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DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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October 2025

DARIEN LIBRARY TRUNK OR TREAT

Come check out our fun, new venue!!!

TRUNK OR TREAT

at WEST PARK!

Saturday, Oct. 25th

2:00PM - 4:00PM

Darien Fire & EMS, Delavan-Darien Police, will also be there handing out goodies!



If you would like to host a trunk at the event, please visit the library or call 262-882-5155.



Warm Up after Trunk or Treating!!!

Chicken Soup & Chili Fundraiser

Saturday, Oct. 25th

4:30-6:30 PM



Darien Methodist Church

All You Can Eat—\$10.00

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.

Darien Methodist Church

Fresh Donuts!



Oct. 16th

\$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/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 Seniors Cards

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

Darien Women's Club

Oct. 21st, Darien UMC at 6:00 PM
Interested in joining? Call Pat @ 262-374-1068

Corn Fest Committee

Oct. 28th, Brick Hall at 6:30 PM

American Legion & Auxiliary

Oct. 9th, Darien Legion Hall at 7:00 PM

DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

www.darien.lib.wi.us

Phone: 262-882-5155



PRESCHOOL STORY TIME IS BACK!

THURSDAYS at 10:15 AM

OCT. 2ND thru OCT. 30TH

Preschoolers and parents are welcome to listen to a story or two with Miss Cindy. There will also be coloring & crafts for more fun!

HALLOWEEN CRAFT & COFFEE KLATCH - FREE Adult Program!

Wed, Oct. 15th at 11:00 AM

Join us at the library for a fun and festive morning of Halloween-themed crafting, hot coffee, and tasty treats! We'll be creating a simple, seasonal decoration—perfect for adding a little Halloween cheer to your home. No crafting experience needed—just bring your creativity and a smile! **Visit the library or call to register: 262-882-5155.** Let's get crafty and celebrate the season together!



Spooky Jokes to tickle your funny bone:

- What is a vampire's favorite Halloween candy?

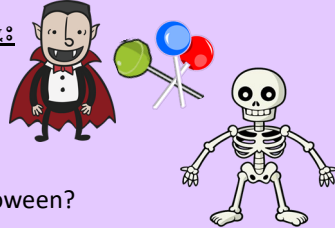
A sucker

- What do demons eat for breakfast?

Deviled eggs

- How did the skeleton know it was going to rain on Halloween?

He felt it in his bones.



Special Days in October

—There are too many to list but you can find them all at: <https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/october/october-days>. Here are just a few:

1st -- Taco Day

15th -- I Love Lucy Day

4th -- Do Something Nice Day

16th -- Boss's Day

8th -- Fluffernutter Day

18th -- Chocolate Cupcake Day

11th -- Costume Swap Day

24th -- Frankenstein Friday



25th – TRUNK OR TREAT AT WEST PARK 2:00-4:00 PM

31st – HALLOWEEN

ADULT JIGSAW PUZZLE

Help us complete our jigsaw puzzle. We continually have a puzzle in progress. Working on jigsaw puzzles benefit the brain by strengthening connections between brain cells, enhancing cognitive functions like short-term memory, visual-spatial reasoning, and problem-solving skills. It's also a great way to relax! Spend five minutes or five hours, we'd be happy to see you.



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: Monday through Thursday from 10 AM to 6 PM, and Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Like us on Facebook!**



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 Review #2 – 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.



Village Compost Site Provides Alternative to Burning

The Village 's compost site located at the **Public Works facility at 335 W. Madison St.** The site is currently open, and residents may drop off leaves, yard waste, branches, and other organic materials at any time. The compost site is not a landfill, so do not drop off garbage, plastic, paint cans, construction waste, or other inorganic materials.

Burning yard waste is permissible on private property in the Village. However, please consider the weather forecast and the health and safety of your neighbors and surrounding property owners when preparing to burn. The Village often receives complaints from residents with medical conditions who are negatively impacted by the heavy smoke and odor associated with open burning.

Please consider the Village's free compost site as an alternative.

Unpaid Water-Sewer Balances to Incur a 10% Penalty

Per State Statute 66.0809, any water & sewer utility balance not paid by 4:00 PM on November 3rd, 2025, will have a 10% penalty added to the account. Village Hall cannot waive this penalty under any circumstances, as this penalty is state-mandated. On November 15th, 2025, unpaid water & sewer utility balances will be transferred to the tax bill of the owner of the property.



Paying with Bank Cards vs. E-Checks

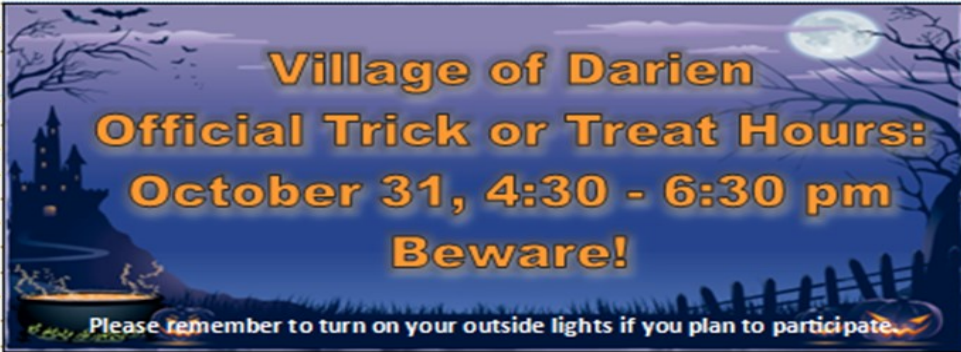
Both debit cards and credit cards are considered bank cards. These types of cards have a Visa, MasterCard, etc. logo on them. E-Checks are also known as ACH payments. The Treasurer's office wants residents to be aware that payments made with a credit or debit card is automatic and it reflects on your account immediately. Payments made by e-check will take 7-10 business days to clear. Please be mindful of this if you are paying close to a due date. We do not have any ability to count the payment until it clears. If it does not clear by the due date, you will incur a late fee. Please contact Village Hall with any questions.



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**Village of Darien
Official Trick or Treat Hours:
October 31, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Beware!**

Please remember to turn on your outside lights if you plan to participate.

HAPPY
Halloween



TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

- ◆ Wear bright colors and/or carry glow sticks.
- ◆ Never enter a stranger's home.
- ◆ Stay on the sidewalk or close to the curb.
- ◆ Do not eat unwrapped candy.
- ◆ Do not eat candy before it's inspected by an adult.
- ◆ Look both ways before crossing the street.
- ◆ Trick or Treat with a friend and/or parent.
- ◆ **Have Fun!!**



**FOOD
pantry**

Food Donations—Accepted at Village Hall

Please share what you can with your community. You can drop off food donations at the Darien Village Hall. Several boxes are set up inside the entryway of Village Hall. This food is collected for the Darien Methodist Church Food Pantry. Please avoid bringing in expired food products. These items cannot be provided to individuals or families utilizing the food pantry.



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.

DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUNK OR TREAT SAT. OCT. 25th -- 2:00-4:00

AT WEST PARK -- 335 W. Madison Street, Darien, WI

Come to West Park in Darien and trick or treat at the park! Car owners decorate their trunks in fun & spooky themes and pass out candy to trick or treaters. The Darien Fire Department & EMS, the Delavan-Darien Police Department, and the Sheriff's Department will be here handing out goodies along with many other vehicles. This event is FREE and open to the public. *If you would like to host a trunk at the event, please visit the library or call 262-882-5155.*



INK & IMAGINATION LIBRARY PASSPORT ADVENTURE

Sep. 2 — Nov. 30 Fun for the Whole Family! Embark on a literary journey like no other with the **Ink & Imagination Library Passport Adventure**—your ticket to exploring the amazing libraries of the **Prairie Lakes Library System!** Start your adventure at the **Darien Public Library**, where you can pick up your **free passport** and begin collecting unique stickers from any of the **22 libraries** in the system. For every library you visit, get your passport stamped with a special sticker. Visit **5 libraries** and you'll earn an entry to win one of the many **fabulous prizes!** Visit **all 22 libraries** and earn a **bonus entry**—plus bragging rights as a true Library Explorer! It's **fun**, it's **free**, and it's a **fantastic way** to discover the treasures waiting for you in every library. Grab your passport, gather the family, and let the adventure begin!

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS We always have new books coming in for you to enjoy.

- Archibald and the Furry Dinosaurs* by Suzanne Lang
- The Camel Who Found His Smile* by Rachel Bright
- Make New Friends, Keep the Old* by Amber Ren
- The King of Books* by Gina Perry



BOO! Ready for a Spooktacular Read?

Stop by and explore our Halloween book display — packed with spooky, silly, and magical tales for everyone in the family! From haunted houses to hilarious monsters, there's something for every brave (or not-so-brave) reader. **Elphaba and Glinda** will be on duty, overseeing the Halloween books. So, come on in...



if you dare... and treat yourself to some spine-tingling stories or laugh-out-loud fun!

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH — STEPHEN KING

Stephen Edwin King, often called the "King of Horror", is an American author who has sold more than 350 million copies of his work. His writing spans genres including horror, suspense, crime, science fiction, fantasy, and mystery. King's stories are set in various locations, from small towns to big cities and fantasy worlds, and often feature ordinary, relatable characters. *What better way to celebrate Halloween than by checking out an eerie Stephen King book!*

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR ADULT HALLOWEEN BOOKS:

- ◆ *Mayhem at the Halloween Wedding* by Emmeline Duncan
- ◆ *Halloween Night Murder* by Leslie Meier
- ◆ *Howlooven Murder* by Laurien Berenson
- ◆ *Pumpkin Roll* by Josi S. Kilpack



**Village of Darien
Merry and Bright
Yard Decorating Contest**

**DECK YOUR HALLS FOR THE
HOLIDAYS AND WIN!**

All Village residents are
encouraged to join the fun!
LET'S LIGHT UP THE VILLAGE!

**Winners will be announced on Dec. 6th at the
Annual Tree Lighting at Darien Library.**

First Place \$100
Second Place \$75
Third Place \$50

Registration is Nov. 3rd–Dec. 1st
\$5.00 entry fee

All proceeds go to the Darien Food Pantry

Applications available at Darien Village Hall,
Darien Library, in November's Family
Connections and on our Village website.

Judging will take place on Dec. 4th and Dec. 5th
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Please make sure to turn on your lights & displays!



COMMUNITY



Meeting



**Friends of Aram Delavan Public Library
Annual Meeting & Program**

featuring Tom & Bonnie McQueen, White Swan Fine Pewter

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2025 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM

**New Location—Delavan United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall
213 South Second Street, Delavan WI**

Please join the Friends of Aram Library for an Annual Meeting & Program given by Tom and Bonnie McQueen, local Delavan business owners, designers and producers of pewter art for White Swan Fine Pewter. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Please email: friends@aramlibrary.org

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OCT 18TH
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COSTUME CONTEST,
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Yellow Raffle Ticket Winners

Amount	Donation By	Winner
\$1500	John's Repair & Whelan Trucking	Robert Steiger
\$1200	WW Trucking	Mr. Biggs
\$1000	Farm City Elevator, Inc.	Anna Greer
\$500	Busy B's Garden Center	Carly Palmer
\$500	Townsend Construction	Clint Kaus
\$500	Boar's Nest	Kathy Duhigg
\$200	Monroe Funeral Home	Rhonda Brovold
Pig & Processing	Sorg's Meat & Sausages	Andy & Malorie Boss
Pig & Processing	Mr. Biggs/Sorg's Meats & Sausages	Amy Schwartz
1/4 Beef	DDHS FFA Alumni	Elizabeth Czaja



The winners of the Big Corn Shell Out are:

Sandy Zomer
Mark Bradel
Homer Cary
Bret & Patty Roherty
Steve Waddell

The \$10,000 prize was split amongst the winners.

Congratulations to everyone!!

SEE YOU ALL

NEXT 'EAR!!!



**Thank
you!**

The Darien Corn Fest Committee would like to give a HUGE thank you to all of the wonderful sponsors and donors who choose to help out every year! A HUGE thank you to our tireless, dedicated volunteers—the Corn Fest Cavalry!! And of course, we must thank the dependable Village Public Works employees for getting the grounds ready every year. Every single one of you makes this cherished community event possible! **THANK YOU!!**

~~~~~ **FREE Thanksgiving Day Dinner** ~~~~~

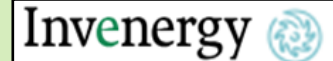


Curbside pick-up **ONLY** at the
Comunidad Cristiana Calvario Church
11 N. First St., Darien, WI
Pick up from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
November 27th, 2025

Stop on by! We are delighted to serve you! Blessings!!



ATTENTION RESIDENTS!!!



INVENERGY PUBLIC INFO SESSION—BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT

WED. OCTOBER 15th

4:00-6:00 PM

DARIEN SENIOR CENTER

Darien Solar Energy Center is preparing to build their permit-approved 75MW battery storage system and inviting the public to attend an information session. The battery storage will be located on the site of the operating solar project in Darien, WI. Questions? Please contact Wilfred Audley at waudley@invenergy.com

Village of Darien Merry and Bright Yard Decorating Contest Entry Form

Entry Deadline: December 1st at 4:00 PM

Judging of all entries will take place on Dec. 4th and Dec. 5th

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Entry form and \$5.00 fee can be mailed to P.O. Box 97, Darien, WI 53114, or dropped off at Darien Village Hall, 24 N. Wisconsin Street. Questions? Please contact: Abby Zimmerman at 262-882-5055 or email azimmerman@darienvillagewi.gov

CONTEST GUIDELINES

Eligibility: Contest is open to all Village of Darien residents who complete an entry form and pay a \$5.00 entry fee. All proceeds go to the Darien Food Pantry.

Decorations: The contest is for exterior decorations located on the front street side of the property.

Contest Guidelines:

- Entry applications and \$5.00 fee must be received by 4:00 PM on Monday, Dec. 1st.
 - Contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only. Judges will not enter the property to view back or side yards.
 - All decorations for the contest are purchased at the property owner's expense. The Village of Darien will not reimburse the cost of any purchases for decorating.
 - Participants agree to have one or more photos of their decorated residence exterior posted on the Village of Darien website and in the Village's Family Connections newsletter. Participants agree there will be no compensation of any kind for said posting.
- Judging Period:** Thursday, Dec. 4th and Friday, Dec. 5th between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Your decorations must be available for viewing and lit up during this time.

1st Place - \$100.00

2nd Place - \$75.00















3rd Place - \$50.00

Winners will be announced at the 6th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Darien Public Library on December 6th, 2025.

OCTOBER



2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30	1  9:00 AM	2	3 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT Walworth County Clean Sweep 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Trash Pick-up Only	4 8:00 AM Darien Cemetery Assoc. Mtg. (Village Hall) ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT Walworth County Clean Sweep 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	6 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)  5:30 PM	7 Brush Collection 5:15 PM Plan Commission Mtg	8  9:00 AM 1:00 PM Public Works Mtg. (Village Hall)	9 4:30 PM Library Board Mtg. (Darien Library) 7:00 PM American Legion & Aux. Mtg. (Darien Legion Hall)	10 Trash & Recycling Collection 	11
12	13 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	14 4:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall) Brush Collection	15  9:00 AM 4-6 PM Invenergy Public Info Session (Senior Ctr) 5:00 PM Finance & Budget Review Mtg (Village Hall) 5:15 PM Parks Mtg. (Village Hall) Tree Lighting Comm.	16 8:00—10:00 AM Donut Sale Darien Methodist Church 	17 Last day for submission to the Family Connections Newsletter	18 Trash Pick-up Only
19	20 12:00 PM Senior Cards 5:30 PM Harvesters 4-H (Senior Center) 7:00 PM Village Board Mtg. (Village Hall)  5:30 PM	21 5:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall) 6:00 PM Women's Club (Darien UMC Church) Brush Collection	22  9:00 AM	23	24 Trash & Recycling Collection 	25  DARIEN LIBRARY TRUNK OR TREAT 2:00-4:00 PM at <u>DARIEN WEST PARK</u> SOUP & CHILI Fundraiser Darien Methodist Church 4:30-6:30 PM 
26	27 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	28 6:30 PM Corn Fest Comm. (Brick Hall) Brush Collection	29  9:00 AM	30  DEAR GREAT PUMPKIN, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT.	31  TRICK OR TREAT 4:30-6:30 PM Trash Pick-up Only	Nov 1