

Hello, Wildcats! 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.

A brand-new school year is here, and we are looking forward to offering you whatever support you may need in the off-campus neighborhood where you live! Whether you're returning to your favorite off-campus spot or moving into a new place, this is the perfect time to start fresh, meet new friends, and make the most of everything our community has to offer.

Read on for upcoming events hosted by our office or community partners, and for resources that can help you get started in your off-campus experience.

We Welcome You to Your Neighborhood!

Each of the communities where students tend to live has welcome resources for those new to the neighborhood. If you are an Evanston resident, the City of Evanston has a page of resources just for you: <https://www.cityofevanston.org/residents/nu-student-resources>.

Meanwhile, if you are a resident of Rogers Park in Chicago, where many of our students live, please check out your Alderman's page: <https://www.49thward.org/ourward>. If you live elsewhere in Chicago, find your Alderman here: https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mayor/iframe/lookup_ward_and_alderman.html.

What's Going On This September?

Ice-Cream Social

- September 17, 5:30pm–7:00 PM (Rain date: September 24)
- Firemens Park, 2040 Maple Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

Join us for a sweet treat and great company at our [Ice Cream Social](#)! Meet neighbors and connect with the community while enjoying free ice cream. Ice-cream will be provided by C&W Market and Ice Cream Parlor to the first 300 participants!



Big Bite Night

- October 5, 3:00pm-5:00pm
- Check in at **Fountain Square** (intersection of Davis Street and Sherman Avenue, next to Sweetgreen)

Free tastes from local restaurants! Downtown Evanston is excited to welcome Northwestern students for Big Bite Night—a self-guided food tour through the neighborhood! Bring your Northwestern Wildcard to participate and enjoy complimentary bites from local restaurants. Food will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, and some spots may run out before the event ends—so come early! For more details and a full list of participating restaurants, visit this [website](#).



Explore Evanston History with Families and Friends



Looking for something fun to do with your family while in town for student move-in?

Check out the new Downtown Evanston initiative in partnership with the Evanston History Center. In the [website](#) highlights

fascinating local history, and by

downloading the Vibemap app, you can join a gamified version of the tour—earning points and prizes through **November 1**.

Bulk Trash Pickup – September Dates



Got some big items you're ready to toss? Good news! If you live in the area bordered by Sherman Avenue, Ridge Avenue, Noyes Street, and Emerson Street, Northwestern's Neighborhood and Community Relations office is sponsoring bulk trash pickups on **Tuesday, September 16, 23, and 30**. This is the perfect time to get rid of those oversized items that won't fit in your regular bins. Just

place your bulk items at the curb the night before, and the city will take care of the rest.

Please avoid blocking sidewalks or driveways!

If you live outside the area noted above, please follow the instructions for bulk trash pickup in Evanston, available [here](#).

In Chicago, students should call their sanitation ward superintendent to [arrange a bulk pickup](#).

Street Parking

As students return to their apartments, it is important to remember that parking on city streets comes with specific rules that can vary from block to block. Always take time to read the posted signs carefully, since street cleaning schedules, restricted hours, and time limits are strictly enforced. If you plan to park regularly in the same neighborhood, it may be worthwhile to look into whether a residential parking permit is available and apply as early as possible to avoid unnecessary tickets. Taking a few minutes to double-check the rules before leaving your car can save you both stress and money.



Evanston parking regulations are available [here](#). Chicago residents should check out the [City Clerk website instead](#).

Being a Respectful Neighbor: Managing Noise

Noise travels easily, and it is one of the most common concerns among neighbors. To help create a positive living environment, keep in mind that music, gatherings, or even late-night conversations can quickly become disruptive when they carry beyond your walls. [City ordinances, and many apartment complexes, have](#)



[designated quiet hours during the evening and overnight](#), so being mindful of those times is an important part of off-campus living. If you know you will be hosting something that might be a little louder than usual, letting your neighbors know in advance can go a long

way toward building trust and avoiding conflict. Tips on being a great neighbor can be found on the [Off-Campus Life website](#), including tips for [hosting gatherings at your home](#).

Chicago's noise ordinances differ from Evanston's, so [look here](#) for those resources.

Sport Information

Are you a sports fan? Do you know Northwestern's fascinating top sport lacrosse? Are you hoping sports become something you'll follow while here at Northwestern? Keep your eyes on the calendar (<https://nusports.com/calendar>) and news (<https://nusports.com/>)! Wear purple to show your support!

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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