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Darlen Family Connections
PO Box 97
Darlen, WI 53114

September 5th, 6th, & 7th!!!



DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Email: Darlenfamilyconnections@gmail.com Phone: 262-882-5055 September 2025

Join Us for Breakfast in the Corn Barn!!!

SAT 7:30-10:00 AM

SUN 8:00-10:30 AM

- * Homemade, fresh out of the oven Cinnamon Rolls! * Milk & Coffee
- * Pancakes (plain, blueberry or chocolate chip) * Bacon & Sausage
- * Biscuits & Gravy * Big Breakfast Sammy * Hash Browns

Delavan-Darlen Rotary Club in the Concession Stand



FRI 5:00-10:00 PM

SAT 5:00-10:00 PM

- * Cheesy Nachos * Walking Tacos * Street Corn
- * Ice Cream Sandwiches * Chips

(* prices vary)

Community Organizations

 <p>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.</p>	<p>Darlen Methodist Church Fresh Donuts!  Sept 18th \$6.00 / Dozen Pre-order: 262-882-3701</p>
<p>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.</p>	

Darlen Seniors Cards
Mondays, 12:00 PM at Senior Center
Want to join in? Call Carl @ 262-882-2022

Darlen Women's Club
Sep. 16th, Darlen UMC at 7:00 PM
Interested in joining? Call Pat @ 262-374-1068

Corn Fest Committee
Sep 4th, West Park at 6:30 PM

American Legion & Auxiliary
Sep. 11th, Darlen Legion Hall at 7:00 PM

SUMMER READING

2025 Summer Reading Program RECAP

A big thank you to all who attended the awards luncheon but mostly for supporting our readers and your library. The combined total hours read by our readers was a whopping 1884 – well done everyone!

Congratulations to our top readers: Zoe Schuknecht & Lucas Zipp!

Congratulations to the winners of these prizes: ~ Plush Dog: Kailynn Cruz ~ Minnie Mouse: Everleigh Bailey ~ Adventure Gorilla Blocks: Miles Blackwell ~ Plush Bear with Bow: Raiden Cruz ~ Rainbow Jewelry Kit: Ava Kertho ~ Pickle Ball Set: Elizabeth Finet ~ Glow Art Set: Ruby Zipp ~ Fairy Tale Craft Kit: Audrey Hookham ~ Deep Sea Craft Kit: Riley Sanders ~ Mini Sandwich Maker: Woodrow Pecen ~ Rock Art: Zoe Schuknecht ~ Bluey Musical Bubble Machine: Lili Flores ~ Rivers, Roads, & Rails Matching Game: Lucas Zipp ~ Weaving Loom: Isabelle Hookham ~ Dream Tent Space Adventure: Lilian Kertho ~ Comfort Chair Lounge: Isaiah Finet ~ Comfort Chair Lounge: Elijah Bailey ~ Color Change Lip Balm Kit: Riley Patrick ~ Window Art Kit: Felicee Flores ~ Crayola Art Kit: Aurella Zinser ~ Mini Skillet & Noodle Maker: Augustus Pecen.

Congratulations to all our readers!

Thank you to all the kids that participated & hope to see you all next summer!

Calling all book lovers! Celebrate **NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY!**

Visit our library on September 6th or anytime the following week and receive a **FREE BOOK**. While you're here, check out a few free library books as well! Sit back, relax and read a book. Whether you prefer to escape into the world of fiction or learn something new, celebrate with your favorite books. Pick up a new book or read an old favorite. Explore the past in history books and memoirs. Read aloud to a child or give them a new book.



OWL TABLE DECORATION ~ ADULT CRAFT and CONVERSATION

September 17TH at 11:00 AM

Save the date for our next adult craft project. We will make this whimsical owl themed craft. We will be painting and gluing so wear your crafting clothes! This is a fun hour or so of creativity and socializing. We will serve coffee and a pastry. Please join us!



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH – COLLEEN HOOVER

Just a decade or so ago, Hoover was a social worker living in a mobile home in East Texas with her truck-driver husband and three young sons. She started writing for fun and self-published her first novel, *Slammed*, in 2012. It hit the bestseller list, and she went on to write more than 20 more books — and sell 20 million copies of them!



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>

SCARECROW FEST

**CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR • SIDEWALK SALES
KID'S TAKE HOME CRAFTS • FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS**

Saturday, Sept. 13th from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Scarecrows displayed along the brick road all day! Vote for your favorite!

Downtown, Delavan, WI

FREE Admission & Parking

Also going on the same day from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM:

Friends of Aram Public Library Mini Book Sale

NEW Location: Empty lot west of the Delavan Post Office

335 East Walworth Ave., Delavan WI

Then stay for the **FREE** concert at the Phoenix Park Bandshell!!!
Bring your lawn chairs!
7:00 PM—9:00 PM Radio Gaga (Lady Gaga & Queen Tribute)



**VISIT YOUR DARIEN LIBRARY & EXPLORE
OTHER SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN LIBRARIES**

YOU CAN WIN AWESOME PRIZES!!!

Program starts on September 2nd, 2025

Everyone is welcome! Visit any Prairie Lakes Library System library between September 2 and November 30 to collect cool passport stickers.

For every 5 libraries you visit, you'll get one entry into our prize drawing.

Visit all 22 libraries and earn a bonus entry!

You don't need a library card, but having one is a great idea—and it's free for most Wisconsin residents with ID and proof of address.

One passport per person.

Walworth County 2025 Residential Clean Sweep & Electronics Recycling Events



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

Oct. 3

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Residential Clean Sweep *No Registration
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.

Oct. 4

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Residential Clean Sweep, Electronics & Appliances *No Registration
Electronics, appliances & ALL TVs will be accepted today plus all household hazardous waste items listed above.

*No broken or disassembled materials accepted.

Fees - CASH ONLY:

- All electronics, computers: Free
- All TV's: \$10 each
- Monitors: \$5 each
- Mini fridges/small AC units/Dehumidifiers: \$5 each
- Refrigerators/Freezers: \$10 each; all other appliances free

The following items will not be accepted

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

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

Darien Village Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of LABOR DAY



DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

www.darien.lib.wi.us

Phone: 262-882-5155



We extend our heartfelt thanks to **George and Rosemary Travis** for their unwavering dedication to maintaining our garden areas with such care and attention. Their tireless efforts in planting, weeding, and thoughtfully tending the flower beds have not gone unnoticed. Thanks to their hard work, the gardens look absolutely beautiful — they are a true gift to our community!

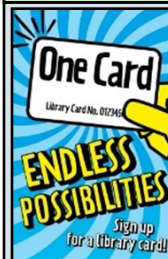
NEW BOOKS!

We always have new books coming in for you to enjoy. We have several new Freida McFadden books. Check them out!

- ◆ The Devil Wears Scrubs
- ◆ The Locked Door
- ◆ The Ex
- ◆ Brain Damage
- ◆ Never Lie

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

We are offering the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Keep track of the books you read to your pre-kindergartener on the log we provide. Get a sticker on the adorable zoo themed chart for every 100 books read. There will be prizes all along the way and a book bag to start your journey. Visit the library to get your free bookbag and program packet then check out some books!



One Card, Endless Possibilities! Sign up for a free library card!

Discover everything your library has to offer:

- * Books * Programs * Movies * Newspapers & Magazines
- * Online Resources: Libby, Mango Languages, Badgerlink, Ancestry
- * Internet, Computers, Copier
- * Community Jigsaw Puzzle to enjoy at your leisure!
- * Friendly, helpful staff

GREEN BAY PACKERS COMMUNITY PUZZLE

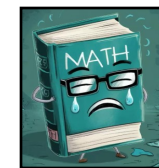
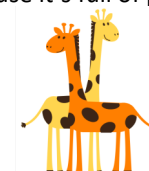


Football season is almost upon us, help us complete our Green Bay Packers puzzle! If you love the Packers or just love puzzles, come and piece a bit of it together when you have some time. Spend five minutes or five hours, we'd be happy to see you!

BACK TO SCHOOL JOKES:

- * Why don't you see giraffes in elementary school? Because they're all in high school!
- * Why did the dog do so well in school? Because he was the teacher's pet!
- * Why does the math book always look sad? Because it's full of problems!
- * Knock-knock.

Who's there?
Noah.
Noah who?
Noah more summer, it's time for school!



LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Thursday 10 AM to 6 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM.



VILLAGE OF DARIEN

www.darienvillagewi.gov

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

2026 Budget Preparation and Approval Schedule

The Village Board has established the following schedule to review and approve the 2026 Village of Darien Budget:



Budget Workshop – Wednesday, October 15th at the Finance Committee Meeting, 5:00 PM at Village Hall.

Budget Public Hearing – Monday, October 20th at the Village Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at Village Hall.

Budget Adoption – Monday, November 17th at the Village Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at Village Hall.

The public is invited to attend these public meetings. Please contact Village Hall for more information or to view a draft 2026 Budget Document.

2025 Annual Tree Lighting Festival!!

The Village of Darien has set the date for the 2025 Annual Tree Lighting Festival for **Saturday, December 6th**. Please mark your calendars and watch for future updates! We hope to see everyone there!



Wal-to-Wal DIAL-a-RIDE is getting a new look and name this fall. The program will then be Walworth County Connect SHARE Ride.

A shared-ride taxi program available for any trip purpose within Walworth County. Fares vary by age, disability, and distance. All vehicles are ramp- or lift-equipped. The entire county, except the Walworth County portion of the City of Whitewater, is fully served by the program.

Specialized Transit is also getting a new look and a new name. This fall, the program will be known as Walworth County Connect CARE Ride.

Program available for Walworth County residents who are age 60+, adults age 18+ who have a disability, and Veterans for transportation to/from non-emergency medical appointments only that are outside of Walworth County. Copayments vary by distance. All vehicles are ramp- or lift-equipped.

HOURS OF OPERATION

CALL: 262-723-4402

Weekdays
6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturdays
7:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Visit our website <https://www.vipservices-inc.org/transportation>

DARIEN Cornfest



DARIEN CORN FEST

Corn Fest
Community Market
Saturday &
Sunday

64TH ANNUAL DARIEN CORNFEST

3 BIG DAYS
September 5th, 6th, & 7th
at Darien West Park

Featuring
Delicious **FREE**
Sweet Corn
Saturday & Sunday
11AM - 3PM
Donated by
BIRDS EYE

FRIDAY, SEPT 5TH

Stiff Kitty
On The Miller Lite Stage
7PM-11PM

Softball Tournament
Fireworks 9PM
Corn Hole 5:30PM
Carnival Rides 6PM-10PM

Carnival Wristband Special \$30
Friday 5PM-9PM
Saturday Noon-4PM
Saturday Evening 5PM-9PM

SATURDAY, SEPT 6TH

Corn Fest Breakfast 7:30-10AM
Softball Tournament
Bingo 10-7PM
Carnival Rides
Volleyball Tournament
Darien Women's Club
Carmel Apple Delights 11-4PM
Corn Hole Tournament 11AM
Horseshoe Tournament 11AM
D'Lite Duo Noon-3PM
Mini-Rod Tractor Pull Noon

Sons of Scennie
On The Miller Lite Stage 7PM-11PM

SUNDAY, SEPT 7TH

Corn Fest Breakfast 8-10:30AM
CoEd Softball Tournament 9AM
Antique Tractor Pull & Farm Stock Pull 9AM
Bingo 10-3PM
Carnival Rides
Darien Womens Club
Corn Hole 11AM
Horseshoe Tournament 11AM
Carmel Apple Delights 11-5PM
Liberty Bike Ride 11:15AM
Parade (Downtown Darien) Noon
The Big Corn Shell-out 3PM
Raffle Drawing 4PM
(\$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5)

For More Information Go To DARIENCORNFEST.US

Food & Beverages
all weekend

Corn Fest Volunteers Still Needed!!!

Sat. 9/6—Food Tent—from 12:00 to 5:00 PM
Call Barb Huber 262-903-7998

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Darien Women's Club

Carmel Apple Delights

At Darien Corn Fest— in the small pavilion near the Corn Barn

Sept. 6th—Saturday 11:00 AM—4:00 PM

Sept. 7th—Sunday 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

Chopped apples, homemade caramel sauce, whipped cream, nuts, cherry, and candied bacon.



Darien Corn Fest Parade Information



The parade will start with the Liberty Bike Ride at 11:15 AM.

The Liberty Bike Ride is a group of military veterans on motorcycles giving tribute to our current and lost military men and women. If you are a veteran and would like to ride your motorcycle (all kinds welcome) in the Liberty Bike Ride, please be in front of Farmers Inn no later than 10:30 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Farmers at (262) 882-5342.

Important Times:

10:00 AM—Parade lineup begins

12:00 PM Noon—Parade begins—**do not be late!**



The parade route is approximately ¾ of a mile, starting from the intersection of County X and 3rd Street and ending at the festival grounds. There will be two announcer stands: one across the street from Farmers Inn and one at the fest grounds in front of the Village Garage. Entries are due by Aug. 31st. Late entries may be accommodated, please just contact us directly. Parade lineups & maps will be sent via email Sept. 2nd.

Questions? Contact Jane Stiles at jstiles@darienvillagewi.gov or call/text at (262) 374-1539

\$1.00 RAFFLE TICKETS @ CORN FEST

(Or buy 6 tickets for \$5.00)

Winners announced at Big Corn Shell-out on Sunday (9/7/25) at 4:00 PM

Six cash prizes ranging from \$200—\$1000!

Two prizes of a “whole pig & processing”

(You need not be present to win.)

Call Julie Brovold at 262-203-5086 for tickets



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WALWORTH COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY

Please, take the survey by September 5th

Every three years Walworth County Health & Human Services, Aurora Lakeland Medical Center, and Mercyhealth Hospital and Medical Center – Walworth assess the health of the community and the factors that contribute to health like environment, social context, and access to care. We are in the final month of completing this assessment. To date, Darien has had a lower response rate than targeted at 36.84%.

The researchers are aiming to have strong representation in each community. If they obtain sufficient responses from our population, it also allows them the opportunity to provide us with data that is specific to our jurisdiction, not just county level data. This type of data could be used to apply for grants, inform planning efforts, or support programs/services that support our residents.

Please share this information as soon as possible with your neighbors!



Do you want to see improvements in healthcare, parks, housing, or mental health services in Walworth County? Now is your chance to share your thoughts! Take the Community Health Survey and help guide local initiatives: <https://bit.ly/WalCoCHA>



Darien,

We want to hear from you.
















Did you know the Family Connections Newsletter is also posted on the Village's website? Go to www.darienvillagewi.gov to see the electronic version.

SEPTEMBER



2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Aug 31	1  Village Offices Closed	2 Brush Collection	3  9:00 AM 1:00 PM Public Works Mtg 5:00 PM Finance Mtg 5:15 PM Parks Mtg	4 4:00 PM Corn Fest Committee Setting up at West Park 6:30 PM Corn Fest Comm. Mtg (West Park)	5  Fireworks @ 9PM Trash Pick Up Only	6  Volunteers Needed 12:00 to 5:00 PM Call 262-903-7998
7 	8 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	9 4:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall) Brush Collection	10  9:00 AM	11 4:30 PM Library Board Mtg. (Darien Library) 7:00 PM American Legion & Aux. Mtg. (Darien Legion Hall)	12 Trash & Recycling Collection 	13  Scarecrow Fest Downtown Delavan 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Friends of Aram Book Sale 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
14	15 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center) 5:30 PM Harvesters 4-H Mtg (Senior Center) 7:00 PM Village Board Mtg. (Village Hall)  5:30 PM	16 5:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall) 7:00 PM Women's Club Mtg. (Darien UMC) Brush Collection	17  9:00 AM	18 8:00—10:00 AM Donut Sale Darien Methodist Church 	19 Last day for submission to the Family Connections Newsletter Trash Pick Up Only	20
21	22 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	23 Brush Collection	24  9:00 AM	25	26 Trash & Recycling Collection 	27
28	29 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	30 Brush Collection	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4
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