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March 2025



DELAVAN TRAIN SHOW



Sat. March 8th 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Sun. March 9th 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Get ready to embark on a thrilling journey through miniature landscapes at the much-anticipated Delavan Train Show! This cherished event promises a weekend filled with enchanting model train displays, interactive activities, and fun for the whole family. This FREE event is open to the public!

There will be multiple locations throughout the city. Start your adventure at the **American Legion Hall at 111 S. Second St. in Delavan**. Join us as our exhibitors bring this miniature world to life and create lasting memories in a family-friendly atmosphere with your loved ones. All aboard!

Also at the Train Show—Saturday, March 8th Only!!!

Friends of Aram Public Library will host a **Mini Book Sale** beginning at 9:00 AM until sold out. A modest array of gently-used fiction and non-fiction books for the bargain prices of \$1.00 for hardcovers, \$.75 for softcovers, \$.50 for paperbacks (& some books priced as marked) will be available. This special sale can be found with the train layouts on the lower level of the American Legion Hall.



SAVE THE DATE KIDS!!!

The Easter Bunny and the Darien Women's Club will be handing out Easter Bags filled with candy, cookies, and other treats at the Darien Methodist Church on **Sat. April 12th 10:00 AM—12:00 PM**

Community Organizations



Darien 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.

Delavan United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Open Wednesdays 9:00 AM – Noon and is drive-up only. The Pantry is open only to Delavan/Darien 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.

Darien Methodist Church

Fresh Donuts!



Mar. 20th

\$6.00 / Dozen

Pre-order: 262-882-3701

Darien Seniors Cards

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

Darien Women's Club

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

Corn Fest Committee

March 11th, 6:30 PM at Farmers Inn

American Legion & Auxiliary

March 13th, 7:00 PM at Darien Legion Hall

*"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of a Library."
~Jorge Luis Borges~*

ADULT CRAFT CLASS – Wed. March 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 Facebook page or website to see what we will be creating this time. Whatever it is, it will be fun to make. Call or sign up at the library.



*"Libraries always remind me that there are good things in this world."
~Lauren Ward~*

MARCH IS YOUTH ART MONTH ~~~ STUDENT ART SHOW

Opening reception is on Tue. March 6th from 4:00-5:30 PM

Student art from Phoenix School, Darien Elementary School and Turtle Creek Elementary School will be on display **throughout the month of March**. Be sure to stop by and take a look at all the talent by our local young artists. Show your support of the arts!



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH – MARK GREANEY

Mr. Greaney is an American novelist known for writing thrillers. He is best known as Tom Clancy's collaborator on his final books during his lifetime, and for continuing the Jack Ryan character and the Tom Clancy universe following Clancy's death in 2013. He is also known for the *Gray Man* series of novels, which was produced by Netflix into a feature film. Greaney has degrees in political science and international relations, subjects which became major focuses of his writing career.



SHARE CATALOG

Search 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>

SPRINGTIME JOKES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

- Q. Why is everyone so tired on April 1st?
Because they've just finished a long, 31-day March.
- Q. What goes up when March rain comes down?
A. An umbrella.
- Q. What did the tree say during springtime?
"Well, this is a re-leaf!"



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 fun things that we do here. Visit us at: www.darien.lib.wi.us. Like us on Facebook! You can find us on Facebook at: 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.

WHAT IS CROSS CONNECTION?

A cross connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection in use. Cross connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

HOW DOES CONTAMINATION OCCUR?

When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply. Water normally flows in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backward: back siphonage and back pressure.

BACK SIPHONAGE

Back siphonage may occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a water main break or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system.

BACK PRESSURE

Back pressure may be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross connection.

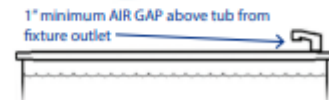
PROTECT YOUR DRINKING WATER

- DO**
- ✓ Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
 - ✓ Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper "air gap" device.
 - ✓ Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home.
 - ✓ Make sure water treatment devices such as water softeners have the proper "air gap", which is a minimum of one inch above any drain.

IN THE BATHROOM—HAND-HELD SHOWER FIXTURE

The hand-held shower fixture is compliant if:

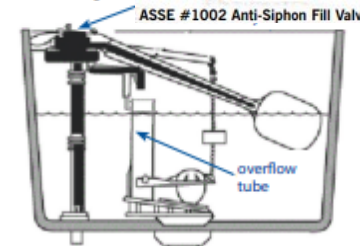
- When showerhead is hanging freely, it is at least one inch above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub).
- Complies with ASSE#1014.
- Has the ASME code 112.18.1 stamped on the handle.



IN THE BATHROOM—TOILET TANKS

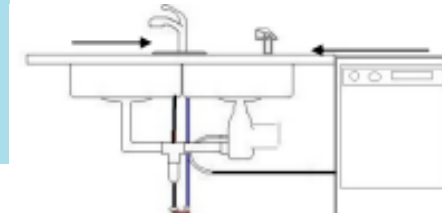
There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the state plumbing code requirements for backflow prevention.

- Look for the **ASSE #1002** Standard symbol on the device and packaging.
- Replace any unapproved devices with an **ASSE #1002** approved anti-siphon fill valve. Average cost is typically \$12 to \$22 at home improvement stores.
- Verify overflow tube is one inch below critical level (CL) marking on the device.



IN THE KITCHEN

Hoses and water treatment devices may create a potential backflow hazard if not properly isolated with backflow prevention methods.



- DON'T**
- ✗ Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds.
 - ✗ Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.
 - ✗ Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer or submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is a one inch "air gap" separation.

Residential Water User Cross-Connection Hazards

Bathrooms & Kitchens



We Are All Connected

Maintaining the integrity of your
public drinking water system.

Did you know ...

Your water can become contaminated if connections to your plumbing system are not properly protected! The purpose of the local Cross-Connection Control Program, as required by State Plumbing Code and Regulations, is to ensure that everyone in the community has safe, clean drinking water.

Public Health & Safety

To avoid contamination, backflow preventers are required by state plumbing codes wherever there is an actual or potential hazard for a cross-connection. The Wisconsin DNR requires all public water suppliers to maintain an on-going Cross-Connection Control Program involving public education, onsite inspections, and possible corrective actions by building owners if required.

More Information:

WI Department of Safety and Professional Services (formerly DOC)
www.dsps.wi.gov

WI Department of Natural Resources
www.dnr.wi.gov

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
www.epa.gov

Cross-Connection Control / Backflow Prevention
www.hydrocorpinc.com/resources/links

CONTACTS:

Hydro-Corp
2665 S. Moorland Rd.
Suite #209
New Berlin, WI 53151
(800) 315-4305
<http://www.hydrocorpinc.com>

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DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

www.darien.lib.wi.us

Phone: 262-882-5155

MANGO LANGUAGES



Want to learn a new language? With *Mango Languages* at Darien Public Library, you can choose from over 70 languages and start learning for **FREE** with your library card. It's a website and mobile app that helps people learn vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and culture through every-day conversations. Also included is *Little Pim*, video lessons in about 12 languages, designed for kids ages 0-5.

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."

~Sidney Sheldon~

JOIN US!! JIGSAW PUZZLE IN PROGRESS!!

Come to the library to help us complete our jigsaw puzzle. We have it set up on the tables in the reference section. Join us for any amount of time. It's so fun and relaxing to piece a puzzle together. Become a dissectologist (dye-sek-tol-oh-jist)! The first jigsaw puzzles were called "dissections." They were invented around 1760, by John Spilsbury, a London cartographer.



Special Days In March

8 – International Women's Day. Thank a special woman in your life.
10 – International Bagpipe Day. Why not learn to play an instrument?
18 – Global Recycling Day. Let's all pitch in and do our part to make the earth cleaner!
21 – World Storytelling Day. Write a story and read it to your friend.
22 – World Water Day. Check out the paragraph below this section to discover more!
27 – World Theatre Day. Write a play for you and your friends to perform.



World Water Day is March 22

Every drop of water counts!

The theme this year is "Glacier Preservation." Glaciers are melting faster than ever. As the planet gets hotter, our frozen world is shrinking, making the water cycle more unpredictable. For billions of people, meltwater flows are changing, causing floods, droughts, landslides and sea levels to rise. Countless communities and ecosystems are at risk of devastation. Glacier preservation is a top priority. We must reduce greenhouse gas emissions to slow down glacial retreat. And, we must manage meltwater more sustainably. Saving our glaciers is a survival strategy for people and the planet. You can learn more at: www.worldwaterday.org.

We can ALL do our own small part to save water and preserve glaciers:

- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or washing hands.
- Take shorter showers.
- Fix leaky faucets.
- Collect rainwater to water plants.
- Walk, ride a bike or take public transit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



A little effort goes a long way if *everyone* does their part!



THE DARIEN LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Please stop in to see what finds you might come upon at the Darien Library's ongoing book sale. The items change often, and the prices can't be beat. Like Goodwill, only cheaper! And closer! Come over to browse!



VILLAGE OF DARIEN

www.darienvillagewi.gov

Village Hall (262) 882-5055 Police (262) 728-6311 Public Works (262) 882-5258

Spring Election to be held on April 1, 2025

The Spring Election will be held on April 1, 2025, in the Village of Darien. The contests on the ballot include: State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, Village President, Village Trustee (3 seats), Delavan-Darien School Board (2 seats), and one state-wide referendum question.

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 photo ID card 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 ID and proof of residence to do so. If you have questions about valid photo IDs or proof of residence, please contact Village Hall. Voters who cannot make it to Village Hall on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot at Village Hall or may request a ballot be mailed to them.

DEADLINE to submit an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail: 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 27th, 2025

Village of Darien In-Person Absentee Voting Hours



Tuesday	Mar. 18	8:00 AM—4:00 PM
Wednesday	Mar. 19	8:00 AM—2:00 PM
Thursday	Mar. 20	8:00 AM—4:00 PM
Friday	Mar. 21	8:00 AM—2:00 PM
Monday	Mar. 24	8:00 AM—6:00 PM
Tuesday	Mar. 25	8:00 AM—4:00 PM
Wednesday	Mar. 26	8:00 AM—6:00 PM
Thursday	Mar. 27	8:00 AM—4:00 PM

Check the Village website at <https://darienvillagewi.gov/> for more information.

Public Works Department News

Public Works staff would like to thank residents who promptly removed snow from around fire hydrants during the February snow events. Fire hydrants that are blocked, concealed, or difficult to access due to snow or ice can impede emergency fire response. Likewise, it is also important to clear snow and ice from storm sewer inlets and catch basins to allow for proper drainage of rain and melting ice and snow. Clearing and creating a channel towards storm sewer inlets and catch basins will help prevent flooding during subsequent snow, ice, and rain events. This benefits everyone and it is something that neighbors may wish to work together to accomplish.



The Village would also like to thank our dedicated Public Works staff who have been working hard in 2025 to keep our roads safe and clear. Please thank them when you see them working outside this spring!



Parking & Vehicles:

Note that winter parking regulations are still in effect through April 15th. During this time, parking on Village streets between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM is prohibited. Vehicles violating this ordinance may be ticketed or towed, especially during snow events. Sign up for the Village's Text Message Alert program by texting VDARIEN to 262-205-1640, and you will be notified of all snow plowing operations in the Village.



Also, note that the Police Department will continue to enforce the Village's prohibition on abandoned vehicles on public streets and private property in the Village.

DELAVAN-DARIEN PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

For Further Information or Registration:
Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext. 138 | Online: www.delavanparkrec.com
VILLAGE OF DARIEN RESIDENTS RECEIVE RESIDENT RATES

Martial Arts at Delavan Flying Dragons

Ages 5 & Up

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
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Fee: \$65 Resident
\$91 Non-Resident



Date	Course #
Tuesday & Thursday	3388

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



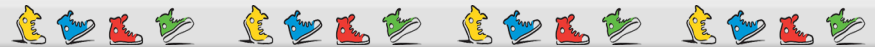
Date	Course #
Sat. Mar 1—22	3398
Sat. Apr. 5—26	3395

Cement Planter

Ages 18 & Up

Get ready for spring! Join our licensed art teacher, Jennifer, as she walks you through this craft with step-by-step instructions. No experience necessary and all supplies are included. Minimum class size is five participants.

Location: Darien Senior Center **Course #:** 3483
Date: Wed. Mar. 12
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Fee: \$35 Resident / \$45 Non-Resident



Walking Club

Age 21 & Up

FREE program! 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
Mar.	4, 11, 18, 25	6, 13, 20, 27

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Beginner's Guide to Estate Planning

FREE EVENT!!! Attorney Alyssa Wilson will discuss and answer your questions about basic estate planning including wills, trusts, and powers of attorney. **7 - 8 PM**

Date	Location	Course #
Wed, Mar. 26	Darien Senior Center	3488

How to Draw a Minion Ages 6—12

Join our licensed art teacher, Jennifer, as she walks you through with step-by-step instructions. All supplies are provided.

Date: Thur. Feb. 13th
Location: Senior Center
Time: 5:00—6:00 PM
Course #: 3415
Fee: \$20 Resident
 \$28 Non-Resident



Fencing (Foil) Ages 6 & Up

Learn fencing basics - advance, retreat, lunge, point in line, four basic parries, simple attacks, use of distance, fencing measure, rules of play, and basic strategy. Please bring a new (not worn on the street) pair of thin soled gym shoes to use for fencing. T-shirt and long workout pants needed. Water bottle recommended.

Instructor: Sabine Harmann
Location: Allez Fencing Group
 31 N. Wisconsin St., Darien
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Fee: \$70 Resident
 \$94 Non-Resident

Date	Course #
Tues. Mar. 4—Mar. 25	3425
Thur. Mar. 6—Mar. 27	3426
Tues. Apr. 1—Apr. 22	3427
Thur. Apr. 3—Apr. 24	3428

Mental Health in the Dark Months

Ages 16 & Up FREE Program
 Winter and cold weather can really take a hit on your mental health. Join Courtney Castelein (NP), and Licensed Counselor, Hailey Sawtelle, to chat about how to make the most of your mental health and ways you can help others around you.

Location: Darien Senior Center
Date: Thursday, March 20
Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Course #: 3412

Chakras 101 Ages 12 & Up

The chakras assimilate & distribute energy throughout your body. In this class you will discover the seven main chakras, their purpose and how they affect your physical, mental & spiritual wellbeing. You will learn how to tell if they are out of balance, how you can strengthen them, and how to bring them back into balance.

Course #: 3469
Location: Waters Edge, Delavan
Dates: Tue. Mar. 18—Apr. 8
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Fee: \$39 Resident / \$49 Non-Resident



Parent/Child Fencing Ages 6 & Up

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

Instructor: Sabine Harmann
Location: Allez Fencing Group
 31 N. Wisconsin St., Darien
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Fee: \$130 Resident / \$182 Non-Resident

Date	Course #
Tues. Mar. 4—Mar. 25	3435
Thur. Mar. 6—Mar. 27	3436
Tues. Apr. 1 - Apr. 22	3437
Thur. Apr. 3—Apr. 24	3438

Lasagna Dinner



Annual Fundraiser
Saturday, March 15th

4:00 PM—6:30 PM

Community of Christ
 Darien United Methodist Church
 15 Park St, Darien, WI

Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert & beverage

Please call/text Donna @ 262-215-7938 or call the Church @ 262-882-5577 for orders

\$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 Kids
12 & under



Be on the Lookout for Coyotes

Coyotes are wild animals and can be dangerous. Do not encourage them to approach. They are smart, fast and will take what they can get. From March to August, coyotes are very active since they are breeding, raising their young, and searching for food.



GENERAL TIPS:

- They are most active between dusk and dawn.
- Males are more aggressive during mating season.
- Be sure to leash your pets when going outdoors.
- Even in a fenced yard, go out with your pets and keep watch.
- Do not throw away food outside or intentionally feed coyotes.
- Always make sure your garbage is secured.
- Walk in lighted areas and avoid walking late at night.
- Carry a whistle/noisemaker.
- Close doggy doors after dark.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A COYOTE:

- Stop and yell at it to make it go away.
- Stomp your feet and make loud noise.
- Make yourself look big and scary by waving your arms above your head.
- Maintain eye contact.
- Always maintain a safe distance.
- Do not turn your back on a coyote or run away from a coyote.
- Always keep yourself between the coyote and small children.
- Don't feed other animals that coyotes prey upon.

MARCH



2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)		 9:00 am			Trash & Recycling Collection
	 5:30 PM					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	4:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall)	 9:00 am	4:30 PM Library Board Mtg. (Darien Library)	Last day for submission to the Family Connections Newsletter	
		6:30 PM Corn Fest Comm. Mtg. (Farmers Inn)	1:00 PM Public Works Comm. Mtg. (Village Hall)	5:30 PM Plan Commission & Public Hearing (Village Hall)		
			5:00 PM Finance Comm. Meeting (Village Hall)	7:00 PM American Legion & Aux. Mtg. (Darien Legion Hall)		
						Trash & Recycling Collection
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)	7:00 PM Darien Women's Club Meeting (Darien Methodist Church)	 9:00 am	 Darien Methodist Church Donut Sale—262-882-3701		
	 5:30 PM					
						Trash Pick-up Only
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)		 9:00 am			
30	31	April 1 Spring Election 7:00 AM—8:00 PM				
	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	ELECTION DAY				Trash & Recycling Collection