

OCL Newsletter – Fall Quarter — November

Hello, Wildcats! Happy November! 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!

Past Event Highlights

Study Abroad Fair [October 23rd]

The Study Abroad Fair was a successful event, attracting numerous undergraduate students interested in learning about diverse study abroad programs. Students gained valuable guidance on handling housing arrangements while abroad, helping them prepare for their international studies while navigating potential housing challenges confidently.

Housing Fair [November 7th]

The Fall Housing Fair successfully brought together local landlords, community and city resources, and Northwestern representatives to showcase available properties and services. Over 100 students engaged directly with landlords and gained insights into housing options. Additionally, community and university representatives provided valuable information on students' rights, responsibilities, and off-campus resources, equipping students with essential knowledge for future housing decisions. Did you miss the Fair? You can always reach out to the Off-Campus Life office with your questions, concerns, and requests for advice! See the end of this newsletter for our contacts.

Upcoming Events

Recharge and Relieve! [December 9th, 10 AM-Noon]

To keep spirits high during finals and provide a lucky boost, Off-Campus Life invites Northwestern students to stop by our office in Scott Hall for coffee and donuts! We'll also

have information to share about preparing to leave your apartment for the long Winter Break!

THE NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

Northwestern's Homecoming and Reunion Weekend is set for November 11–16, offering students a chance to connect, celebrate, and create lasting memories.

Undergraduate alumni with class years ending in 4 or 9 are celebrating milestone reunions this year. There will be exciting events, activities, and opportunities to reconnect with friends and alumni. You are encouraged to join the fun but reminded to prioritize safety throughout the festivities. For more details on event times and locations, check the official Northwestern Alumni Association website and Planit Purple.



Thanksgiving Is Coming...

"The holiday spirit is in the air—Thanksgiving is coming soon, and it's the perfect time to celebrate all that we're thankful for!"

Thanksgiving Riddles

1. What's always full of stuffing but never eats a bite?
2. I'm orange and round, sometimes in a pie, or carved with a face for a spooky surprise. What am I?

3. I come once a year, bringing family near. I inspire thanks and cheer, along with turkey and pie. What am I?

Cooking for Friends and Family on Thanksgiving!

Looking for a way to show your gratitude to others on Thanksgiving? Why not surprise your family, friends, or neighbors with a homemade treat! Doing something as simple as cooking a dish from the heart can make a huge difference. Here are some options to share warmth and gratitude through food—it's a delicious way to make someone's day special! 😊



One idea is a savory twist on the traditional sweet potato casserole, featuring a nutty crumble topping instead of marshmallows. For more detail,

check out this recipe: <https://www.loveandlemons.com/sweet-potato-casserole/>

If you'd like even more options, here's another source with ideas:

<https://www.elonedge.com/blog/2021/11/11/easy-thanksgiving-meals-for-college-students>

Thanksgiving Break Safety Tips



As Thanksgiving approaches, it's essential to keep safety in mind, whether you're traveling or staying in your apartment. Here are some guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday for everyone:

If You're Traveling Home:

- **Unplug Appliances:** Reduce fire hazards by unplugging all non-essential appliances before leaving.
- **Lock Up:** Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked before you leave.
- **Inform Roommates:** Let your roommates know your travel plans to coordinate any shared responsibilities or security concerns.

If You're Staying Home:

- **Monitor Cooking:** Keep an eye on anything cooking in the kitchen to prevent accidental fires; never leave food unattended on the stove.
- **Check Smoke Detectors:** Test smoke detectors to ensure they're in working order.
- **Secure Your Apartment:** Lock doors and windows at all times, even when your home, to maintain security.
- **Coordinate with Roommates:** Discuss holiday plans to avoid unexpected guests or noise issues and respect any quiet hours.
- **Mind Occupancy Limits:** If hosting friends, be mindful of your apartment's occupancy limits and keep walkways clear for safety.
- **Be a Good Neighbor:** Let neighbors know if you're planning a gathering, communicate openly, and respect noise levels

Northwestern Athletics Update

Are you a sports enthusiast looking to add some excitement to your campus life? Did you know Northwestern boasts one of the nation's top lacrosse teams? Whether you're a lifelong fan or new to the game, now's the perfect time to get involved and show your Wildcat pride!

Mark your calendars for game days ([schedule here](#)) and stay up-to-date with the latest sports news ([NU Sports news](#)). Don't forget to wear your best purple gear to cheer on the 'Cats—let's make every game day unforgettable!

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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