December Around Town

Spring Apartment Hunting
As the spring apartment search rush rapidly approaches it is important to remember that a move off campus is a big step. It is never too early to get prepared.

Apartment Hunting Fair
Speak with local realtors, city representatives from Inspectional Services and the Rental Housing Resource Center, NU Public Safety, and Housing Services
Student Center Indoor Quad
Thursday, February 21st
3-6pm

City Wide Apartment Information Fair
Boston University
Wednesday, February 6th

SGA Survey
The Student Government Association is looking for your assistance in gathering information about your off campus experience with landlords and realtors. Please help by filling out the online SGA survey at:
www.sga.neu.edu/offcampussurvey

Get Involved

Local Community and Volunteer Activities:

Holiday Toy Drive
Spread holiday cheer by donating toys and books for children of all ages. Donation boxes are located in 228 Curry Student Center
Deadline is Monday, December 17th

Finals Week Coffee and Snacks
Available from 8:30-11am
December 10th — December 12th
226 Curry Student Center
Stop by and pick up a healthy snack before your test!

New Newsletter Name!
We are looking for a new and catchy name for our ever expanding and always entertaining Off Campus Newsletter. Cast your Vote or suggest your own title by visiting the programs and events section at
www.offcampus.neu.edu

Rock The Vote Today!
Husky Tracks The Roads Scholar Paw Prints
Winter Treats

Chocolate-Candy Cane Cookies

These candy cane-shaped chocolate and peppermint cookies are great to share with friends, family, and neighbors during the holidays.

Ingredients
- 1 (8 ounce) package Cream Cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 squares Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, melted
- 1 (6 ounce) package of white baking chocolate
- 12 hard peppermint candies, crushed

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Beat cream cheese, butter, sugar and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add flour and baking soda; mix well. Blend in semi-sweet chocolate.
2. Shape tablespoonfuls of dough into 52 balls. Roll each ball into a 3-inch-long rope. Place, 2 inches apart, on baking sheet, bending top of each slightly to resemble a candy cane.
3. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned, cool 5 minutes on baking sheet. Transfer to wire racks, cool completely. Microwave white chocolate as directed on package, drizzle over cookies. Sprinkle with crushed candies. Let stand until chocolate is firm.

Holiday Shopping for a Good Cause

Stop by and visit the largest public art sale in New England at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. Approximately 5,000 student and alumni paintings, prints, photographs, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, and jewelry are available at a reasonable price range. This is a perfect chance for some unique holiday shopping and proceeds benefit both the artist and student scholarships.

Wednesday, December 5 — Sunday, December 9
12pm-8pm
230 The Fenway. Boston, MA 02115

www.smfa.edu/decembersale
Cooking 101

The Off Campus Fall Educated Renter Workshop Series wrapped up last month with our signature Cooking 101 workshop. We could not have asked for a better finale to our fall lineup of events and many thanks are due to the Xhibition Kitchen staff, Co-op Connections, Sophomore Year Experience, and the 25 students that participated. Students were treated to a private cooking lesson that included hands-on student assistance, step by step recipe packets, professional chef training, and most importantly, a final taste testing of the three course meal. The menu included a tomato, mozzarella, and basil appetizer, lemon chicken piccata with orzo and asparagus for the entrée, and a delicious pumpkin mousse dessert. The food was great and definitely served as a nice change of pace from typical dining hall and frozen dinners. It was pleasant to see all of the students enjoying a Wednesday night after work and class and the sit down dinner atmosphere was a good chance for students to meet with peers in a friendly environment. We received a large amount of positive feedback and we plan to sponsor similar events in the future.

Secure Your Apartment During the Holiday Break

The fall semester is winding down and finals week is around the corner. It is undoubtedly a hectic period and students often overlook the importance of properly securing an off campus apartment before heading home for vacation. Here are just a few quick reminders to consider during the rush of finals and packing.

- Close and lock all windows and doors
- Turn off lights and electronic items
- Inform your landlord about your holiday plans (time away, contact info, etc.)
- Remove all trash, open food, and waste
- Put valuables in safe place

Winter Fire Safety

The high cost of heating fuels and utilities have caused many students to search for alternate sources of home heating. Although these methods may be tempting they also are a major contributing factor in residential fires. The following safety tips can help you maintain a safer apartment this winter.

- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency cutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from heating systems.
- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms, or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Never use an oven as a supplemental heating device. This is a safety hazard and it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so it can be located when needed.

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Student Advisory Board

The Off Campus Student Advisory Board held its second meeting on Thursday, November 29th. A solid group of student leaders joined Off Campus Student Services staff to discuss issues and potential improvements concerning many aspects of off campus life at Northeastern. Student involvement and input are essential in addressing current needs and prove to be a valuable resource in determining how OCSS can better assist and communicate with a diverse off campus population. Our next meeting is scheduled for mid-January so make sure to stay updated for future dates and times. We encourage all interested students to stop by for a quick snack and to share any thoughts and ideas. The advisory board meetings provide a very informal setting where discussion and teamwork is promoted. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

If you have any specific questions do not hesitate to contact us.
226 Curry Student Center
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617-373-8480

Be Sure to Stop By and Check Out the New Off Campus Student Services Office!

Off Campus Student Services is finally making the big move to our new office this month. We are only moving next door but we are very excited to settle in and begin promoting our ideas, projects, workshops, and information from a more recognizable and welcoming location. Feel free to visit with any questions or concerns during our hours of operation:

Mon-Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm

Also make sure to stop in during finals week to pick up a hot cup of coffee and a snack for a healthy start to the day.

Monday, December 10th — Wednesday, December 12th
8:30-11am
226 Curry Student Center