

January
2016

DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Email: darienfamilyconnections@gmail.com

Phone: 262-882-5055



February 5, 2016

The Abbey Resort

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Contact the Delavan Parks & Recreation
262-728-5585 Ext.2

Fee: \$50 per couple (residents)

FROZEN PRINCESS & SNOWMAN PARTY

Darien Senior Center

February 13, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Ages 3-12

Fee: \$15 Resident

\$21 Non-Resident

Join us for Frozen fun! Enjoy games, music, dancing, crafts and more all related to your favorite Frozen movie. Complete activities to be crowned a princess or earn your snowman nose. Come dressed as your favorite Frozen character if you wish.

Wing Chun Kung Fu

Darien Elementary Gym

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Mondays, Feb 1 – Mar 14

Thursdays, Feb 4 – Mar 10

Mondays, Apr 25 – June 6

Thursday, Apr 21 – May 26

Fee: \$30 Resident /

\$42 Non-Resident

Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext. 2

Or Register Online: www.delavanparkrec.com



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.



BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Darien Elementary Gym

Wednesdays, February 3 – March 9

Wednesdays, April 20 – May 25

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Fee: \$30 Per Resident

\$42 per Non-Resident

Learn ballroom dances including Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, Cha-cha, Tango, Rumba, etc. The goal of teachers Virginia Stewart and Richard Travis is to teach basics through advanced levels in all patterns and techniques while having fun, making friends, exercising and building confidence that will carry you through life – whether for business or social purposes.

FREE!



WALKING CLUB

Work off those Holiday calories!

Delavan-Darien High School

Monday – Friday Jan 11 - April 1, 6:00 – 7:00 AM

All walkers must be registered walking club members and wear an ID badge while walking in the school. Unregistered walkers will be asked to leave. You must register at Parks and Recreation office to pick up badge.

Delavan Parks & Recreation Department

is looking for the following:

- Umpires
- Sports Instructors
- Swim Instructors
- Lifeguards
- Group Exercise Instructors

If interested contact:

Delavan Parks & Recreation

Phone: 262-728-5585 Ext 2



Darien Methodist Church
\$4.00 / DOZEN
THURSDAY, JAN 14
8:00 – 10:30 AM
882-3701

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 January

1 st	Town Hall & Garage Closed	
5 th	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7 PM
12 th	Park & Recreation Commission	7 PM
26 th	Plan Commission Meeting	7 PM

Town Treasurer's Collection Hours

Tuesday, January 5	5 – 7 PM
Thursday, January 7	5 – 7 PM
Tuesday, January 12	5 – 7 PM
Thursday, January 14	5 – 7 PM
Tuesday, January 19	5 – 7 PM
Thursday, January 21	5 – 7 PM
Tuesday, January 26	5 – 7 PM
Thursday, January 28	5 – 7 PM
Friday, January 29	1 – 4 PM

The Town Clerk is able to collect taxes during normal office hours and give you a copy of your tax bill indicated paid; the Clerk is unable to issue official receipts. An official receipt will be sent to you in the mail by the Treasurer. Feel free to use the drop box at the Town Hall; it is checked daily.



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 be licensed. Please print out the license application from the Town's website or fill out the one included with your tax bill. Please return the application with the proper amount in person, mail it in, or use the drop box located at the Town Hall. **We do not take credit cards.**

2016 Road Work - Creek Road Project

The Town Board has approved Batterman Engineering to bid out the Creek Road Project in January 2016. The opening of the bids will be scheduled for the end of January and awarding of the Creek Road Project will done at the February 2, 2016 Town Board of Supervisors meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

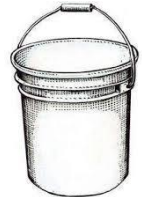
The construction may start in May and is scheduled to be completed by Labor Day.

Walworth County Sheriff's Department

In the month of November, the Walworth County Sheriff's Department responded to 226 calls in the Town of Darien. This breaks down to 7.5 calls a day. Some of the calls include: EMS & fire calls, business checks, welfare checks, emergency detention, trespassing, controlled burn, provide security, traffic stops, reckless driver, family offense, domestic abuse, assist citizen, fire-alarm, motor vehicle accidents, 911 hang-up, car in the ditch, misdial 911, bar check, civil process, abandoned vehicle, livestock loose, receive information, repo, power outage, fraud, theft, disorderly conduct – person, MVA hit & run, animal bite, debris in roadway, open door/window, alarm residential, drugs, dead deer, harassment, barking dog, prostitution, CMV inspection, damage to property, road hazard, and lockout.

Bucket of Sand

If you need sand you may stop by the Town Hall during regular office hours or contact Public Works Superintendent, Bob Williams at 882-3658. Limit: two five-gallon buckets per day.



SPRING ELCTION 2016

There is still time if you are interested in becoming a candidate for the Spring Election 2016 as a Town Supervisor. The papers are available at the Town Hall. **Papers must be returned to Town Clerk by 5 p.m. on January 5, 2016.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the clerk by email darientclerk@sharontelephone.com or stop by the Town Hall during normal business hours.

2016 Election Year

This year may bring you four elections depending if there are any primaries.

If you are a new resident in the Township you will need to be registered to vote. Documents for proof of residence are listed on the Town's website.

If you would like to request an absentee ballot, go on our website under Elections and fill out a GAB 121. Please mail a copy of a photo I.D. with your application.

If you have any questions call the Town Clerk.

VILLAGE OF DARIEN

www.darienwi.com

Village Hall (262) 882-5055

Police (262) 882-3432

Public Works (262) 882-5258



DOG LICENSING

The Village Municipal Code requires and Wisconsin Statutes require the licensing of dogs. The Village began issuing 2016 licenses in December. The fee to license a spayed or neutered dog is \$10.00. The fee for an unsprayed or unneutered dog is \$25.00. A late fee of \$5.00 is charged if the fee is not paid by April 1 or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog. The Village collects these fees on behalf of Walworth County and retains \$1.00 /license.

OTHER DOG OWNERSHIP FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Only two dogs are allowed per household in the Village. This does not apply to dogs less than six months old.
- Any dog found without a license may be impounded by the police. Dog owners will be responsible for the cost of care while the animal is impounded.
- Village Ordinance requires that the owner or person walking an animal shall remove and dispose of any deposited excrement immediately after such animal deposits it on the property of another or on public property.
- No person in the Village is allowed to "own, harbor or keep any dog which:
 - Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the Village.
 - Assaults or attacks any person.
 - Is at large within the Village.
 - Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons.
 - Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal.
 - Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by a dog known to have been infected with rabies."



Holiday Tree Collection



The Public Works Department will collect holiday trees during the month of January. Please note the following:

- Place tree with cut end toward street
- Remove tree bags
- Remove all tree stands
- Remove all light strings; ornaments and other metal objects
- Wreaths garlands, etc. should be placed with regular garbage or with other composted materials.

Notice of Requirement for 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 do so at the expense of the property owner. Snow may not be deposited on streets or alleys. 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.

2015 Taxes are due by January 31, 2016

Tax bills were mailed to residents in 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.



DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

This year we had a large number of donations for our Mitten Tree. We were able to collect 83 hats, 78 pairs of gloves, one hat and glove set, one scarf and hat set, 3 headbands, and one facemask. These items have been donated to the Darien Elementary School and to the Darien Food Pantry. Thank you so much!

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU LIKED THE HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS THAT WE SOLD AS A FUNDRAISER!!!

This year 65 gift baskets and mugs were assembled to be sold as a fundraiser for the library. We are happy to be able to tell you that all of the items that were assembled were sold. We want to thank all of the people who bid on our baskets. All of the money that was taken in will go directly to the Darien Library.

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? MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB!

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. Our club's upcoming meetings are January 20th at 5:45 p.m. and February 17th at 5:45 p.m. We'd love it if you could join us!

JANUARY – IS IT TIME TO START A NEW DIET OR EXERCISE PLAN?

Traditionally, many of us decide to make changes in our eating and exercising habits at the beginning of each year. The Darien Library has many books on these topics. Some of them include *The Anti-Aging Breakthrough Diet*, Denise Austin's *Pilates for Every Body*, *Stronger Abs and Back* by Dean Brittenham, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to The Mediterranean Diet* by Kimberly Tessmer, *Cook This, Not That*, by David Zinczenko, *The Sugar Smart Diet* by Anne Alexander, *Atkins for Life* by Robert C. Atkins, M.D.,

and *The 20/20 Diet* by Dr. Phil McGraw, *Zumba* by Beto Perez, *Yoga* by Sivanada Yoga Vedanta Center, and *Move to Lose* by Chris Freytag. Please stop by and check out one of these books today!

FREE WIRELESS ACCESS

Many of you may not know that we have wireless internet access at the library. This means that you can bring in your device and connect to our free internet.

FAXES

We have quite a few people who come into the library to send faxes. For those of you who don't know about this service, the library will send faxes (or receive them for you) for just \$1.00 per page.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation, the Darien Library invites you to participate in this free program. The concept is very simple, the rewards priceless. Read a book (any book) to your child before your child starts kindergarten. Keep track of the titles of the books that you read.

Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in this program. The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.

Get your kids off to a good start in their lives. Read to them!

THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right" – Oprah Winfrey










"Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day." – George William Curtis

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Years Day." – Edith Lovejoy Pierce

"Whether we want them or not, the New Year will bring new challenges, whether we seize them or not, the New Year will bring new opportunities." – Michael Josephson

~January 2016 ~

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.) 7:00 pm Darien EMS Mtg. (Fire Station) 	29 3:00 pm Library Winter Crafts Class 7:00 pm Town of Darien Plan Commission Mtg	30	31 1:00 pm Special Town Treasurer's Hours	1  Town & Village Offices Closed NO Village Trash & Recycling Collection	2 Village Trash & Recycling Collection
3	4 1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.) 7:00 pm Darien Fire Department Mtg. (Fire Station) 	5 7:00 pm Town of Darien Board of Supervisors Mtg. (Town Hall)	6 1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.)	7 3:00 pm Sr. Coffee (Senior Ctr.)	8	9
10	11 1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.) 4:00 pm Municipal Court 	12 7:00 pm Town Park & Recreation Commission (Town Hall) 7:00 pm Corn Fest Meeting (Darien Legion Hall)	13 1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.) 5:00 pm Village Finance Committee Mtg.	 Darien Methodist Church Donut Day! 8:30 - 10:30 am 3:00 pm Sr. Coffee (Senior Ctr.)	15 Last Day for Submission to the Family Connections Newsletter	16
17	18 1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.) 7:00 pm Darien Fire Department Mtg. (Fire Station) 7:00 pm Village Board Mtg. 	19 5:00 pm Municipal Ct.	20	21	22	23
24	25 1:00 pm Senior Card Party (Senior Ctr.) 	26 7:00 pm Town of Darien Plan Commission Meeting	27	28	29	30 Spaghetti Dinner  4-8 pm So Lakes Masonic Lodge 1007 So 2 nd Street Delavan, WI
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Darien Family Connections
PO Box 97
Darien, WI 53114

U.S. Postage
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Southern Lakes Masonic Lodge #12



Spaghetti Dinner



Saturday, January 30, 2016

1007 South 2nd Street, Delavan, WI

Serving from 4:00 to 8:00 PM

Carry Outs Available

Your free-will donations help support
Local charities and Darien Cub Scouts