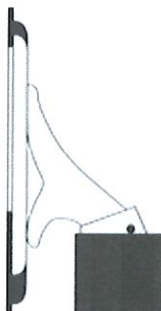


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**Ham & Beef Dinner**  
March 5  
11:30 am—7:00 pm  
American Legion Hall



**DARIEN CROSSED IRONS  
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION  
43RD ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER**



# DARIEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Email: [darienfamilyconnections@gmail.com](mailto:darienfamilyconnections@gmail.com)

Phone: 262-882-5055

March 2017

Darien United Methodist Church  
15 Park Street



## Annual Lasagna Dinner

March 11, 2017  
4:30 to 7:00 pm

Adults: \$10.00

Children 12 & Under: \$5.00

Lasagna with Salad, Bread,  
Dessert and Beverage

Hot Dogs and Carry Outs Available  
Call 882-5577 for Carry Out

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## Driver's Safety Class

Tuesday, March 7  
Darien Senior Center  
9:00 am—1:00 pm

Contact : [www.delavanparkrec.com](http://www.delavanparkrec.com)

## NOTICE TO SENIORS

Coffee Hour @ 2:30 pm  
Thursday Afternoons  
West Wind Diner  
620 N. Walworth St.

## Community Organizations



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.



Darien Methodist Church  
**Fresh Donuts!**  
Thursday, March 16  
8:00—10:00 AM  
Pre-Order: 882-3701

Corn Fest Committee

March 14 @ 6:30 pm  
Darien Legion Hall

American Legion & Auxiliary  
Birthday Potluck Dinner

March 9 @ 6:30 pm  
Darien Legion Hall

Community Club

No Meeting

Darien Women's Club

March 21 @ 7:00 pm  
Darien Methodist Church



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FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION  
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SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2017  
SERVING 11:30 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM  
DARIEN AMERICAN LEGION HALL  
24 MARKET STREET · DARIEN, WI 53114**

## ALL YOU CAN EAT! HAM & BEEF DINNER

Mashed Potatoes • Vegetable

Roll & Butter • Milk or Coffee • Dessert



Adults \$12.00

Children 3-12 years old \$5.00

Children Under 2 Years old—FREE

All proceeds are used for the Darien Fire/EMS Department  
Tickets Available from Association Members,  
local businesses or at the door.

Delivery Available—Call 882-5219

Hosted by the Darien Crossed Irons  
Firefighters Association  
A 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization

**PAINT & SIP**  
**Saturday, March 18th**  
**12:00 PM**

Join the fun as we  
paint 'Dragonfly' at  
Darien American Legion

**\$35**  
PER PERSON  
(cash only)

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

Includes all Materials  
Step-by-step Instructions  
One FREE drink

RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED  
Call or Text  
608-295-9357

Art-work  
PAINT & SIP



**WALKING CLUB**  
**at the Darien Elementary School**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays**  
**Until April 5th, 6:00 – 7:15 pm**  
Participants must be registered walking  
club members and wear an identification  
badge while walking in the school.  
Contact : [www.delavanparkrec.com](http://www.delavanparkrec.com)



**Ballroom  
Dance Lessons**  
**Wednesdays**  
**April 5—May 10**  
**7:00 – 8:00 pm**  
**Darien Senior Center**  
Fee: \$36 Resident - \$50 Non-Resident  
Phone: (262) 728-5585 Ext 2  
Or Register Online:  
[www.delavanparkrec.com](http://www.delavanparkrec.com)

## DELAVAN—DARIEN YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

- Darien's baseball program has been merged with the City of Delavan. All Village and Town of Darien residents can sign up for any City of Delavan Recreation programs at the resident rate.
- We are working to provide practices and games between both Delavan and Darien field locations.
- Registrations received after the indicated deadlines cannot be guaranteed a spot in the league.
- No moving up or down will be allowed. All players must compete in their appropriate age level.
- Parents and players must sign a code of conduct before the start of the season.
- Players will receive a shirt and hat. Gray baseball pants, belts (if necessary) and socks must be purchased separately.
- Practices begin in April, weather permitting. Games played May—July.
- **Limited space is available. Sign up early!**

## Cactus League Instructional Baseball

**Ages 7—8**

This instructional league will be a semi-competitive league teaching players the rules and fundamentals of the game. This league will be kid pitched with no umpires, and no end of the season tournament. Teams will compete against local Cactus League communities playing both home and away games. Boys and girls are welcome. Player must meet age requirements by May 1, 2017.

**Evaluation & Parents Meeting:** Wednesday, April 1 @ 9:00 am, DDHS Gym

**Early Bird Rate (Registered by March 10):** \$35 Resident/\$50 Non-Resident

**Regular Rate:** \$45 Resident/\$60 Non-Resident

## Cactus League Baseball

**Ages 9—14**

Teams will compete against local communities playing both home and away games. Player must meet age requirements by May 1, 2017.

**Evaluation & Parents Meeting:** Wednesday, April 1, DDHS Gym as follows

**9—10 year olds:** 10:15 **11-12 year olds:** 11:15 **13—15 year olds:** 12:15

**Early Bird Rate (Registered by March 10):**

**9—10 year olds:** \$35 Res/\$50 Non-Res **11-12 year olds:** \$45 Res/\$60 Non-Res  
**13—15 year olds:** \$50 Res/\$65 Non-Res

**Regular Rate:**

**9—10 year olds:** \$45 Res/\$60 Non-Res **11-12 year olds:** \$55 Res/\$70 Non-Res  
**13—15 year olds:** \$60 Res/\$75 Non-Res

## Quad County Softball League

**Ages 9—14**

Teams will compete against local communities playing both home and away games. Player must meet age requirements by August 31, 2017.

**Evaluation & Parents Meeting:** Wednesday, April 1 @ 1:30 am, DDHS Gym

**Early Bird Rate (Registered by March 10):**

**9—10 year olds:** \$35 Res/\$50 Non-Res **11-12 year olds:** \$45 Res/\$60 Non-Res  
**13—15 year olds:** \$50 Res/\$65 Non-Res

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**Attention:  
The Darien Legion  
Members**

**Birthday Potluck  
Dinner  
Thursday, March 9th  
Meal starts at 6:30 PM  
Darien Legion Hall**





# TOWN OF DARIEN

N2826 Foundry Road \* Darien, WI 53114

Phone: (262) 882-3393 \* Fax (262) 882-1174 \* [darientclerk@sharontelephone.com](mailto:darientclerk@sharontelephone.com)

## Important Dates To Remember:

7 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7:00 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings Time Begins - Turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 11 before going to bed	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Spring	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Plan Commission Meeting	7:00 pm

## Crop Notice

The Darien Town Board of Supervisors wish to remind Town Residents that all town right-of-ways are 66 feet wide. Any crops planted within this 66 foot span may be mowed as part of normal roadway maintenance.

Any property owners who are in doubt about the exact roadway boundaries may contact Public Works Superintendent, Bob Williams, at the Town Garage, 882- 3658, for assistance.



## Implements of Husbandry

The DOT free permits and town map can be found on our website at [www.darientown.com](http://www.darientown.com).

To help you understand the Implements of Husbandry we have also provided you videos on our website from the DOT website.

If you have additional questions about the free permits; please contact Public Works Superintendent Bob Williams at 882-3658.



Chairperson  
Cecil Logterman

Town Clerk: Marilyn Larson

Town Treasurer  
Richard Logterman

Supervisors: Jim Terpstra, Dale Wheelock, Kevin Schutt, & Dan Kilkenny  
Public Works Superintendent: Bob Williams



## Walworth County Sheriff's Department

For the month of January, the Walworth County Sheriff's Department responded to 231 calls in the Town of Darien. This would break down to 7.5 calls a day. Some of the calls include: traffic stops, house checks, debris in roadways, welfare checks, controlled burns, bail jumping -misc., child abuse-neglect, family offense, harassment, rescue calls, reckless driver, livestock loose, death at home, civil process, assist motorist, ovwi's, 911 open lines, 911 hang ups, criminal damage to property, dog at large, drugs, receive information, battery-simple assault, fraud, k-9 unit requested, weapons, dead deer, business checks, fire alarm, fire-vehicle, and extra patrols.

## Town's Website is Priceless

[www.darientown.com](http://www.darientown.com)

Your town's website contains valuable information from looking up the Town's Ordinances to local events on the monthly calendar. You can also find the latest monthly Family Connections Newsletter, agendas, and approved minutes.

## Did you Know?

The first Town of Darien meeting was held Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1842 in John Bruce's log home where the Lutheran parsonage stood.



## Open Book just around the Corner

Open Book provides property owners with an informal opportunity to meet with the Assessor to review and discuss their assessment record. The completed assessment roll is available at Open Book and property owners can also use this opportunity to review the assessments of all properties located within the Town. Property owners are encouraged to attend Open Book if they have any questions on how their assessment was determined.

The Town Board of Supervisors will be approving the dates for Open Book and Board of Review in the month of March. Watch for the dates and time on the Town's Website.

**Spring Election**  
**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Early Voting Begins**  
**March 20 – March 31**



**Mark Your Calendar for the**  
**Annual Town Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**  
**7:00 pm**

**Darien Town Hall**  
**N2826 Foundry Road**





# VILLAGE OF DARIEN

[www.darienwi.com](http://www.darienwi.com)

Village Hall (262)882-5055

Public Works (262)882-5258



## Celebrate Fix a Leak Week!

Fix a Leak Week is celebrated nationally during the third week of March and serves as reminder to residents to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks.

Did you know that the average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year? That is the same amount needed to wash 270 loads of laundry! Did you know that fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save about 10 percent on your water bills? Did you know that 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day? Keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet flappers, and showerheads!

### How can I tell if I have a leak?

- A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water usage. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read the same, you probably have a leak.
- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 10 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

If you find a leak, make sure fixture connections are tight and washers, gaskets, and flappers are in good shape. Many of these small repairs may be done yourself without a major investment.

As spring approaches, check your outside hose bids and irrigation systems to ensure they were not damaged by frost or freezing. This information is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense Program. For more, please visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).

*Did you know the Family Connections Newsletter is also posted on the Village's website? Go to [www.darienwi.com](http://www.darienwi.com) to see the full electronic version.*

## Village Board Enacts Two Ordinances

At the regular meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Village Board enacted Ordinance No. 300 and Ordinance No. 301, which make the following changes to the Village's Municipal Code of Ordinances:



### Ordinance No. 300 to Amend Section 15.18 of the Municipal Code relating to Registrations and Inspection of Property Containing Residential Rental Units:

- Requires that all residential rental units be systematically inspected once every three years or upon complaint, including single-family rental dwellings.
- Requires that rental property owners provide certain, limited contact information to the Village for the purposes of coordinating the inspection program.
- Requires that any fees charged are done so at the time of the inspection. Eliminates the requirement for an inspection certificate for any rental property.

### Ordinance No. 301 to Amend Section 17.66.200C. of the Municipal Code relating to Fence Standards:

- Removes the language that requires fences located in the rear and side yard (outside of any required front or street side yards) to be 50% open construction.
- Establishes a maximum height of ten feet for security fences located on non-residentially zoned properties, when located outside of the required front and street side yards.

The full text of these ordinances may be found on the Village's website under the "Ordinances" tab or may be viewed at Village Hall.



## Spring Election to be held on April 4, 2017

Contests on the April 4<sup>th</sup> ballot include Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge – District 2, Delavan-Darien School Board Members, Village President, and Village Board of Trustees.

Village residents may vote at Village Hall in the Board Room between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Remember to bring your photo identification card to vote. New Village residents or those who have changed their name or moved since the last election may register to vote on Election Day with valid proof of residence.

Voters who cannot make it to Village Hall on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot or may request that a ballot be mailed to them. In-person absentee voting will take place from Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Contact Village Hall for more information.



# **DARIEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

www.darien.lib.wi.us

Phone: 262-882-5155



## **SENTIMENTAL REFLECTIONS A New and Different DVD Series**

Do today's new movies have more violence than you would like or characters that you can't relate to? Then try something different. This series presents America's heritage in story, scenery and song. They are informative and entertaining, showing America and Americans as we are today, and also how we used to be. Some of the stories highlighted include a visit to a Toy Train Museum, Midwest landscapes, the U.S. Air Force Band, Veterans Honor Flights to Washington, D.C., North Carolina marshes, and Astronauts Remembered. Check out one of these DVD's and just relax and enjoy.

## **Getting Ready To File Your Taxes?**



Public Libraries are one of the only places where tax forms are still available to the public. If you need a form or an instruction book, the staff at the Darien Library can help you. You can either get your forms here, or we will help you find them online

## **MARCH IS STUDENT ART MONTH**

To celebrate, the Darien Library will be displaying the artwork from students in Delavan-Darien School District during the entire month of March. Also, on March 7<sup>th</sup>, the library will host an Open House. Parents are invited to come see the art their children have made. Some teachers will be here as well. Whether or not you have kids in school, you are welcome to come to the Darien Library to see the work of the talented kids from our school district. You'll be amazed!

## **A 3-D PRINTER IS AT THE DARIEN LIBRARY!**

There is a 3-D printer that is being sent out by Lakeshores Library system to various libraries within our consortium. It will be in Darien through the month of February. The 3-D Printer prints images in 3-D by melting filaments that have been pulled through a computer. The printer then layers the melted filament to create a variety of objects. Come on in and see what it can do!

## **COLORING FOR ADULTS**



Attention all adults who like to color! The new trend in coloring for adults is being celebrated at the Darien Library with monthly get-togethers. It's been fun to re-visit a favorite childhood past time. Please join us if you'd like to take an hour out of your busy work week and just relax! Call us at 882-5155 to find out when our next meeting will be held, or visit us on Facebook for more details. We always have a good time, and we hope you can come!



## **GIVE YOURSELF A FREE AND VERY USEFUL GIFT**

If there is anyone out there who does not have a Darien Library card, we invite you to come in to get one. There is no charge for the card. All you need is proof of your current residence. With your new card, you will have access to the items in all libraries in Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha Counties. Libraries of today are so much more than just books. They also have newspapers, magazines, audio books, DVD's, "playaways", electronic magazines, the use of free computers, and free wireless access. Become a library user and broaden your horizons for FREE.

## **NEW GAME DEVICES FOR CHILDREN**













The Darien Library has purchased several electronic devices with games for kids, called "Launch Pads", for use in the library. If you are coming to the library and want something to occupy your young child while you are here, please ask at the front desk. These new devices are easy to use and are really being enjoyed by the kids. Bring your kids in to join the fun!

**Library Hours:** The Darien Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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.



# MARCH

# 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			12:00 pm Senior Cards (Sr. Ctr.)	2:30 pm Senior Coffee Hour (West Wind Diner)		
			7:00 pm 6:00 pm Walking Club (Darien Elementary)	7:00 pm Ballroom Dance (Sr. Ctr.)		
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