

# CITY OF DARLINGTON PARK & RECREATION 2026 SUMMER BOOK



## **Highlights**

### **Lighted Walking Path**

The paved walking path follows the Pecatonica River from the Black Bridge Park to Riverside Park.

### **Disc Golf Course**

Enjoy the eighteen (18) hole Disc Golf course located at the Swimming Pool Park.

### **Swimming Pool**

Open swim times daily: 12:30–4:30pm and 6:30–8:30pm.  
Four (4) sessions of swimming lessons.

### **SplashPad (*NEW in 2026!*)**

Open daily 10:00am-8:30pm, June thru Labor Day

### **Doggie Swim**

Fundraiser for the Darlington K-9 unit. Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30-8:30pm

### **Ball Programs**

T – Ball and Coach Pitch  
Girls' softball: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Pickleball**

Enjoy one of the fastest growing sports in America at the Swimming Pool Park and the Municipal Building Gym.

### **Pecatonica River Trails Park (campgrounds)**

41 designated campsites: 9 Full Hook-Up, 30 Electric, 2 Non-Electric  
Restroom / shower facilities  
Recreational Vehicle dump station  
Playground equipment  
Canoe launch  
Fishing pier

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Dear Participant:

I would like to welcome you to the Darlington Parks and Recreation Department summer offerings and invite you to participate in the many activities offered this summer. This brochure is intended to give you an overview of our programs, facilities and services offered this summer. Take your time to browse through the brochure. Please note the programs that require registration. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department, as we are committed to maintaining and improving the quality of your Parks and Recreation programs.

*Wade Berget*

*Park and Recreation Director*

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**\*\*\*Reminder: All dates and schedules are subject to change\*\*\***

News and updates for the Parks and Recreation Department will be posted on the City’s website, City of Darlington Facebook page, and the [City of Darlington Parks & Rec](#) Facebook page. This information would include registration for recreation programs, cancellations, campground, pool, etc.

Registration for our youth recreation programs and shelter house rentals have been moved to online registration for your convenience. Please note the following:

**CITY OF DARLINGTON WEBSITE:**

<https://darlingtonwi.org/>



**CITY OF DARLINGTON FACEBOOK PAGE:**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61570900873913>



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**RECREATION REGISTRATIONS & SHELTER HOUSE RENTALS:**

<https://app.heygov.com/darlingtonwi.org>



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# SWIMMING POOL

The Darlington Municipal Pool is scheduled to open Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and close Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

**Phone #** (608) 776-3102

**Pool Passes**

Family Season	\$ 125.00
Adult Season	\$ 55.00
Grade & High School	\$ 50.00
Senior Citizen (age 65 +)	Free
Swimming Lessons	\$ 35.00
Parent and Child Aquatic	\$ 30.00
Private Lessons	\$ 75.00

**Daily General Admission**

Adult	\$ 5.00
Grade & High School	\$ 4.00



**Pool Hours:**

**Monday - Friday**

10:00 – 12:15	Swim Lessons	4:30 – 6:30	Senior/Adult Swim, Infant Classes
12:30 – 4:30	Open Swim	6:30 – 8:30	Open Swim

**Saturday and Sunday**

12:30 – 4:30	Open Swim	4:30 – 6:30	Adult Lap or Swim
6:30 – 8:30	Open Swim	5:30 – 6:30	Family Swim

**Holiday & Community Events - Special Pool Hours**

Canoe Fest Weekend	Saturday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 – 6:30	Open Swim
	Sunday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 – 8:30	Open Swim
Independence Day	Saturday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 – 4:30	Open Swim
Lafayette County Fair	Friday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 – 4:30	Open Swim
		4:30 – 6:30	Adult Swim

**Splashpad Hours** June through Labor Day – 10:00am to 8:30pm

**Swimming Lessons Registration**

Participants will be required to pre-register for the swimming lessons. Registration is required due to limited enrollment for each class in order to give all participants sufficient instruction time.

**To Register for Swimming Lessons: scan the QR code below, or copy & paste the link below**

Or you may call the Darlington Swimming Pool when the pool opens for the season in June.

<https://app.heygov.com/darlingtonwi.org>



**Adult Swim** - The pool is open for adults (18 yrs. +) Monday through Sunday for Adult Swim from 4:30–6:30 p.m. There may be other programs using the pool during adult swim.

**Lap Swim** - The pool is open for adults (18 yrs. +) Monday through Sunday for lap swimming from 4:30–6:30 p.m. There may be Parent & Child Aquatic classes using the pool during lap swim.

**Family Swim** - The pool is open for family swim on Saturday and Sunday evenings from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Children need to be accompanied by an adult (18 yrs. +) and in the pool at all times.

**Doggie Swim** - Sunday evening, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Private Pool Rental** - The swimming pool is available for private groups to rent. The pool is available Monday through Sunday after open swim closes at 8:30 p.m. Pool rental fee is \$100.00 per hour. Contact the swimming pool for available dates.

### **Pool Safety Reminders**

We ask that you observe the following rules so that you and all patrons have a safe and enjoyable swim at the pool.

- Children 6 years old and under need to be accompanied by an adult (18 yrs +)
- Take shower before entering pool and after use of toilet facilities
- Do not enter the pool if you have a communicable disease or an open cut
- Do not drink the pool water
- Do not bring food, drink, gum, glass or shatterable objects into the pool area
- Do not run or engage in rough play in the pool area
- Do not bring animals into the pool area
- Diaper changing on the pool deck is prohibited
- Smoking, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages prohibited in the pool area
- Flotation devices are not allowed during open swim
- Swimmers are required to pass a swimming skills test to utilize the diving area
- Store clothes and belongings in pool basket provided, return basket to basket window after each use
- Only one person allowed on the diving ladders and diving board at a time
- The pool will not open when pool water temperature drops below 65 degrees
- Pool will close if lightning or severe weather warnings occur
- Pool will close if less than 10 swimmers in pool after lifeguard break
- Inflatable arm floaties are not allowed in the deep end/diving board area
- Pool noodles and squirt guns are not allowed in the main pool unless it is during family swim
- Family passes will be distributed to immediate family only

*The City of Darlington is not responsible for lost or stolen items*

*Scan on the QR Code and follow the Darlington Swimming Pool on Facebook!*



## **American Red Cross** **Learn-To-Swim Program**

The American Red Cross Swimming Program will be offered again this summer. The swimming program offers Parent & Child Aquatics, Preschool Aquatics and the Learn-To-Swim Program. All Red Cross Swimming Lessons are taught by certified Water Safety Instructors. Please read the following course descriptions so your child is enrolled in the proper class. If you are unsure of the level your child was enrolled in last swimming season, contact the swimming pool. There needs to be a minimum of six swimmers enrolled in a class in order for the class to be held.

### **Learn-To-Swim**

The Learn-To-Swim six-level program is unlike anything offered by other learn to swim programs. The program is designed for children over 6 years all the way up to adults, as students' progress through the levels at their own pace, mastering the skills in one level before advancing to the next. Each level of our Learn-To-Swim class includes training in basic water safety and helping others in an emergency, in addition to stroke development. Upon successful completion of the program, participants will be able to swim skillfully and be safe in and around water. Offered this summer are four sessions, each two weeks in length, which meet daily for 30 minutes of class time. Swimmers may be moved up or down a level according to their swimming ability.

#### **Dates:**

1 <sup>st</sup> session	Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> session	Monday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> session	Monday, July 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> session	Monday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday August 14 <sup>th</sup>

#### **Times:**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> session</u> Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> thru Friday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	4:40 – 5:10 p.m.	Levels 1, 3
	5:15 – 5:45 p.m.	Levels 2, 4
	5:50 – 6:20 p.m.	Levels 1, 5, and 6a, b, c
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> session</u> Monday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> thru Friday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Levels 4, 5 and 6a, b, c
	10:20 – 10:50 a.m.	Levels 3, Pre-school Aquatics
	10:55 – 11:25 a.m.	Levels 2, 3
	11:30 – 12:00 p.m	Level 1, 2
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> session</u> Monday, July 20 <sup>th</sup> thru Friday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Levels 4, 5 and 6a, b, c
	10:20 – 10:50 a.m.	Levels 2, 3
	10:55 – 11:25 a.m.	Level 1, 3
	11:30 – 12:00 p.m	Levels 1, 2
<u>4<sup>th</sup> session</u> Monday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:40 – 5:10 p.m.	Levels 2, 3
	5:15 – 5:45 p.m.	Levels 1, 4
	5:50 – 6:20 p.m.	Levels 2, 5, and 6a, b, c

**Fee: \$ 35.00**

### **Level I -- Introduction to Water Skills**

There are no prerequisites for this level. The objectives of Level 1 are to learn basic personal water safety information and skills, to help participants feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy the water safely.

**Skills assessment:** enter water using ramp, steps or side; exit water using ladder, steps or side; blow bubbles through mouth and nose; bobbing; open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects; front and back glides and recover to a vertical position; back float; roll from front-to-back and back-to-front; tread water using arms and hand actions; alternating and simultaneous arm and leg actions on front; alternating and simultaneous arms and leg actions on back; combined arm and leg actions on front and back; age-appropriate water safety topics.

### **Level II -- Fundamental Aquatic Skills**

Participants entering this course must have a Level 1 certificate or must be able to demonstrate all the completion requirements of Level 1. The objective of Level 2 is to give participants success with fundamental skills.

**Skills assessment:** enter water by stepping or jumping from the side; exit water using ladder, steps or side; fully submerge and hold breath; bobbing; open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects; rotary breathing; front, jellyfish and tuck floats; back glide and recover to a vertical position; front glide and recover to a vertical position; roll from front to back and back to front; tread water using arm and leg action; change direction of travel while swimming on front and back; combined arm and leg actions on front and back; finning arm action; age-appropriate water safety topics.

### **Level III -- Stroke Development**

Participants entering this course must have a Level 2 certificate or must be able to demonstrate all the completion requirements in Level 2. The objectives of Level 3 are to build on the skills in Level 2 through additional guided practice in deeper water.

**Skills assessment:** enter water by jumping from the side, fully submerge then recover to the surface and return to the side; headfirst entries from the side in sitting and kneeling positions; bobbing while moving towards safety; rotary breathing; back float; survival float; change from vertical to horizontal positions on front and back; tread water; flutter and dolphin kicks on front; scissors and breaststroke kicks; front crawl and elementary backstroke; age-appropriate water safety topics.

### **Level IV -- Stroke Improvement**

Participants entering this course must have a Level 3 certificate or must be able to demonstrate all the completion requirements in Level 3. The objectives of Level 4 are to develop confidence in the skills learned and improve other aquatic skills.

**Skills assessment:** headfirst entries from the side in compact and stride positions; swim under water; feet first surface dive; survival swimming; open turns on front and back; tread water using 2 different kicks; front and back crawl, elementary backstroke, sidestroke and butterfly; flutter and dolphin kicks on back; age-appropriate water safety topics.

### **Level V -- Stroke Refinement**

Participants entering this course must have a Level 4 certificate or must be able to demonstrate all the course requirements in Level 4. The objectives of Level 5 are to provide further coordination and refinement of strokes.

**Skills assessment:** shallow-angle dive from the side then glide and begin a front stroke; tuck and pike surface dives, submerge completely; front flip turn and backstroke flip turn while swimming; front and back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, side stroke and butterfly; sculling; age-appropriate water safety topics.

### **Level VI -- Swimming and Skill Proficiency**

Participants entering this course must have a Level 5 certificate or must be able to demonstrate all the skills required to complete Level 5. The objectives of Level 6 are to refine strokes so swimmers swim them with ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances. Level 6 is designed with “menu” options that focus on preparing participants for more advanced courses, including the Water Safety Instructor course, or other aquatic activities, such as competitive swimming or diving. Each option also includes applicable water safety topics. Options include a) fitness swimmer, b) personal water safety, c) fundamentals of diving.

### **Parent & Child Aquatics (6 months to approximately 3 years)**

This class introduces basic skills to parents and children. Parents & Child Aquatics help young children get ready to swim by emphasizing fun in the water. Parents and children participate in several guided sessions that help kids learn elementary swimming skills, including water entry, bubble blowing, front kick, back floating underwater exploration and more. The two levels are fun filled and help introduce water safety concepts, encouraging a healthy recreational habit that your entire family can enjoy. Parent & Child Aquatics classes are two weeks in length which meet Tuesday and Thursday for 30 minutes. All children are required to wear protective pull-ups or rubber pants while in the pool. There needs to be four swimmers enrolled for the class to be held.

**Level 1** – In Level 1, children learn basic skills through fun activities, such as blowing bubbles and playing with water toys.

**Level 2** – In Level 2 parents work with their children to practice floating, kicking and swimming back to the side of the pool.

**Dates:**            1<sup>st</sup> session      July 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>  
                          2<sup>nd</sup> session      July 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and July 30<sup>th</sup>

**Time:**            5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**Fee:**             \$ 30.00



### **Preschool Aquatics (approximately 4–5 years old)**

Throughout the three levels, preschool age children learn water safety, survival skills and foundational swimming concepts in a safe and fun environment. Skills are age-appropriate, allowing students to achieve success on a regular basis and enjoy social interactions with other children. As in all Swimming and Water Safety courses, your child will always know that it's safety first.

**Level 1** – orients children to the aquatic environment and helps them gain basic aquatic skills by entering water using ramp, steps or side; exit water using ladder, steps or side; blows bubbles through mouth and nose; submerge mouth, nose and eyes; open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects; front glide and recover to a vertical position; back glide and recover to a vertical position; back float; roll from front to back and back to front; tread with arm and hand actions; alternating and simultaneous arm and leg actions on front; alternating and simultaneous arm and leg actions on back; combined arm and leg actions on front and back; age-appropriate water safety topics.

**Level 2** – helps children gain greater independence in their skills and develop more comfort in and around water by enter water by stepping in from a deck or low height; exit water using ladder, steps or side, bobbing, open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects; front float; back glide and front float and recover to a vertical position; roll from front to back and back to front; tread water using arm and leg actions; combined arm and leg actions on front and back; finning arm action on back and age-appropriate water safety topics.

**Level 3** – focuses on coordinating arm and leg movements and improving their swimming skills to be comfortable in and around water by enter water by jumping in; fully submerge and hold breath; bobbing; rotary breathing; front, jellyfish and tuck floats; front and back float or glide and recover to a vertical position; change direction of travel while swimming on front or back; tread water using arm and leg actions; combined arm and leg actions on front and back; finning arm action on back and age-appropriate water safety topics.

### **Adult swimming lessons**

Adult swimming lessons will be offered if there is enough interest shown. Sign up at the pool for the lessons. The classes are taught by certified Water Safety Instructors.

### **Swim Parties**

The swim parties for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be determined during the summer depending on interest and weather. The parties will be after open swim till 10:45 pm on Friday or Saturday evenings. Watch for notices at the pool for the dates.

**\* In the event of inclement weather, the pool parties will not be held.**

### **Doggie Swim**

Take your dog for a swim in the Pool on the last day of the season, Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm. A waiver will need to be signed stating that all dogs have current registration, and their shots are up to date. Dogs are only allowed in the pool during this event. All funds raised from this event go to help support the Darlington Police Department K-9 unit fund drive. Doggie waste bags will be provided.

**Cost is \$ 5.00 per dog**



## Disc Golf Course

The Disc Golf Course is located throughout the Swimming Pool Park. The first hole of the “eighteen-hole course” starts at the upper end of the Tennis Court parking lot. Hole number three ends at the new restroom by the upper shelter and then golfers cross Park Street and continue with hole four thru nine. The disc golf course winds thru the Swimming Pool Park and ends at the upper shelter. Golfers start the course over again to complete holes ten through eighteen. There are separate tee pads for front nine and back nine. There are informational signs at each tee-off pad providing direction and distance to the next hole.



## Pickleball

The tennis court at Swimming Pool Park is lined with three (3) Pickleball Courts. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America. It is a racquet sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. It can be played by all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced competitive game for experienced players. For more information on this great sport visit the USA Pickleball Association at [www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org).



# Summer Ball Programs

## T-Ball      *Pre – K, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade*

T – Ball starts on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The first week of T-Ball, players will meet daily (Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, and Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>) from 9:30-10:30am for practice on fundamentals and drills: throwing, hitting, fielding and the rules of the game. The remainder of the summer their practices will be held on Mondays with games being played on Wednesdays and Fridays. On Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, all T-Ball players will be divided equally into teams and team T-shirts will be handed out. The T-ball program will use a soft baseball, hitting off a stationary batting tee. There are four Friday evening games scheduled. The dates are: June 19<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Fee:    \$ 25.00**

## Coach Pitch    *2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade*

Coach Pitch starts on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The first week of Coach Pitch, players will meet daily (Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, and Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>) from 10:30-11:30am for practice on fundamentals and drills: throwing, hitting, fielding and the rules of the game. The remainder of the summer their practices will be held on Mondays with games being played on Wednesdays and Fridays. Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, all Coach Pitch players will be divided equally into teams, and team T-shirts will be handed out. There are four Friday evening games scheduled. The dates are: June 19<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Fee:    \$ 25.00**

## Girls Softball League    *Grades 3 and 4*

Girls Softball is tentatively scheduled to start late May. Additional information will be handed out thru the school systems as the season nears. Practice and games are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at SIEG Field starting at 5:00 pm. Practice times during the month of May will be announced at the first practice. The girls have scheduled games against surrounding communities.

**Fee:    \$ 30.00**



## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Outdoor Basketball Courts

An outdoor lighted basketball court is located at Riverside Park (behind Piggly Wiggly) and at the Swimming Pool Park. The lights to the courts are on a clock timer to shut off at 10:00 p.m. Lights can be turned on any time between dusk and 10:00 p.m. Please restrict time of play to 1 hour if others are waiting.

### Pickleball/Tennis Courts

There are three (3) lighted pickleball/tennis courts located at the Swimming Pool Park. The lights to the tennis/pickleball court are on a clock timer to shut off at 10:00 p.m. Lights can be turned on any time between dusk and 10:00 p.m. Please restrict playing time to 1 hour if others are waiting.

### Sand Volleyball Courts

The lighted sand volleyball courts are located at the Black Bridge Park. The lights to the volleyball court are on a clock timer to shut off at 10:00 p.m. Lights can be turned on any time between dusk and 10:00 p.m.

### Campground

The (41) campsite campground is located at Pecatonica River Trails Park. There are (9) full hook-up (water, sewer, electric) campsites, (30) electric hook-up campsites and (2) primitive campsites. All campsites are complete with a picnic table and fire ring. The campground has restroom/shower facilities, RV dump station, group fire rings, handicapped fishing pier, canoe launch, playground equipment, and a basketball hoop.

### Playground Equipment

Playground structures, playground equipment and play stations of climbers, platforms, bars swings and slides are located at the **Swimming Pool Park**, **Riverside Park** (ball park) and **Pecatonica River Trails Park** (campground). The playground structures meet the needs for 5–12 year olds.



### Skateboards prohibited

Skateboards, in-line skating and bicycles are not allowed on the basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic shelters, and the Veterans Memorial. This is for the safety of participants using the facilities. The courts have been resurfaced, and these activities can damage the surface.

# SEASONAL RECREATION YOUTH PROGRAMS

## **Flag Football**

Flag Football is a co-ed program open to boys and girls in the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Registration will begin in August. The first practice will be on August 27, 2026 at the High School Practice Field. Games will be on Saturday mornings starting on September 5, 2026 at Black Bridge Park.

## **Boys and Girls Basketball**

Basketball is open to boys and girls in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration will begin in late November. The program will run on Saturday mornings at the Municipal Building Gym. The first practice is scheduled for December 12, 2026 with games starting on January 9, 2027.

## **After-School Open Gym**

The Open Gym Program runs January thru March, and will begin on Monday, January 4, 2027. The program is open to all students, and is held at the Municipal Building Gym. The open gym program will be held Monday thru Friday at the following times:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: After school to 5:00 pm

Fridays and Early-Release days: After school to 3:30 pm

There is NO open gym on days school is let out early due to weather, or if there is no school due to holidays or vacation breaks.

## **Soccer**

The soccer program is open to boys and girls in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The program will feature 3 divisions of play (K – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) with separate boys and girls teams. The program will feature multiple fields with smaller team sizes and reduced number of players on the field so everyone has a chance to play. Registration will begin in March. Games will be on Saturday mornings starting on April 17, 2027. Practices will be scheduled at the coaches' discretion. Several volunteers will be needed for coaches and referees.



## **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### **Men's Softball League**

There are nine teams involved in the Men's League which play games on Tuesday evenings at the City Field Ball Park. A Men's Softball League managers meeting is held at the beginning of April with play to begin mid-May, 2026.

### **Pickleball (indoor)**

Pickleball is open to anyone interested in playing. The program is held year-round in the Municipal Building Gym on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 8:00-10:00 am and Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm. Nets, paddles, and balls are provided.

### **Women's Volleyball League**

Women's volleyball begins in September. There are 2 divisions of play (A Division and B Division). Games are played on Monday nights in the Municipal Building Gym from 6:30-8:30pm.

### **Adult Basketball Open Gym**

Adult Basketball Open Gym begins in the winter months and plays on Sunday nights. The league will play random draw, 5 vs 5, full court games.

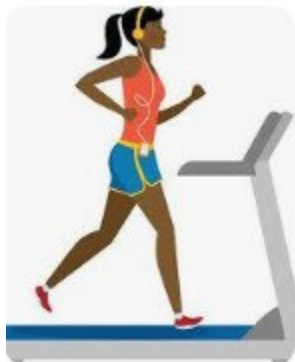
## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Darlington Municipal Building is the site for some of the gatherings offered for Senior Citizens. Seniors gather for cards, bingo, Wii games, movies, knitting and socializing. The Seniors for United Nutrition Program serves hot, delicious, well balanced meals Monday through Friday, at 11:30 am. Reservations can be made by calling 776-4969 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The Darlington Senior Citizens Club meets at the Senior Center on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Tuesday mornings involve an exercise session and Wii bowling. 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each Month at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon is filled with playing Euchre. Various programs are held throughout the year

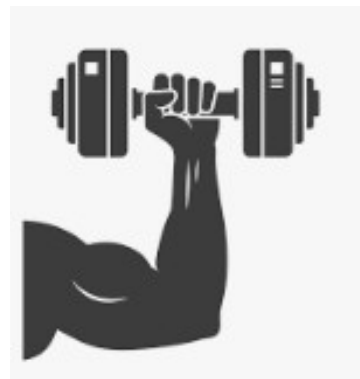
# DORA RITTER WELLNESS CENTER

Darlington Municipal Building  
627 Main Street



## Weekly Hours

Monday	12:00 am-11:59 pm
Tuesday	12:00 am-11:59 pm
Wednesday	12:00 am-11:59 pm
Thursday	12:00 am-11:59 pm
Friday	12:00 am-10:00 pm
Saturday	5:00 am-10:00 pm
Sunday	5:00 am-11:59pm



## **MEMBERSHIP RATES**

All memberships are non-refundable

<u>Full Membership</u>	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Startup Fee</u>
Family (two adults and children under 18 yrs)	\$ 480.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00
Couple	\$ 410.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
1 Adult & 1 Dependent (18 & under, in school)	\$ 410.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
Individual (18 yrs. and up)	\$ 350.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
Senior Individual (62 and up)	\$ 250.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Senior Couple	\$ 300.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
Student (15 years old through Full-Time Student taking 12 Credits or more. Need parent Signature)	\$ 220.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
Gym Only (12 Years and Older) - \$20.00 per additional person	\$ 200.00	NA	NA
Day Care Provider (Gym use 10 – 2 pm M-F)	\$ 271.00	NA	NA

Startup fee:	\$ 50.00 – Transaction fee, orientation and one new key
Replacement keys	\$ 15.00
Locker rental	\$ 25.00 per year

### ***Monthly Contract Guidelines:***

1. Requires a minimum of one year (12 consecutive months) membership
2. At the end of contract options are:
  - a. Continue at a month-to-month basis
  - b. Stop with no penalty
3. Written cancellation is required 10 days before transaction date to cancel
4. Early termination fee \$150.00 prior to 12-month contract ending date

Website: <https://darlingtonwi.org/wellness-center/>




**Wellness Center Rules & Policies:**  
**POLICIES & PROCEDURES**  
**Danni Havens / Director (608) 776-4965**  
[wellness.director@cityofdarlingtonwi.org](mailto:wellness.director@cityofdarlingtonwi.org)

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 **Membership & Access**

- The Wellness Center is a **membership-only facility**.
  - **Non-member usage is prohibited** and may result in police action.
  - **Check in** at the computer **every visit**.
  - **Guest passes: \$5.00**. Drop passes in the black box by the office door, outside the cardio room, or in the gymnasium.
  - **Do not allow others inside** (even if they forgot their key). This may result in **termination of membership**.
  - Lost/damaged **key fobs/tags cost \$15.00** to replace. Notify Danni if yours is lost or broken.
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 **Youth & Supervision**

- **Under 12**: Not allowed in exercise rooms. Must be supervised by a parent in the gym.
  - **Ages 12–14**: Exercise rooms allowed **only with parent/guardian supervision**.
  - **Ages 15+**: May use exercise rooms independently.
  - **✗ This is not a babysitting service. Do not drop off children unsupervised.**
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 **Facility Use & Equipment**


- Treat equipment with care. Members are responsible for damages.
  - **Use equipment only as intended**. Misused equipment may be removed.
  - **Do not drop or slam weights**.
  - **Wipe down equipment** after use.
  - **Return equipment** to its proper place.
  - Limit equipment use to **30 minutes** during busy times.
  - **Water only** in exercise rooms (no food or other drinks).
  - **✗** No chalk in weight rooms.
  - **✗** No Wellness Center towels in the gymnasium.
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 **Gymnasium Rules**

- No dunking basketballs or damaging equipment.
  - No skateboards, footballs, baseballs, softballs, or soccer.
  - No throwing rocks or snowballs outside the gym.
  - **✗** No outside food allowed.
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 **Conduct & Courtesy**

- Be respectful and courteous at all times.
  - **✗** No swearing, yelling, or fighting.
  - Wear **proper workout attire** (keep shirts on and clean, dry shoes required).
  - Place **wet shoes in cubbies**. Label shoes if left behind.
  - Wipe up any water or mess before leaving.
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 **Safety & Reporting**

- Report broken equipment to **Danni immediately**.
  - If you see rule violations:
    - Inform Danni in writing (include details & names if possible), or
    - Politely remind the person of the rule.
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 **Communication**

- Contact Danni by phone or email for appointments.
  - Check the **City of Darlington - Wellness Center website** for updates and schedules.
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 **Thank you for helping us keep the Dora Ritter Wellness Center safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone!**

# JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

131 E Catherine St  
Darlington, WI 53530  
(608) 776-4171

Janet Trout/Library Director

[jtrout@swls.org](mailto:jtrout@swls.org)

## Library hours:

Monday	10:00a – 7:00p
Tuesday	10:00a – 5:00p
Wednesday	10:00a – 5:00p
Thursday	10:00a – 7:00p
Friday	10:00a – 5:00p
Saturday	10:00a – 2:00p
Sunday	Closed

**Phone #:** 608-776-4171

**Facebook page:** [Johnson Public Library-Darlington](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=johnson%20public%20library-darlington)  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=johnson%20public%20library-darlington>

**Web page:** <https://darlingtonwi.org/johnson-public-library/>

*Scan the QR  
code and follow  
us on Facebook!*



**2026 Johnson Public Library – Summer Reading Program**

**Johnson Public Library**  
Tot Time every Wednesday at 10:30am  
No storytime on Tuesdays

# UNEARTH A STORY™

## Summer Reading Program 2026

Summer Reading Officially Starts May 26th  
131 E. Catherine St. Darlington

You will earn a ticket for every program you participate in!

**June 9th 10:00am**

Summer kick off at the library!  
Adopt a dino!

**June 11th 2:30pm**

Storytime with the therapy dogs

**June 17th 3:00pm**

Storytime and create your own  
Pasta Fossil

**June 18th 2:00pm**

Reptile Program with Jenna



**July 1st 2:00pm**

Magic with Jeff McMullen

**July 14th 11:00am**

Unearth a story with Bethel Horizons

**July 16th 2:00pm**

Storytime with Lori, bingo and crafts!

**July 21st 10:00am**

Paleology walk and storytime

**July 22nd 2:00pm**

Fever River Puppeteers

"Bird are Really Dinosaurs"

**July 29th 4:00pm - July 30th 10:00am**

Dino (or other animal friend)

Sleepover at the library!

**August 4th 11:00am**

End of Summer reading party! Raffle prizes, books  
prizes and pizza party!



**Kindergarten Kickoff!**

**August 24th All Day**

Come celebrate being a kindergartener  
with your very own library card!

Questions? Call 608-776-4171

# PARKS

## Swimming Pool Park

The Swimming Pool Park is located at the northern end of Darlington off of County Road F. The park is busy during the summer months with swimming at the outdoor swimming pool and splash pad. There is a lighted tennis/pickleball court and basketball court next to the pool with parking available at each. The “eighteen hole” Disc Golf course is located at this park. The park also has two shelter pavilions equipped with picnic tables, restrooms and playground equipment. The park’s sloping terrain provides sledding during the winter months.

## Riverside Park

Riverside Park is located on the east side of downtown along the Pecatonica River behind the Piggly Wiggly Supermarket. The park has two lighted ball diamonds, each equipped with restrooms and a concession stand. Sieg Field is home for the Little League teams and the girls softball teams. The City Field is home for the adult Men’s Softball League, Pony League, T-ball and Coach Pitch teams. The Darlington High School softball program utilizes both fields during their softball season. There is also a lighted basketball court, playground equipment, a shelter pavilion equipped with picnic tables and cooking grill. A canoe launch is available for easy access to the Pecatonica River for canoeing pleasure. Fishing can be done along the banks of the river.

## Pecatonica River Trails Park

Pecatonica River Trails Park is located on the west side of downtown along the Pecatonica River. The Cheese Country Recreational ATV Trail runs adjacent to the park which enables trail users access to the campgrounds. There are forty-one (41) designated camping sites; thirty (30) electrical sites, two (2) non-electric sites, and 9 full hook-up sites. All sites have picnic table and firepit. All sites are reservable. Reservations can be made online at [www.darlingtonwi.org](http://www.darlingtonwi.org). The park has open green space, picnic tables and playground equipment. The restroom / shower facility is available for trail users and campers. A Recreational Vehicle Dump Station is available for registered campers. A canoe launch, located next to camping sites 3 and 4, just below the rapids provides easy access into the Pecatonica River. A handicapped fishing pier, located just above the rapids, makes for a great fishing spot for adults and younger fisherman. The Annual Kid’s Fishery, which is held mid-July, has many kids with their parents fishing along both sides of the riverbanks above and below the rapids. There are 2 group fire rings among the grove of Walnut Trees where campers can sit around the fire and tell stories about their trail rides. The Optimist Club of Darlington provided funding for playground structure at the campgrounds.

### Camping fees:

\$ 15.00 per night non - electric sites

\$ 25.00 per night electric sites

\$ 50.00 per night full hook-up sites

*Scan the QR code to go to our online reservation website – RoverPass, to book a campsite today!*



### **Black Bridge Park**

The Black Bridge Park is located on the northwestern end of Darlington along State Highway 23. The park has open green space for seasonal field games of flag football and soccer. The Park has two lighted sand volleyball courts, picnic tables, grills, and a great blue heron statue. The local Darlington Lion's Club completed a shelter house with electric and picnic tables. A covered foot bridge designed and built by students in the Darlington High School Tech Ed woods class; crosses the dry water creek. A handicapped fishing pier, located just above the railroad bridge allows easy access for fishing along the banks of the Pecatonica River. The boat ramp allows easy entry and exit of the river for canoes. Fishing is done along the riverbanks and under the railroad bridge.

### **Veterans Memorial Park**

Veterans Memorial Park is located at the upper end of Main Street next to the Johnson Public Library, Lafayette County Historical Society, Lafayette County Courthouse and Darlington Municipal Building. This park has lots of shaded areas with benches along the sidewalks and a bald eagle statue. Decorative lights have been added along the sidewalks in Veterans Memorial Park making it very inviting for an evening walk. A generous donor made these lights possible. The shade provides a great place to set up your lawn chair and enjoy the annual Canoe Fest Parade, Shamrock Parade, Veterans Memorial Day Parade, Homecoming Parade and the Christmas Holiday Parade. Stop and visit the Veterans Memorial, honoring all vets from the surrounding area. The Canoe Festival arts and crafts sale, Library programs and Darlington Day Care enjoy the park for their activities.

### **Festival Grounds Park**

The Festival Grounds is located at the south end of Main Street next to the Pecatonica River. This park is home to many community events and gatherings. The central location of the park provides for a great gathering area for the High School homecoming parade and the Christmas parade. The annual Canoe Festival, Cinco De Mayo Fiesta, and the weekly Farmers Market utilize the Festival Grounds Park.

### **Walking Path**

The paved walking path follows the Pecatonica River from the Black Bridge Park to Riverside Park. The path is lighted for your evening walk. During your walk along the path, you may see Bluebirds nesting in their boxes, hear the whispering water sounds as the river glides over the rapids or enjoy and listen to nature at one of the resting benches along the path. Garden plots along the path add colorful flowers throughout the spring, summer and fall for your enjoyment. The garden plots are maintained by business, organizations, individuals and the Darlington Garden Club members. We ask that you follow a few simple rules so everyone can enjoy the walking path: **no motorized vehicles allowed on the walking path:** mini-bikes, ATV's, snowmobiles; or horses allowed on the walking path.

### **Bridges**

Capture your precious wedding pictures or even hold your wedding or gathering at one of the two covered bridges. One Bridge is located in the Darlington Industrial Park across from the Darlington Inn Hotel. This bridge has no electricity. The other bridge is located at Black Bridge Park. This bridge has electricity. The bridges were designed and built by students in the Darlington High School Tech Ed woods class, with assistance from UW Platteville engineering students. The bridge building prepares students for a trade in the construction industry. A fee of \$ 75.00 is charged to reserve a Bridge plus a \$ 50.00 refundable deposit. To reserve the Bridge, go online to <https://app.heygov.com/darlingtonwi.org>

### **Shelter House Reservations**

Darlington has four shelter houses which can be reserved for your family picnic, company picnic or reunion gathering. Two shelter houses are located at the Swimming Pool Park, one is located at Riverside Park and one is located at Black Bridge Park. The shelters are on a first come-first serve basis unless they are reserved. All shelter houses are equipped with picnic tables, grills, restrooms facilities, electrical outlets and playground equipment. A fee of \$75.00 is charged to reserve a shelter plus a \$50.00 refundable deposit. To reserve a shelter, go online to:

<https://app.heygov.com/darlingtonwi.org>



Ball Park Shelter



Black Bridge Park Shelter



Lower Shelter House – Swimming Pool Park



Upper Shelter House – Swimming Pool Park

**To rent a shelter house, scan the QR code below to go to the online website:**

<https://app.heygov.com/darlingtonwi.org>



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

APRIL 24 & 25

## City Wide Garage Sales

in Darlington, maps available that week at local banks and the Chamber office.  
608.776.3067

MAY 9

## Fiesta Latina - Cinco de Mayo

A tradition in Darlington, The Latina Fiesta will be a celebration with food stands, games, piñatas, raffles, and many other surprises.

MAY 25

## Memorial Day Parade

on Main Street at 9:00 a.m., a meaningful tribute to our Nation's Veterans.

JUNE 11

## Bringing Back the Laps on Main Street

Darlington's Main Street turns into a blast from the past with classic cars and laps. Make a lap or two and stop at one of our many vendors on Ann Street.

JUNE 11-14

## Canoe Festival

Celebrating 60 years of tradition, this event is one of the premier summer events in Southwest Wisconsin. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/darlingtoncanoe festival/> for updates and events.

JUNE 20

## 11th Annual Cruisin' for a Cause

This event was started by Jerry Johnson in 2016 with proceeds being donated to several area organizations. The 11th annual show will be held at the Lafayette County Fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles are welcome to take a step back in time!

JUNE 27

## Tri County ATV Brat Feed

SUNDAYS JUNE 21-JULY 26

## Tunes at Twilight

Sundays at 6:00 p.m. in Darlington Veteran's Memorial Park. 608.776.3067

JULY 8-12

## Lafayette County Fair

at the Lafayette County Fairgrounds in Darlington with rides, games, tractor pull and more. 608.776.4828

JULY 31

## 5th Annual Darlington Chamber Main Street Golf Outing

Hosted at the Darlington Country Club. Save the date for fun, golfing, and friendship.

AUGUST 22

## Luke Fest

SEPTEMBER 12

## Tri County ATV Club Fall Ride & ATV Raffle

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

## Pecatonica Valley Antique Days

at the Lafayette County Fairgrounds with flea markets and antique tractors. 608.776.2591

SEPTEMBER 16

## Fall in Love with Darlington & Fall Night Market

Food, vendors, entertainment and more from 4:00-8:00 p.m., on the Festival Grounds.

NOVEMBER 28

## Small Business Saturday

DECEMBER 5

## Christmas in Darlington

Join us for lighted parade, visit with Santa and more!

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

## Riverside Reflections

at Pecatonica River Trails Park in Darlington with lighted campsites.

# DARLINGTON

• CHAMBER/MAIN STREET •



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE AT THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS UNLESS NOTED

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- 5 p.m. – Announcement of Canoe Fest Rep Winner and Mini King and Queen (Corner of Ann & Main)
- 5:15–8:15 p.m. – 11th Annual Bringin' Back the Laps (Main Street)
- 6–9 p.m. – **LIVE MUSIC:** Blackbridge Boys (Ann St.)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- 10: a.m.–5 p.m. – Sieg Memorial Golf Tournament (Darlington Country Club)
- 5:30 p.m. – 2 & 5 Mile Run/Walk (Collins Park)
- 4–8 p.m. – Darlington Canoe Festival Night Market
- 4:30 p.m. – DLW Timberworks Lumberjack Show
- 5–7 p.m. – **LIVE MUSIC:** Rachel Neil
- 7:30 p.m. – DLW Timberworks Lumberjack Show
- 8–11 p.m. – **LIVE MUSIC:** TBD
- 7 p.m. – Sieg Memorial Golf Outing Auction (Darlington Country Club)



### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Scan the QR code or visit  
[facebook.com/darlingtoncanoe festival/](https://facebook.com/darlingtoncanoe festival/)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- 6:30–10:30 a.m. – Lafayette County Dairy Breakfast (UW-Platteville Farms)
- 9 a.m.–Noon – Climb in the Cab
- 9 a.m. – 10U Baseball Tournament (Sieg Field)
- 10:30 a.m. – DLW Timberworks Lumberjack Show
- 11 a.m.–2 p.m. – **LIVE MUSIC:** Shekinah King
- Noon–3 p.m. – Havens Mobile Petting Farm
- 1–5 p.m. – Tough Entertainment Inflatables
- 2 p.m. – DLW Timberworks Lumberjack Show
- 3–6 p.m. – **LIVE MUSIC:** Logan Bolant
- 4:30–4:45 p.m. – Team Elite Tae Kwon Do Demo
- 5–6 p.m. – DRWS Dance Performance
- 6 p.m. – DLW Timberworks Lumberjack Show
- 8–11 p.m. – **LIVE MUSIC:** Hammerdown

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- 6:30 a.m. – Canoe Races
- 9 a.m. – 12U Baseball Tournament (Sieg Field)
- 11 a.m.–Till Gone – Chicken BBQ
- 11 a.m. – DLW Timberworks Lumberjack Show
- 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. – BeeGiggles Face Painting and Balloon Art – Sponsored by FurstStaffing
- 1:30–2:30 p.m. – Parade (Ohio Street)
- 2:30 p.m. – Echoes of Camp Randall
- 3 p.m. – DLW Timberworks Lumberjack Show
- 6:15 p.m. – Talent Show
- 8:15–11 p.m. – Teen Dance
- 9:15 p.m. – Fireworks (Riverside Park)

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# Tunes at Twilight

2026

**Sunday evenings this summer!**  
6-8 p.m. • Veterans Memorial Park • Darlington, WI



Bring a blanket or chair, sit back, and enjoy the tunes  
Snacks sold by local organizations

Line-up is subject to change • Rain location: Driver Opera House

**Scan the QR code to  
follow Tunes at Twilight  
on Facebook!**

