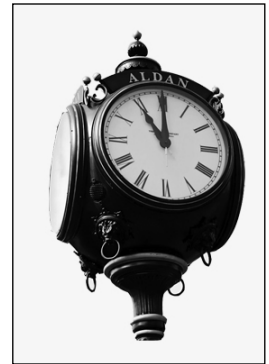


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ALDAN BOROUGH CELEBRATES THE 4TH

On Monday, July 4th 2011, Aldan Borough celebrated Independence Day with its annual parade and festivities. A Borough Police Car driven by Chief Ken Coppola with Mayor James Hopely and Borough Council President Harry Short as passengers opened the march. The Color Guard of the Marine Corps League, Detachment #884 from Upper Darby led the parade which included four bands, the Penn Wood High School Band; the Woodland String Band; the Mansfield Brass on a trailer donated by Dean Keyes Towing; and the "Mummers All Stars". The procession was concluded with fire engines from volunteer fire companies Collingdale No 1 and Collingdale No. 2.

Many civic groups and individuals participated in the march with Prize Winners in the following categories:

Organization, Floats

1st - Aldan Union Church

Organizations, Walking

1st - Aldan Union Church Cub Scouts, Pack 2

Neighborhood Groups, Floats

1st - The Perry Family - Pirates

Individuals, Walking

1st - Morgan Daly - Lady Liberty

Cars

1st - Carl Di Donato - 1967 Camaro (green)

Bicycles/Tricycles

1st - Emma Cusson

Visit www.Aldan4thofJuly.com for more pictures and prize winners.

After the parade, borough residents and guests gathered at the Borough ball fields at Bonsall and Shisler Avenues for festivities and games.

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REAL DEMOCRATS WIN PRIMARY ELECTION!

Aldan Democrats responded to the challenge of cross-filed Republican candidates in the May 2011 Primary Election. For William Penn School Director, Aldan Democratic Organization founding member, Frank Lane defeated Republican incumbent Bob Reardon for the Democratic nomination by a 3.5 to 1 margin.

In contested races for seats on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, the 4 endorsed candidates, Michael Schleigh, Nathaniel Nichols, G. Lawrence DeMarco and Sally Ann

Heckert-Bikin, won Aldan Borough by more than 2 to 1 margins over their Republican crossed filed opponents and were the four vote leaders county wide. These results guarantee a voice for Democrats in the General Election on November 8, 2011.

In the race for state-wide Judge of the Commonwealth Court, endorsed candidate Kathryn Boockvar won in Aldan Borough by an almost 6 to 1 margin; carried Delaware County more than 4 to 1 and was nominated state wide by only 2,052 votes!!

The primary election victories provide the foundation for strongly contested races at the state, county and local levels in November. Four Aldan Borough Council members with Democratic candidates Michael Ceci, Paul Krueger, Sarah Robertson and Ben Williams will be elected this fall and three Delaware County Council seats, with Democratic candidates Keith Collins of Ridley Park, Lin Floyd of Wallingford and Jayne Young of Lansdowne are also on the ballot.

AT WHAT COST? SCHOOL DISTRICT HOLDS PROPERTY TAX LINE

At the June 27, 2011 general meeting of the William Penn School Board, the members voted on a zero property tax increase budget. The final \$83 million budget is \$6 million less than the preliminary proposal. With the final numbers now available from the state budget, which was finalized at 11:45 PM on Thursday, June 30, 2011, there is a \$600,000 gap between approved expenditures and projected income.

To reach the final 2011 – 2012 numbers, 43 full time teachers and administrative staff positions were eliminated, that reduction is in addition to the 30 positions eliminated for 2010 – 2011. Also, another 40 part time lunch

room monitors were eliminated. There were concessions by several negotiating groups including teachers who will take a 2.5% pay increase next year instead of the 4.5% increase negotiated in their current contract.

While our district struggles to close the \$5 million reduction in state aid pushed by Republican Governor Tom Corbett and the loss of federal stimulus money, state employees will receive a 10% pay increase over the next 4 years. This

contract negotiated by Governor Corbett is in addition to the 1.8% pay increase this year to our elected representatives and senators and to state judges despite calls by the Republicans for pay freezes and give backs by teachers and administrators at all state school districts. Most school districts, including our own William Penn, cut staff positions and programs to offset reduced state and federal funding.

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A NOTE FROM THE ALDAN 4TH OF JULY ASSOCIATION

Thank you Aldan for a great celebration of Independence Day 2011! To paraphrase our current Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, "it takes a borough to hold such an event." From the parade watchers to the parade marchers; from the board of the Association to the

member civic groups who help with planning and execution; from the businesses and individuals who donate to the collectors who solicit those donations; from participants in the after parade festivities to those who run in the races, "it takes a borough!" Thank you

Aldan for supporting our independent Association, which receives no direct government funding, and for making our celebration such a success!

- Dan Procopio,
President



Aldan Boosters

Most Patriotically Decorated House

For the first time, the Aldan Boosters' Civic Association presented prizes for the "Most Patriotically Decorated House" in the Borough. More than two dozen houses were considered for awards. The Inaugural Winners were:

- 1st The Lynch Family - 47 Beech Avenue
- 2nd The Cullen Family - 126 S. Clifton Avenue
- 3rd The Matelli Family - 49 S. Sycamore Avenue

ALDAN BOROUGH CELEBRATES THE 4TH (CONTINUED)

The Invocation was given by Father Michael Reilly, Pastor of Saint Joseph's Parish in Collingdale. His remarks are available at www.aldan4thofjuly.com. The national anthem was sung by all with the Flag of the United States presented by the Aldan Union Church Cub Scouts, Pack 2. A presentation by the Aldan Girls' Club cheerleaders was followed with a performance by the Mummers All Stars. The Baby Parade winners were showcased at the stage area and then

prizes were awarded.

Sound system and DJ services were provided by "DJ BOB", former Aldan resident Bob Bardsley. The 50/50 prize winner was former resident and Historical Commission Chair, Joyce Giunta. The next community function for the borough is the annual Founders' Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2011, a rain or shine event. This celebration of Aldan

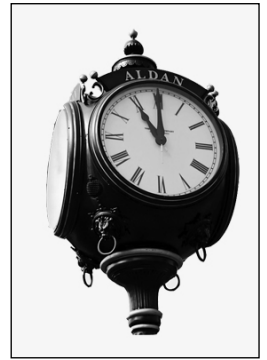
Borough's incorporation on September 22, 1893 is sponsored by the Aldan Historical Commission and includes the Aldan Police Department's Safety Day.

The 2012 celebration of America's Independence Day will be on Wednesday, July 4th with a rain date of Saturday, July 7th.

JOIN FELLOW ALDAN DEMOCRATS AT ALDAN SWIM CLUB

FOR SWIMMING, FOOD AND FUN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011 - 2:00 - 7:00 P.M.



PLEASE RESPOND BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8TH

YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND: \$20/PERSON ~ \$35/COUPLE (\$20 x ____ = \$ _____) (\$35 x ____ = \$ _____)
 _____ No, I CANNOT ATTEND: HERE IS A \$_____ DONATION TO THE ALDAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

PLEASE MAKE PERSONAL CHECKS PAYABLE TO *ALDAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION*
 SEND TO: ADO, PO Box 655, ALDAN, PA 19018



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL DAN PROCOPIO AT
 610-675-6226 OR ALDANDEMOCRATS@GMAIL.COM

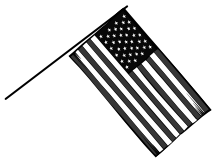


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ALDAN'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August



Sunday August 7th
 4th of July Association
 Volunteers
 Appreciation at Aldan
 Swim Club @ 2:00.

Contact Dan Procopio at
 610-675-6226.

Wednesday August 17th
 Aldan Boys Club Fall
 Soccer Registration.

Contact Joe Connolly at
 610-405-1432.



Saturday August 20th
Adult Splash Party

at Aldan Swim Club
 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.
 \$15/person or \$25/couple
 Call 610-622-0995



September

Monday, September 5th
LABOR DAY
 Aldan Swim Club open for
 the last day of the season.

Tuesday, September 6th
 First Day of School
 for the
 William Penn
 School District



Saturday September 10th
 Aldan Boosters' Civic Association
**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
 NIGHT**

American Legion Post #1000
 8:00 - Midnight
 Contact Joe Cosgrove
 610-248-7325

Saturday September 17th
ALDAN FOUNDER'S DAY

At Aldan Historical Park
 Providence Road
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Also:
 Aldan Boy Scouts CAR SHOW
 Aldan Police Safety Day
 Free Food
 Flea Market
 Lukens Band

Sponsored by the
 Aldan Historic Commission
 Contact: 610-626-3554



Tuesday, November 8th
 Election Day
 Aldan Elementary
 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PAID FOR BY THE ALDAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

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