

Hello, Wildcats! Welcome back from spring break—spring is officially here! As the weather warms up, what activities are you and your friends most excited about?

It's only Week 3, and we hope you're finding a good balance between your coursework and your personal life. This is also the final quarter of the 2024–2025 academic year—how exciting for those of you preparing to graduate and for those moving up to the next chapter of your college journey!

As always, don't forget that the Off-Campus Life (OCL) office is here for you. Whether you're navigating the ins and outs of off-campus living in Evanston or Chicago, or just need some extra support, we're your first point of contact and happy to help year-round!

[Spring Blooms Are Here: Catch the Cherry Blossoms in Chicago!](#)

Did you miss cherry blossom season over spring break? Don't worry—the Chicago cherry blossoms are just beginning to bloom! It's the perfect time to plan a relaxing spring outing with friends! If you're interested in catching the beautiful Sakura views, be sure to check out popular spots.

o [Hanami - Cherry Blossoms](#)

[Time] April. 26th Sat from 1pm-3pm

[Location] Jackson Park, Garden of the Phoenix

6300 South Cornell Avenue Chicago, IL 60637

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[Location] 6401 S Stony Island Ave, Chicago, IL 60637

o Chicago Botanic Garden

[Location] 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe, IL, 60022



- o Morton Arboretum

[Location] 4100 IL-53, Lisle, IL, 60532

Upcoming Events

Off-Campus Coffee [May. 1st/From 5:30-7:00pm]



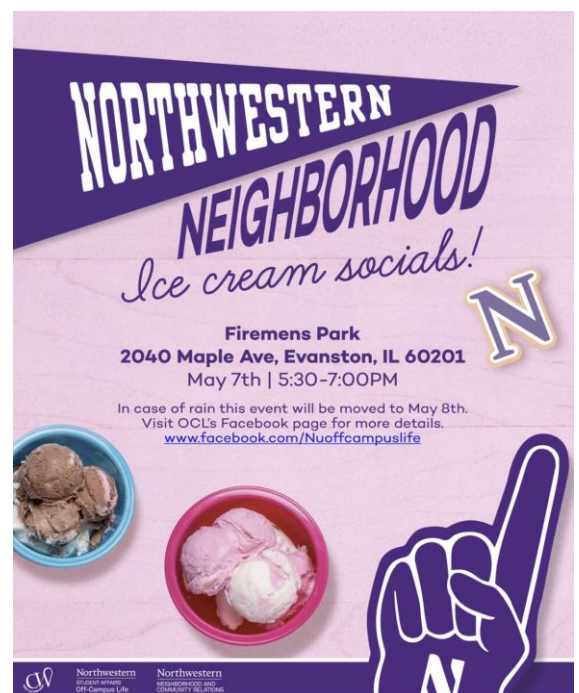
Brew & chill with us this May at 2131 Sherman!

Take a well-deserved break and join us for a relaxing coffee hangout on May 1st! We'll have free coffee, chill vibes, and fun games in a cozy space perfect for unwinding. Whether you're wrapping up school works or just need a breather, come sip your favorite brew, connect with friends, and recharge before summer begins. Don't miss out—swing by for good coffee, great company, and even better memories! And a

bonus: the residents hosting are all members of the excellent [Northwestern lacrosse team](#), so you'll be able to wish them good luck in their drive to a championship season!

Ice Cream Social [May. 7th (May. 8th, if it rains)/From 5:00-7:00pm]

Celebrate the end of the 2024–25 academic year with sweet treats and friendly faces at Firemen's Park! Join us for a community ice cream social where students and non-student neighbors can connect and enjoy free ice cream from C&W Market and Ice Cream Parlor (for the first 300 guests!). It's a great chance to unwind, build community, and wrap up the year together. Additionally, if it rains, the Ice Cream Social will be on May 8th. Be sure to check our Instagram and Facebook for updates. We can't wait to see you there!



Post-Dillo Clean Up [May. 18th/From 8:00-10:00am]



Let's keep the good vibes rolling after Dillo Day by giving back to our community! Join us for a fun and meaningful clean-up to help refresh our shared spaces. We'll bring all the supplies—you just bring your energy and your friends! Plus, enjoy a free breakfast as a thank-you for making campus cleaner and greener. It's a great way to wrap up the

weekend, meet others, and show some Wildcat pride. Let's clean up and celebrate together! Sign-up form: <https://forms.dosa.northwestern.edu/view.php?id=2362761>

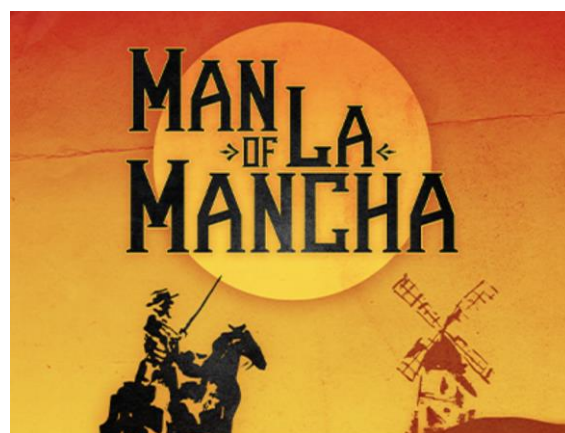
More Event YOU Want to Know About

Earth Day Celebration [April. 26th/From 12:00-3:00pm]

Join us for a fun and free [Earth Day](#) Fest at the Ladd Arboretum (2024 N McCormick Blvd, Evanston, IL 60201). Discover Evanston's vibrant eco-community through hands-on activities, inspiring resources, and nature-filled fun.

MAN OF LA MANCHA [April. 25th - May. 4th, on Campus]

[Man of La Mancha](#) is a Tony Award-winning musical inspired by Cervantes' Don Quixote. This bold reimagining, directed by Henry Godinez, sets the story in a U.S.-Mexico border detention center, where detained migrants stage a play about Don Quixote's quest for justice. With powerful themes of hope and resilience, the show features beloved



songs like “The Impossible Dream” and “Dulcinea.” For more information and ticket, visit

<https://ci.ovationtix.com/1771/production/1204000>

On Earth Film Festival 2025 [April. 22nd - 28th]

Celebrate Earth Week with the 14th annual [One Earth Film Festival!](#) This year’s theme, Power in Unity, highlights collective action for a sustainable future. Kicking off on



**one earth
FILM FESTIVAL**

Earth Day at Sarabande

Chicago, the fest features

inspiring speakers, award-

winning short films like Ocean

Monologue, and interactive art by

Nowhere Collective. With 25 thought-provoking films, panels, and events at 20+ locations across Chicagoland, there’s something for everyone. Don’t miss the Earth Day Action Fair and a screening of The Grab at the Chicago Cultural Center on April 27—perfect for students looking to get inspired and get involved!

Spring Arts & Crafts Fair [April. 24th/ From 3:00-6:00pm/ Norris Louis Room]

This free event is open to the public and welcomes everyone to the 2025 Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, showcasing creative work from the Northwestern community. A wide variety of unique art pieces—ranging from ceramics, jewelry, paintings, photography, and



prints to crochet,

stained glass,

sculptures, and

more—will be

available for

purchase at

different price points, making it easy to find the perfect gift or room decoration. In addition to browsing and supporting local artists, guests can enjoy themed craft activities and make

art of their own. It's a great chance for students to relax, get creative, and connect through the joy of making. Check out some of our past Art Vendors for a preview of what to expect!

Sport Information

There are many sports events happening in January, and we have limited space to list them all. However, you can visit our [calendar](#) to find the ones you're most interested in watching! Even in the cold weather, you can still be a passionate sports fan by checking our calendar for live games or updates on game statuses anytime. You are also warmly encouraged to attend the games in person and show your support by wearing purple! Just to keep your eyes on the [calendar](#) and [news](#)!

Places4Students

Some of you may be looking for a new place or hoping to sublet your current place. OCL does not host a listing service but *does* partner with one: [Places4Students](#). *Places4Students* can be utilized as you search for a new apartment, and to list a sublet. It is the only listing service that Off Campus Life recommends to landlords or rental companies who would like to rent to the Northwestern Community, as well as Northwestern Students, Faculty or Staff looking to rent. Students can utilize *Places4Students* **for free**, including listing a sublet.

Want to Discuss Your Off-Campus Life Experience?

Whether you have a leasing, sub-leasing, landlord, roommate, or community question, we are happy to connect.

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