



Newsletter

Changes Coming to Oasis this Fall

This fall, you'll notice a few changes at Oasis as we continue to strengthen our programs and invest in the vibrant community of lifelong learners that makes Oasis so special.

A class fee increase

We will be raising our class fees – something we have not done in five years. This adjustment will help us maintain and continue to grow the high-quality classes and programming you value. It also reflects our recent investment in increasing instructor compensation, helping us attract and retain the outstanding instructors who make Oasis classes such a rewarding experience.

We are committed to ensuring that cost is never a barrier to lifelong learning. If class fees present a financial hardship, we encourage you to inquire with our staff about an Oasis scholarship. Our scholarship fund helps make classes accessible so everyone can continue to learn, connect, and thrive.

A renewed focus on the in-person Oasis experience

One of our priorities is bringing people together. This fall, we will be significantly reducing the number of hybrid classes we offer so we can cultivate the in-person community that is central to our mission and sets Oasis apart from online-only learning opportunities.

We will continue to offer some classes exclusively online, along with a limited selection of hybrid classes, to provide flexibility for members who cannot always attend in person.

Recorded classes for participant flexibility

Many of our in-person lectures will now be recorded, so if you can't attend, or you'd like to watch a class again later, you'll have that opportunity. Look for the **"Recorded"** icon next to eligible classes in the fall catalog and on our website.

To align with similar organizations and encourage more instructors to participate in recordings, we are updating our recording policy. Beginning this fall, recorded classes will be available for **72 hours** after the recording link is emailed.

More opportunities to connect

Community is at the heart of Oasis, and we're excited to expand opportunities for members to connect outside the classroom. Look for more social gatherings, including Lunch Bunches, New Member Meetups, and informal Staff Coffee Chats. We'll share additional details in upcoming newsletters and in the fall catalog.

More interactive learning

In addition to our popular lectures, we'll be expanding our interactive offerings with more classes in art, mindfulness, and fitness, giving you even more ways to learn, create, and stay active.

We know change can take some getting used to, and we appreciate your support as we make these thoughtful adjustments to keep the Oasis community strong, engaging, and sustainable for years to come.

As always, we welcome your feedback and are happy to answer any questions. Please reach out to us a washingtonmetro@oasisnet.org