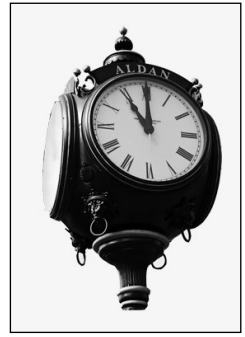


ALDAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

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NEW ALDAN BOROUGH COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE



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The 2022-2023 Aldan Borough Council took office on January 3, 2022 with new members being sworn in by the Honorable Nusrat J. Love. Pictured from left to right are Councilwoman Caroline McKernan, Councilman Scott Walker, Council President Dan Procopio, Councilwoman Marlene Smythe, Mayor Michael Ceci, Council Vice President Joyce Lambert, Councilman Buddy Borders, and Councilwoman Kate Blunt. Top priorities of the current council term include updating the borough's aging sewer system and improving resident access to critical information about borough government.

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

The Delaware County Wellness Line is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In addition to responding to phone calls, the Wellness Line also responds to emailed inquiries.

PHONE: (484) 276-2100

EMAIL: [DelcoWellness@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:DelcoWellness@co.delaware.pa.us)

WEBSITE: [www.delcopa.gov/covid](http://www.delcopa.gov/covid)

Every home in the US is eligible to order 2 sets of 4 free at-home tests (8 tests). You can order here: [special.usps.com/testkits](http://special.usps.com/testkits)

## PA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund (PAHAF), administered by Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), supports homeowners in the Commonwealth who were financially impacted due to the pandemic.

See if you qualify for assistance by visiting [www.PAHAF.org](http://www.PAHAF.org) or calling 888-987-2423 (*Call center open Monday-Friday from 8am-8pm and Saturday 8am-5pm*)

## 2022 FINAL CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS

After each Census, the 435 seats in the U.S. House are reapportioned based on the population in each state as a percentage of the total population of the United States. Although Pennsylvania's population grew from 2010 to 2020, it grew more slowly than the United States overall, thus the state's congressional delegation was reduced from 18 to 17. In comparison, other states like Florida and Texas gained congressional seats since they grew more in proportion to the overall population.

On February 23, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court took the 18-district map from 2017 (instituted after they overturned the old gerrymandered map), and made a 17-district map while trying to make the "least change" possible. Aldan Borough remains in the 5th PA Congressional District, which includes all of Delaware County, and is currently represented by Mary Gay Scanlon (D), who is running for reelection.

After each Census, the Pennsylvania Legislature is also redistricted to ensure equal populations in each of the 203 State House districts and 50 State Senate districts. The Legislative Reapportionment Commission approved the new Pennsylvania State House and Senate maps in a 4 to 1 bipartisan vote in February. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision on March 15, rejected legal challenges to the new maps, finalizing the legislative redistricting. Aldan Borough will remain in the 26th State Senate District, which now contains only Delaware County municipalities and is represented by Tim Kearney (D), who is seeking reelection. Aldan Borough will also stay in the 163rd House district, which lost its portions of Haverford Township, but gained Collingdale Borough and the Briarcliffe section of Darby Township. We are presently represented by Mike Zabel (D), who is also running for reelection.

## DARBY CREEK CLEANUP AT THE ALDAN SWIM CLUB



*On April 9, residents and volunteers participated in the Darby Creek Valley Association's Annual Watershed Cleanup by picking up trash around Darby Creek at the Aldan Swim Club. They collected more than ten bags of trash, a tire and other large items.*

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## FAIR FUNDING TRIAL CLOSES AFTER 4 MONTHS OF TESTIMONY

The parties in the landmark trial *William Penn School District et al. v. Pennsylvania Department of Education et al.* over equitable funding of Pennsylvania schools gave their closing arguments on March 10, 2022. The case began in 2014 when six school districts, the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools, and a group of public school parents filed suit in the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, alleging that the state was failing to uphold its constitutional obligation to provide a “thorough and efficient” system of public education. Four months of testimony began in November 2021, including from William Penn School District teachers and Superintendent Eric Becoats. It is expected to be months before Commonwealth Court Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer issues a decision on this case, and the losing side is expected to appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

For local perspective on this case from the students themselves, you can listen to William Penn High School students Trinity Giddings, Paul Vandy and Lisa Asamoah discuss the case on their podcast, PENNding Funds, here: [www.williampensd.org/fair-funding](http://www.williampensd.org/fair-funding)

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## HOW TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

On February 24th, Russia violated international law by invading Ukraine. The Aldan Democratic Organization stands in solidarity with the citizens of Ukraine. The death and destruction happening in Ukraine is heartbreaking. Many want to help in some way but don't know how. Below are six reputable international organizations that are currently in Ukraine helping people survive the tragedy. All but Come Back Alive have 4 star ratings (the highest) from Charity Navigator. Come Back Alive is not rated by Charity Navigator.

- **Come Back Alive** – support for Ukraine's armed forces - [www.comebackalive.in.ua/](http://www.comebackalive.in.ua/)
- **Global Giving** – Shelter, food, water and more. - [www.globalgiving.org/projects/ukraine-crisis-relief-fund/](http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/ukraine-crisis-relief-fund/)
- **World Central Kitchen** – feeding people meals - [www.wck.org/relief/activation-chefs-for-ukraine](http://www.wck.org/relief/activation-chefs-for-ukraine)
- **Global Relief** – medical supplies - [www.globalgiving.org/projects/ukraine-crisis-relief-fund/](http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/ukraine-crisis-relief-fund/)
- **Save The Children** – Food, blankets, healthcare - <https://www.savethechildren.org/>
- **ShelterBox** - emergency shelter and supplies - <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/>

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## RECYCLING IN ALDAN UPDATE

Recycling in Aldan continues to be collected in the Swim Club parking lot. There is a container for paper (please no cardboard) and a larger dumpster for cardboard, glass, bimetal (soup, etc.) cans, and plastics #1 and #2. The dumpster is emptied weekly. Due to staffing shortages, the County will no longer be maintaining the brown igloo and expects to remove it from the Swim Club parking lot in the near future. Until then, the Borough asks residents not to leave trash or recycling on the ground next to the igloo.

The Boy Scouts continue to collect aluminum cans in the Municipal Parking Lot on the first Saturday of every month from 9am to 11am.

The most effective way to help the environment is to reduce the use of plastic packaging, since it is not generally recyclable.

## PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS COMING SOON!



The primary election is on **Tuesday, May 17 2022 at Aldan Elementary School. Polls are open from 7AM-8PM!**

Remember that you can only vote in your registered party's primary, so check your voter registration information at:

**[www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)**

## GET INVOLVED WITH THE ADO

The ADO is your local Democratic Organization that works to make change right here in Aldan. The group is responsible for local voter outreach, supporting local officials & informing the public about important legislation and local matters through The Aldan Chronicle newsletter.

In order to keep the wheels of democracy turning here in Aldan, the ADO needs your support. How can you make an impact now?

- Join us as a member and attend monthly meetings
- Phone bank or canvass to get our message out to voters
- Volunteer at the polls
- Run for local office
- Make a donation: [donate.aldandemocrats.com](http://donate.aldandemocrats.com)

Contact us to learn how you can get involved!

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- April 30, 10am - Plant Sale and Drug Takeback Event, Municipal Bldg parking lot
- April 30, 1pm-4pm - Aldan Swim Club pre-season open house
- May 4, 7:30pm—Council Caucus Meeting, Community Center
- May 7, 9am-11am—Boy Scouts aluminum can collection, Municipal Bldg. parking lot
- May 17, 7am-8pm - Primary Election Day, Aldan Elementary School
- May 18, 7:30pm—Borough Council Meeting, Community Center
- June 1, 7:30pm—Council Caucus Meeting, Community Center
- June 4, 9am-11am—Boy Scouts aluminum can collection, Municipal Bldg. parking lot
- June 11, 9am-2pm—Hazardous Waste Disposal Event, Rose Tree Park, 1671 N. Providence Rd., Media, PA 19063, preregistration required at <https://www.delcopa.gov/recycle/hhw.html>
- June 15, 7:30pm—Borough Council Meeting, Community Center

