

OCL Newsletter

Second-Year Student Edition

April 2, 2026

"Spring has returned. The earth is like a child that knows poems."

— Rainer Maria Rilke

Hello, Wildcats! Welcome back and happy spring quarter! We hope you had a restful and refreshing Spring Break and found some time to recharge. Whether you spent the break traveling, staying on campus, or simply taking it easy, we are so glad to have you back.

We are the Off-Campus Life office (OCL), your first point of contact for navigating the challenges and opportunities of off-campus living, and providing support throughout the year.

Off-Campus Housing Website Now Live!

Northwestern's Off-Campus Housing Website is the NEW go-to resource for students searching for housing near campus. Through the site, students can browse rental listings, look for roommates, post free sublets, and explore housing-related resources designed to support the off-campus housing search. It offers one convenient place to start planning for your next move and explore available options.

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for 'Northwestern', 'Housing', 'Roommates', 'Resources', and 'Add a Listing'. On the right, there are links for 'Sign In / Sign Up' and a logo for 'Apartments.com' with the text 'in partnership with'. The main banner features an aerial view of the university campus with a lake and the text 'Welcome to Northwestern University' and 'Off-Campus Housing Website'. Below the banner is a 'View Rentals' button. The interface is divided into four columns, each with a representative image and a call to action:

- Students, Faculty & Staff:** Image of a large building. Text: "Sign up here to start your search. - Search for housing"
- Looking for a Roommate?** Image of three students talking. Text: "Create your profile to start connecting with others looking for off-campus roommates!"
- Post a Free Student Sublet:** Image of a student reading. Text: "Going Abroad? Need someone else to rent your space? Register here to post a free sublet"
- Property Listers:** Image of a garden path. Text: "Sign up to get started. - Create your property listing"

OCL Events and Opportunities!

A map titled "Milestone Boulevard" showing various event locations and details:

- Housing Hub Lane:**
 - Winter Housing Fair (2/12)
 - How to Find Housing
 - OCL's Housing Listing Service
 - Renters Insurance
- Wellness Way:**
 - Paws 'n' Pals (2/5)
 - Winter Maintenance
 - Fair Housing
- Flavor Street:**
 - Eat Well, Live Well: Cooking Demo (2/16)
 - Community Cookbook
- Money Matters Road:**
 - Budgeting (with US Bank) (4/8)
 - Budgeting
 - Good Neighbor Relations
- Halfway Circle:**
 - Halfway There (4/16)

Map Key:

- In-Person Events (Yellow square)
- Norris Tabling Events (White square)

Don't miss the final Neighborhood of Knowledge events! With only two programs and three tabling visits remaining, now is the perfect time to join in. The program helps students build useful off-campus living knowledge through programs and activities offered across the Winter and Spring Quarters. Plus, eligible participants will be entered to win fabulous prizes like...



Thriving Off Campus-Guide to Independence, Budgeting, and Success | April 8th | 5:30-7:00 pm | Shepard Hall!

Living off campus comes with a lot of freedom — and a lot of expenses. Join us for a practical, easygoing workshop on building a budget that actually works for student life. We'll talk about managing rent, utilities, groceries, and fun

spending, while also covering saving tips, expense tracking, and the basics of credit. Come learn useful money skills, ask questions, and enjoy free dinner from Hecky's BBQ while you're at it! Can't attend in person? You won't get the BBQ, but you can still get the knowledge when you [sign up](#) for the virtual option!

THRIVING OFF-CAMPUS
GUIDE TO INDEPENDENCE, BUDGETING, AND SUCCESS

With South Area & Dr. Greenwell, Off Campus Life and US Bank

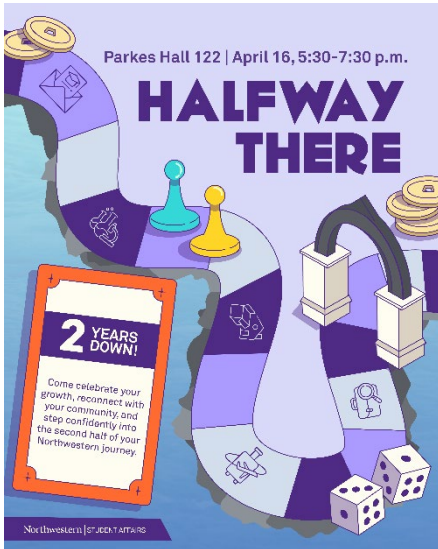
WEDNESDAY April 8 5:30-7 PM

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Northwestern STUDENT AFFAIRS Off-Campus Life

Neighborhood of Knowledge Event

Halfway There! | April 6th | 5:30-7:30 pm | Parkes Hall



You've made it through sophomore year—now it's time to level up your independence, and celebrate besides! Off-Campus Life and Student Transition Experiences invite you to a celebration your HALFWAY THERE with a photo booth, music, activities, great food, and many giveaways! We'll also have resources to help you prepare for your junior year, for moving off-campus, and all that is yet to come for your time at Northwestern!

OCL Tabling Events

Stop by our tabling events and see what we have to share!

- Budgeting: April 2nd @ Norris Entrance
- Renters Insurance: April 9th @ Norris Entrance
- Being a Good Neighbor: April 22nd @ Norris Entrance

Campus Events

Smart Strategies for Stretching Dollars | April 23rd @ 4:30pm | April. 24th @ 12:00pm

Empower yourself to stretch your dollars with these strategies around budgeting, saving, managing debt, accessing resources, and building positive financial habits. Learn about practical tips and where to find additional support.

[Sign up here!](#)



Evanston Activities

Let's Eat Challenge | Ongoing Through May 15!

Hungry? Join Downtown Evanston's "Let's Eat Challenge" to explore great restaurants while earning badges – earn enough and you'll be eligible to win a \$100 gift card! Find all the details at the Downtown Evanston website.



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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