

## **BREAKING: Pokémon Go Monsters Invade Darien — Cops to Assist with Citizens' Arrests**

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*The Darien Police Department has just issued this bulletin on the Pokemon Go monsters now occupying various locations in our fair town. Police urge citizens to take appropriate precautions and are offering assistance with efforts to capture the invasive species:*

The *Pokémon Go* phenomenon sweeping the globe has not left the Town of Darien untouched. Our officers have observed small groups of smartphone equipped “trainers” traversing the town in search of Pokéballs and rare Pokémon creatures.

It is refreshing to see teens and young adults meeting up to get outside and explore Darien. “Catching ‘em all” takes concentration, but it is important to remember that our world has many more dangers than those found in the Pokémon universe. The New York City Police Department recently issued some helpful tips to

help *Pokémon Go* enjoy a safe playing experience:

- Be alert at all times
- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Play in pairs or as a group to ensure your safety
- Do not drive or ride your bike, skateboard, or other device while interacting with the app...You can't do both safely.
- Do not trespass onto private property or go to areas you usually would not if you weren't playing *Pokémon Go*.
- Be aware and tell your kids about "stranger-danger". The app may draw strangers together in real life at pokéstops.
- Parents - be aware of 3rd party software apps claiming to enhance the gaming experience however, these 3rd party apps only gives access to sensitive data - i.e. name, email, and calendar.
- Have fun AND stay safe. Good luck in your quest, and happy hatching, trapping, and training at the Pokémon gym!

In an effort to keep the growing *Pokémon Go* community safe, the Darien Police Department has partnered with the Darien Library to bring fans together for a downtown *Pokémon Go* Crawl on the evening of Tuesday, July 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is required. See the Darien Library website for event details.

Want to meet up with a police officer to capture and train Pokémon? Look out for our Pokémon themed police car that will be visiting Pokémon gyms and pokéstops around Darien between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. on July 19.

Finally, the Darien Police Department has leveraged its crime mapping skills to develop an interactive "pokemap". This map can help players find the best pokéstops and Gyms, while avoiding those that are situated on private property, or closed after dark. Did we miss your favorite pokéstop? Let us know about it via Twitter or Facebook!

#### **Darien Library Announcement**

*Darien Library issued this announcement:*

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Bring out your poké balls and let's catch some geodudes, clefaires, and maybe find a blastoise or two. Wear your team's colors to represent (blue team all the way!) and some comfy shoes. We're gonna catch 'em all.

Did you know the Library has a poké stop? Make sure to stock up on your way! Please note that this event meets at [Grove Street Plaza](#), right next to Espresso NEAT in Darien.

*Participants should bring a device loaded with the Pokémon Go app. Need help getting started?* [Book a Librarian](#) to set up a 1 on 1 appointment!

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Tuesday, July 19, 2016

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Grove Street Plaza