

OCL Newsletter

October 13, 2025

Hello, Wildcats! Happy October! Congratulations on making it through the first 4 weeks of the quarter. We hope you've all been settling into your classes, and extracurriculars well. We at the Off-Campus Life office (OCL) are wishing everyone a happy fall, and we are writing to remind you of the exciting things coming soon in our office, along with special events in the Evanston and Chicago areas and support you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding off-campus living. We'd also like to share a special credit for Andrew Lenkowsky, a junior here at Northwestern, who is assisting with our newsletter development this year. Thanks, Andrew, and welcome!

October Advice

Halloween Is Near!

Keep the fun going and avoid the scaries this Halloween by continuing to be a great neighbor. Here are couple of key tips from [OCL's guide to being a good neighbor](#) while hosting events:

- Discuss plans with neighbors ahead of time, including how to communicate about concerns that may arise.
- Keep music and voices within the bounds of [Evanston's noise ordinances](#)
- [Take good care with alcohol!](#) This includes managing [your responsibility as a social host](#), and [making the right call for help under Northwestern's Amnesty through Responsible Action](#) when someone overconsumes.
- Clean up any litter or decorations left behind before 10 AM on the following day.
- And, if you have any questions about hosting a gathering, feel free to reach out to OCL for consultation. Enjoy a fun and safe Halloween while being a thoughtful community member.

Bike Safety and Registration:

Bike theft is a common problem for Northwestern students, both on- and off-campus. One thing that can help is bike registration. Both [Evanston](#) and [Northwestern](#) have easy programs to use to register your bike – and Northwestern's program qualifies you to receive a free helmet and light, as well! Take a minute to protect your means of getting to

campus quickly and easily! Also remember to always lock up your bike while unattended, and if you do not own a bike lock, consider purchasing one!

What To Look Out For:



Fall Housing Fair:

Looking for off-campus housing soon? Still have questions about the application and leasing process? Come to the Fall 2025 Housing Fair to connect with landlords, property managers, and campus/community resources—all in one place! Stop by the Norris University Center, Louis room on November 4, 2:00pm-4:00pm to ease your housing search experience.



Northwestern Symphony Orchestra:

Stop by Pick-Staiger Concert Hall during family weekend for performances from the NU Symphony Orchestra on October 18th from 7:30-9:30PM. [Tickets](#) cost \$5 for students with valid ID and \$8 for the general public.

Learn to Budget Well!



Are you ready to take control of your financial future?

This engaging and interactive workshop is designed specifically for college students who want to understand how credit works—and how to use it wisely. You'll learn the fundamentals of building and maintaining a strong credit score, managing debt responsibly, and making informed borrowing decisions that align with your personal goals.

Whether you're just starting out or already navigating student loans and credit cards, this session will equip you with practical tools and insights to boost your financial confidence. Plus, you'll get access to free one-on-one coaching, fun activities like Kahoot, and resources that can help you earn scholarships and gift cards while learning.

ATTEND THE WORKSHOP

October 22, 2025 | 1:00 PM CT / 5:00 PM CT
October 24, 2025 | 12:00 PM CT



Register by scanning
the code or visiting
event.me/X13oMg

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Family Weekend

Northwestern is look forward to inviting families to Evanston for Family Weekend which will take place Friday, October 17 – Sunday, October 19, 2025! Please check out the tentative [program schedule](#) which is subject to change.

The Family Weekend Signature Events section are events sponsored by Family Engagement and may require you to purchase a ticket. Please note, all ticket sales are final; no refunds will be given. If you have any questions regarding Family Weekend 2025, please email family@northwestern.edu. We hope you will plan to join us for three purple-proud days this fall at Northwestern University. Go 'Cats!

2025 Truck or Treat!

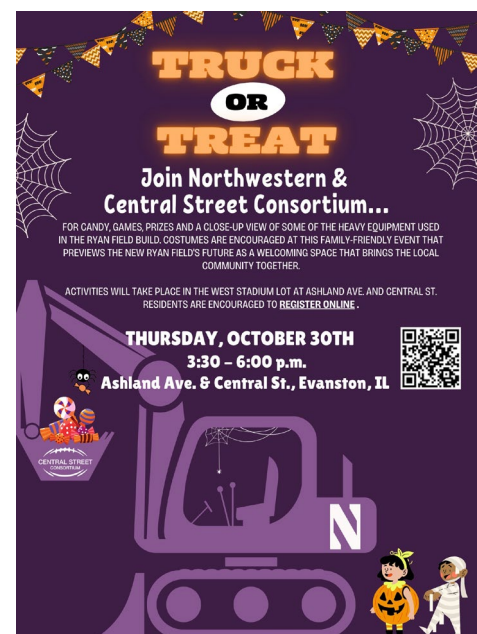
We are gearing up for the 2025 Truck or Treat community event and we'd love to have you join us for a spooky good time! Stop by Ryan Field West Parking Lot on Thursday, October 30 for holiday treats and giveaways from local businesses, student groups, and organizations. All are welcome to contribute or stop by, in or out of costume, for family-friendly games and activities, photo opportunities with decorated vehicles, and a safe and welcoming environment for kids and families to enjoy Halloween fun

There are a few different ways that you can support what should be a fun-filled event:

- Come out and just be a part of the event ([RSVP](#))
- If you represent a student organization, you can sign up your group to distribute holiday treats ([Sign-up Form](#))

NU Sports

Are you a sport fan? Do you know Northwestern's fascinating top sport lacrosse? Are you hoping sports become one of the things making your life exciting? Keep your eyes on the



calendar (<https://nusports.com/calendar>) and news (<https://nusports.com/>)!

Remember to 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!

Survey:

How has your experience been living off-campus? We want to hear from you! Fill out [this survey](#) to suggest any improvements, events, or any other ideas our office could implement to make your experience better.

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