



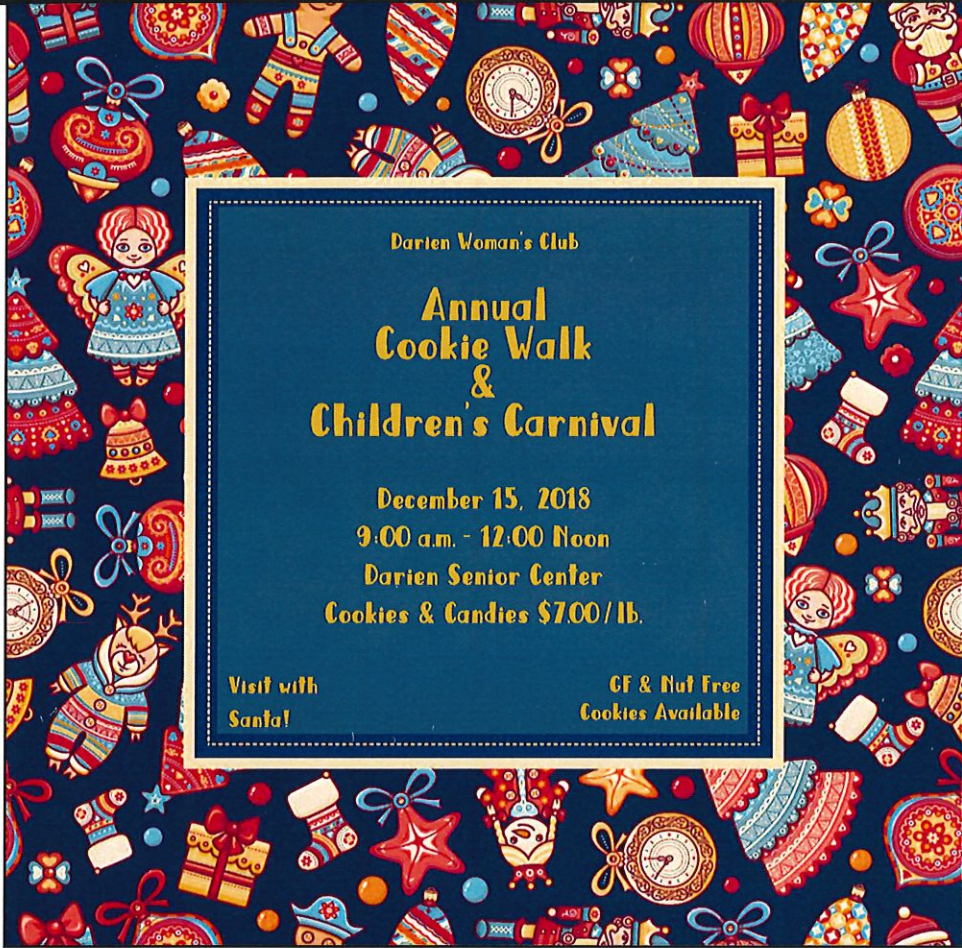
# DARIEN

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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December 2018



Darien Woman's Club

**Annual  
Cookie Walk  
&  
Children's Carnival**

December 15, 2018  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Darien Senior Center  
Cookies & Candies \$7.00/lb.

Visit with Santa! CF & Nut Free  
Cookies Available

### Community Organizations



#### Darien Methodist Church Food Pantry

Open Monday 5:30—6:15 pm  
Participants may pick up items every other Monday. You must have a 53114 zip code to participate.



Darien Methodist Church  
Fresh Donuts!  
Thursday, January 17  
8:00 – 10:00 am  
Preorder: 882-3701

Corn Fest Committee No Meeting

American Legion & Auxiliary

Dec 13 @ 6:30 pm  
Christmas Potluck  
Darien Legion Hall

See you at the Cookie Walk!

Community Club

No Meeting

Darien Women's Club

### Public Information Meeting Relating to November Referendum Question

The General Election was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. There were several referendum questions on the ballot, including a question asked by the Village Board: "Should a community group be formed to determine if dissolving the current school district partnership and exploring the creation of a new local educational entity or partnership is in the best interest of the Darien community?" 373 Village residents answered YES, and 206 answered NO.



The next step in the process is to hold a Community Information Meeting to gather interest and discuss options. The meeting will be held on **Monday, December 3, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien Senior Center, 47 Park Street, Darien, WI 53114.**

### Are you interested in running for the Darien Village Board, Village President, or Municipal Court Judge?

Nomination packets and paperwork will be available for Village residents seeking a seat on the Village Board of Trustees (3 seats), the office of Village President, and the office of Municipal Court Judge starting on Monday, November 26, 2018, at Village Hall.

Potential candidates may begin circulating nomination papers and collecting signatures on Saturday, December 1, 2018. All completed forms and nomination papers are due to the Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer by Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. The spring election will take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Please contact Village Hall for more information.



### Village Board Adopts the 2019 Budget

After a Public Hearing on October 15<sup>th</sup> and additional review on November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Village Board of Trustees adopted the 2019 budget and set the Village's portion of the property tax levy. The Village's Mill Rate is \$13.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The entire 2019 Adopted Budget is available for review on the Village's website: [www.darienwi.com](http://www.darienwi.com). Questions may be directed to the Village Administrator.

### 2018 Taxes are due by January 31, 2019

Tax bills will be mailed to residents around the middle of December. The full amount or the first installment must be paid to the Village on or before January 31, 2019. You may pay your taxes:

- In Person – at Village Hall during regular office hours (Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.);
- Night Deposit – using the 24-hour drop box located at the Wisconsin Street Village Hall entrance;
- By Mail – to PO Box 97, Darien, WI 53114; or
- Online – through the Village's website: [www.darienwi.com](http://www.darienwi.com) with a credit or debit card or an electronic check. There is an online service fee from Official Payments Corp. for using this option.

Please make checks payable to the Village of Darien. More information regarding tax payments will be included in your tax bill.

Join our Text Alert Program to receive Village of Darien notifications & information!

Text To: **36000**  
Message: **MM782**

Msg & Data Rates May Apply



Did you know the Family Connections Newsletter is also posted on the Village's website? Go to [www.darienwi.com](http://www.darienwi.com) to see the full electronic version.



## Ready Wisconsin Wants You to Have a Safe Holiday



The Holidays are the peak season for home cooking fires in the U.S. Many of those are the result of food or other cooking materials catching on fire. When preparing your holiday dinner, make sure you keep anything that can catch on fire — such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, towels and food packages — away from your stove.

Stay in your kitchen if you are frying, boiling or broiling food. If you are baking, make sure you check it regularly. Turn pot handles towards the back of the stove to help prevent bumping. Keep children and pets away from the stove.

Frying poses the greatest risk of fire. If you are using a turkey fryer, make sure to follow the manufacturer guidelines on appropriate use of the appliance. In addition, make sure you have a fire extinguisher that has an "A," "B" and "C" rating and test your smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly.

Many people will be traveling during the holiday week to visit family and friends or to head to the hunting shack. Before you travel, check with 511 Wisconsin for the latest traffic and road conditions. This information, along with live traffic cameras and traffic alerts, can be accessed on the 511 Wisconsin system, which includes a free mobile app, @511WI on Twitter, or the mobile-friendly site [www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov).



Before traveling, make sure you have an emergency kit in your vehicles. Vehicle breakdowns or getting stuck in the snow can occur anywhere. A kit could help keep your family safe until help arrives. Kits should include non-perishable foods, flashlight, extra hats, gloves and blankets. You can find more information on building a kit at [ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov](http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov).

## Changes to Village Compost Site

The Village of Darien has experienced dumping of large stumps and other commercial-scale items at the Compost Site at 339 Oak Street. Because the Village has to pay to dispose of these items, the Public Works Committee authorized changes to the site's operations. During winter months, the site will be closed. If you would like access during this time, please contact the Public Works Office at 882-5285. From April through November, the Site will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please direct feedback to the Public Works Committee through the Administrator at [rlmire@darienwi.com](mailto:rlmire@darienwi.com) or 882-5055. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### Deaf Coffee Chat

West Wind Diner

620 N. Walworth St.

Welcome to deaf, hearing,

ASL students, interpreters and anyone

interested in learning American Sign

Language and deaf culture.

Join us for Coffee and Chat!

Please join us every Tuesday,

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

9:00 am to 11:00 am



Blood Drive  
January 7

Darien Fire Station

BLOODCENTER  
of WISCONSIN™



Village Offices  
Will be Closed

December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>

Please consider this when determining  
when to pay your property taxes

## DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

47 Park Street ... Next Door to Darien Elementary School

[www.darien.lib.wi.us](http://www.darien.lib.wi.us)

Phone: 262-882-5155

### NEW CHRISTMAS BOOKS

Some of our newest adult fiction book selections include: *The Christmas Sisters* by Sara Morgan, *One Day in December* by Josie Silver, *Deck the Hounds* by David Rosenfelt, *Santa's on His Way* by Lisa Jackson, and *A High Sierra Christmas* by William W. Johnstone & J. A. Johnstone.

Some of our newest large print titles include: *Pawprints & Predicaments* by Bethany Blake and *A Colorado Christmas* by William W. Johnstone.

We have lots of new holiday picture books and juvenile books as well. Parents, why not incorporate some family reading into your holiday traditions? Some new easy children's books include: *The Christmas Wind* by Stephanie Simpson McLellan, *Cookiesaurus Christmas* by Amy Fellner, and *Dominy & Nate Evans, Merry Christmas Little Elliot* by Mike Curato, and *A Unicorn Named Sparkle's First Christmas* by Amy Young.

### GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

Boxes of greeting cards containing 30 all occasion cards are being sold in the Darien Library at this time. The cost of the box of cards is \$30.00, so you'll get 30 cards for \$30.00. The cards are being sold by Andrea Tidwell, who is a Library Board Member. The proceeds from the sale of the cards will go toward items for our teen space in the library. Have cards on hand for every occasion!

Merry  
CHRISTMAS

**Library Hours:** The Darien Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you have materials that you would like to return, you can do this by using our book drop, whether or not the library is open.

### HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS



As many of you may know, each year the Darien Library sells beautiful holiday gift baskets as our only annual fund raiser. They are sold as a fundraiser by silent auction. This year the baskets are being displayed in the library and in a number of businesses throughout the Darien community beginning the week of November 19<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be accepted until Saturday, December 15 at NOON.

We're proud of our baskets and feel that they will make unique and original gifts for adults and kids alike, as well as for both males and females.

We want to say thank you to several community residents who donated some beautiful items for our baskets this year.

We invite you to come in to see the baskets, and to place a bid on the bid sheet of your favorite basket to help support your local library.

### MITTEN TREE



Each year the Darien Library sets up a Mitten Tree on which we collect items such as mittens and gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for the needy people in our community. The items you donate can be for adults or for children. Please help the people in our community to stay warm this winter. Our tree is set up in the library at this time and will be up until the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.














### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN

The Darien Library together with the Dousman School Bus. Co. will be offering a special holiday story time for pre-school children on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Kids who come to our special story time will enjoy stories, snacks, and a holiday craft. Parents and caregivers, if you want your kids to learn to love reading and to make some new friends, we invite you to participate. There is no cost for the program.



# DECEMBER

# 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					Trash & Recycling Collection	
2	3 12:00 pm Senior Cards 7:00 pm Darien School Community Information Meeting (Senior Center)	4 8:30 am Public Works Mtg. (Village Hall)  11:00 am Christmas Storytime (Darien Public Library)	5	6 2:30 pm Senior Coffee Hour (West Wind Diner)	7	8
	 5:30 pm				Trash Pick-up only	
9	10 12:00 pm Senior Cards 4:00 pm Municipal Court (Village Hall)  5:30 pm	11	12 5:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg. (Village Hall)	13 2:30 pm Senior Coffee Hour (West Wind Diner) 4:30 pm Library Board Mtg. (Darien Public Library)  6:30 pm Pot Luck Supper Darien Legion Hall	14 Last Day for Submission To the Family Connection Newsletter (Village Hall) Trash & Recycling Collection	15  9:00 am—12:00 noon Annual Cookie Walk Darien Senior Center  9:00 am—12:00 noon Last Chance: Bid on Wonderful Holiday Gift Baskets!
16	17 12:00 pm Senior Cards (Senior Ctr.) 7:00 pm Village Board Mtg. (Village Hall)  5:30 pm	18 5:00 pm Municipal Court (Village Hall) 7:00 pm Women's Club (Methodist Church)	19 1:00 pm Coloring for Adults Darien Public Library	20 2:30 pm Senior Coffee Hour (West Wind Diner)	21	22 Trash Pick-up only
23	24 Christmas Eve Village Offices Closed	25  Village Offices Closed	26	27 2:30 pm Senior Coffee Hour (West Wind Diner)	28 No Trash & Recycling Collection Holiday Schedule	29 Trash & Recycling Collection Holiday Schedule
30	31 New Year's Eve Village Offices Closed	 Village Offices Closed	 <p><b>Ho! Ho! Ho!</b> Santa will be receiving and responding to children's letters directly from North Pole. Letters should be dropped off at one of Santa's mailboxes located inside of Delavan City Hall, Aram Library &amp; Darien Library from December 3rd—December 14th. If your child would like to receive a letter from Santa please include a self addressed stamped envelop with the letter.</p> 			



# Join the Movement!

We will welcome our local community leaders to discuss human trafficking, sexual assault, dating safety, and internet safety. We will then welcome a panel of those that are actively working to stop human trafficking and eliminate sexual assault in our community for a question and answer forum. Local agencies will be available to discuss resources.

Thursday, January 10, 2019 6—9 pm  
Elkhorn High School Auditorium

# Stop Human Trafficking Eliminate Sexual Assault

Register for this FREE event at: <http://bit.ly/JTMElkhorn19>

For more information contact: Dawn Heath at 262-374-1491 (cell) or [dtheath16@gmail.com](mailto:dtheath16@gmail.com)



**DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**COLORING FOR**

Wed. Dec. 19th 1:00—2:00 p.m.  
**FREE**  
The library will provide:  
\*coloring pages  
\*colored pencils  
\*beverage  
Please call 262-882-5155 to register.

**Silent Auction  
Of  
Wonderful  
Holiday Gift  
Baskets**

Darien Public Library  
47 Park Street

Come see the baskets at  
the library and put in  
your bids.

Bids accepted until noon  
on December 15.

U.S. Postage  
Bulk Rate Paid  
Darien, WI  
Permit #4



**Christmas  
Pot Luck Supper  
December 13**  
Supper Starts at 6:30 pm  
Please bring a dish to pass.

**Darien Legion Hall  
15 Market Street  
Darien WI**

**DADDY  
daughter  
DANCE**

February 8, 2019  
6:00—9:00 pm

The Abbey Resort—Harbor Ballroom

\$25 Per Resident / \$35 Per Non-Resident

Deadline: Monday, January 28

Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext 2 or  
Register Online: [www.delavanparkrec.com](http://www.delavanparkrec.com)

Delavan-Darien Instructional Basketball League  
Age 4—Grade 4

Darien, Turtle Creek, & Wileman students should register with Delavan Parks & Recreation. Parochial school students should register with your school office.

Registration Fee: \$25.00 Registration Forms Due: January 4, 2019  
Return Forms and Registration Fee to DP&R at 123 S. Second Street, Delavan

Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext. 2 For Further Information

Darien Family Connections  
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Darien, WI 53114

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