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HAPPY EASTER



DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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April 2025

Hey Kids!! It's the Easter Bag Giveaway!

When: Saturday, April 12th, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Where: Darien Methodist Church

The Easter Bunny and the Darien Women's Club will be handing out Easter bags with candy, cookies, crackers, other treats & great prizes! Please come to the Darien Methodist Church. Hope to see you all there!

Thanks,
The Easter Bunny

The Darien Women's Club will be filling the Easter bags on April 8th at 6:00 PM at the Darien Methodist Church. Anyone is welcome to come help and we will have pizza! Kids can even get community service hours for helping!

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!



Apr. 17th

\$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

April 8th, 6:00PM at Darien Methodist Church
Interested in joining? Call Pat @ 262-374-1068

Corn Fest Committee

April 8th, 6:30 PM at Farmers Inn

American Legion & Auxiliary

April 10th, 7:00 PM at Darien Legion Hall



We are now organizing our books by color!

Forget the Dewey Decimal System – Welcome to the Aesthetics System. You will easily be able to find that blue book you read two years ago within the blue section. Not only that, it's a visually attractive way to organize the library. *(Happy April Fool's Day!)*

ADULT CRAFT CLASS – Wed. April 23rd at 11:00 - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Join us for a fun 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! Please call or sign up at the library to get registered.



SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL:

- 1st – April Fools' Day
- 2nd – Int'l Children's Book Day
- 9th – Unicorn Day
- 10th – National Siblings Day
- 11th – National Pet Day
- 13th – National Scrabble Day
- 17th – Int'l Haiku Poetry Day
- 22nd – Earth Day
- 23rd – World Book Night
- 25th – Penguin Day
- 29th – International Dance Day



Join us for PRESCHOOL STORYTIME on Thursdays at 10:15 AM
Every Thursday during 4/3/25 – 5/1/25

Toddlers will have so much fun with Miss Cindy—there will be stories, coloring, and crafts. Help your little one to develop the love of reading!



JOKES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. Why can't you tell an egg a joke? Because it will crack up!
2. What do you tell a rabbit on its birthday? Hoppy Birthday!
3. Why did the cookie go to the doctor? Because it felt crumbly!



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 on over to browse!



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

Don't ever miss any library news! Learn about out 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 use our book drop, whether or not the library is open.



FREE Recycling & Disposal Events

PAPER SHREDDING

April 19th 9:00 AM—12:00 PM **First National Bank SHRED DAY**
Residential use only—limit of 6 boxes per person
105 WI-67 **Walworth, WI**



April 26th 9:00 AM—12:00 PM **First National Bank SHRED DAY**
Residential use only—limit of 6 boxes per person
1795 S Madison Rd., **Beloit, WI**



PRESCRIPTION & OTC DRUGS

April 26th 10:00 AM—2:00 PM **DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**
Delavan Police Department
123 S. 2nd St., **Delavan, WI**



*Permanent Drop Box: Town of Delavan Police Dept.
5625 Town Hall Rd., Delavan*

More Info: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/drug-take-back-day.htm>

ELECTRONICS & APPLIANCES

May 5th—8th 7:00 AM—3:00 PM **Free Electronics Recycling**
Town of Darien Public Works Garage
N2826 Foundry Rd., **Darien, WI**



Accepted Electronics Items: Computers (PCs/Laptops), All Computer Monitors, All-in-One Monitors, iPads/Tablets, Desktop Printers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Computer Keyboards, Mice, Computer Speakers, Cell Phones, All Wiring & Cords, All TVs, DVD Players, VCRs, DVRs.

Accepted Appliances: Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Dishwashers, Clothes Washers & Dryers, Freezers, Refrigerators, Microwaves, Stoves, Ovens, Range Tops, Water Heaters (no water softeners), Water Coolers, Car Batteries (ONLY).

Questions? Call the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Marilyn Larson @ 262-882-3393



VILLAGE OF DARIEN BRUSH COLLECTION POLICY GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Brush Collection Program serves property owners who maintain their own property. The first 15 minutes of collection is free. After the first 15 minutes, the cost to the property owner is \$160.00 per hour. Roadside pickup of tree trimmings will be provided from April through October on Tuesdays, beginning April 1st, weather permitting. All material collected is chipped and recycled as wood chips or mulch. To keep program costs down and prevent damage to equipment, please follow these important collection rules.

MATERIALS NOT COLLECTED

- Brush cut or trimmed by contractors. Persons hired by the property owner are responsible for removing material
- Small twigs and branches less than 4 feet in length will not be taken. These items should be taken to the compost site located at 335 W. Madison St.
- Material cleared from lots or undeveloped property
- Material in boxes, bags or trash containers
- **FIREWOOD** – defined as any tree branch larger than 6 inches in diameter. You may call the DPW garage at 262-882-5258 to obtain names & numbers of people looking for firewood. If the firewood is over 6 inches in diameter and no longer than 18 inches, you may take the firewood to the designated area at the compost site.



BRUSH COLLECTION RULES FOR ROADSIDE PICK-UP

- Brush is defined as tree and shrub trimmings.
- Brush pieces should be 4 feet long or longer. In fact, longer pieces are better.
- Pieces must be no larger than 6 inches in diameter.
- Remove all roots, stumps and dirt.
- Do not put brush in bags, boxes or trash containers.
- If you can drag the brush to the road, Public Works staff can put it in the chipper.
- Do not place your brush piles near fire hydrants, trees, shrubs, utility poles, mailboxes & other obstructions.
- Place brush on the shoulder of the road within 4 feet or less of the road's edge.
- PLEASE stack brush piles with the cut ends facing the street in small piles no taller than 2 feet. Keep the piles separated so that they do not get tangled up.

WOOD CHIPS

- Wood chips may be requested on a first come first served basis.
- Residents must call the Village Garage (262-882-5258) to have their name added to the list.



COMPOST SITE RULES

- The site is located at our Public Works facility located at 335 W. Madison Street.
- The compost site is officially open from **April 1st - December 1st**. But due to the early warm weather, we are already open this year!
- The compost site is restricted for use by the Village of Darien residents only.
- Other materials such as gravel are for the use of the Department of Public Works.
- There is absolutely no dumping by contractors, non-residents or businesses.

OPEN Monday-Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM - Noon

DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

www.darien.lib.wi.us

Phone: 262-882-5155

April is National Poetry Month! Bring your poem to the library for us to post!

It's as much about appreciating poetry as it is about exposing a new generation to the art form. Check out a poetry book for yourself or your child. Try your hand at writing a limerick or haiku. These two poetry forms are a good place to start. – they are easy, short, and follow a form. The best part is that they can be funny!

- A haiku consists of three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third. A haiku does not need to rhyme.
- A limerick is a verse with three long and two short rhyming lines. The rhyme scheme is AABBA.



Here are some examples:

HAIKU:

Quiet rows of books
Waiting for their moment to
Change a perspective.



LIMERICK:

There once was a girl with a book,
Who settled right into a nook.
She started to read
And then she decreed:
'You should give this adventure a look!'

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

EASTER TAKE & MAKE CRAFT FOR KIDS

During April, stop in and pick up a take and make craft for your child. It will be something fun to make! Have a craft day at home and spend some quality time with your little ones. One per child please, while supplies last.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY

Visit the library the first week in April and receive a FREE children's book. One per child please, while supplies last.



"In every gardener, there is a child who believes in The Seed Fairy." – Robert Brault



SEED SHARE STARTING IN APRIL

Spring is here and it's time to think about the garden. We will have seeds again this year to share with you. If you have seeds you would like to share with others, please bring them to the library.

APRIL AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: VIOLA SHIPMAN (AKA WADE ROUSE)

WADE ROUSE is the internationally bestselling author of several books, translated into nearly 20 languages. Wade chose his grandmother's name, Viola Shipman, as a pen name to honor the woman whose heirlooms and family stories inspire his fiction. Wade's books have been selected multiple times as Must-Reads by NBC's *Today Show*, featured in the *Washington Post*, *USA Today* and on *Chelsea Lately* and have also been chosen three times as Indie Next Picks by the nation's independent booksellers.



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>



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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), & 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.

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



Celebrate the Environment in April!

It is well-known that April showers bring May flowers. But did you also know that April is a great time to do something positive for the environment? Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22nd. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Consider cleaning up the trash or debris in your neighborhood that has been covered by snow for the last few months or saving those April showers using rain barrels to water your May flowers!



The Village Compost Site is Already OPEN!!

The Village of Darien Compost Site is located at the Public Works facility at 335 W. Madison Street. We have already opened the site for residents. The site will be open until November 30th. Please place all yard waste and brush directly in the dumpster.



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

Comet Attack Camp

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to improve your volleyball skills. Female athletes will learn individual and team skills that will enable them to take their volleyball game to the next level. Players will be coached by Haley Mueller and the DDHS volleyball players. Delavan-Darien Attack teams will travel to play against Badger, Big Foot, and Elkhorn. The fee includes a team t-shirt, practices, and tournament enrollment fees.

Registration deadline is Friday, April 4th.

Instructor: Haley Mueller
Location: DDHS- East/West Gym
Practice Dates: Tuesday & Thursday, April 22 - May 15
Practice Times: 6:15 - 7:45 pm
League Play Dates: Friday, May 2, 9 & 16 (6:00 - 9:00 pm)
Fee: \$40 Resident / \$56 Non-Resident



Junior Kickers

This instructional class will feature organized drills and games together to develop listening skills, balance, ball skills and foot-eye coordination. This is a good introduction to Micro Soccer. **This is a parent/child class. Parent participation is required.**



Location: Veteran's Park—Softball Field
Dates: Sat, Apr 27 - May 18
Time: 9:00 - 9:40 am
Fee: \$20 Resident / \$28 Non-Resident
Course #: 3385

Instructional Soccer

This is a great program for ages 4 - 7 who are beginning to play soccer. Classes build basic soccer skills such as dribbling, passing, trapping and scoring. Players will also learn sportsmanship. Players are encouraged to wear shin guards.

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

Veteran's Park - Softball Field		
Saturday April 26 - May 17		
Age	Time	Course #
4 - 5	9:45 - 10:30 a.m.	3381
6 - 7	10:40 - 11:25 a.m.	3383

Keister Park - 315 Cool Street, Delavan		
Tuesday April 29 - May 20		
Age	Time	Course #
4 - 5	5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	3382
6 - 7	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	3384

Music Makers

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. Apr. 5—26	3395
Sat. May 3—24	3399

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Babysitting

Ages 10 - 14

In this course your child will learn the basics of being a safe and responsible babysitter. Topics covered include: how to market your business safely, age appropriate play and discipline. Heimlich and first aid basics, diapering and feeding infants and more! Each child will go home with a work book. Sign up early! Limited space available.



Date: Saturday, May 3
Location: Water's Edge
Address: 1220 S. Shore Dr.
Time: 10:00 AM—12:30 PM
Course #: 3441
Fee: \$30 Resident / \$42 Non-Resident

Arbor Day Tree/Plant Sale

Trees improve our quality of life and pay us back three times the investment we make in them. Help us celebrate the day of the tree. The Arbor Day program will include our annual tree sale and tree planting.

Location: Paul Lange Arboretum
Date: Friday, April 25
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Tree Types: 3-4' Eastern White Pine
 1-2' Norway Spruce
 Variety—deciduous trees



*Assorted pricing from \$5 - \$50 per plant

Parent/Child Fencing

Ages 6 & Up

This class will allow you to learn along with your child of the basics of Fencing. The Allez Fencing Group will provide you with all the equipment and instruction, you just have fun with your child.

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. Class consists of warm-up games, stretching, footwork and fencing drills along with bouting practice against other class members. 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: \$130 Resident / \$182 Non-Resident

Date	Course #
Tuesday, May 6 – May 27	3439
Thursday, May 8 – May 29	3440

Painted Flower Pots & Bottle Cap Flowers

Ages 5 –12

Adults are welcome! Join licensed instructor Jennifer with “A Glass of Art & More” for this fun craft class. Step-by-step instructions as well as supplies will be provided.

Location: Darien Senior Center
Date & Time: Thursday, Apr. 24 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Fee: \$25 Resident / \$33 Non-Resident
Course #: 3416



Chakras 101



Ages 12 & Up

The chakras assimilate & distribute energy throughout your body. You will learn about the seven main chakras, their purpose, how to tell if they are out of balance, how to strengthen them, and bring them back into balance.

Location: Water's Edge
Dates: Tues Apr 29—May 13
Fee: \$39 Resident / \$49 Non-Resident
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Course #: 3470

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EASTER EGG HUNT!!

April 19th

9:30—11:00 AM

Allens Grove Union Park

The Easter Bunny will join us at 9:30 AM Please bring your camera! The hunt will begin for ages 0-12 at 10:00 AM sharp and for ages 13 and up at 10:30 AM.

Don't forget your baskets.

Rain Date: April 26th, 2025

Enjoy the Sunshine at Wildwood Park Disc Golf Course

As the temperatures slowly but surely start to warm up, take your friends and family to Wildwood Park and enjoy a day in the sun playing on our disc golf course! Never played before, but curious? Check out this great introduction to disc golf at:

<https://www.pdga.com/news/what-disc-golf-guide-parents-kids>



Darien Fire & Rescue Blood Drive

Saturday, April 19th

9:00 AM—1:30 PM

Darien Fire & Rescue Department

602 Gerry Way, Darien

Make your appointment at: tinyurl.com/darienfire419

or call (877) 232-4376



















Annual Meeting—Darien Cemetery Association

The Darien Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting this year on Saturday, April 5th, 2025. This meeting is open to the public and it is scheduled for 8:00 AM in Village Hall.

APRIL



2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
March 30	March 31	1	2	3	4	5
	10:00 AM Public Voting Equipment Testing	 Spring Election 7:00 AM—8:00 PM	 9:00 am			8:00 AM Darien Cemetery Association Mtg (Village Hall)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	4:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall) 6:00 PM Darien Women's Club Meeting (Darien Methodist Church) 6:30 PM Corn Fest Comm. Mtg. (Farmers Inn)	1:00 PM Public Works Meeting (Village Hall)  9:00 am	4:30 PM Library Board Mtg. (Darien Library) 7:00 PM American Legion & Aux. Mtg. (Darien Legion Hall) 7:00 PM Joint Town & Village Boards Meeting (Village Hall)		Easter Bag Giveaway (Methodist Church) 10:00 AM—12:00 PM 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)  5:30 PM	5:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall)	5:00 PM Finance Mtg (Village Hall) 5:15 PM Parks Mtg (Village Hall)  9:00 am	8:00—10:00 AM  Darien Methodist Church Donut Sale—262-882-3701	Last day for submission to the Family Connections Newsletter Village Offices Closed in observance of Good Friday Trash Pick-up Only 	 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30-11:00 AM Allens Grove Union Park  Blood Drive 9:00 AM—1:30 PM Darien Fire & Rescue 602 Gerry Way
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
HAPPY EASTER! 	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center) 5:30 PM Harvester's 4-H (Senior Center) 7:00 PM Village Board Mtg.	 5:00 PM Personnel Mtg. (Village Hall) 6:00 PM Village Board Re- Organizational Meeting	 9:00 am			Trash & Recycling Collection 
27	28	29	30	May 1	May 2	May 3
	12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)		 9:00 am	 April Showers Bring May Flowers		Trash Pick-up Only