

# OCL Newsletter

## Second-Year Student Edition

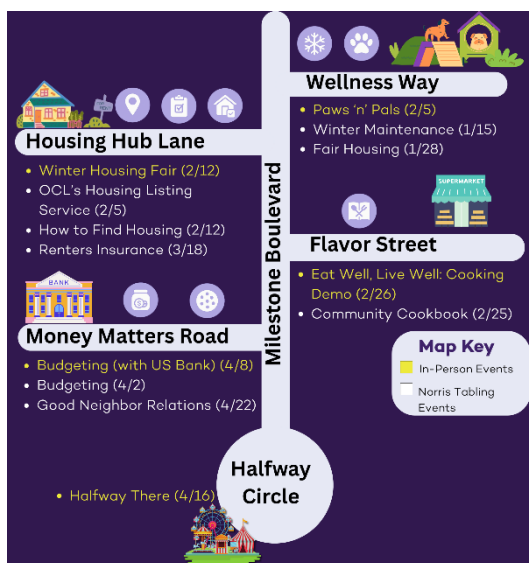
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What a year January was! Welcome to February; we here in OCL are glad we all made it, and just in time to have a whole bunch of opportunity coming your way in the next month. From pets, to a housing fair, to a cooking demonstration, you'll be able to get a lot of what you need to prepare to move off-campus. Looking forward to meeting many of you!

## OCL Events and Opportunities!

### Neighborhood of Knowledge



OCL's [Neighborhood of Knowledge series](#) continues in February! Over the course of the Winter and Spring Quarters, you can participate in programs, tabling events, and online/social media activities. You'll learn about things like cooking, budgeting, handling pets and service animals, and being a great neighbor! Many programs have individual giveaways, but you can also win great prizes by participating in activities through the Winter and Spring Quarters! [See the full schedule of events here](#). Each in-person event will also be advertised on our [Instagram](#), and our [Events page](#).

Every program and tabling event listed below counts towards the great prizes!

### See Us at Norris!

On the following Thursdays in February, OCL will be at a table in Norris' front entrance lobby with information to help you live well off-campus, and to share activities you can participate in! All tabling events count for the Neighborhood of Knowledge program!

- **February 5:** In March, OCL will be switching to a new housing listing service for rentals, subleases, and roommates. Stop by to get the details on the change and how we think it will benefit you!
- **February 12:** It's the Housing Fair! Stop at our table to spin the wheel for fun OCL swag, and then stop at the Housing Fair in the Louis Room to talk with over 15 housing providers and a bunch of campus and community resources!
- **February 25:** In preparation for our Eat Well Live Well program on February 26, stop at this table to make an addition to OCL's Community Cookbook!

## ***Paws 'n' Pals***

Need a break and a boost? Miss your furry friend from home? Join SOA and Off-Campus Life at Paws and Pals – a time for furry friends, trivia, pizza, and fun!

Paws 'n' Pals offers time and space to build connections with other students moving, or living, off-campus – *and* to learn practical info on disability inclusion and what to do if you experience housing discrimination. Join us at Parkes Hall 120-122 on February 5th from 6:30-8:30PM! Registration in advance is not required... see you there!



## ***Winter Housing Fair***

Still haven't found the perfect spot to live off campus next year? Don't worry – you are definitely not alone! Come to the Winter 2026 Housing Fair, on February 12, 1-3 PM at the Louis Room in Norris Student Center, to connect with landlords, property managers, and campus/community resources who can assist when problems arise! There is still plenty of time to find a place to live, and you can also learn all about the leasing process by joining us. The many resources available make this a good event to attend, even if your housing for next year is secure – you never know when you might need a hand from an advocate, or a city staff person!

## ***Eat Well, Live Well: Cooking Demonstration***

Love to cook or want to learn? On Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM, Off Campus Life, the Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness, NU Dining, and South RD Dominique are bringing a cooking demonstration to South Area's Shepard basement kitchen! You'll learn about healthy cooking at home, including ingredients and hands-on experience interacting with a cooking demonstration. Sign-up to prepare and enjoy heart healthy turkey chili. Attendees will receive a free starter spatula, and one lucky guest will win a "Mamma Mia Pizza Kit". Space is limited, so [register to prepare for cooking off-campus!](#)



## **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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