



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From the Office for Off-Campus Living

February 2020

While the snow may have melted a bit, be aware of any incoming Snow Emergencies coming through the Minneapolis-St. Paul neighborhoods, and be familiar with [snow emergency parking rules](#). As for OCL, keep up with our events and activities in the incoming weeks, as we have a lot planned pertaining to your off-campus needs, such as Neighborhood Cleanups, Commuter Events, and much more!

-Your Off-Campus Liaisons



Know Your Shoveling Responsibilities!

We realized that we have posted this before, but since we are hitting the peak of snowfall in our area in March, your shoveling responsibilities are more important than ever. The warm

up we had this past weekend should have helped you remove any ice that had built up. Now is a great time to give your sidewalk and driveway a good scrape to get any ice patches removed before we get snow again in early March. Check out these tips and strategies that can keep you safe and without trouble when shoveling:

- Shovel ASAP after a snowfall. The more time you wait after snowfall, the more compact the snow is going to get, and the more difficult that snow is going to be to shovel.
- Bend your knees when you are shoveling! One study shows that - on average - 11,000 people per year injure themselves shoveling. Having proper shoveling form could likely prevent a good number of those injuries.
- Get help from a roommate or a friend. This one is especially important if there is a blizzard. Nobody wants to do all that shoveling at once. Take that hard work and turn it into a bonding moment with friends!
- If you are willing to shovel promptly but don't have the tools you need, pick up a coupon from our office for a free shovel, ice scrapper or ice chopper from Oak's TW Hardware. Coupons can be picked up from the Office of Off-Campus Living in 17 Appleby Hall. Oak's TW Hardware is located on 1519 Como Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. If you show up with the coupon for one of the winter tools listed above, you will also get 10% off any other purchases!

If you are responsible in your lease for shoveling, please remember to shovel promptly or ask a friend to shovel for you are unavailable for whatever reason. The city requires individuals in single family homes and duplexes to shovel within 24 hours after snowfall. If you are responsible for shoveling in your apartment complex (3 units or higher), you are required to shovel within four (4) daytime hours after snowfall. Therefore, if you leave for the weekend and there is snowfall and no one shovels your sidewalk, your landlord may be issued a citation, and if yard care is the your responsibility in the lease, the landlord can (and likely will) pass that citation on to you.



Nutritious U at the University of Minnesota!

Do you feel as if you are struggling to eat at the University of Minnesota? Are you not getting the amount of nutrients that you need? [Nutritious U](#) is here to help provide students at the University of Minnesota with fresh and healthy food, and that are struggling to get enough to eat.

If you haven't been keeping up, they have been providing times each month for students to attend their food pantry in Coffman Memorial Union, Room 210. But as of recently, they have added an **additional** location on the St. Paul Campus! Check below for scheduling times and locations:

Coffman Memorial Union, Room 210

January 28-30, 12-6PM

February 25-27, 12-6PM

March 24-26, 12-6PM

St. Paul Student Center, Harvest Room

March 17-19, 12-6PM

April 21-23, 12-6PM

Nutritious U also offers [volunteer opportunities](#) for anyone interested in helping combat the food insecurity issue here at the University of Minnesota. If you are unable to volunteer, feel free to [donate](#) to their cause as well, and follow their [Facebook page](#) for updates!



Exploring Off-Campus: Blue Door Pub, located in SE Como!

Exploring Off-Campus is back, here with you again detailing [The Blue Door Pub](#), located 1514 Como Ave SE. Home to the "Blucy", this Pub specializes in their Juicy Lucy stylized burgers, which if you don't know, happen to put their cheese *inside* the burgers. If you are a neighbor of Southeast Como or Dinkytown, this is the perfect place to lay back, watch the Gophers play, and have some stomach-numbing food. Lets explore some of their menu...



With [rotating specials](#) among wings and their Blucy burgers, you won't find anything on the menu that isn't the perfect bar food. As far as what I would recommend, the Horsekick Blucy Burger is simply incredible; A Blucy topped with a bleu cheese & cream cheese blend, onion strings and horse kick sauce. However, please note that Blue Door also has meals for those who are vegetarian/vegan, listing the "S.T.P. B.B.B.", a black bean burger topped with pepper jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and chipotle ranch. Check out more of their specials, dishes, and appetizers listed on their [online menu](#).

With all of this being said, gather your friends and family to eat at Blue Door Pub, where you will experience Minneapolis culture and eating in no better way. Also, keep up with their establishment for [special events and deals](#) they may be hosting, such as trivia night on certain weekdays.

-Evan VorBroker
Communications Liaison

	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Burglary From Motor Vehicle	Homicide	Motor Vehicle Theft	Robbery	Sexual Assault	Theft
Cedar-Riverside	0	3	6	0	3	1	3	11
Marcy-Holmes	2	6	7	0	6	0	0	21
Prospect Park	1	4	4	0	2	0	1	21
SE Como	0	3	6	0	3	1	3	11

GopherWatch Monthly Safety Report: **January**

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

Crime Highlights:

A bank robbery occurred at the 700 block of Washington Avenue SE on Monday, January 6th at 5:30PM.

- The suspect stole money from the bank.
- The suspect was described as a male wearing a dark jacket and sunglasses.
- The Minneapolis Police Department is investigating.

A shooting occurred near the 400 block of 8th Street SE on Friday, January 10th at 12:45AM.

- The victim received a non-life threatening gunshot wound to the arm.
- The suspects were described as 4-5 males wearing masks.
- The Minneapolis Police Department is investigating.

A theft occurred at a coffee shop near the 400 block of 14th Avenue SE on Friday, January 17th at 10:05PM.

- This is described as a snatch-and-grab theft.
- The victim lost a laptop.
- The suspects were described as 2 males, who fled in a silver vehicle.
- The Minneapolis Police Department is investigating.

Safety Notes:

- A cluster of "snatch-and-grab" thefts from retail locations and individuals walking on the street has occurred near Dinkytown.
 - Prevention tips:
 - When at a retail location...
 - Keep your valuables secure. Do not leave your valuables unattended.
 - When walking...
 - Walk aware, do not use your headphones or your cell phone while walking.
 - Walk in groups of two or more individuals.
 - Walk on well-lit routes.

Renting

If you are still looking for fall 2020 housing, you are not alone. Know that you do not

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Use the [request form](#) to contact us for these or other local opportunities to volunteer! We

need to feel rushed while checking out apts or houses. YOU HAVE TIME TO SIGN!

There are plenty of places to rent within 1/2 a mile to 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.

In particular, we'd like to remind students looking for housing to be careful & vigilant in their housing search. It is crucial to do your research about [the property & the landlord prior](#) to signing your lease. And as always, feel free to check out our [other resources](#) on our website as well.

Suggestions?

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!

also welcome student organizations to sign up for volunteer opportunities in the near neighborhoods through us as well! We would love your help with census outreach/event help in March.

Questions about your lease or landlord?

If you're a U of M student, be sure to get your potential lease looked at by Student Legal Services (SLS) before signing. They can point out any red flags and help you in making your choice. If you live off-campus and are having issues with repairs and your landlord is unresponsive, you should call 311. You can also work with SLS on those issues as well. Thinking you need to sublet your spot this summer? Check your lease and talk to SLS if your lease is not clear about subletting.

[Make an appointment](#)

Social Media

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.

Facebook: [@offcampusgopher](#)
Instagram: [@offcampusgopher](#)
Twitter: [@OffCampusGopher](#)

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](#)

Local and University Held Events

Ever find yourself twiddling your thumbs on the weekend, wishing you were experiencing the Twin Cities like you should?

Then look no further than these resources that can get you familiar with the area and experience within the Minnesotan culture!

[University Events](#)

[Minneapolis and St. Paul Events](#)

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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