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Darien Family Connections
PO Box 97
Darien, WI 53114



DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Email: Darienfamilyconnections@gmail.com

Phone: 262-882-5055

November 2025



18th ANNUAL WALWORTH COUNTY Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Serving a free Thanksgiving meal to anyone in Walworth Co. who needs one.

Thursday, November 27, 2025
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

~ Dine In, Delivery, or To Go ~

Waters Edge on Delavan Lake
1220 South Shore Dr, Delavan, WI.

For information or to make a donation, please contact Brenda @ 262-749-4621.

To schedule food delivery to the elderly, homebound, or anyone in need, call (262) 749-4621 and leave a message.

You must order by 11/21/25 by 5:00 PM.



DARIEN COMMUNITY FREE Thanksgiving Dinner

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

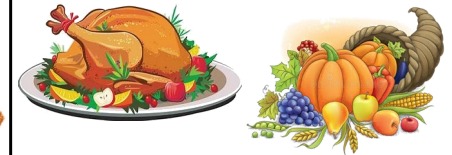
Thursday, November 27, 2025
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

~ Curbside Pick-Up only ~

Comunidad Cristiana Calvario Church
11 N. 1st St., Darien WI.

For information or to make a donation, please contact Doug @ 262-903-5591.

Please do not call to place orders.



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!



Nov. 20th

\$6.00 / Dozen

Pre-order: 262-882-3701

Darien Seniors Cards

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

Darien Women's Club

Nov. 18th, Darien UMC at 7:00 PM
Interested in joining? Call Pat @ 262-374-1068

Corn Fest Committee

Next meeting in Feb. 2026 at Farmers Inn

American Legion & Auxiliary

Nov. 13th, 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

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

1ST National Literacy Day
3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends
5th National Donut Day
8th National STEM/STEAM Day
11th Veteran's Day
14th National Pickle Day
18th Mickey Mouse's Birthday
20th National Child's Day
28th THANKSGIVING DAY

JOKES FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING DAY

What do you call a running turkey?
Fast food

Why didn't the turkey eat dinner?
He was already stuffed!

What do you get when you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
Pumpkin π



ADULT HOLIDAY CRAFT & COFFEE TALK

FREE ADULT PROGRAM—WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19TH AT 11:00 AM

Visit the library or call to register: 262-882-5155



Looking for a little creative "me time" this holiday season? Join us for a **festive morning of crafting, coffee, and good conversation!** We'll be making a holiday-themed craft (check our Facebook page for a sneak peek), and we'll have **fresh coffee and a delicious treat** to enjoy while you create. Come relax, connect, and get into the holiday spirit! **Space is limited**, so be sure to register soon at the library.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH – DEBBIE MACOMBER

Ms. Macomber is an American author of romance novels and contemporary women's fiction. Six of her novels have become made-for-TV movies and her *Cedar Cove* series of novels was adapted into a television series of the same name. Macomber was the inaugural winner of the fan-voted *Quill Award* for romance in 2005 and has been awarded both a *RITA Award* and a lifetime achievement award by the Romance Writers of America. Relax with one or two of her books this holiday season!

INK & IMAGINATION LIBRARY PASSPORT ADVENTURE

Start at the Darien Public Library, to pick up your free passport & begin collecting stickers from other libraries. Visit 5 libraries & earn an entry to win one of many fabulous prizes. Visit all 22 libraries and earn a bonus entry!
Program ends November 30, 2025



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



Let's come together to share the spirit of giving. A large Christmas stocking will be in our entryway, ready to receive **non-perishable food donations** for our local food pantry. Your generosity can help brighten the holidays for families in our community. If you're able, please consider bringing a food item to donate during your visit.
Give the gift of nourishment, hope, and kindness this holiday season.

"A room without books is like a body without a soul." — Marcus Tullius Cicero

LIBRARY HOURS: Our 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.

Community of Darien Merry and Bright Yard Decorating Contest DECK YOUR HALLS FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND WIN!

All Village & Town residents are encouraged to join the fun!
LET'S LIGHT UP DARIEN!

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 will go to the Darien Food Pantry.

Judging will take place on Dec. 4th and Dec. 5th
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Community of Darien Merry & Bright Yard Decorating Contest ~ ENTRY FORM ~

Entry Deadline: Monday, December 1st at 4:00 PM

Judging will take place on Thursday, Dec. 4th and Friday, Dec. 5th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return both the entry form and \$5.00 fee to the Darien Village Hall

By mail: P.O. Box 97, Darien, WI 53114

In person: 24 N. Wisconsin St., Darien, WI

Questions? Please call 262-882-5055 or email azimmerman@darienvillagewi.gov

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

Show your holiday spirit and light up Darien!

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

Decorations: The contest is for exterior decorations only, and for decorations located on the street side of the participant's property.

Contest Guidelines:

- Entry applications and \$5.00 fee must be received no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, December 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 or publication.
- Your decorations must be available and lit up on December 4th and December 5th from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM for judging.

Judging Period: Judging will take place on Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

Prizes:

1st Place - \$100.00

2nd Place - \$75.00

3rd Place - \$50.00

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

For any questions contact Abby Zimmerman:
azimmerman@darienvillagewi.gov; 262-882-5055

**VILLAGE OF DARIEN
7TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING
Saturday, December 6th**



6:00 PM at Village Hall, 24 N. Wisconsin St.

Remembrance Prayer & Flag Ceremony

then a candle-lit walk to the library while singing Christmas Carols!



6:30 PM at Darien Library, 47 Park St.

The Tree Lighting will be followed by cookies, and hot beverages. Also S'mores outside over a fire!



Join us as we kick off the holiday season with a festive tradition for the whole community! **What's waiting for you at the library?** Free holiday books for kids, bags of holiday candy, a raffle for a **beautiful Christmas gift basket**, delicious cookies made & served by the Darien Women's Club, and yes... there will be **s'mores!** Bring your family, bring your friends — this is a night full of **holiday magic, treats, and fun for all ages**. Don't miss it!!!

THE MITTEN TREE IS BACK!!!



Starting in November, our beloved **Mitten Tree** returns to the library — and it needs **YOUR** help! We're collecting **new or handmade** mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for local kids in need. Every item you donate helps keep a child in our community warm and cozy this winter. You can drop off your donations throughout **November & December** — just hang them on the tree and watch the warmth grow! Let's come together to spread kindness, one pair of mittens at a time.

THE DARIEN LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Well-loved books looking for a new chapter — maybe with you! 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!



LETTERS TO SANTA



Santa will be receiving and responding to children's letters directly from the North Pole. Letters should be dropped off at Santa's Mailbox in our library between November 21nd and December 11th. To receive a letter from Santa, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your letter to Santa.

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

Don't ever miss any library news! Learn about our activities by checking our pages online. Find information about upcoming events and see pictures of some of the fun things that we do here. Our webpage is Darien.lib.wi.us. You can also find us on Facebook under Darien Public Library.



VILLAGE OF DARIEN

www.darienvillagewi.gov

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

JOHNS DISPOSAL IS OUR NEW TRASH COLLECTION SERVICE

Many of you are familiar with Johns Disposal as our current service provider for recycling. In August of 2025, the Village Board selected Johns Disposal to be the Village's service provider for **BOTH curbside trash AND recycling collection**. This change is effective on January 1st, 2026.



- ◆ **Saturday, Dec. 27th—LAST day for trash pick up by GFL ***
- ◆ After pick up, leave your LIME GREEN GFL trash bin out by the road.
- ◆ GFL plans to remove their bins on Sat. Dec. 27th after their final service
- ◆ At the latest, the bins will be removed by Mon. Dec. 29th.
- ◆ Mon. Dec. 22 & Tue. Dec. 23—Johns will deliver new BROWN trash bins.
- ◆ Please do not use your new BROWN bin until after Dec. 27th
- ◆ **Saturday, Jan. 3rd—FIRST day for trash pick up by Johns Disposal ***

* Please note these are both Saturdays due to the Christmas & New Year's holidays.

Questions? Call Village Hall at 262-882-5055 or Johns Disposal at 262-473-4700.



Winter Parking Regulations—Effective November 15th

Effective Nov. 15 until Apr. 15, there is no parking on Village streets from 2:00AM—6:00AM. Vehicles violating this ordinance may be ticketed or towed, especially during snow events. **Sign up for the Village's Text Alerts by texting VDARIEN to 262-205-1640**, and you will be notified of all snow plowing operations in the Village.

What To Do With Those Fall Leaves

Did you know that fall leaves contain nutrients that benefit your lawn and garden when broken down? Experts recommend that if 20% or less of your yard is covered with leaves, you can just ignore them. If 50% of your yard is covered, you can mow the leaves into smaller pieces and they will break down and provide nutrients for your lawn. Excess leaves can be used in composting, winter mulching, or saved until spring for mulching in your gardens. You can also take your leaves to the Village's compost site located at 323 W. Madison Steet, near West Park. The site is open 24/7, and you can drop off leaves, yard waste, branches, and other organic materials at any time. Burning yard waste is allowed on private property in the Village, however, please consider the weather forecast and the safety of your neighbors and the surrounding properties when preparing to burn.

2026 Budget Available for Review

On October 20th, the Village Board held a Public Hearing for the Village's draft 2026 Budget. The Village Board will meet on Mon. Nov. 17th and may adopt the 2026 Budget and set the levy for property tax bills. The Draft 2026 Budget is available for public review at Village Hall.



Change Your Clock & Your Batteries

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 AM. Remember to turn your clocks back one (1) hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Also, use this opportunity to change the batteries and test your smoke alarms and CO detectors.



COMMUNITY FOCUS

THE BEARS AT VALLEY OF THE KINGS WANT YOUR FALL LEAVES!!!

If you would like to fill big bags of leaves instead of burning them, Valley of the Kings Animal Sanctuary and Retreat is collecting them for bear bedding. The bears love to roll and play in them, then pull them into their dens and make a nice nest for themselves. It would be awesome to have enough leaves for all of our bears to last all fall and into the winter!!



- ~ The leaves must be dry, bagged and tied or zip stripped.
- ~ You can drop off bags of leaves at the Sanctuary 24/7 at:
W7593 Town Hall Rd, Sharon, WI.
- ~ There is a deck to the left as you pull in our driveway.
- ~ Please place bags of leaves & other donations on this deck.

FRIENDS OF ARAM PUBLIC LIBRARY-ORNAMENT & PENDANT SALES

New Location: Town Bank, 820 E. Geneva St., Delavan
Saturdays from 10:00 AM—12:00 noon
Beginning November 8th until sold out

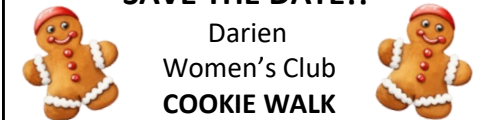
Through the generosity of Tom and Bonnie McQueen of White Swan Fine Pewter, the Friends will again be selling specially made pewter ornaments and pendants for the holidays. All ornaments and pendants are individually gift-boxed and priced at \$15, and will be available for purchase on Saturdays only from 10 AM to 12 noon at our new location of Town Bank in Delavan. They go quickly, so shop early for the best selection! Please email questions to: friends@aramlibrary.org. You can also follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofarampubliclibrary>.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DELANVAN-DARIEN POST 10173

ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER
Tuesday, November 11th, 2025
11:00 AM - Veteran's Day Ceremony
Luncheon to follow
12:00 PM - Raffle Drawing
Come early to buy your tickets!!
\$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00
American Legion Hall
111 S. 2nd St., Delavan, WI



SAVE THE DATE!!



Darien
Women's Club
COOKIE WALK
December 13th, 2025
9:00—11:00 AM
Darien Senior Center

Watch for details in the December Family Connections Newsletter.



DELAVAN-DARIEN PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

For Further Information or Registration:
Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext. 8 | Online: www.delavanparkrec.com

Walking Club

Ages 21 & Up

The Darien Elementary School hallways will be open for walking this winter. All walkers must be registered and wear an identification badge. Unregistered walkers will be asked to leave.

You must register at the Parks & Rec. office to pick up your badge. Phone registrations not accepted.

Location: Darien Elementary School

Time: 5:30 - 6:45 PM



Schedule	Tuesday	Thursday
November	4, 11, 18	6, 13, 20
December	2, 9, 16	4, 11, 18

Strength & Toning

Ages 12 & Up

This is a 45 minute weight training workout with 2-15 pound dumbbells. This class is great for strengthening all major muscle groups, building anaerobic endurance, burning calories, & sculpting your muscles. Suitable for most individuals and can be adapted to many different fitness levels.

Instructor: Rachel Czys

Fee: \$39 Resident

\$54 Non-Resident

Day of Week	Dates	Time	Location	Course
Mondays	Nov 3 - Dec 15 No Class on Dec. 8	6:30-7:15 PM	DDHS Dance Studio	3664
Wednesdays	Nov 5 - Dec 17 No Class on Dec. 10	9:30-10:15 AM	Waters Edge	3666

Fencing (Foil)

Ages 6 & Up

Learn the basics of fencing. Please bring a new (non-street) pair of thin-soled gym shoes, T-shirt & long workout pants. Water bottle recommended.

Instructor: Sabine Harmann

Location: 31 N. Wisconsin St. Darien

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Fee: \$70 Resident / \$98 Non-Resident

Date	Course
MON —Nov 10 - Dec 15	3676
THUR —Nov 13 - Dec 11	3677

Parent/Child Fencing

Ages 6 & Up

Learn fencing basics with your child. Please bring a new (non-street) pair of thin-soled gym shoes, T-shirt and long workout pants. Water bottle recommended.

Instructor: Sabine Harmann

Location: 31 N. Wisconsin St. Darien

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Fee: \$70 Resident / \$98 Non-Resident

Date	Course
MON —Nov 10 - Dec 15	3682
THUR —Nov 13 - Dec 11	3683

VILLAGE OF DARIEN

7TH ANNUAL

CANDY CANE LANE TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

DARIEN VILLAGE HALL
6:00 PM
24 N. WISCONSIN ST.

DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREE LIGHTING - 6:30 PM
47 PARK ST.

- Remembrance Prayer and Flag Ceremony
- Candle-lit Walk with caroling to the Darien Public Library

- Pictures with Santa, cookies & hot beverages!
- S'mores outside over a fire

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE AREA BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP AND DONATIONS!

Fill the Giant Stocking for the Darien Food Pantry at the Library entrance November 26th, 2025 - January 5th, 2026!














PRESENTED BY DARIEN PARKS, RECREATION, & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Please Bring Food Donations to Village Hall

We are accepting donations of food at the Darien Village Hall for the local Darien Methodist Church Food Pantry. A cart with boxes has been set up inside Village Hall. Please share what you can, but avoid bringing in expired food products. These cannot be provided to individuals or families utilizing the food pantry. **Thank you for caring!**

NOVEMBER

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	
					 Trick or Treat 4:30—6:30 PM Happy Halloween	
2 	3 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)  5:30 PM	4	5 1:00 PM Public Works Meeting (Village Hall)  9:00 AM	6	7 Trash & Recycling Collection 	8
9	10 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	11 4:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall) 	12 5:00 PM Finance Comm. Meeting (Village Hall) 5:15 PM Parks Comm. Mtg & Tree Lighting Comm. Mtg. (Village Hall)  9:00 AM	13 4:30 PM Library Board Mtg. (Darien Library) 6:00 PM Joint Plan Commission & Village Board Mtg. (Village Hall) 7:00 PM American Legion & Aux. Mtg. (Darien Legion Hall)	14 Trash Pick-up Only	15 Winter Parking Regulations Begin
16	17 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center) 7:00 PM Village Board Mtg. (Village Hall)  5:30 PM	18 5:00 PM Municipal Court (Village Hall) 7:00 PM Darien Women's Club Mtg. Darien UMC	19 5:00 PM Tree Lighting Comm. Mtg. (Village Hall)  9:00 AM	20  Darien Methodist Church Donut Sale—262-882-3701	21 Last day for submissions to the Family Connections Newsletter Trash & Recycling Collection 	22
23	24 12:00 PM Senior Cards (Senior Center)	25	26	27 Village Offices Closed  Happy Thanksgiving	28 Village Offices Closed NO TRASH COLLECTION Holiday Schedule	29 Trash Pick-up Only Holiday Schedule
30			 9:00 AM			