

To Our Evanston Neighbors,

April 22, 2025

As winter gives way to spring and the first blooms brighten our campus, Northwestern University welcomes the changing season with excitement and a renewed commitment to strengthening our relationship with the Evanston community. Just as the season symbolizes growth and renewal, we embrace this opportunity to reinforce our shared values of collaboration, respect, and mutual support.

Northwestern is more than a center for academic excellence—it is a community of scholars, leaders, and changemakers who understand that true success extends beyond the classroom. Our students are encouraged to be engaged, thoughtful, and responsible neighbors, recognizing that they are part of a diverse and dynamic city that thrives on inclusivity and cooperation.

We remind our students to actively contribute to a positive living environment by introducing themselves to neighbors, respecting community norms, and maintaining open lines of communication. Adhering to Evanston's ordinances and taking pride in their residences is an essential part of being a responsible community member. For detailed guidance, we encourage everyone to explore the "**Being a Good Neighbor**" brochure available on the [Off-Campus Life website](#).

We firmly believe that strong communities are built on **mutual respect, understanding, and open dialogue**. To further strengthen our ties, we invite you to join us for this special community event:

- **Ice Cream Social (May 7 or 8, 2025, 5:30–7 PM)** – It's a Spring tradition! Join the Off-Campus Life office as we host a Fireman's Park ice cream party. Ice cream is free to the first 300 participants.

This gathering is more than just an event; this is an opportunity to build lasting relationships and reinforce the spirit of collaboration that makes Evanston a remarkable place to live, learn, and grow. Northwestern is proud to be an active and engaged member of this community, and we look forward to working together to create a vibrant and welcoming environment for all.

If you have any questions, concerns, or positive experiences to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to a season of collaboration, connection, and community building.

Warm regards,

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