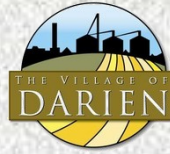


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# Happy Father's Day

Darlen Family Connections  
PO Box 97



## DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Email: [Darlenfamilyconnections@gmail.com](mailto:Darlenfamilyconnections@gmail.com)

Phone: 262-882-5055

June 2025

FREE EVENT!!



- Summer Reading Sign-Up
- Stuffed Adoption
- Carting K-9's
- Yard Games
- Fending Demonstrations

**Friday, June 6**  
**3:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Phoenix Park**

**Mill Pond-Free Admission!**  
**1:00-5:00PM**

### FREE EVENT!!! ALLENS GROVE BLUES FEST XX

**Benefit for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**  
**JUNE 27TH AT 7:00 PM**

**Allens Grove Park, located on Hwy X between Darlen & Clinton**  
**All musicians are welcome to join us!**

**Raffle, Food, and Great Music!!!**  
**Bring your appetite and a lawn chair!**

**Questions? Please call Mike at 262-882-3373 or Chris at 262-949-0351**



**LEADING THE WAY  
TO CANCER CURES**

## 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!**

**Sept 18th**

**\$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

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 6PM Picnic @ Cheryl Ackley's house  
Interested in joining? Call Pat @ 262-374-1068

### Corn Fest Committee

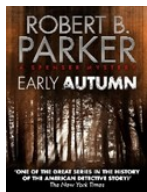
June 10th, 6:30 PM at Farmers Inn

### American Legion & Auxiliary

June 12th, 7:00 PM at Darlen Legion Hall

**AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: ROBERT B. PARKER**

Mr. Parker is renowned for his Spenser novels, featuring the wise-cracking, street-smart Boston private-eye, which earned him a devoted following and reams of critical acclaim. He also launched two other best-selling series featuring, respectively, Massachusetts police chief Jesse Stone and Boston private detective Sunny Randall.



**NEW BOOKS**



We always have new books coming in for you to enjoy. Here are some recent additions to the juvenile collection. This mystery series, set in America's National Parks, is by Aaron Johnson. It is about Jake Evans who has embarked on a two-month vacation in some of America's most wild places. From waterfalls to caverns, mountain lakes and meltwater streams, he and his friends will explore lost landmarks and find hidden clues to an ancient mystery. Along the way, he will learn what it takes to survive in the backcountry. He'll discover connections to the past and a deep longing for experiences that only come our way when we venture outside.

**SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE:**

- June 9<sup>th</sup> – National Rhubarb Pie Day
  - June 14<sup>th</sup> – National Flag Day
  - June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day
  - June 19<sup>th</sup> – Juneteenth; end of slavery
  - June 20<sup>th</sup> – Summer begins
- Find many more at: <https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/june/june-days>

**FUNNY SUNNY JOKES JUST FOR YOU:**

- Why did the seagull fly over the sea?  
~ Because if it flew over the bay, it would be a bage!
- What do you call a Labrador Retriever at the beach in August?  
~ A hotdog!
- Do fish go on vacation?  
~ No, because they're always in school!
- What's the difference between a piano and a fish?  
~ You can tune a piano but you can't tune-a- fish!



**STORY WALK**—Starting in June! A story will be posted on numbered sign boards around the library's property. Just follow the story pages around our yard and make it more special and bring a picnic lunch or a snack to enjoy on our lovely patio.

**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>

**LIBRARY HOURS:** Mondays -Thursdays 10AM to 6PM and Saturdays 10AM to 1PM  
If you have materials that you would like to return, please use our book drop 24/7.  
And don't forget to like us on Facebook and visit our website @ www.darien.lib.wi.us

**DELAVAN-DARIEN PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

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

**Intro Fencing—One Night of Fun!!!**

**Ages 6 & Up**

Learn footwork basics and simple offense/defense. Fence against other participants just for fun to see what fencing is all about.

**Instructor:** Sabine Harmann  
**Location:** Allez Fencing Group  
31 N. Wisconsin St.—Darien  
**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$25 Resident / \$35 Non-Resident

Date	Course #
Mon, June 16	3596
Mon, July 21	3597
Mon, August 18	3598



**Baseball Sponsorships**

Interested in sponsoring a youth baseball or softball league team?  
Contact Delavan Parks & Recreation at **262-728-5585, ext. 8**

**Craft Class—Wooden Fish Ages 5-12**

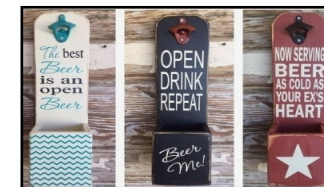
**Adults welcome as well!**

**Location:** Darien Senior Center  
**Date:** Thur. June 12  
**Time:** 5:00 - 6:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$15 Resident/\$21 Non-Resident  
**Course #:** 3553



**Craft Class—Bottle Opener Ages 18+**

**Location:** Darien Senior Center  
**Date:** Wed. June 11  
**Time:** 5:00 - 6:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$25 Resident / \$35 Non-Resident  
**Course #:** 3557



**FREE "Movies in the Park" at West Park!**

All movies start at dark—8:45 PM

- Friday, June 27 - *Dog Man*
- Friday, July 25 - *Inside Out 2*

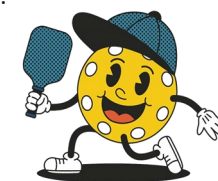


**Open Pickleball**

**Ages 50 & Up**

From June until August we will be reserving the courts at Lauterbach Park for Pickleball play on the dates listed below. Please register before participating.

**Location:** Lauterbach Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday/Saturday, June 4/7 - August 27/30  
**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Fee:** \$5 Resident / \$7 Non-Resident  
**Course #:** 3487/3486



## DELAVAN-DARIEN PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

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 Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext. 8 | Online: [www.delavanparkrec.com](http://www.delavanparkrec.com)  
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Kids Fishing | Live Music | Food & Drinks  
**Starting at 1pm**  
**June 28, 2025**

**Community Park — 1220 South Shore Dr., Delavan WI**

1:00-4:00 PM | Kids Fishing

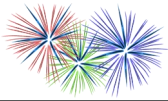
12:00—8:00 PM | Professional Sand Sculptors

4:30 PM | Food Trucks Arrive

5:30-9:30 PM | Live Music

7:45-8:15 PM | Members of UW Marching Band

At Dusk | Fireworks!!!



### Medicare Made Simple!

Medicare is a complex topic but a critical component of your retirement plan. Understand the key facts of original Medicare, supplemental insurance plans, and why timing your benefits is important. This class is designed to provide a pathway to being sure you have the right insurance coverage at the right time.

**Location:** Darien Senior Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 10th  
**Time:** 6:00 - 7:15 pm  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Course #:** 3582



## Muddy Maniacs Adventure Mud Run

Join us for another exciting adventure mud run for kids. The course is a little over a mile long with over 10 obstacles along the way. Come test your endurance and get dirty! The race will take place in Terrace and Lower Springs Park in Delavan. Check in on the day of will be

**Saturday, June 14 @ Lower Springs Park**

**Fee: \$25 until May 31st**

**\$30 after May 31st**

Age	Approx. Start Time	Course #
11 - 14	9:00 AM	3418
7 - 10	9:30 AM	3420
4 - 6	10:15 AM	3419

## 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



### COLOR OUR WORLD SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The program begins June 9<sup>th</sup> and ends on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Reading records are due on Aug 4<sup>th</sup>.

Reading Awards Luncheon: August 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon



### STORY WAGON 2025!

#### BOLLYWOOD GROOVE:

**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM**

Experience the Magic of Holi: India's Festival of Colors. Uncover its legends, explore rhythms, and celebrate together – fun for all ages!

#### NOVEL MOTION CIRCUS:

**Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM**

Engaging performances featuring modern circus acts like the German wheel, slack line, and juggling. Some audience participation is possible. *No animals.*

#### SCIENCE HEROES: Adventure of the Missing Color

**Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM**

Join our mission to turn science into an adventure! Discover how fun and colorful science can be through hands-on experiments all about: chemical reactions, air pressure, physical explosions, and more!

#### SNAKE DISCOVERY:

**Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 PM**

This program covers topics like the reptile diet, habitat, defense mechanisms and fun facts, using an assortment of props and live animals! From touching lizards to holding snakes, attendees of all ages are sure to experience something new!

### FREE CRAFTS AND PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES!

**TUTTI FRUTTI MAGNET CRAFT:** Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM Join us for this

program to assemble adorable fruit shaped magnets. Be prepared for cutting & gluing.

**HORSE TALES:** Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> AND July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM Bring your family and friends to this fun festival of tales/tails. Eden Healing Center will be at the library with their horses. You will be able to pet the horses and give them special treats.

**POOL NOODLE MONSTER CRAFT:** Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM Come and make a scary or silly monster out of a pool noodle.

**PATRIOTIC DOOR KNOB HANGER CRAFT:** Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM Be part of the patriotic fun and craft a red, white and blue door knob hanger. Display it proudly on your back or front door for the Independence Day weekend!

**BUG MASK CRAFT:** Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM Have fun designing a delightful bug mask. From lady bugs to butterflies to spiders, make the mask that appeals to you.

**PAPER OCTOPUS CRAFT:** Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM Share in the delight of crafting a cute paper octopus with other kids. Bring this underwater creature home to decorate your bedroom or wherever you would like to display your new critter!

**BUBBLES PLUS:** Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM Fun in the sun! Spend some time outdoors making bubbles of all sizes. Also, paint a picture using bubble wrap as a new-fangled paintbrush. See what kind of design you can come up with!

# ~RESIDENTIAL~

## Walworth County 2025 Residential Clean Sweep, Electronics & Tires Recycling Events



Walworth County Public Works  
W4097 County Rd NN  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

**Friday, June 20**  
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Residential Clean Sweep** \*No Registration Required  
**NO ELECTRONICS/TVs** - Household hazardous waste only.  
This includes products labeled caustic, acid, flammable, danger, warning or poison. Examples: oil & lead-based paints, pesticides & herbicides, adhesives & lubricants, cleaning chemicals, fertilizers, old fuel, anti-freeze, motor oil, paint remover, degreasers, solvents, wood preservatives, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers, thermostats, rechargeable batteries & all nicotine VAPE devices.

**Saturday, June 21**  
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Residential Clean Sweep, Electronics, Appliances & Tires** \*No Registration Required  
All household hazardous waste items listed above, tires, electronics, appliances & ALL TVs will be accepted today.  
\* No broken or disassembled materials accepted.  
**Fees - CASH ONLY**

- ALL TV's: \$10 each
- Monitors: \$5 each
- All electronics, computers - Free
- Mini fridges/small AC units/Dehumidifiers: \$5 each
- Refrigerators/Freezers: \$10 each; all other appliances free
- Tires: 18" rims or smaller
  - Without rims: \$10 each
  - With rims: \$15 each

**The following items will NOT be accepted:**

Latex paint, empty agricultural chemical containers, compressed gas cylinders, Freon, alkaline batteries, sharps, infectious or biological wastes, explosives, radioactive waste, human pharmaceuticals, and ammunition.

For detailed information: [www.co.walworth.wi.us/826/Clean-Sweep](http://www.co.walworth.wi.us/826/Clean-Sweep)  
Questions? Call (262) 741-3116 or email [walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us)

**Deduct Meters Available at Village Hall**

Are you planning to fill a swimming pool or water your lawn or garden this summer? If so, please visit Village Hall and pick up a deduct meter. It is very convenient because we add all fees and credits directly to your utility bill. There is a \$10 deposit that is required to obtain the meter, as well as a \$6 monthly rental fee. Upon return of the meter, the Village will credit your account the \$10 deposit along with the sewer charges for the water that went through the meter. As such, to make the meter rental worthwhile, you must use at least 2,000 gallons of water the first month and at least 1,000 gallons of water for each month thereafter. If you do not plan to use that much water, renting the meter will cost more money than the credit will save. If you have questions, would like to reserve a meter, or would like us to run the numbers for you before renting the meter, please contact Village Hall at 262-882-5055.



## VILLAGE OF DARIEN

[www.darienvillagewi.gov](http://www.darienvillagewi.gov)

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

**Water & Sewer Rates Increase - Effective on July 19, 2025**

The Darien Water Works and Sewer System filed an application on May 9, 2025 with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase 3.0 percent. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The Village Board has also determined a need to revise the charges imposed upon sewer service users under Chapter 13.20 "Sewer Service Charges" of the Municipal Code in order to maintain and ensure sufficient revenues are available to recover actual costs and pay total operation, maintenance, and replacement costs of the utility. Meters will be read on or about August 20<sup>th</sup>, and utility bills with the new rates will be mailed to customers on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The first utility bills with the new water rates will be due on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The following tables show the new rates as well as the overall impact on average utility bills.

Monthly Base Rates:						
Meter Size	Current Water Rate	Water Rate as of 7/19/25 (+ 3.0%)	Current Public Fire Protection Rate (PFP)	PFP Rate as of 7/19/25 (+ 3.0%)	Current Sewer	Sewer Rate as of 7/19/25 (+ 12.4%)
3/4"	\$12.92	\$13.31	\$18.62	\$19.18	\$30.79	\$34.62
1"	\$16.15	\$16.63	\$46.28	\$47.67	\$36.44	\$40.97
1 1/2"	\$24.76	\$25.50	\$93.64	\$96.45	\$45.86	\$51.56
2"	\$30.14	\$31.04	\$148.54	\$153.00	\$57.17	\$64.28

Monthly Charges per 1000 Gallons Used		
WATER		
Gallons Used	Current Charge	New Charge (+ 3.0%)
1,000-8,334	\$8.21	\$8.46
8,335-33,334	\$6.78	\$6.98
Over 33,335	\$4.63	\$4.77
SEWER		
	Current Charge	New Charge (+ 12.4%)
	\$10.40	\$11.69

Impact on Monthly Bills:			
	Current Bill	New Bill	Difference
Average Residential	\$136.77	\$147.71	+ \$10.94
Average Commercial	\$136.77	\$147.71	+ \$10.94
Large-scale Commercial	\$322.87	\$349.21	+ \$26.34
Average Industrial	\$341.48	\$369.36	+ \$27.88
Large-scale Industrial	\$1,667.26	\$1,819.51	+ \$152.25

Average residential – 3/4" meter using 3,000 gallons/month  
 Average commercial – 3/4" meter using 4,000 gallons/month  
 Large-scale commercial – 3/4" meter using 14,000 gallons/month  
 Average industrial – 3/4" meter using 15,000 gallons/month  
 Large-scale commercial – 1 1/2" meter using 100,000 gallons/month



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## We Can Email Your Water & Sewer Bill

Tired of your water & sewer bill getting lost in the mail? Would you like to receive your Water & Sewer bill via email?

If you would like to switch to **email billing**, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BTZQXQG>

Or you can also stop in at Village Hall or call us at 262-882-5055



## Reminder from Code Enforcement: 2025 Noxious Weed Notice

Please note that noxious weeds are prohibited in the Village and that all grass and other vegetation must remain below twelve (12) inches in height. If grasses and/or weeds grow taller than 12 inches in height, the Village may cause them to be cut and/or removed at the expense of the property owner. Please do your part in keeping Darien beautiful by removing noxious weeds and maintaining your lawns.

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Many people in our area face hunger every single day. Do you wish you could help out but do not have the time? Please consider donating to the people who already do the work and need your help. Last year, we highlighted one such person,

Doug Kretschmer. You may know him from his many years of work at the Annual FREE Thanksgiving Dinner! Well, Doug continues to deliver meals to over 25 homes in our area every single week, driving about 70 miles in total. He has been quietly doing so much good for decades at his own expense, not ever expecting help or recognition. But I am certain that Doug could use our help! **If you are able, please make a donation or offer your help & time. We all know that every little bit helps! Please give. Call Doug at 262-903-5591.**



## Summer Bible School for Ages 4-15

Comunidad Christiana Calvario Church

11 1st Street, Darien, WI

Dates: July 7-11

Time: 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

Bilingual teachers are available for this event, so everyone is welcome!!

Habrá premios, juegos, actividades, música, sorpresas, y mucha diversión al estilo vaquero para chicos y grandes. Tendremos transporte disponible y también habrá comida!

There will be games, prizes, activities, music, surprises, and lots of cowboy-styled fun! Transportation will be provided and there will also be food.

Teléfono:(262) 755-9139 Email: [escueladominicalccc4@gmail.com](mailto:escueladominicalccc4@gmail.com)



## ~BUSINESS & AGRICULTURE~

# Walworth County 2025 Business & Agriculture Clean Sweep Events



Walworth County Public Works  
W4097 County Rd NN  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

## June 20

Safely dispose of products labeled caustic, acid, flammable, danger, warning or poison. Examples: oil & lead-based paints, pesticides & herbicides & lubricants, cleaning chemicals, fertilizers, old fuel, anti-freeze, motor oil, paint remover, degreasers, solvents, wood preservatives, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers, thermostats & rechargeable batteries

12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

### Business \*Pre-Registration Required

Any businesses that generates less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month may participate in this event.

### Agriculture \*Pre-Registration Required

A maximum of 100 lbs. per farm is free of charge. Dispose of all of the hazardous waste above plus agricultural chemicals, including DDT, lead arsenate, Chlordane & lindane. Other agricultural chemicals including animal medications, vaccines, teat wash, rodent baits, etc. Ensure all containers are structurally sound.

### The following items will **NOT** be accepted:

Electronics, computers, and TVs.

Empty agricultural chemical containers, compressed gas cylinders, Freon, alkaline batteries, ammunition, sharps, infectious or biological wastes, explosives, radioactive waste, latex paint, human pharmaceuticals, ammunition

### Pre-Register by Friday, June 6 - See website for form

Complete a VSQG Chemical Inventory Sheet and email it to [colin.barrington@veolia.com](mailto:colin.barrington@veolia.com). Veolia will provide you with a no-obligation disposal quote. If you choose to participate, a time will be scheduled for June 20 to drop off items and make payment.

For detailed information: [www.co.walworth.wi.us/826/Clean-Sweep](http://www.co.walworth.wi.us/826/Clean-Sweep)  
Questions? Call (262) 741-3116 or email [walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us)










Look for the Residential Clean Sweep flyers in the June 11 & 18 Smart Shopper



## 2025 Cornfest!!!

## September 5, 6, & 7

[dariencornfest.us](http://dariencornfest.us)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	3	4  9:00 AM  1:00 PM Public Works (Village Hall)	5	6	7
	 5:30 PM	<b>Brush Collection</b>			<b>Trash &amp; Recycling Collection</b> 	
8	9 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	10 4:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall)  6:30 PM Corn Fest Mtg. (Farmers Inn)	11  9:00 AM 5:00 PM Finance Comm Meeting (Village Hall)  5:15 PM Parks Comm. Meeting (Village Hall)	12 4:30 PM Library Board Mtg. (Darien Library)  7:00 PM American Legion & Aux. Mtg. (Darien Legion Hall)	13	14
		<b>Brush Collection</b>			<b>Trash Pick-up Only</b>	
15	16 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center) 5:30 PM Harvesters 4-H (Senior Center) 7:00 PM Village Board Mtg. (Village Hall)  5:30 PM	17 5:00 PM Court Trials (Village Hall)  6:00 PM Women's Club (Cheryl Ackley's Home)	18  9:00 AM	19	20 Last day for submission to the Family Connections Newsletter  7:00 PM Joint Commission - Fire & EMS (Town of Darien)	21
		<b>Brush Collection</b>			<b>Trash &amp; Recycling Collection</b> 	
22	23 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	24	25  9:00 AM	26	27  <b>Dog Man</b> 8:45 PM West Park	28
		<b>Brush Collection</b>			<b>Trash Pick-up Only</b>	
29	30 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)					

*Happy  
Father's  
Day!*