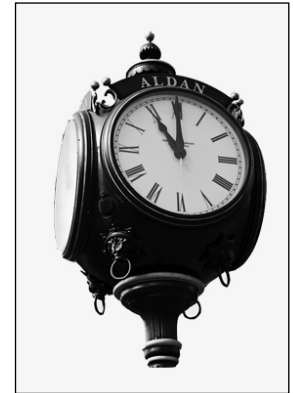


ALDAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

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## NEWLY ELECTED DEMOCRATS SWORN INTO ALDAN BOROUGH COUNCIL



The four newly elected members of the Aldan Borough Council were sworn in on January 6 2020 at the John P McBlain Community Center. Harold “Buddy” Borders, Joyce Lambert, Caroline McKernan and Dan Procopio join Council Members Mary Jo Corrigan, Joseph Connolly and Steve Maiden.

After the Oaths of Office were administered by Magisterial District Judge Lee Grimes, the new Aldan Borough Council appointed Borough Officers, including Borough Solicitor, Borough Manager, Fire Marshall and other important positions.



*The Honorable Lee Grimes swearing in Council-woman Joyce Lambert with family.*

**The next Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the John P. McBlain Community Center at 7:30pm.**



*Mayor Carmen Maniaci swearing in newly appointed Borough Officers.*



*New Council Members Joyce Lambert, Dan Procopio and Caroline McKernan (pictured L-R) preparing for the meeting.*

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## HISTORIC TURNOUT FOR ALDAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION

On November 5, 2019 more than 50% of Aldan Borough's registered voters came to the polls. It was a historic turnout for a general municipal election and 10% higher than the rest of Delaware County. In previous municipal elections, turnout was less than 40% of registered voters.

After the votes were counted, Democratic candidates were elected to the Borough Council for the first time in the 126 year history of Aldan. Those

candidates are Harold “Buddy” Borders Jr., Joyce Lambert, Caroline McKernan and Dan Procopio. Also elected to represent Aldan on the William Penn School Board was Wadiya Ivery who was a candidate on both the Democratic and the Republican ballots.

As we enter this presidential election year, it's exciting to see Aldan voters already so engaged with local government.

## NEW BOROUGH COUNCIL HOLDS COMMUNITY MEETING

On December 5, 2019 the 2020 Aldan Borough Council held a meet & greet event at the American Legion. As the newly-elected team prepared for the upcoming year, they felt it was important to meet with residents and hear their concerns and comments.

Each of the seven council members introduced themselves and talked about why they are excited to be on council and how they hope to serve the public

through their terms. Councilman-elect Dan Procopio led the meeting, outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Borough Council as a governing body and encouraged residents to be engaged in the process by attending council meetings. He also acknowledged and thanked both councilmembers and residents for the years of community service represented in the room with past & present civic group members and leaders.

About 40 residents attended the meeting and the topics discussed included the possibility and expense of leaf collection, available senior assistance with Aging at Home and the Friendship Senior Circle Center, as well as traffic safety at particular intersections in Aldan. Also discussed was the overall recycling cost and the logistics & borough oversight for beer sales at the Giant.



*Community members meeting the incoming 2020 Aldan Borough Council at the American Legion.*



**We at the Aldan Democratic Organization are always interested in hearing from the residents of the borough about their concerns and wishes. Please email [aldandemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:aldandemocrats@gmail.com) or call 610-626-6074 so we can better understand the issues most important to you!**

## ALDAN BOROUGH 2020 BUDGET & POLICE CONTRACT

At their regular December 11 meeting, Aldan Borough Council passed a three million dollar operating and sewer budget. Overall spending grew 5% with increases in all areas except highways and sewer. The trash and sewer fees will stay the same and there will be a slight decrease of 1.6% in the property tax rate. The increased spending and lower rate

were possible because of larger than budgeted income for 2019 which left a surplus.

At a special meeting on December 27, the Council approved a five year police contract with 3% increases in each of the five years or 15% over the life of the deal. The Council also hired two new full time officers to replace retired Sergeant James Fink and an officer who has

been out on long term disability for three years. Both men, Dave Jackson and Adam Zehner, had been part time officers for the Borough.

The special meeting was the final one for outgoing Council President Harry Short and council members Sandy Durso, Sal Oropollo and Sandra Urban. We thank them for their many years of service in Aldan.

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## HOW REPRESENTATIVE ZABEL'S OFFICE CAN HELP YOU

Many of us have met State Representative Mike Zabel or seen him at one of our community events. But do you know about all the services his local offices provide?

Rep. Zabel has two full-time offices, one in Drexel Hill and a brand new one at 236 W. Baltimore Avenue in Clifton Heights. **His staff also holds office hours at the Aldan Legion post every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** They can help you with any questions or concerns about state agencies.

Examples include:

- Senior citizen services (e.g. SEPTA Senior IDs, state prescription assistance, property tax/rent rebates )
- Searching for unclaimed property (\$285,000 found last year)
- Obtaining a copy of a birth or death certificate
- Unemployment compensation
- PennDOT services (e.g. disability placards, photo IDs)
- Notarizing state-related documents (please call ahead)

If you're having trouble finding the right form or getting an answer to a question, his staff is happy to help you out.

Rep. Zabel also regularly holds informational events for the public on a variety of topics.

**Upcoming events include a seminar on Protecting your Children on the Internet (Jan. 28, 6:30pm at Aldan Elementary), and a senior breakfast on fraud prevention (Feb. 7, 9:00am at the Aldan American Legion).**

## MEET ALDAN ELEMENTARY'S NEW PRINCIPAL DR. DAWNEÉ WATSON-BOUIE

Aldan Elementary welcomed a new Principal in 2019. Dr. Dawneé Watson-Bouie comes to Aldan Elementary School with 26 years of experience in education. While new to Aldan, Dr. Watson-Bouie has been with the William Penn School District for 12 years. In addition to Aldan Elementary, Dr. Watson-Bouie is the Principal for Colwyn Elementary School; "One Principal, 2 campuses," as she fondly states. A mom of two daughters and the daughter of a single-parent educator, Dr. Watson-Bouie has lived in and around the district much of her life and completed her education at local universities: Villanova, Temple &

St. Joseph's.

In a recent interview with ADO Committee Member, Rachel Milano-Davis, Dr. Watson Bouie stated that children are at the core of every decision she makes, and reported that the school is focused on helping students to become good decision makers by providing motivation and rewards for students to come to school, exceed educational goals and demonstrate the school's core values to: Be Safe, Be a Good Listener, Respect Yourself & Others, & Act Responsibility. Related to these values, 2019 marked the development of a quarterly "Aldan All-Stars"

awards assembly and a 1st year Student Council comprised of students K-6 who have come together to plan different spirit activities.

In the interview, Dr. Watson-Bouie expressed gratitude for the for the engagement and openness of the Aldan community as a whole, the Home & School Association, and specifically new President, Carly Fray, for combining ideas to create dynamite programming, the school faculty who make it happen every day and the Police Department who regularly monitor the school for safety.



*Dr. Dawneé Watson-Bouie*



# M.L.K. Service Project at Darby Free Library

Join the Aldan Democrats on **Saturday January 25 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm** for a volunteer event at the Darby Free Library.

Located at 1001 Main Street, Darby Borough, the Darby Free Library contains many local historical items and treasures that need your help getting cataloged. This requires taking a picture of the object, describing and recording its location in a database.

Computer input not your thing? The bookshelves in the History Room need to be lined with special paper to help preserve these local treasures for years to come.

*If you'd like to volunteer or have questions about the project, please contact the Aldan Democrats at 610-626-6074.*



*Display of local historical items that need cataloguing at the Darby Free Library.*

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

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- Colonial Playhouse running of "I Hate Hamlet" January 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31, February 1
- January 25, 2020: *E-Cycling & Shredding Event, 10am-2pm at the Clifton Heights Municipal Building*
- January 25, 2020: *Aldan Democrats MLK Volunteer Event, 10:30am-1:30pm at Darby Free Library*
- January 28, 2020: *Rep. Zabel seminar on Online Dangers for Children, 6:30-8:00pm at Aldan Elementary School*
- February 1, 2020: *Boy Scout Open House to celebrate 100 years as a troop, 10:00-3:00 at the Legion*
- February 4, 2020: *Council Caucus Meeting, 7:30pm at the Rec Building*
- February 7, 2020: *Rep. Zabel Senior Breakfast 9:00-11:00am at the Legion*
- February 12, 2020: *Council Meeting, 7:30pm at the Rec Building*
- February 14-16, 2020: *Colonial Playhouse special Valentine's Day run of Love Around the World in 20 Musicals: A Cabaret*
- March 4, 2020: *Council Caucus Meeting, 7:30pm at the Rec Building*
- March 11, 2020: *Council Meeting, 7:30pm at the Rec Building*
- Colonial Playhouse running of "Requiem for a Heavyweight" March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28
- April 4, 2020 (Rain date April 11): *Boosters Easter Egg Hunt*
- May 2, 2020 (Rain date May 9): *Boosters Plant Sale*

