

Hello, Wildcats! As temperatures start to warm up, enjoy the sunshine on your commute to school. We hope you're doing well and looking forward to March! Just two more weeks until finals—are you ready for spring break?

As Spring Break approaches, if you're traveling, remember to secure your apartment by locking windows and doors, and securing valuables. For those staying in town, be sure to maintain a quiet and respectful environment for your neighbors. Consider checking in with your landlord about any property maintenance or safety concerns before leaving. Finally, don't forget to stay safe and explore some local spots or events to enjoy during your break. Safe travels, Wildcats!

Don't forget, we are the Off-Campus Life (OCL) office—your first point of contact for navigating the challenges and opportunities of off-campus living in Evanston and Chicago. We're here to provide you with ongoing support throughout the year!

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Begins Soon!

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday: March 9th at 2:00 AM! That means we spring forward and set our clocks one hour ahead. Be sure to adjust your clocks before going to bed on Sunday night so you don't miss any classes or commitments. While we lose an hour of sleep, we gain more daylight in the evenings—perfect for enjoying the warmer weather! This is also a great time to check your alarms and schedules to ensure a smooth transition. Stay on top of your time and have a great start to the week!



Events YOU Want to Know About

S'MORES On The Square [Sat/ Mar. 8th/ 5:00-7:00pm]

Downtown Evanston and the City of Evanston Parks & Recreation are thrilled to cohost the second annual [S'mores on the Square](#), a warm and inviting community event at Fountain Square. Gather around open fire pits, enjoy the cozy atmosphere, and indulge in this sweet tradition! Residents and visitors of all ages are welcome to join the fun.

Downtown Evanston will provide free s'mores kits (one per person) so you can roast the perfect golden-brown marshmallow over the fire pits, courtesy of Evanston Parks & Recreation. Want to make extras? Feel free to bring your own s'mores fixings and get creative! Don't miss



out on this deliciously fun event—see you at Fountain Square! Click here to [register](#) now and secure your spot, ensuring you have your s'mores pack for the event!

OPT Workshop for International Students [Tue/ Mar. 11th/ 2:00-3:00pm]

Winter graduates, if you plan to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), now is the time! If you haven't started yet, review the [OPT information](#) on our website and submit your OPT Recommendation request via the [OISS portal](#) before the deadline.

Spring 2025 graduates, are you interested in applying for OPT? Join our OPT Workshop to learn about the application process, eligibility requirements, timelines, and key tips for a smooth experience. This session will help ensure you're well-prepared to apply. [Registration](#) is required—sign up now to secure your spot!

Evanston Renters Coming Together [Thu/ Mar. 13th/

6:00-7:30pm]

Nearly half of Evanston's residents are renters, and thanks to community efforts, tenant protections were strengthened this past summer with improvements to the local landlord-tenant ordinance.

We want to ensure our students are aware of these important changes and their new rights! Hosted by local community resources, renters can learn about their rights and explore ways to further improve

housing protections in Evanston. Renting can be challenging, but together, we can work toward a more secure and supportive community. Please **register** in advance and join the gathering @ YWCA Evanston/North Shore, 1215 Church Street.

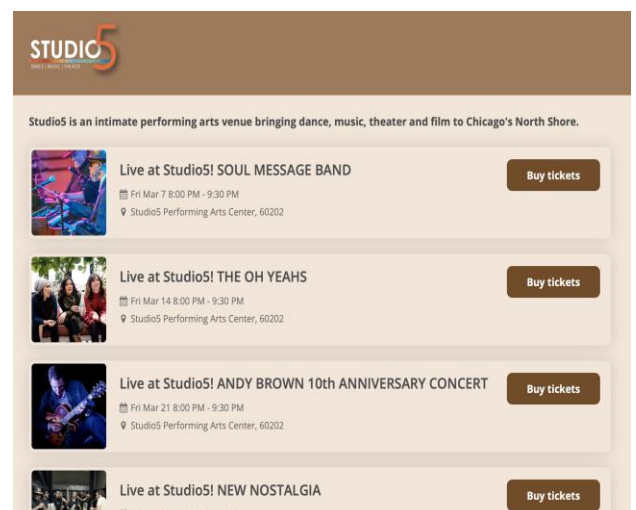


Live at Studio5!: The Oh Yeahs [Fri/ Mar. 14th/ 8:00pm]

The acoustic female trio, The Oh Yeahs—featuring Leslie Beukelman, Allison Orobia, and Sarah Marie Young—is celebrated for their stunning vocal harmonies and genre-blending sound. Having recently completed their latest recording, Painted

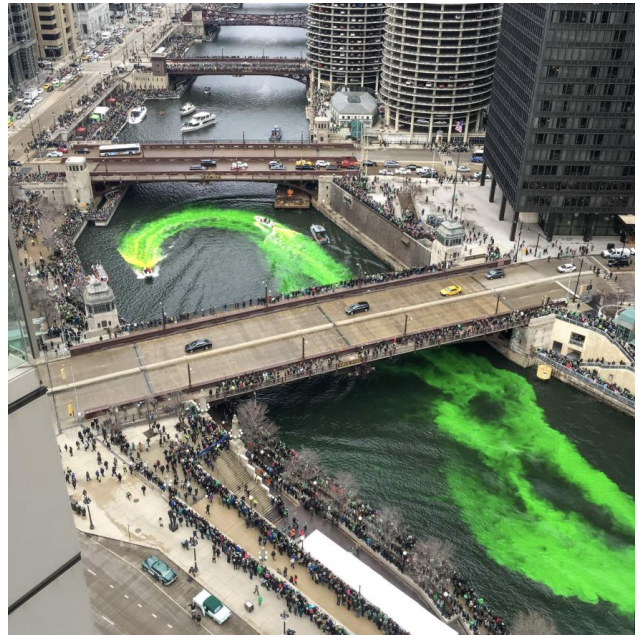
Leaves, the group will bring their new album to life in this special concert, joined by a full rhythm section including Jim Tashjian and Matt Gold on guitar, Bryan Doherty on bass, and Jon Deitemyer on drums. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of captivating melodies

and rich, soulful arrangements! The location at Studio5 Performing Arts Center, 1938 Dempster Street, Evanston. Purchase **ticket** here.



Chicago River Dye-ing [Sat/ Mar. 15th/ 10:00am]

One of the nation's most iconic St. Patrick's Day traditions is the dyeing of the Chicago River. If you're interested in seeing the transformation in person, head to State and Columbus, where boats will spread the dye until the river turns completely green. If you can't make it that day, don't worry—the vibrant green color will remain for at least a month, giving you plenty of time to witness this festive spectacle!



Maggie Daley Ice Skating Ribbon

Spring is just around the corner—so don't miss your chance to go ice skating while you can! Enjoy gliding along the Ice-Skating Ribbon at Maggie Daley Park, surrounded by trees, bushes, and natural scenery, all with the stunning Chicago skyline as your backdrop. Reservations are required whether you bring your own skates or rent them. Book your spot and [learn more!](#)

Free Museum Days in Chicago

Explore Chicago's award-winning museums for free! This list features 12 iconic museums offering free admission days, along with a selection of museums that are always free year-round. Don't miss this chance to experience world-class exhibits without spending a dime! This [website](#) provides you with the options to check out!

[3.14 Pi Day](#)

March 14, celebrated as Pi Day (3.14), marks not only a tribute to the mathematical constant, π , but also coincides with the conclusion of the spring quarter. It's the perfect occasion to indulge in circular sweets and treats. Looking for deals and discounts on pie or pizza this Pi Day? Here is a [link](#) to a few options in Chicago!



[Sport Information](#)

There are many sports events happening in February, 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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