



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From the Office for Off-Campus Living

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Happy summer, Gophers! Hope everyone enjoyed their 4th of July weekend, and is making the most of their Minneapolis summer! As leases are ending, don't be afraid to reach out to OCL for your off-campus needs, or visit [our website](#) for resources! Also, keep up with OCL on social media for local events, activities, and recommendations that can help stir up your summer!

Stay safe, and go Gophers!

-Your Off-Campus Liaisons



Gaps Between Leases: What Do I Do?

Many students have reported having issues with their leases ending prior to the start of

their next lease - creating a "gap" where they have no apartment to live in or store all of their stuff. **Because of this, it is critical that all students check their old lease and their new lease to see if there is a gap between the two.**

This is an inconvenience at the least, but can also be a serious financial impediment for students already struggling just to get by. Here are some options for students who have a gap between their leases:

- First things first, email both your current landlord and your future landlord and explain the situation to them. There's no guarantee they will be able to accommodate your needs, but it's certainly worth a shot.

- For storing your stuff, we would recommend either asking a friend or keeping them in a storage locker. If you have any friends nearby that are living in a house with a little bit of storage room, we recommend you ask them if you can store your stuff there for a few days (or however long your gap is). If this isn't an option, we recommend you check out the list of storage companies in our [resource directory](#). Sadly, you will likely have to rent out a locker for an entire month but some of the options available aren't too expensive; Think about sharing a locker with some friends in the same situation to save money. A 10x10 space is on average \$150 - \$180/month.

- Finding a place to stay for a few days is also tricky. If the option is available to you, you may want to move in back with your parents for a few days. If not, you can call around to some of your friends to see if they will let you "couch surf" for a few days. If you have a few bucks to spend, you might wanna look into getting an [AirBNB](#) for the length of a "gap" (AirBNB tends to be cheaper than a typical hotel).

We understand that none of these options are ideal & that this issue is a major headache for many students. But if you follow some of the above suggestions, you might be able to turn that major headache into a slightly less major headache.



Exploring Off-Campus: Les Bolstad Golf Course

Welcome to Off-Campus Living's new social media campaign, titled "Exploring Off-Campus"! This campaign is aimed specifically for those who are staying at UMN over the summer, and are looking for new places to explore, eat at, and visit!

July is the perfect time for golf, which means you should take advantage of the University of Minnesota's [Les Bolstad golf course](#)! Located right across from the St. Paul campus on 2275 Larpenteur Ave W, Les Bolstad is the perfect golf course for the UMN student looking for cheap yet quality golf.

Accompanied by its own [driving range](#), Les Bolstad offers small (40 balls for \$6.00), medium (75 balls for \$11.00) and large (150+ balls for \$17.00) buckets of golf balls to help practice your swing. Open from 6:00am-7:30pm on Mondays, 9:00am-8:30pm on Tuesdays, and 6:00am-8:30pm on Wednesdays through Sundays, there's a ton of availability to hit our Big10 rivals golf ball targets.

As for the [golf course](#), student rates start at \$15.00 for the Student Sunset deal, \$22.00 for the Student Twilight deal, and \$24.00 for 18 holes during any other time. For golf carts, it's \$17.00 for 18 holes and \$11.00 for 9 holes, and for using a push cart, it's \$7.00 for 18 holes and \$3.50 for 9 holes. Other fares for seniors, leagues, and club rentals can be found on the [Les Bolstad Rate information page](#), but remember that after 3:00pm on Wednesdays, kids under 17 golf for free with a paid adult!

If you are interested in [purchasing a season pass](#), taking a [virtual tour of the course](#), taking PGA certified [lessons at Les Bolstad](#), or booking your [tee time at Les Bolstad](#), visit the [Les Bolstad website](#) for more details! Otherwise, take advantage of these deals while you can and tee off!

Staying Chill When Summer Has No Chill

The heat during Minnesota summers can reach some pretty high temperatures, so it's important to stay hydrated & cool as much as possible. The cool part can be difficult for some folks who do not have central air or air conditioning within their residence. Although this is certainly an inconvenience, here are a few tips on places you can go to stay cool during toasty summer days:

- Go to the movies. Honestly, there isn't much better than going to see a movie on a hot day. The nice air conditioned-theater will completely take your mind off of the obnoxious sun rays outside.
- Take refuge at a coffee shop or restaurant. Pretty much any restaurant or coffee shop worth their salt is going to have A/C. It might cost you the price of a scone or some fries, but it'll be worth it if you would otherwise have to suffer under 90+ degree temperatures inside your apartment.
- Hangout someplace on-campus. It may feel awkward to just hang around campus when you aren't currently enrolled in classes, but there are so many nice cool buildings around the U of M which stay nice & cool.
- Head to the beach! We have a whole section below on the different beaches in the area - check it out!
- Go to the mall. The mall is just a car-trip/light-rail ride away. You may be tempted to spend lots of money, though, with this one - so beware.

Regardless of where you are going, you should be sure to drink lots of that H₂O. According to one expert in a Huffington Post [article on the subject](#), you should be drinking 2 - 4 liters of water every day,



Beaches of Minnesota...And Where To Find Them!

This summer, utilize the 10,000 lakes of Minnesota by exploring its wonderful beaches! The [Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board](#) lists twelve beaches at six lakes that are open during regular park hours, which is 6am-12 midnight in developed areas, and 6am-10pm in

undeveloped areas. Check out more information below on beaches near you, and what they have to offer:

- [Bde Maka Ska 32nd Street Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 3200 E Calhoun Parkway.
- [Bde Maka Ska North Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 2707 Lake Street W.
- [Bde Maka Ska Thomas Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 3700 Thomas Ave. S.
- [Cedar Lake East Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 2000 Upton Ave. S.
- [Cedar Lake Point Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 2101 Cedar Lake Parkway.
- [Cedar Lake South Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 3500 Cedar Lake Parkway.
- [Lake Harriet North Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 4180 East Lake Harriet Parkway.
- [Lake Harriet Southeast Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 4740 Lake Harriet Parkway E.
- [Lake Hiawatha Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 4500 28th Ave. S.
- [Lake Nokomis 50th Street Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 5000 Lake Nokomis Parkway E.
- [Lake Nokomis Main Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 5001 Lake Nokomis Parkway W.
- [Wirth Lake Beach](#): Open 6am-10pm, 3200 Glenwood Ave.

Find active lifeguard dates/hours by location on the "[Beaches](#)" section of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's website. For other local water activities, such as fishing, boat rentals, water parks, etc., check the "[Water Activities](#)" section, or email aquatics@minneapolisparcs.org.

	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Burglary From Motor Vehicle	Homicide	Motor Vehicle Theft	Robbery	Sexual Assault	Theft
Cedar-Riverside	5	1	10	0	8	7	1	24
Marcy-Holmes	9	10	7	0	8	3	0	29
Prospect Park	1	4	8	0	8	0	0	34
SE Como	0	6	6	0	4	0	1	12

GopherWatch Monthly Safety Report: *June*

Prepared by the Office of Off-Campus Living and neighborhood partners.

Crime Highlights:

- An armed robbery of business took place at the Starbuck's in Dinkytown (425 14th Ave SE) on Friday, June 14th at approximately 5:40 AM.
 - One shot was fired during the robbery.
 - No one was injured.
 - The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash from the businesses' safe.
 - This incident is under investigation by the Minneapolis Police Department.
- A robbery took place at the West Bank Light Rail station (275 Cedar Avenue) on Wednesday, June 19 at approximately 1:30 AM
 - The victim, who was not associated with the University of Minnesota, was assaulted and had their personal belongings stolen.
 - The victim sustained minor injuries.
 - The incident is under investigation by Metro Transit Police.

Safety Notes:

- Aggravated assaults and robbery have increased in the Marcy-Holmes and Cedar-Riverside neighborhoods.
 - Prevention Tips
 - Be extra cautious about your surroundings. Trust your instincts. Be aware of strangers loitering in your area.
 - Don't get distracted! Cell phones, iPhones and other electronics can be a distraction to you and could draw the attention of someone who wants to take them from you.
 - If you are confronted, stay calm and cooperate. Your life is worth more

<p>Renting</p> <p>Renting an apartment or house off-campus can be very different than living in the residence halls. Are you prepared for the increase in responsibilities? Are you aware of your obligations as a renter and what you can expect from a landlord?</p> <p>In particular, we'd like to remind students still looking for housing to be careful & vigilant in their housing search. Although time is running a little low, it is still crucial to do your research about the property & the landlord prior to signing your lease.</p> <p>And as always, feel free to check out our other resources on our website as well.</p> <p>Questions about your lease or landlord?</p> <p>If you're a U of M student, be sure to get your potential lease looked at by Student Legal Services before signing. They can point out any red flags and help you in making your choice.</p> <p>Make an appointment</p>	<p>Volunteer Opportunities</p> <p>Pack & Give Back is a program to collect reusable items when students move and recycle them back into the community.</p> <p>We're looking for volunteers to help sort items at the Reuse Program in July and August and help tidy up the Free Store throughout the days of the sale. This mainly includes picking up fallen items and rehanging them, restocking clothes, and other miscellaneous tasks. Volunteers will have "first dibs" and be able to take away a full bag of clothes from their shift!</p> <p>Sign up for a single or recurring shift!</p> <p>Use the request form to contact us for other local opportunities to volunteer!</p> <p>Suggestions?</p> <p>Have you ever had an idea of a way the Neighborhood Liaisons could help improve the community? Please reach out to us! We are always looking for opportunities to improve the area we live in. Contact us by email, and a liaison will be in contact with you ASAP!</p>
<p>Social Media</p> <p>That's right! If the newsletter is not for you, give us a follow on our 5-star rated Facebook page, our beautifully photographed Instagram page, or our newly revamped Twitter page! They offer frequent updates for those living off-campus to stay noticed on upcoming events for students.</p> <p>Facebook: @offcampusgopher Instagram: @offcampusgopher Twitter: @OffCampusGopher</p>	<p>Local and University Held Events</p> <p>Ever find yourself twiddling your thumbs on the weekend, wishing you were experiencing the Twin Cities like you should?</p> <p>Then look no further than these resources that can get you familiar with the area and experience within the Minnesotan culture!</p> <p>University Events</p> <p>Minneapolis and St. Paul Events</p>

OCL Mission:

Off-Campus Living empowers students to build connections on and off campus, and live with intent.

OCL Goals:

- Off-Campus students will make meaningful connections to other students, neighbors and the community.
- Off-Campus Living will provide educational and programmatic opportunities that promote student involvement, academic success, retention and positive community engagement.

- Off-Campus Living will collaborate with other university departments and local neighborhoods and towns to raise awareness of the specific needs and concerns of off-campus and commuter students.

Won't you be our neighbor?



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