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In the following months, the mayor will be soliciting your input through the members of the Economic Development Committee. Members of the "EDC" will be visiting those of you who wish to participate in this fact-finding effort. If you wish to participate, please contact us via email at EconomicDevelopment@darienil.gov.

**We look forward to hearing from you and wish all
of our Darien Businesses a prosperous 2020!**

www.darien.il.us

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About the cover...

It's winter again in the City of Darien. Inside are tips and information to stay safe this season. Help keeping others safe, too, by knowing the city's winter snow regulations. If fitness is on your 2020 health resolution list, don't overlook the Dark Park District fitness center. Have a safe, enjoyable and prosperous 2020.



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A message from our mayor

The start of something new brings the hope of something great. Anything is possible.

~Author Unknown

Every New Year's Eve, Cathy and I open our home as we welcome many of our good friends, asking them to join us in celebrating the new beginnings that we are all afforded as we enter a new year. While I have always embraced the thought of what a new year can bring, my thoughts during those few minutes prior to midnight always turn to the events of the year that we are saying goodbye to, and how those events impacted my life as well as the lives of my family and friends.

For me, 2019 was a year of dreams come true, as I planned for, worked for and won your trust and your votes as your new mayor. While the campaign had some low points, I found out how much I really loved our Darien community, as I visited with several thousand of you on my door-to-door visits, fundraising events and evening gatherings at the homes of several of my closest supporters. So many of you gladly welcomed me into your homes, introduced me to your families, and made me feel like I was a part of your family. If I had not won the election, I gained so many fond memories by meeting so many wonderful people.

While I served Ward 5 as alderman for 22 years, and I thought I was really in tune with the needs of Darien's residents, little did I know how wrong I was in assuming that I knew our city. I learned during the campaign, as I visited with residents from every ward, that our city is a composite of different neighborhoods, from the Marion Hills area on the east side of town to Farmingdale Village on our western border. Each neighborhood is unique and while the needs and concerns of all of you varies from one area to another, each of you expressed a love for this "nice place to live," and how we, your elected officials need to work toward maintaining the

quality of life that serves as your reason for making Darien your home.

As your mayor, I have not forgotten that message, and as I give thought to my work, I know that I must work every day to insure that we are providing the best services to all of our residents. When I am out in public, I often times run into people who take the time to wish me well and to remind me of their hopes and dreams for our community. I walk away from these brief encounters feeling a greater sense of responsibility, knowing that so many people count on those of us at the city and myself as mayor to hold ourselves accountable for the betterment of our community.

I want to assure all of you, that as we enter 2020, our 51st year as a city, that we will work diligently on your behalf, we will face new challenges, knowing that each day is a new beginning. As I welcomed in the New Year with my family and my friends, I not only reflected on the past year, I thought of the possibilities that the future held for all of us. I have dreams for our city; dreams that I hope will coincide with and fulfill your dreams for a brighter future.

My hope for all of you and for our city is that as 2020 unfolds each of us can make good memories each day, knowing that "the start of something new brings the hope of something great, Anything is possible!"

Happy New Year!

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Mayor, City of Darien



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At DuPageNeighbors.com you will find more Darien news, as well as news from all around DuPage County. There is a calendar with events from all around the area. And check for some great local offers. You'll also find a directory of businesses, family features, arts and culture, entertainment, dining, health and wellness and local business news. Register to leave reviews or blogs and add your own events.



Resolve to be a healthier you

(Family Features) While traveling more, losing weight and quitting bad habits are annually among some of the most popular New Year's resolutions, the turn of the calendar does represent a perfect opportunity to better yourself in multiple ways. Go to DuPageNeighbors.com.



Maximizing family time

5 tips for spending more time with loved ones

(Family Features) Now as much as ever, close family ties can make a significant impact on young lives. Constantly emerging technology sometimes limits personal interaction, while many school-age children experience unprecedented stress levels.

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News about the 2020 Darien Citizen of the Year

Tune in to see the announcement of our 2020 Citizen of the Year at the city council meeting on Mon., Jan. 20 at 7:30pm.

On Tues., Feb. 18 after the conclusion of the city council meeting, everyone is invited to honor the Citizen of the Year at a cake and coffee reception at city hall. Come and meet the 2020 Citizen of the Year and celebrate with us to recognize all our honoree has done to make Darien the nice place it is to live and raise a family.

On Sat., March 7 all are invited to attend the dinner/dance at Alpine Banquets honoring our Citizen of the Year. Ticket cost will be \$35 per person which includes family-style dinner, open bar and DJ. Reservations for the event will be available at city hall after Jan. 27. Deadline to RSVP is Fri., Feb. 28.

For questions or reservations, please call Diane at Darien City Hall—630-353-8102.



Carbon monoxide problems increase along with snowfall

Local fire departments see an increase in the number of carbon monoxide incidents and detector activations during high snowfall, due to snow accumulation and buildup.

These types of incidents are a common problem when there are high snow drifts that block furnace vents and air intakes in some homes—predominantly homes that have newer, high-efficiency furnaces. These systems typically vent through the sill plate of a home, close to ground level through white PVC piping. Drifting snow has

the potential to block these vents, causing the furnace or water heater to stop operating. Some newer high-efficiency furnaces have automatic shutoffs that shut down a furnace when the vents are blocked, but many furnaces don't. If they fail to shut down, carbon monoxide may back up in a home.

After any snowfall, it is important to inspect the area around the furnace and hot water heater vents to ensure that snow and ice are not blocking the safe operation of these fuel-burning devices. Vents and

intake pipes should have a 3-foot clearance from snow, shrubs or other obstructions. Water heaters and dryer vents also should be cleared of snow to prevent possible carbon monoxide poisoning.

State law requires that all residential occupancies have carbon monoxide detectors installed by the property owner. More information regarding state statute requirements can be found at ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/94/094-0741.htm.

Please help us keep fire hydrants clear of snow

Large snowfall can hide fire hydrants and make them difficult to find during an emergency. The City encourages residents to clear fire hydrants nearest their residence or business of snow. Firefighters need at least a three-foot clearance on all sides of the hydrant, including a pathway to the hydrant from the street.

By taking a little time to clear a hydrant you are helping the fire department, your neighbors and yourself in the event of an emergency. The local fire departments and city personnel also assist in clearing hydrants. If you have identified a snow buried fire hydrant and are unable to assist, please call City of Darien Municipal Services at 630-353-8105.



Be smart and don't become an easy target—lock your car doors!

Residents are reminded to lock their cars and take or hide valuables in the trunk so they don't create an easy target for burglary and theft. Police call most car break-ins a crime of opportunity. Criminals walk through the neighborhood and parking lots looking for items to steal with the goal of finding vehicles that are unlocked. The large percentage of car break-ins in the Chicago metro area are done to vehicles that are unlocked.

Don't let the criminals win, lock your car doors!

City of Darien winter parking regulations in effect

There is no parking allowed on city streets during a snow event when snow or ice exceeds one inch.

Snowplows and other emergency vehicles must have access and ability to pass down streets; parked vehicles in the roadways inhibit these vehicles and block visibility. In snow emergencies snowplows are able to more efficiently clear your street without parked vehicles obstructing the process.

We thank you for your cooperation and support!



Your elected city officials and city administrators

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General Information

on all city services
630-852-5000

Non-Emergency Police Department
630-971-3999

Police
(for any police presence/emergency)
9-1-1

Senior Corner.

Senior Citizen Services

There are many services and programs available to Darien Senior Citizens. The following are some services available thru the City of Darien, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County and the State of Illinois.

Darien Police Department Elderly Services

Darien Police Department has Elder Services Officers specially trained to assist Darien senior citizens.

For questions regarding Darien Police Department Elderly Services, contact Sgt. Nick Skweres at nskweres@darienil.gov or call 630-353-8337.

Dial-A-Ride

Dial-A-Ride is a curb-to-curb paratransit service for senior citizens and disabled persons provided by the Township of Downers Grove through a contract with PACE.

Registration is necessary before starting to use the service. Rides can be scheduled to any location within the Township, Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. The fare is \$3. To get more information call 630-719-6670 (press 1).

DuPage County Ride DuPage

Ride DuPage provides subsidized taxi and lift equipped bus transportation for income eligible DuPage County residents. It is primarily used for visits to medical facilities and government offices within the county limits. To register, call 630-407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

File of Life

Keep an emergency medical card listing of vital information on your refrigerator door. All township fire and law enforcement personnel are trained to look for the File of Life on the refrigerator door. Cards can be purchased for \$1 at Downers Grove Township office located at 4340 Prince St. in Downers Grove.

Guardian Program

Sheriff Mendrick encourages every senior citizen in DuPage County to register with the Guardian System, a free service designed to ensure the well-being of seniors as well as the physically and mentally disabled in the county.

Guardian is a computerized phone system that calls registered members on prearranged days and times to verify that they are okay. If the member does not respond to the telephone call by entering a four-digit code on their telephone, an alarm sounds and a police dispatcher will attempt to reach the member via telephone.

If still unsuccessful, a previously designated neighbor or family member will be contacted. If the emergency contact cannot be reached, a deputy will be sent to the member's home to make sure everything is okay.



Guardian is available to DuPage County residents who are over the age of 62 or physically or mentally disabled and live alone. To register for the Guardian Program you may call the sheriff's office at 630-407-2400 to have an application mailed to you. Applications may also be picked up at the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, or at any township office.

Home Maintenance

The Du Page Senior Citizen Council Home Maintenance Program is available for senior citizens in DuPage County. This program provides affordable repair services so seniors can maintain the safety and value of their homes. For more information call 630-620-0804 (press 0).

Meals on Wheels

DuPage Senior Citizen Council Meals on Wheels serves seniors in need and are unable to shop, prepare meals, or attend a Senior Dining Center. Call 630-620-0804 (press 1) for home delivered hot/cold meals.

Real Estate Tax Relief

Darien senior citizens should contact the Downers Grove Township Tax Assessor's Office to see if they qualify for any real estate tax relief through several programs.

Minimally, these programs require that you be 65 years of age, meet income guidelines, own and occupy your home, and are liable for the payment of your real estate taxes. Call the Downers Grove Township Tax Assessor's Office to see if you qualify and for an application 630-719-6630.

Subsidized Housing

There are federally funded programs that help people with low incomes to afford safe and decent rental housing. Call 630-690-3555 to see if you are eligible for a rent subsidy.

State of Illinois Benefit Access Program (formerly Circuit Breaker)

Call the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA) at 800-252-8966 or 1-888-206-1377 (TTY). Have your Social Security number ready when you call.

A warning about unsafe ice



DuPage County Forest Preserve District is warning outdoor enthusiasts to be cautious about stepping out onto the ice. As ice melts and refreezes during late winter it may become porous, weak and unable to support activity regardless of its thickness. Look for cracks, ridges or faults in the ice; differently colored ice (especially dark gray or black); open water in the center

of an otherwise frozen lake; ice that looks rotten or porous; and ice covered by water or slush for signs that the ice might be unsafe.

In any outdoor emergency, call 911 for help. To reach Forest Preserve District of DuPage County police, call 630-933-7240.

Prevent water lines from freezing

All residents should take precautions to keep water supply lines in your homes from freezing during extreme cold. You should let the water trickle in plumbing lines or fixtures that face north or west exterior walls. This helps to prevent water from freezing within the wall.



School Directory

Eisenhower Jr. High School

1410 75th St., Darien, IL 60561
630-964-5200 • Fax: 630-968-8002

Lace School

7414 Cass Ave., Darien, IL 60561
630-968-2589 • Fax: 630-968-5920

Mark DeLay School

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630-852-0200 • Fax: 630-968-7506



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Warren “Chip” Johnson Community Service Award nominations sought

The Warren “Chip” Johnson Community Service Award recognizes 8th grade students who have demonstrated a commitment to their community through volunteer activities in the school as well as local organizations. Although the student must currently be in 8th grade, service performed during sixth and seventh grades will be considered. More than one individual may be nominated.

Recipients of the award will be announced at the Eisenhower Junior High School Commencement Ceremony. The board of education is asking our school and local communities to think about those upcoming graduates who have given of their time and talents beyond the classroom walls. We would like to know about students who have volunteered for the Darien Youth Club, church groups, food banks, as well as other organizations. Local groups such as the Lions, Chamber of Commerce, Women’s Club, and Rotary will be contacted for possible nominations.

Formal applications for the award are available at darien61.org. Please think about the young people you know and how they have touched the lives of others in our community. Nominations must be received by May 1.

Ways to know before you go

When bad weather hits, how would you know school is closed? We have a number of ways to communicate:

- The Superintendent’s message will be sent through our auto-dial system. All families who have provided us with information at registration are part of the system for phone and e-mail notification. Please notify your child’s school if your contact information changes.
- Call your child’s school and listen to a voice message announcement.
- Visit the website: darien61.org
- Check your email for a district message.
- Follow us on Twitter. Our user name is DarienSD61.
- Watch/listen to the news.



Happening at District #61 schools...



Darien District #61 Board of Education recognizes EJH Cross Country State Qualifiers

The Board of Education recognized student cross country runners: Alec Miller, Owen Fudacz, Audrey Atkinson, Andrew Petersen and their coach Deana

Jubeh. All four students qualified to compete in the State Cross Country competition.

Kindergarten registration information is available



Kindergarten registration for the Darien School District #61 will be Wed., Feb. 26 at Mark DeLay School, 6801 Wilmette Ave., Darien. You will be able to register your child for kindergarten on the evening of Feb. 26 from 5pm to 7pm at Mark DeLay.

If you cannot attend the session on Feb. 26, there are appointments available for the week of Feb. 24 to Feb. 28 between 9am and 2pm.

Please call the office at 630-852-0200 to make an appointment.

To be eligible for the 2020 kindergarten program, children must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2020. On the day of registration please bring the following documents:

1 Your child's original birth certificate. Please remember that your child must be five (5) years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. We will need to copy the original.

2. Three (3) forms of Proof of Residency from the following categories:

All documents must be current within the last 30 days and show your name and address.	
Category 1: AT LEAST ONE (1)	AND Category 2: AT LEAST TWO (2)
Real Estate Tax Bill (most recent)	Current IL Driver's License/IL State ID
Signed and Dated Lease (current year)	Gas/Electric/Water/Phone/Cable Bill (<i>only one of this type</i>)
Closing statement for purchase of my residence	Vehicle Registration/Insurance Policy
Mortgage Statement/Loan Statement	Voter Registration Card
Military Housing Letter	Home Owner/Renter Insurance Policy
	Public Assistance Documentation

3. \$150 for registration. Checks must be made out to Darien District #61.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark DeLay School at 630-852-0200.

Información de Jardín de Infantes (KDG)



La inscripción para el Jardín de Infantes (KDG) para el Distrito Escolar de Darién 61 será el Miércoles, 26 de Febrero, 2020; en la Escuela Mark DeLay, 6801 Wilmette Avenue, Darien. Usted puede registrar a su hijo(a) para el jardín de infantes en la noche del 26 de Febrero de 5 pm a 7 pm en Mark DeLay.

Si usted no puede asistir a la sesión del 26 de Febrero; tendremos citas disponibles para la semana del 24 al 28 de Febrero entre las 9 am y las 2 pm.

Por favor comuníquese con la oficina de Mark DeLay al 630-852-0200.

Para ser elegible para el programa de Jardín de Infantes 2020, los niños(as) deben tener cinco (5) años de edad antes de ó para el 1ro de Septiembre, 2020. En el día de la inscripción, por favor traiga los siguientes documentos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento original de su hijo(a). Recuerde que su hijo(a) debe tener cinco (5) años antes de ó para el 1ro de Septiembre, 2020. Tendremos que hacer una copia.

2. Tres (3) formas de Prueba de Residencia de las siguientes categorías:

Los documentos tienen que tener su nombre y dirección actual, 30 días reciente	
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Carta de Do milcilio Militar	Póliza de Seguro de Propietario / Arrendador
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3. Registración cuesta \$150. Escribir cheques al nombre de Distrito Darién 61.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la Escuela Mark DeLay al 630-852-0200.



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Jan. 28
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April 28
8–9am
BMO Harris Bank
2275 W. 75th St., Darien

July 28
8–9am
First American Bank
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Oct. 27
8–9am
Republic Bank
1510 75th St., Darien

Upcoming Events

Jan. 8
State of the County
Double Tree Suites, Downers Grove, 11:30am

Jan. 28
Coffee Connection
First Merchants Bank, 8–9am

Jan. 8—State of the County Luncheon

Hear from Dan Cronin and other leaders in the county for a robust discussion on new laws, economic development, challenges and enhancements coming to DuPage County in 2020 at this multi-chamber event.

To register for any chamber events or for more information, go to: darienchamber.com or call 630-968-0004

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Save the dates...

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- **Networking opportunities** throughout the year to meet with this and other chamber members.
- **Discounted marketing and sponsorship opportunities** at major events such as:
 - **Darien Dash 2020**—Our 20th annual 1 mile walk, 5K & 10K CARA certified run on May 17, 2020
 - **Darien Fest 2020**—Our 33rd annual festival of bands, food, business expo and carnival rides
 - **"Dancing with the Chamber Starz"** 7th annual gala event to be held on Nov. 14, 2020
- **FREE ribbon cutting ceremonies** with the board of directors and city officials celebrating your business opening, remodeling, new management, new location, expansions, etc...
- **Discounted sponsorship opportunities** at all larger multi-chamber events and programs.
- **FREE networking opportunities**, "DCC Coffee Connection" held quarterly on the last Tuesday of January, April, July and October at various Darien banks.
- **Company information and website link on chamber website** at darienchamber.com
- **Quarterly "Lunch & Learn" luncheon meetings** to meet and network with fellow business members over lunch at a Darien area restaurant.
- **Multiple opportunities** for you to widen your business exposure and increase relationships with other members by volunteering at chamber events and/or joining the board of directors.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Darien Chamber of Commerce is to work proactively with all community leaders to enhance the vitality and prosperity of the businesses, citizens, schools, government, emergency services and organizations of Darien.

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November 14th, 2020
6:30PM – 11:30PM
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20th Annual Darien Dash
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SAVE THE DATE*
Sunday May 17, 2020
Darien, Illinois

  

8:00am: Kiddie Fun Run (ages 5 & under)
8:30am: 1 mile, 5k & 10k

Register at: DarienDash.com

1 Mile - \$25 per entrant in advance/\$30 on race day
5k Run - \$35 per entrant in advance/\$40 on race day
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Find a special gift for Valentines Day

Come out and find something special for that special person at the Valentine Craft and Vendor Show on Feb. 1 at Chateau Orleans Banquets in Darien from 9am-1pm. With over 30 crafters and vendors attendees will be sure to have a lot to choose from. The vendors of this show feature goods including clothing, accessories, cosmetics, skincare, nail care, jewelry, art and more. Admission to the show is free and will also include raffles and giveaways. For more information, visit Valentine Craft and Vendor Show under [facebook.com/events](https://www.facebook.com/events).

Show and tell with the Darien Garden Club

A special presentation is to be given at the Darien Garden Club's "Show and Tell" and Vase Exchange on Jan. 6 at St. John's Lutheran Church from 6:30-9pm. This is a special time during the winter season while the gardens are sleeping, attendees can share their stories and work with fellow gardeners. This is an informal meeting to start the New Year. Hear and learn from other members, and also bring along an



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unwanted vase to take home another. Visit the event page at eventbrite.com to get a free ticket, and for more information visit gardenclubofdarien.org.

A special connection for mothers in Darien

Join in for a connecting opportunity of parenting resources at Moms Connect on Jan. 17 at St. John Lutheran Church at 9am. Attendees can expect to find an inviting atmosphere geared to making new friends and to providing practical parenting resources. Complimentary childcare is provided for moms who may join at any time during the school year. Deaconess Phaedra Serbus, a wife, mother and Director of Youth & Family Ministry facilitates the group. Register at sjlcdarien.org/events/moms-connect or contact Deaconess Serbus at 630-969-7987 or email her at phaedra.serbus@sjlcdarien.org.

A special exhibit of Civil Rights history

Help create a special exhibit at the Indian Prairie Public Library's Martin's Museum Makers event on Jan. 20 from 11am–12:30pm. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, attendees can help create a civil rights exhibit, which will be on display in the library during Black History Month. This is a special event for all ages. For more information, visit ippl.info.

A day for plane, train, and automobile model enthusiasts

Hobbyists will enjoy a day out at the Mega Mode Show and Swap Meet on Jan. 18 hosted at St. John Lutheran Church from 9am–3pm. Get ready for a show featuring at least two operating model railroad layouts and 70 vendor tables selling plastic model kits, die cast, and model railroad-related items on two levels. This family-friendly event will also offer food and raffle prizes. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for youth 12–17, and children under 12 and scouts in uniform are free. For more information, go to sildarien.org/events/model-show..

An American in Paris is live at Drury Lane

Enjoy a night of outstanding theater with *An American in Paris* at Drury Lane Theatre of Oak Brook, playing Jan. 31–March 29. Based on the Academy Award winning film, an American GI is doing his best to make it as a painter in the bustling city of Paris following the end of World War II. This four-time Tony Award winner and Grammy nominee is set to the music of George and Ira Gershwin. For tickets and show times, visit drurylanetheatre.com.



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Stock market update

The U.S. has not been alone in reaching new market highs

by Angelo R. Imbrogno

As we write this article the year end is approaching and the stock market is on pace for gains over 20% for 2019 (based on the S&P 500 Index). From a technical point of view we remain bullish on our outlook for the markets and expect further gains in the new year. Volatility and short term declines could be present as not only we have an election year ahead but the tariff situation with China remains unresolved. However, any pullbacks in the markets will face several different levels of technical support that could act a buffer and halt any market declines.

The U.S. has not been alone in reaching new market highs, as several other countries have stock

markets hitting all-time highs as well (Canada, India, Brazil, Switzerland). Unlike the previous year where our market was alone when it reached its high point for that year, this year we experienced a broad global push to higher markets. This strong performance in the international markets is well reflected in the double digit growth reported in the MSCI EAFE Index and MSCI Emerging Market Index.

Large-cap stocks this year were also joined by mid-cap and small-cap stocks in their strong rally into the year end. Both sectors had lagged previously and this movement signifies an optimistic market environment going forward. ●

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