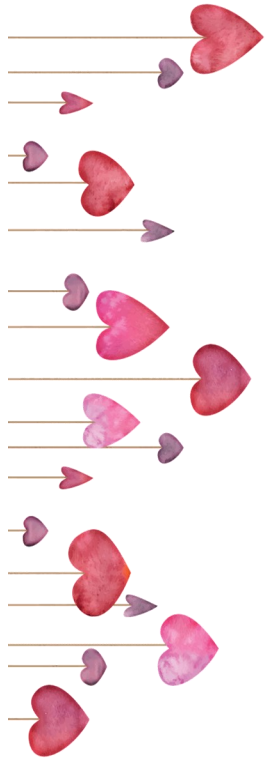


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Darlen Family Connections
PO Box 97
Darlen, WI 53114

Happy Valentines Day



DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Email: Darlenfamilyconnections@gmail.com

Phone: 262-882-5055

February 2025

Did You Know that One-third of Food in the United States goes uneaten?

Food is the largest stream of materials in American trash. Once wasted food reaches landfills, it produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. Preventing food from going to waste is one of the easiest and most powerful actions you can take to save money and reduce your greenhouse gas emissions. It is estimated that the average family spends \$1,500 on food each year that ends up uneaten!



Here are some things you can do to change that:

- Plan your meals for the week before you go shopping and buy only the things needed for those meals.
- Remember that buying in large quantities (e.g., buy one, get one free deals) only saves money if you use all the food before it spoils.
- Properly store fruits and vegetables for maximum freshness; they'll taste better and last longer, helping you to eat more of them before they go bad. Wait to wash berries, cherries, and grapes until you're ready to eat them to prevent mold.
- You can download a toolkit for reducing food waste in your household at: <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-too-good-waste->

Community Organizations



Darlen Methodist Church Food Pantry

Open first and third Monday of the month from 5:30—6:15 PM.
Participants may pick up items every other Monday.
You must have a 53114 zip code to participate.

Darlen Methodist Church

Fresh Donuts!



Feb. 20th

\$6.00 / Dozen

Pre-order: 262-882-3701

Delavan United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Open Wednesdays 9:00 AM – Noon and is drive-up only. The Pantry is open only to Delavan/Darlen residents. If you would like to donate to our Pantry, donations may be brought in Monday-Thursday from 8 AM-12 PM. Please do not leave donations outside in the elements and no expired food.

Darlen Seniors Cards

Mondays, 12:00 PM at Senior Center
Interested in joining? Call Carl @ 262-882-2022

Darlen Women's Club

February 18th, 7:00PM at Darlen Methodist Church
Interested in joining? Call Pat @ 262-374-1068

Corn Fest Committee

Feb 11th, 6:30 PM at Farmers Inn

American Legion & Auxiliary

February 13th, 7:00 PM at Darlen Legion Hall


*The best way to avoid cold weather is to stay inside and read. Visit your library!
"February is the border between winter and spring." — Terri Guillemets*

ADULT CRAFT, COFFEE & CONVERSATION – Wednesday, February 19th at 11:00 AM

**** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED ****


Join us for a crafting and social hour. We will make something adorable and have coffee and a pastry to boot! Check our Face Book page or website to see what we will be creating this time. Whatever it is, it will be fun to make. Please visit/call us to reserve your place.



 *With your valentine be cuddled, by a fireplace happily huddled.*
–The Old Farmer’s Almanac, 201



NEW BOOK! *Melania* by Melania Trump

 In her memoir, Melania reflects on her Slovenian childhood, the pivotal moments that led her to the world of high fashion in Europe and New York, and the serendipitous meeting with Donald Trump, a chance encounter that forever changed the course of her life. Melania opens up about their courtship, life in the spotlight, and experiencing the joy of motherhood.

She shares behind-the-scenes stories from her time in the White House, shedding light on her advocacy work and the causes close to her heart.

Melania offers an unprecedented look into her time as a First Lady who was born outside the United States -- a role she embraced with honor and dedication. It brings readers into her world and presents an in-depth account of a woman who has led a remarkable life on her own terms.


Melania Trump's story is one of resilience and independence, showcasing her strength and unwavering commitment to her true self. -- Amazon

SPECIAL DAYS IN FEBRUARY

- 2nd Groundhog Day – will the critter see its shadow?
- 5th World Read Aloud Day – read to your loved ones to show you care.
- 9th Super Bowl – root for your team & snack your way through the game.
- 14th Valentine’s Day & International Book Giving Day
- 17th President’s Day & National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 20th National Cherry Pie Day – bake a cherry pie to share with a friend.
- 27th National Polar Bear Day – check out a book from the library about polar bears.



BE SURE TO VISIT THE DARIEN LIBRARY’S FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBPAGE

 Don't ever miss any library news! Learn about what's going on here by checking our pages online. Find information about upcoming events and see pictures of some of the fun things that we do here. Our webpage is: www.darien.lib.wi.us. You can also find us on Facebook under Darien Public Library.

LIBRARY HOURS: Hours at the Darien Library are Mondays through Thursdays from 10 AM to 6 PM, and Saturdays from 10 AM to 1 PM. 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.



RECYCLE YOUR OLD TIRES!!!

Call **Johns Disposal** to schedule a pick up.
262-473-4700

Each household is allowed a maximum of two tires per pick up and a maximum total of eight tires per year.

Johns Disposal will also pick up appliances such as washers, dryers, and refrigerators. Just call them to be sure they take your type of appliance and then schedule a pick up.

Addition to the List of 2024 Tree Lighting Donors

The Scharine Group was inadvertently left off our list of donors in January’s issue. The Village of Darien is very grateful to the Scharine Group for their generous donation of \$250 to the 2024 Tree Lighting Festival.



Welcome to Medicare Workshops

If you will become eligible for Medicare soon, it may be beneficial for you to attend one of the Welcome to Medicare workshops at the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC). These workshops will cover what you need to know about your Medicare benefits, options, insurance coverage and medication coverage. There are two different times available — 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Attendees are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications for a Medicare Part D assessment. To learn more or to register for an upcoming workshop, call (262) 741-3400 or 1-800-365-1587.

Date: Feb. 27th, 2025
Location: The Walworth County Room
 Walworth County Health & Human Services Building
 1910 County Road NN, Elkhorn, WI 53121
Times: 1:00-2:30 PM or 6:00-7:30 PM



SENIOR CARDS & GAMES!!!



Cards, games, coffee, & laughs!!!

All seniors are welcome!
Bring your out of town-er friends.
Make new friends!!!

Mondays 12:00—4:00 PM
Darien Senior Center
(located in lower level of Darien Library)



Call
Carl @
262-882-
2022



COOKBOOK GIVEAWAY!

Have fun cooking new recipes during these cold days of February! Visit the library and get a free cookbook! One per family while supplies last.



FEBRUARY AUTHOR OF THE MONTH –JOANNE FLUKE

Tying in with our Cookbook Giveaway, our author of the month is Joanne Fluke. She writes murder mysteries surrounding a small-town baker, Hannah Swensen. Check out one of her books and get a free cookbook as well!

SHARE CATALOG

Look for books in the comfort of your home and pick them up at the library. Go to the SHARE catalog and search for something new! <https://ent.sharelibraries.info>



GROUNDHOG DAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

The Germans started the whole Groundhog Day thing. Yes, the “see-his-shadow-or-not” concept stems from Germany and the holiday, Candlemas. Early European-Christians believed that if the sun came out on Candlemas (also February 2), winter would last for another six weeks. If you are rooting for spring, let’s hope the groundhog does not see his shadow!

CHILDREN’S DVDs FOR SALE

We’ve removed some children’s DVDs from our collection and are now selling them for \$1.00. They will be in the Book Sale area.



Libby



MEET LIBBY! By using the **FREE** Libby App, you can stream or download books to listen to or read. There are also magazines available to read. Once you acquire the app, you enter your library’s name (Darien Public Library in the Prairie Lakes Library System), your library card number and your pin. You can listen to or read an unlimited number of books for free!

FEBRUARY JOKES

- Q: Why did the man get fired from the calendar factory?
A: He took a few days off in February thinking nobody would notice.
- Q: What do you call a frog born on February 29th?
A: A leap frog.
- Q: Sometimes February has 29 days. How many other months have 29 days?
A: All of them.
- Q: Where do you find love in the grocery store?
A: Aisle B... there for you.



LOOKING WAY AHEAD! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR STORYWAGON PERFORMERS THIS SUMMER:

- * Snake Discovery
- * Novel Motion Circus
- * Science Heroes
- * Bollywood Groove



VILLAGE OF DARIEN

www.darienvillagewi.gov

Spring Primary Election to be held on February 18, 2025

There will be a Spring Primary Election on February 18, 2025 in the Village of Darien. The single contest on the ballot will be the statewide primary for Superintendent of Public Instruction. The top two vote-getters will move on to the April 1st Spring Election.

Village residents will vote at Village Hall in the Board Room, and the polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Remember to bring your **VALID** (unexpired) photo ID to vote. New Village residents or those who have changed their name or moved since the last election may register to vote on Election Day and will need to bring a valid form of proof of residence to do so. If you have questions about photo identification or proof of residence, please contact Village Hall or visit <https://elections.wi.gov/acceptable-photo-ids> .

Residents who cannot make it to Village Hall on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot at Village Hall or may request that a ballot be mailed to them. In-person absentee voting will take place during the following dates & times:

Tuesday	February 4	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Wednesday	February 5	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Thursday	February 6	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday	February 7	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Monday	February 10	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesday	February 11	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Wednesday	February 12	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Thursday	February 13	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM



DELAVAN-DARIEN PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

For Further Information or Registration:
Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext. 8 | Online: www.delavanparkrec.com
VILLAGE OF DARIEN RESIDENTS RECEIVE RESIDENT RATES

ADULT PROGRAMS

Beginner's Guide to Estate Planning

Age 18 & Up

FREE EVENT!!! Attorney Alyssa Wilson will discuss and answer your questions about basic estate planning. Topics include Wills, Trusts, and Power of Attorney. This is a great way to learn about planning for your future.

Location: Darien Senior Center
Date: Wed. Feb. 26th
Time: 7:00—8:00 PM
Course #: 3488



Textured Paintings

Age 18 & Up

Step-by-step instructions. No experience is necessary and all supplies are included.

Date: Wednesday Feb. 12th **Time:** 5:00—6:00 PM
Course #: 3482 **Cost:** \$40 Resident / \$50 Non-Resident



Vibrations of the Heart Valentine's Celebration: Valentine's Day Casual Buffet Dinner & Sound Bath Experience

Join us for a memorable evening of delicious food and relaxation. Enjoy a casual buffet dinner with fresh appetizers, soup, and croissant sandwiches in a cozy atmosphere. Afterward, unwind with a calming sound bath experience featuring crystal bowls, gongs, and chimes to promote relaxation and balance. Whether with loved ones or on your own, this event offers the perfect blend of great food and tranquility. Bring an eye mask or small blanket for added comfort during the sound bath.

Instructor: Rachel Czys
Location: Waters Edge
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Date: Saturday, February 15
Fee: \$69 Resident / \$79 Non-Resident
Course #: 3490



Walking Club

Age 21 & Up

The Darien Elementary School hallways are open for walking this winter. Get in shape without walking in the snowy weather. All walkers must be registered walking club members and wear an identification badge while walking in the schools. Unregistered walkers will be asked to leave. **You must register at Parks and Recreation office to pick up a badge. Phone registrations not accepted.**

Darien Elementary 5:30 - 6:45 PM		
Month	Tuesday	Thursday
Feb.	4, 11, 18, 25	6, 13, 20, 27
Mar.	4, 11, 18, 25	6, 13, 20, 27

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Music Makers

Age 2 - 6

Join Miss Morgan on Saturday mornings at LSJ Music Company for musical adventure! Children will explore instruments, dance, sing songs, and meet new friends! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Instructor: Morgan Kenneally

Location: LSJ Music Company
127 Park Place, Delavan, WI

Time: 9:30 - 10:00 AM

Fee: \$25 Resident / \$35 Non-Resident



Date	Course #
Feb. 1—Feb. 22	3396
Mar. 1—Mar. 22	3398

Martial Arts at Delavan Flying Dragons

All Ages

These classes consist of a proper warm up and stretching followed by martial art basic blocks, kicks, stances, strikes, and self-defense techniques. Please wear sweat pants and t-shirt. Bring a water bottle. No food allowed. Waiver form must be filled out at the Flying Dragons Studio.

Instructor: Master Joe Murphy

Location: Delavan Flying Dragons
133 Park Place
Delavan, WI 53115

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Fee: \$65 Resident
\$91 Non-Resident

Date	Course #
Tuesday & Thursday Feb. 4 - Feb. 27	3387
Tuesday & Thursday Mar. 4 - Mar. 27	3388



Momma & Me Tea Party

Bring your little one dressed in their fanciest tea party attire and create a day you will both remember forever. In the midst of all the fancy activities, we'll enjoy snacks and tea! We will make a craft and have an opportunity to take photos in the beautiful banquet hall. **Be sure to register by Friday, Feb. 28th!!**

Location: The Treasury, Delavan

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Date: Saturday, March 8th

Fee: \$15 Resident / \$21 Non-Resident

Dog Man Painting

Ages 5—12



Date: Thursday February 13th

Location: Water's Edge

Time: 5:00—6:00 PM

Course #: 3414

Fee: \$20 Resident / \$28 Non-Resident

Parent/Child Fencing

Ages 6 & Up

This class will allow you to learn the basics of fencing along with your child.

Location: Allez Fencing Group, Darien

Time: 6:30—8:00 PM

Fee: \$130 Resident / \$182 Non-Resident

Date	Course #
Tues. Feb. 4 - Feb. 25	3433
Thur. Feb. 6 - Feb. 27	3434



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Village Hall (262) 882-5055

Police (262) 882-3432

Public Works (262) 882-5258

KEEP THEM CLEAR

In an emergency, every second counts.

- Remove any snow and ice from the hydrant
- Clear a wide enough perimeter to walk around it (about 3 feet)
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street

3 FEET

3 FEET

VILLAGE RESIDENT UPDATE!!! January 20, 2025 Village Board Meeting

- The Village Board reviewed a memo outlining the local candidates who will appear on the ballot for the April 1st Spring Election. Three Village Trustee seats are up for re-election. These seats are for current Trustees Liz Baumann, Ken Truckey and William Volmar Jr.. All three Trustees have submitted nomination papers for re-election and will appear on the ballot. The Village President seat is also up for re-election. This seat is for current President Jane Stiles. Jane has submitted nomination papers for re-election as well and will appear on the ballot.
- The Village Board approved the purchase of a new 2025 F-550 Truck Chassis for the Public Works Department with a total cost of \$70,672.50. The funds were allocated in the 2025 Capital Budget for the Village of Darien.

Avoid the "Second Shovel"

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway only to have it plowed in when your local snowplow comes through? Clearing an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below), giving the snow on the plow a place to go other than your driveway, should keep you from having to do the same job twice.

Place Shoveled Snow From End of Driveway Here

Suggested Location of Mailbox to Reduce Possibility of Damage

Clear This Area





Shovel in the Direction of Traffic

CLEARED ROADWAY

Credit: County Road Association of Michigan, 2014.
milocalroads.com

FEBRUARY

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	
	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)		FOOD PANTRY 9:00 am		Trash & Recycling Collection 	
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	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)					
	FOOD PANTRY 5:30 PM		FOOD PANTRY 9:00 am		Trash Pick-up Only	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	4:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall)	1:00 PM Public Works Mtg. (Village Hall)	4:30 PM Library Board Mtg. (Darien Library)	 Last day for submission to the Family Connections Newsletter	
		5:00 PM Finance Comm. Mtg. (Conf. Rm)		7:00 PM American Legion & Aux. Mtg. (Darien Legion Hall)		Trash & Recycling Collection 
		6:30 PM Corn Fest Comm. Mtg. (Farmers Inn)	FOOD PANTRY 9:00 am			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	12:00 PM Senior Cards 5:30 PM Harvesters 4-H (Senior Center) 7:00 PM Village Board Mtg. (Village Hall)	Spring Primary Election 7:00 AM—8:00 PM		 Darien Methodist Church Donut Sale Call 262-882-3701		
	FOOD PANTRY 5:30	7:00 PM Women's Club (Darien Methodist Church)	FOOD PANTRY 9:00 am		Trash Pick-up Only	
23	24	25	26	27	28	March 1
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