



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From the Office for Off-Campus Living

October 2019

Happy October, gophers! With only 3 months left in the DECADE, we hope you all are beginning to take the necessary precautions and steps for the upcoming winter season! This includes knowing your shoveling responsibilities, knowing what to do for snow emergency parking, and more! Don't be afraid to reach out to us if you have any concerns, and be sure to have a happy (and safe) Halloween!

**-Your Off-Campus Liaisons**



Prepare for the UMN Off-Campus Housing Fair!

For years, OCL and other organizations has organized a housing fair for students interested in learning about the local apartments, neighborhoods, property management companies, services, local resources, etc. This year, the Off-Campus Housing Fair is back on! Save the date, Tuesday, November 5th, from 10AM-2PM at the Great Hall in Coffman Union. There will be many local entities to answer your questions regarding housing, as well as free catered food being provided.

As you start your search here in the Twin Cities, the Off-Campus Housing Fair gives you the reliable information regarding your options on where to live, your rights as a tenant, and what it is to be a good neighbor. Come join your fellow neighbors and discuss your future housing plans! Keep in mind that while the locations closest to the edge of campus fill fast, many locations within a few blocks and further will still be available into early spring semester. You have time to sign. Don't be rushed to sign a lease!

Make sure to follow OCL updates on the [OCHF FB event](#) regarding the 2019 Housing Fair on our social media pages, because details and information regarding who will be attending will be posted and updated.

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## Explore Original Content Provided by Off-Campus Living!

In case if you haven't heard our office has been heavily invested in producing great and original content to meet your off-campus needs! Along with our social media pages ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)), we have organized a [section of our website](#) dedicated to our videos, newsletters, and articles.

Under this section, you will find content we had created that enlists local properties for your housing interests, local businesses to fulfill your leisure time, general safety videos to keep you safe around campus, as well as customized campus phone backgrounds! But if you are strictly interested in seeking our video series', check out our [YouTube channel](#) for OCL Cookbook videos, Housing Tour Videos, and more!

With this being said, be on the lookout for more OCL Original Content coming your way. We have an upcoming Renters Education video series in development, just in time before the housing search goes underway. More OCL Cookbook recipes will be enlisted on our social media pages as well, in order to help combat the food insecurity issue on campus. All things considered, continue to follow our social media, and be on the lookout for any new content coming your way!

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## Learn More About Living Off-Campus At The Renter Ed 101 Workshops!

Starting October 29th, join OCL and Student Legal Services for Renter Ed 101 Workshops! These workshops and events are geared to teach you more about living off-campus, and how to plan out the process of living among local neighborhoods and apartments.

The workshops will go over things to look for in a lease, red flags to avoid, how to decide between an apartment or house rental, information on nearby neighborhoods, tips on safety, parties, parking, yard care, how to be a good neighbor and more.

- Tuesday, October 29 - Middlebrook Hall, Terrace Room at 7 PM
- Wednesday, October 30 - Pioneer Hall, Main Lounge at 7 PM
- Monday, November 4 - Sanford Hall, TV Lounge at 7 PM
- Monday, November 11 - Bailey Hall, Upper Lobby at 7 PM
- Wednesday, November 13 - Yudof Hall Club Room at 7 PM
- Monday, November 18 - 17th Ave Residence Hall Main Lounge at 7 PM

In the meantime, visit [our website](#) for more renting resources for your housing search!

	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Burglary From Motor Vehicle	Homicide	Motor Vehicle Theft	Robbery	Sexual Assault	Theft
Cedar-Riverside	1	3	6	0	10	1	1	20
Marcy-Holmes	4	10	12	0	17	2	1	52
Prospect Park	2	3	7	0	5	1	0	26
SE Como	2	6	5	0	9	0	0	12

## GopherWatch Monthly Safety Report: **September**

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

### Crime Highlights:

- A shooting occurred near the corner of 27th Avenue SE and Essex Street SE on Wednesday, September 11th at approximately 1:00AM.

- The victim walked to a nearby hospital where they were treated for their injuries.
- A suspect description is not available.
- Minneapolis Police Department is investigating.
- An attempted abduction occurred near the 400 block of 6th Street SE on Thursday, September 12th at approximately 7:10AM.
  - The victim was grabbed, resisted, and was able to escape.
  - The suspect was described as a white male around 6 feet tall with a thin build. They were wearing a blue hoodie and sweatpants.
  - Anyone with information on this crime should call CrimeStoppers of Minnesota at 1-800-222-TIPS

### Safety Notes:

- Moped thefts are continuing especially in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood. Thieves are picking up the entire moped, so locking the steering column and removing the key is not preventing theft.
  - Prevention Tips:
    - Chain your moped to an immovable object.
    - Park in a secured garage or a well-lit area.
    - Use more than one-lock. Handle-bar locks and wheel locks can be effective.
    - Use a cover, often times thieves look for specific makes and models. A cover makes the moped less attractive to thieves.
    - If you see suspicious activity call 911.

<p><b>Renting</b></p> <p>Many students will start looking for fall 2020 housing later this fall. Know that you do not need to feel rushed while checking out apts or houses. <b>YOU HAVE TIME TO SIGN!</b> There are plenty of places to rent within 1/2 a mile of campus and new complexes get added each year recently. Locations closest to campus will fill first, but those are also the most expensive. Keep your budget in mind and don't sign on for more than you can actually afford because you feel rushed.</p> <p>In particular, we'd like to remind students looking for housing to be careful &amp; vigilant in their housing search. It is crucial to do your research about <a href="#">the property &amp; the landlord prior</a> to signing your lease. <b>Save the date for the Off-Campus Housing Fair on Nov. 5th in Great Hall, 10am -2pm</b> to talk with many complexes in one place.</p> <p>And as always, feel free to check out our <a href="#">other resources</a> on our website as well.</p>	<p><b>Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities</b></p> <p>Use the <a href="#">request form</a> to contact us for these or other local opportunities to volunteer! We also welcome student organizations to sign up for volunteer opportunities in the near neighborhoods through us as well!</p> <p><b>Suggestions?</b></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><b>Questions about your lease or landlord?</b></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><a href="#">Make an appointment</a></p>
<p><b>Social Media</b></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><b>Local and University Held Events</b></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</p>

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OCL now has a YouTube page, where all original content will be published! Check below for videos on local housing, safety, and more!

YouTube: [UMN Off-Campus Living](#)

experience within the Minnesotan culture!

[University Events](#)

[Minneapolis and St. Paul Events](#)

**Street Sweeping is happening now!**

Be sure to check the [City of Mpls site](#) for when your car should be moved off the street to avoid a tow this week!

## 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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