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DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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December 2025



DARIEN WOMEN'S CLUB COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 13th, 2025

9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Darien Senior Center (lower level of Darien Library)
47 Park Street, Darien, WI 53114

Bring the kids to visit Mr. & Mrs. Claus!
We sell cookies by the pound — \$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.

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



Next Donut Day:
Thursday,
January 15th, 2026

Darien Seniors Cards

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

Darien Women's Club

No meetings in December or January
Interested in joining? Call Pat @ 262-374-1068

Corn Fest Committee

Next: Feb. 10th, Farmers Inn at 6:30 PM

Harvesters 4-H

Dec. 15th, Darien Senior Center at 5:30 PM

DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

www.darien.lib.wi.us

Phone: 262-882-5155

VILLAGE OF DARIEN ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Saturday, December 6th

Get ready for a magical night and join us as we kick off the holiday season with our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony — a festive tradition for the whole community! **Start the evening at 6:00 PM at Village Hall** and join the hayride and merry caroling procession up to the Darien Library — or meet us at **the library at 6:30 PM** to welcome Santa as he helps light up the tree!

What's waiting for you at the library?

- * SANTA & MRS. CLAUS!
- * a raffle for a beautiful Christmas basket
- * Free holiday books for kids
- * Selfie Scavenger Hunt
- * Candy bags
- * And yes.....there will be s'mores!!
- * Delicious cookies made & served by the Darien Women's Club

Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your neighbors — this is a night full of holiday magic, treats, and fun for all ages. Don't miss it!

DECORATE THE MITTEN TREE

Come decorate the library's Mitten Tree! We accept donations of new or home-made gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, and socks for kids. The donated items go to kids in our own community! The tree will be up through December. Let's help keep our kids warm this winter!

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 by December 11th. To receive a letter from Santa, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your letter to Santa.



PLEASE DONATE TO THE DARIEN FOOD PANTRY

Fill the giant Christmas stocking in the Darien Library until January 6th! We are collecting food for the Darien Food Pantry. If you are able, please help out by bringing a non-expired, non-perishable item or two. Every little bit helps!



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 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.



VILLAGE OF DARIEN

7TH ANNUAL

CANDY CANE LANE TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

Start at VILLAGE HALL
6:00 PM
24 N. Wisconsin St.

TREE LIGHTING
Darien Library at 6:30 PM
47 Park St.

- Remembrance & Flag Ceremony
- Hayride & candle-lit walk while caroling to the Darien Library

- Pictures with Santa
- Cookies & hot beverages!
- Selfie Scavenger Hunt
- S'mores outside over a fire!



Saturday, December 6th, 2025

THANK YOU TO ALL 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

Village Hall Offices Closed:

- Wednesday, December 24th
- Thursday, December 25th
- Wednesday, December 31st
- Thursday, January 1st

Happy Holidays

Letters to Santa

Ho, Ho, Ho! Santa will be receiving and responding to children's letters directly from the North Pole. Letters should be dropped off at one of Santa's mailboxes located inside of Delavan City Hall, Aram Library or Darien Library from November 21st - December 12th, 2025.
If your child would like to receive a letter from Santa please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the letter.

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>.

25th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance Grades K-8

Girls, take Dad or Grandad out for a special night of dining and dancing. Fathers, enjoy a wonderful evening with your daughter and create lasting memories. This unforgettable evening includes dinner, refreshments, dessert, and dancing. A professional photographer will be on hand to capture your special moment.

Friday, February 13th, 2026
6:00—9:00 PM
 The Abbey Resort
 269 Fontana Blvd.

\$40 per Resident / \$56 per Non-Resident * per person
Registration Deadline: Friday, January 16th
 You can register at www.delavanparkrec.com
 or by calling 262-728-5585 ext. 138

A MERRY LITTLE MYSTERY FOR GROWN-UPS!

'Tis the season for surprises! This December, our adult patrons are in for a treat. Starting **December 1st**, when you check out *any* items from the library, you'll get a **free, surprise fiction book**—our holiday gift to you! Each mystery book is wrapped up in festive paper and tucked beneath our twinkling tree, just waiting to be chosen. After you've checked out, follow the sparkle and pick the present that calls your name! Unwrap a story, sip some cocoa, and let the holiday magic begin.
Happy Holidays from your library family!

HOLIDAY BOOK DISPLAY

We have a display of seasonal books for your holiday reading pleasure. You don't have to venture far to find a festive novel, they are right on a display straight in front of our entry doors as you walk into the library. Choose a warm cozy mystery or frolicking romantic caper, either way, you will be entertained.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE -- NEW AT THE LIBRARY!

Do you love puzzles? If so, stop by the library and borrow a puzzle. No need to check it out, there is no due date. If you have a puzzle or two to spare, donate them to our exchange for someone else to enjoy. Kids puzzles are also needed – a small quantity of large pieces work best for younger children.

THE DARIEN LIBRARY BOOK SALE!

Please stop in to see what finds you might come upon at the Darien Library's book sale. The items change often, and the prices can't be beat. Like Goodwill, only cheaper! And closer! Come on over to browse!

JOLLY JOKES

- **What's an elf's favorite music genre?**
Wrap music
- **Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting?**
They always drop their needles.
- **What do you give a snowman with a fever?**
A chill pill

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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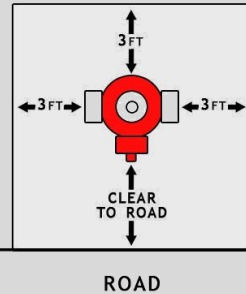
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Clearing Snow from Fire Hydrants

When winter is at its coldest, you may spend most of your time inside. However, it's important to keep an eye on our fire hydrants. Ice & heavy snowfall can obstruct fire hydrants, creating fire safety hazards. You can help reduce the risk by keeping fire hydrants accessible and clear of ice & snow.



How to Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

In addition to removing snow and debris covering the hydrant, Darien Fire/EMS Department recommends that residents clear a **3 foot area around the hydrant** for easier access. The Department also suggests maintaining a shoveled path from the street, sidewalk, or driveway to the fire hydrant so that it is visible from the road and firefighters can easily access it.

HELP YOUR FIRE FIGHTERS

KEEP THEM CLEAR

In an emergency, every second counts.

- > Remove any snow and ice from the hydrant
- > Clear a wide enough perimeter to walk around it (about 3 feet)
- > Clear a path from the hydrant to the street

A red fire hydrant is shown in the center, partially buried in snow. Two horizontal lines extend from the hydrant to the left and right, each labeled "3 FEET".



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.

2025 Taxes are due by January 31, 2026

Tax bills will be mailed to property owners by Monday, December 15th. **The full amount or the first installment must be paid to the Village on or before January 31, 2026.** You may pay your taxes any of the following ways:

- In Person – (cash, check, or credit/debit card) at Village Hall during regular office hours (Mon-Thu: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Fri: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM)
- Night Deposit – use the 24-hour drop box located to the right of the Wisconsin Street Village Hall entrance doors. **DO NOT PLACE CASH IN NIGHT DEPOSIT**
- By Mail – to Village of Darien, PO Box 97, Darien, WI. 53114
- Online – through the Village's website: www.darienvillagewi.gov with a credit or debit card or an electronic check. **Please be aware that our provider charges a 2.5% fee if you pay by debit/credit card or a \$2.00 flat fee if you pay by e-check. Please note that e-checks typically take 7-10 days to clear our bank.**
- Village offices are **CLOSED**—Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1

DELAVAN-DARIEN PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

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

Celestial Sounds Symphony

Ages 12 & Up

Join us under the radiant light of the **Supermoon** for a unique and soul-soothing experience: the Celestial Sounds Symphony—a sound bath event designed to bring harmony and a sense of serenity to your mind, body, and spirit.

Instructor: Rachel Czys
Location: Waters Edge
Date: Tuesday, December 4th
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Fee: \$29 Resident / \$40 Non-Resident
Course #: 3671



Martial Arts at Delavan Flying Dragons

Age 5 & Up

These classes consist of a proper warm up and stretching followed by martial art basic blocks, kicks, stances, strikes, and self-defense techniques. **Please wear sweat pants and t-shirt. Bring a water bottle. No food allowed. Waiver form must be filled out at the Flying Dragons Studio.**

Instructor: Master Joe Murphy
Location: Delavan Flying Dragons
 133 Park Place
 Delavan, WI 53115
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Fee: \$65 Resident / \$91 Non-Resident



Date	Course #
Tuesday & Thursday Dec. 2 - Dec. 29	3622



Walking Club

Age 21 & Up

The Darien Elementary School hallways are open for walking this winter. Get in shape without walking in the snowy weather. All walkers must be registered walking club members and wear an ID badge while walking in the schools. Unregistered walkers will be asked to leave. **You must register at the Delavan Parks & Recreation office to pick up a badge. Phone registrations are not accepted.**

Darien Elementary 5:30 - 6:45 PM		
Schedule	Tuesday	Thursday
December	2, 9, 16, 7	4, 11, 18



COMMUNITY NEWS

Effective Jan. 1st, 2026

Johns Disposal will be providing service for BOTH trash and recycling to the Village of Darien at the start of the new year.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 |
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Johns Disposal Policy with Bulk Items

Each resident is allowed to schedule one pickup of bulk items per month at no additional charge. **Prior to placing your bulk item(s) at the curb, you MUST call Johns to schedule your pick-up.** Call 262-473-4700 to schedule your free pick-up.

Trash Bin Sizes

All residents will receive a BROWN 96 gallon trash bin from Johns Disposal on December 22nd or 23rd. However, they also have smaller 48 gallon trash bins. After the 96 gallon bin is delivered to your home, if you would like a smaller bin, please call Johns to arrange a bin exchange at no cost to you!

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

NEW at this year's Tree Lighting Festival!!!

Join us for a HAYRIDE from Village Hall to the Library!
Saturday, December 6th at 6:00 PM



PLEASE DONATE TO A WORTHY LOCAL CAUSE!!

Doug Kretschmer has been cooking the free Thanksgiving dinner in Darien for almost 30 years! He also cooks 20-30 meals every week for local residents who need help. He has been quietly doing so much good for decades, not ever expecting help or recognition. Please reach out to Doug if you, or someone you know, is in need. Also please consider making a donation or offering your time and help.

Give Doug a call at **262-903-5591**. Thank you for ALL that you do, Doug!



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2026 Budget Adopted After a public hearing held on October 20th and an additional review on November 17th, the Village Board adopted the 2026 Budget and set the Village's portion of the property tax levy.



The Adopted Budget can now be found on the Village's website: www.darienvillagewi.gov. The 2026 overall mill rate will be \$17.94 (including the School Levy Tax Credit), which is an increase of \$0.50/\$1,000 of value over 2025.

Board of TRUSTEES



Are you interested in running for the Darien Village Board?

Nomination packets and paperwork will be available for Village residents seeking a seat on the Village Board of Trustees (3 seats) starting on Monday, November 24, 2025, at Village Hall.

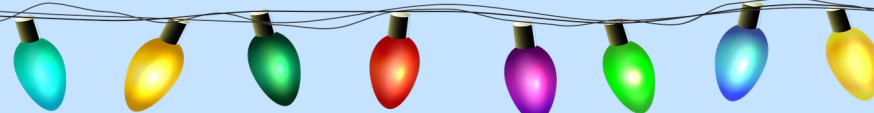
Potential candidates may begin circulating nomination papers and collecting signatures on Monday, December 1, 2025. All completed forms and nomination papers are due to the Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer by Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM. The spring election will take place on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Please contact Village Hall for more information.



Darien Food Pantry

Food donations are accepted at **Village Hall** for the Darien United Methodist Food Pantry. Please share what you can, but please do not bring in expired food items. These cannot be given to individuals or families utilizing the food pantry. **Thank you for caring!**

Make a Difference!
DONATE



Thank You to our Tree Lighting Festival Sponsors!!!

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