

Hello, Wildcats! Welcome back from winter break and we hope you had a restful and joyful winter break filled with warmth and good memories. This is the second week of classes for the Winter Quarter, and we hope everything is going smoothly so far! We are the Off-Campus Life office (OCL), your first point of contact for navigating the challenges and opportunities of off-campus living in Evanston and Chicago, providing you with ongoing support throughout the year!



### Winter Tips and Snow Removal Reminders

As winter blankets Northwestern with its stunning snow-covered beauty, remember to bundle up and enjoy the picturesque campus scenery. Whether you're walking to class or sipping hot cocoa indoors, staying warm is essential for making the most of this season.

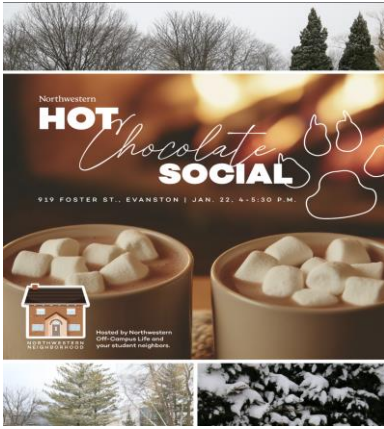
For students with cars, please take note of the snow sweeping regulations posted on signs near your residence. These ensure safe and efficient snow removal, so be sure to move your car accordingly to avoid fines or towing.



When do you move your car? When 2" or more of snow accumulates, parking is prohibited on snow routes (major thoroughfares) from 11 pm to 6 am. The city's emergency sirens will sound at 8:15 pm on snow route parking ban nights. If a Snow Emergency is declared (4" or more of snow), Odd/Even parking restrictions apply on non-snow routes from 8 am to 6 pm. On even dates, park on the even-numbered side, and on odd dates, park on the odd-numbered side. For more details, refer to the [City of Evanston](https://www.cityofevanston.org/DocumentCenter/View/11111).

### Upcoming Events

***Hot Chocolate [January. 22nd/From 4:00pm - 5:30pm]***



Warm up and unwind with OCL and our hosting partners: the Northwestern student residents [919 Foster St, Evanston!](#) Take a break from your busy schedule to build neighborhood community over a (free!) cup of hot chocolate. Whether you're looking to meet new friends or just enjoy a laid-back evening, this event is the perfect way to have some fun and recharge. Don't miss out—come sip, chat, and make great memories with us!

***Lunar New Year Celebration [January. 29th/From 4:00pm - 5:30pm]***

OISS and the Off-Campus Life office are collaborating to celebrate the New Year on January 29, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM in [room 3029 of the 1800 Sherman building!](#) Enjoy activities, games, souvenirs, and free food as we welcome the Year of the Snake. Share and learn about New Year traditions from around the world. Plus, discover how Evanston's new rental housing laws will benefit students in 2025. Celebrate, connect, and make new friends in this festive and informative event. Don't miss it—we can't wait to see you there!



***Winter Housing Fair [January. 31st/From 2:00pm - 4:00pm]***

Still looking for a place to live next year? OR, looking for resources to help make your move off-campus as successful and stress-free as possible? The housing fair will showcase local landlords and third-party vendors promoting their available properties and services. Additionally, representatives from Northwestern and the local community will be present to address questions regarding students' rights, responsibilities, and resources for off-campus living. Join us at the [Norris University Center, Louis Room](#), to explore your housing options and gather valuable information for off-campus living!



## [More Events YOU Want to Know About](#)

### *NCA Virtual Winter Career Fair [January 29th/From 12:00pm-4:00pm]*

The NCA Winter Career Fair will take place on Wednesday, January 29, from 12 PM to 4 PM via Handshake. This event is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and Northwestern alumni with an active Handshake account. Here is the registration [link](#).

After wrapping up your Career Fair experience, why not head over to the New Year's event (see above!) to continue the celebration?

### *Winter Chamber Music Festival [January 10th-26th/At Pick-Staiger Concert Hall]*

Embark on a captivating exploration of chamber music, spanning timeless classics and contemporary masterpieces, at the 2025 Winter Chamber Music Festival. Directed by Blair Milton and generously supported by the Allan R. and Ellen Drebin Opportunities Fund, this festival showcases renowned ensembles, including the Dover Quartet, Third Coast Percussion with Jessie Montgomery, and the Miró Quartet. Both single [tickets](#) and subscriptions are now available.

### *Woven Being: Art for Zhegagoynak/Chicagoland [January 25th-July 13th/At Block Museum of Art]*

Discover [Woven Being](#), a compelling exhibition celebrating the artistry of four Indigenous creators with strong ties to the Chicagoland area. Featuring a diverse range of works, from intricate birch bark biting to bold mixed media creations, this collection underscores the enduring impact and evolution of Indigenous art in the region. With over 80 pieces by 33 artists, the exhibition weaves together stories of the past, present, and future, exploring deep connections to land, materials, and culture.

## [Live Music in Downtown Evanston](#)

Enjoy free live music in [Downtown Evanston](#) from February through April 2025, with performances at three exciting venues—check the schedule below for details! Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience vibrant local and regional talent in the heart of Evanston's business district.



[BLUE HORSE TAVERN](#) | Tuesdays, 7pm-10pm | 1026 Davis Street

Scheduled Music:

- February 4, 11, 18, 25
- March 4, 11, 18, 25
- April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



[RIDGEVILLE TAVERN](#) | Thursday, 7pm-10pm | 1520 Sherman Avenue

Scheduled Music:

- February 6, 13, 20, 27
- March 6, 13, 20, 27
- April 3, 10, 17, 24



[BAT 17](#) | Fridays, 7pm-10pm | 1709 Benson Avenue

Scheduled Music:

- February 7, 14, 21, 28
- March 7, 14, 21, 28
- April 4, 11, 18, 25

## [Sport Information](#)

There are many sports events happening in January, and we have limited space to list them all. However, you can visit the NU Sports [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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