep your account secure.

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