

# Welcome to Darien, Connecticut

Located on Connecticut's "Gold Coast," Darien is a suburban community with excellent schools, an active town center, and involved residents. It offers unspoiled land and clear waters. Those who have come to live here have been careful stewards of its architectural and natural heritage while enjoying the resources of a modern community.

## History

Originally settled in 1641 as part of Stamford, the area we know as Darien became Middlesex Parish in 1737. In 1820, residents petitioned the state legislature to establish Darien as a separate town. In the early years, Darien's businesses were primarily located at Ring's End Landing on Goodwives River and Loading Rock on Five Mile River. Today, several convenient shopping areas include Goodwives Shopping Plaza, stores along the Post, Tokeneke, and Heights Roads, plus Noroton Heights Shopping Center.

## Education

- 85% of the total student population attends public schools
- Darien has five elementary schools: Hindley, Holmes, Ox Ridge, Royle, and Tokeneke
- Middlesex Middle School (grades 6-8)
- Darien High School (among the top ranked in the State annually)

## Library

Darien Library is a Library Journal Five Star Library-state of the art and eco-friendly. It has been rated as the best library in CT. Among the busiest public libraries in the state, with over 1,300 people visiting on an average day. We have the highest per capita circulation in Connecticut, with more than 32 items per resident checked out each year, and our Wi-Fi and public computers are used nearly a quarter of a million times a year. We present over 1,500 public events annually, hosting a lineup of bestselling authors, the latest in coding and technology classes, workshops for small business owners and entrepreneurs, storytimes, art classes, film series, and concerts.

### **AREA OF CITY**

12.9 square miles

### **POPULATION**

21,190

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Metro-North to  
Grand Central (NYC):  
57 Minutes from Darien Station  
54 Minutes from Noroton Heights  
Station

### **AIRPORTS**

LaGuardia Airport 36 miles  
JFK Airport 42 miles  
Westchester Airport 17 miles

## Recreational Facilities

- YMCA Darien-offers more than 300 programs
- YWCA Darien/Norwalk
- Kings Highway Tennis Club
- The Depot-an adult supervised youth center for town teenagers
- Darien Ice Rink
- Darien Playhouse



*Darien Library*



*Downtown Darien*



*Pear Tree Point Beach Park*

- Open to public: 6 parks, 2 beaches with picnic areas, tennis and paddle courts, & playgrounds
- Private: 3 country clubs
  - Country Club of Darien
  - Wee Burn Country Club
  - Woodway Country Club

## Cafes & Restaurants

- The Goose
- Ten Twenty Post
- Darien Social
- Bodega
- Estia's
- Cesco's
- Scena
- Sugar Bowl
- Rory's
- Center Street Public House
- Neat
- Little Thai Kitchen
- Uncle's Deli
- Mama Carmela's Deli
- Vavala's Deli
- Upper Crust
- Darien Doughnut
- The Melting Pot
- Papa Joe's
- Post Corner Pizza
- Heights Pizza
- Meatball & Co
- Aux Delices
- Shake Shack
- Burgers,Shakes,&Fries
- Matsuri
- Fuji of Japan

## Helpful Websites

- raveis.com
- darienct.gov
- darienps.org
- darienlibrary.org
- darienaf.com
- darien-ymca.org
- post53.info
- darienctchamber.com
- darienca.org
- ct.gov/dmv
- mta.info/mnr
- suzysaid.com

### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

Police & Fire 911

Health Department  
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Stamford Hospital  
203.276.1000

Greenwich Hospital  
203.863.3000

Norwalk Hospital  
203.852.2000

Darien Town Hall  
203.656.7300

Parks & Recreation  
203.656.7325

Board of Education  
203.656.7400