

December
2015

DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Email: darienfamilyconnections@gmail.com

Phone: 262-882-5055



The Salvation Army

Volunteers Still Needed!

The Bells Began Ringing on November 21st
And Will Continue Ringing for 19 ½ Days
Until noon on Christmas Eve!
Four Local Locations from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Call 262-728-6519 for more information.

Delavan-Darien Recreation



Holiday Shopping in Chicago

Saturday, December 12

Buses will depart Veteran's Park in Delavan at 8:30 am
And return at 9:00 pm to Veteran's Park in Delavan
\$40.00 / Resident

Children 17 & under must be accompanied by an adult
Enjoy a day of shopping and sightseeing on the "Magnificent Mile" in Chicago.
The day is yours. You will be dropped off as close as possible to Michigan Ave.
Meals are on your own.

Register Online: DELAVANPARKREC.COM
For More Information Call: (262)728-5585 Ext. 2



Delavan-Darien Recreation

Babysitting 101

December 22, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Darien Senior Center

Ages 10 -14

Register Online: DELAVANPARKREC.COM
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Learn the basics of being a safe and responsible babysitter. Topics covered include how to market your business safely, age appropriate play and discipline, Heimlich and first aid basics, diapering and feeding infants and more! Sign up early! Limited spaces available.

American Legion & Auxiliary Mtg.

December 10 @ 6:30 pm
Pot luck Dinner
Darien Legion Hall

Community Club Mtg.

December 3 @ 6:30 pm
Town Hall

Darien Women's Club Mtg.

No Meeting due to
Annual Cookie Walk

Friends of the Darien Legion

December 7 @ 7:00 pm
Darien Legion Hall



Delavan-Darien Recreation

Gingerbread Houses & Hot Cocoa

Darien Senior Center

December 22, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

\$12.00 Resident

All Ages Welcome



Build Christmas memories. Join us for an evening of building and decorating your own family Gingerbread house. Each family will receive one kit to create their gingerbread house. All supplies are provided. Additional kits may be purchased for family if requested at time of registration.

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Delavan-Darien Recreation

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

AGE 4 TO GRADE 4

Begins January

ALL Delavan-Darien Schools

Saturday Mornings / Approx. 6 weeks

Fee: \$25.00

For More Information Call: (262)728-5585 Ext. 2



February 5, 2016

The Abbey Resort

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Contact the Delavan Parks & Recreation

262-728-5585 Ext.2

Cost: \$50 Resident per couple

(\$25 / extra child)



The Darien Legion

Would like to thank the
Many people who made the
"Fix the Front Stoop Pig Roast" a Success!



Darien Methodist Church
Open Monday 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Participants may pick up items every
Other Monday. You must have a
53114 zip code to participate.

TOWN OF DARIEN

N2826 Foundry Road * Darien, WI 53114
Phone: (262) 882-3393 * Fax (262) 882-1174 * darientclerk@sharontelephone.com

Important Dates for the Month of December

1 st	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7 pm
8 th	Park & Recreation Commission	7 pm
24 & 25	Town Hall & Garage Closed	
29 th	Plan Commission Meeting	7 pm

Town of Darien Tax Bills

The tax bills will be mailed out around the end of the first week in December.

TAX PAYMENT: Please mail payment to **Richard Logterman, Treasurer, Town of Darien, N2826 Foundry Road, Darien Wisconsin. 53114. DO NOT USE PO BOX. This will either delay or we may not receive your payment!** Please check the address and make sure the amount is correct before mailing your tax payment. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a receipt. You may also pay in person at the Town Treasurer's office or use the drop box at the Town Hall, N2826 Foundry Road, Darien.

Treasurer's Hours Tuesday & Thursday

5 pm – 7 pm

Special Hours:

Thursday, December 31, 1 pm – 4 pm

The Town Clerk is able to collect your tax bill during her normal business hours and stamp it received and use the copy machine to give you a copy of her receiving it; but only the Town Treasurer does the official receipting. The treasurer would mail you the official receipt in the mail.

Real Estate Taxes may be paid in two installments, with the first installment due to the Town Treasurer on or before January 31, 2016. The second half must be paid to the County Treasurer on or before July 31, 2016. As a reminder the Walworth County Treasurer's office **DOES NOT** send out reminders for your second half payment. If you pay your taxes in full, the due date for payment is January 31, 2016. All Personal Property Taxes, Special Assessments, Special Charges, and Special Taxes of



Dog Licenses

Neutered Males or Spayed Females - \$9

Male or Female Dogs - \$24

Three or More Dogs - \$35

Town of Darien Municipal Code requires that all dogs five months and older as of January 1, 2016 must be licensed. Please print out the license application from the Town's website or fill out the one in your tax bill. Please return the application with the proper amount either in person, mail it in, or a drop box is available at the Town Hall. **We do not take credit cards.**



Walworth County Sheriff's Department

In the month of October, the Walworth County Sheriff's Department responded to 288 calls in the Town of Darien. This would break down to 9.3 calls a day. Some of the calls include: EMS & fire calls, controlled burn, traffic stops, extra patrol, business checks, noise complaint, assist motorist, livestock loose, reckless driver, sign down, provide security, fraud, abandoned vehicle, debris in roadway, criminal damage to property, 911 open line, vandalism, rescue illness, welfare checks, animal miscellaneous, dead deer, suspicious, disorderly conduct fighting, domestic abuse, fire-alarm, bar checks, disorderly conduct – person, MVA – hit & run, warrant attempt, electronic monitoring check, civil process, loud music, OVWI, prisoner transport, and threats.

from Driveways

Whereas, leaving snow and other material on roadways or right of way is illegal. Performing these activities can lead to accidents resulting in property damage, bodily injury, and even death. These activities are prohibited by Wisconsin State Statutes 86.01, 86.022, 346.94 (5) (7) and 941.01. Following of these statutes will avoid penalty and liability, and will help keep town road travel safe for everyone. The Walworth County Sheriff Department will be working with the Public Works Department to enforce law. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.



Bucket of Sand

If you are in need of a five gallon bucket or two of sand; please stop by the Town Hall during regular office hours or contact Public Works Superintendent, Bob Williams at 882-3658.



VILLAGE OF DARIEN

www.darienwi.com

Village Hall (262) 882-5055

Police (262) 882-3432

Public Works (262) 882-5258

Village Board Adopts the 2016 Budget

After a Public Hearing on November 9th, the Village Board of Trustees adopted the 2016 budget and set the Village's portion of the property tax levy. The Tax rate for the Village is \$13.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This represents an increase of \$0.12 per \$1,000 of value from 2015 budget. The entire budget is available for review on the Village's website: www.darienwi.com. Questions may be directed to the Village Administrator.



Are you interested in running for the Darien Village Board of Trustees?

There is still time to collect signatures and run for Village Board in 2016! Nomination packets and paperwork are available at Village Hall and on the Village's website: www.darienwi.com. Please contact Village Hall for more information.

2015 Notice: Snow & Ice Removal Violation

The owners/occupants of Village properties are required to remove all snow and ice which has fallen or accumulated upon the sidewalk in front of the property. If the owner/occupant fails to clear the snow and ice from these sidewalks, the Village Public Works Department will clear these and the owner of the property will be levied a special tax.

Snow cannot be deposited in the Village Streets. If snow is deposited in the street, the Village may assess the owner/occupant a fee sufficient to reimburse the Village for the cost of the removal of such snow.

Penalties: The number of offences are based on a seasonal year which runs October 1st through September 30th. First Offense: \$50; Second: \$100.00 Third: not to exceed \$150.00 plus costs.

**Village Offices will
be Closed
December 24 & 25
And January 1**



Delavan-Darien Police Department Citizen Information

In the past couple of months we have seen several internet scams separate a total of \$4000 from a couple of families in the Village of Darien. It is important not to do business over the internet unless you have confirmed the person or business is legitimate.

The following website will outline things to do and not to do as it relates to internet scams. Please take a moment to review the entire article:

<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0060-10-ways-avoid-fraud>.

The Ten Tips Are:

Things To Do:

- Know who you are dealing with.
- Know that wiring money is like sending money (It is untraceable).
- Read your monthly banking/financial statements (looking for unauthorized usage).
- After a disaster, only give to established charities (Salvation Army, etc.).
- Talk with your doctor before you buy health products or treatments.
- Remember there's no sure thing in investing.

Things Not To Do:

- Don't send money to someone you don't know.
- Don't agree to deposit a check or wire money back.
- Don't reply to messages for personal or financial information.
- Don't play a foreign lottery.

In closing, if you have a door to door salesperson attempting to solicit business please contact the Police Department at 262-728-6311, so we may confirm they registered with the Village. This helps to ensure only legitimate business is being conducted in our communities.

Respectfully,

Assistant Chief Jim Hansen

262-728-5585 x131

2015 Taxes are due by January 31, 2016

Tax bills will be mailed to residents around the middle of December. The full amount or the first installment must be paid to the Village on or before January 31, 2016. You may pay your taxes:

- In Person – at Village Hall during regular office hours (Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.);
- Night Deposit – using the 24-hour drop box located at the Wisconsin Street Village Hall entrance;
- By Mail – to PO Box 97, Darien, WI 53114; or
- Online – through the Village's website: www.darienwi.com with a credit or debit card or an electronic check. There is an online service fee from Official Payments Corp. for using this option

Please make checks payable to the Village of Darien. More information regarding tax payments will be included in your tax bill.

2016 Dog Licenses

Spayed & Neutered \$10.00
Not Spayed/Not Neutered
\$25.00

DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS

The Darien Library is holding a silent auction for beautiful holiday gift baskets again this year. We are offering a variety of baskets in a variety of price ranges. The baskets are displayed in the library at this time. Final bids will be accepted until NOON on Saturday, December 12th. That is the day of the Darien Women's Club Cookie Walk, so if you come to the Cookie Walk, please take a few minutes to stop in to see our baskets.

This year in addition to our silent auction, we have small "Cash and Carry" baskets that will sell for \$10.00 and \$5.00. These baskets are great for small gifts, Secret Santa presents, hostess gifts, or for your child's teacher, your mailman, or your hairdresser. Pay today, and take it with you today!

There's no reason for your Christmas shopping to be difficult. There's no reason to drive a distance or spend money for gas, or to look for a parking spot. Come to the Darien Library and shop local this year! We invite you to come in today to take a look!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY?

The library has put up a Mitten Tree to collect hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves for the needy in our community. These items will be donated locally both to the Darien Elementary School and to the Darien Food Pantry. The tree will be up until Monday, December 14th. Every donation helps, no matter how small. Please join our efforts and bring something in for our tree this year.

MAKE SATISFYING SOUPS FOR THOSE COLD NIGHTS

For those of you who may have attended our "Soup Seminar" last month, or for anyone else who is thinking about cold weather cooking, the Darien Library has a nice selection of new books that you may want to check out. Come in and take a look at our display! Some of those books include, *Soup for Two (Small Batch Recipes)*, *Chili Cookbook*, *Casseroles*, *Slow Cooker Recipes and Soups*, *Best Ever Recipes*, *The Soup Club Cookbook*, *Chowder Land*, and *1001 Delicious Soups and Stews*.

CHRISTMAS QUOTATIONS

"At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year." – Thomas Tusser

'He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under the tree.' – Roy L. Smith.

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." – Calvin Coolidge.

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."- Charles Dickens.

FREE CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLASSES FOR CHILDREN DURING WINTER BREAK

During the winter school break, the Darien Library will offer craft classes for children between the ages of five and twelve.

We will offer Christmas crafts for kids at 3:00 pm on Monday, December 21, Tuesday, December 22, and Wednesday, December 23.

We will offer a winter craft class at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, December 29th.

If your kids need something to do during winter break, this might be something you would like to consider.

WE HAVE SOME NEW HOLIDAY "READS" FOR YOU TO ENJOY

Some of our new holiday books include Large Print Books – *The Lopsided Christmas Cake* by Wanda Brunstetter, *An Island Christmas* by Nancy Thayer, and *Snow Angel Cove* by Rae Ann Thayne. Adult Fiction – *Dashing through The Snow* by Debbie Macomber, *A Cherry Cola Christmas* by Ashton Lee, and *Amish Christmas at Northstar* by Cindy Woodsmall. Picture Books – *The 12 Days of Christmas*, *Olaf's Night Before Christmas*, *Miracle on 133rd Street*, *Rudolph Shines Again*, and *Merry Christmas Squirrels*. Please stop in to take a look!

PLEASE STOP IN AND BROWSE THROUGH OUR \$1.00 DVDS!













If you want to buy some movies at an affordable price, stop in to visit the Darien Library's on-going book sale, which is taking place in the library at this time. All DVDS on our book sale are selling for just \$1.00!

DO YOU LOVE TO READ?

The Darien Library has a book club for adults. It meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. Our club reads a wide variety of books, which are chosen by the club members. The books are provided to members at no cost. If you would like to join our group, please stop by our circulation desk so that you can pick up a book for the next meeting which will be on Wednesday, November 18th at 5:45 pm. We'd love it if you could join us!

~ December 2015 ~

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 pm Town of Darien Board of Supervisors Mtg. (Town Hall)	2 8:30 am Village Public Works Mtg	3 6:30 pm Community Club (Town Hall)	4	5
6	7 1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.) 7:00 pm Darien Fire Department Mtg. (Fire Station) 7:00 pm Friends of the Darien Legion (Darien Legion Hall)  5:30 pm	8 7:00 pm Town Park & Recreation Commission (Town Hall)	9 1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)	10 3:00 pm Sr. Coffee (Senior Ctr.) 6:30 pm Darien Legion & Aux. Mtg. Potluck Dinner (Darien Legion Hall)	11	12 8:30 am – 9:00 pm  Holiday Shopping In Chicago 9:00 am - Noon  Cookie Walk  Visit from Santa  Silent Auction Darien Sr. Center
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Darien Family Connections
PO Box 97
Darien, WI 53114

U.S. Postage
Bulk Rate Paid
Darien, WI
Permit #4



Darien Women's Club
Annual Cookie Walk
December 12, 2015
9:00 am – Noon
Darien Senior Center
(Homemade Cookies and Candy \$6.00/lb)
Also Featuring:
Children's Cookie Decorating Table
Free Hot Drinks (Great with Cookies!)

100% of Proceeds Donated to Local Charities & Scholarships

*******Important News Release*******



Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus announce their visit to the Darien Senior Center for the Annual Cookie Walk. They will arrive at 9:00. They plan to visit with the local children and discuss their Christmas wishes!

**SILENT
AUCTION OF
WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS**



Darien Public Library
47 Park Street, Darien
Come see the baskets at the Library
and put in your bids!

**BIDS ACCEPTED THROUGH NOON ON
DECEMBER 12**