

# THE ALDAN CHRONICLE

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## ALDAN OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVES LIQUOR SALES

During the May 21, 2019 municipal primary election, Aldan Democratic, Republican, and Independent voters overwhelmingly approved the sale of liquor in the borough. The official results on the ballot question were 477 votes in favor of liquor sales and 273 votes opposed.

The question was added to the ballot after a successful petition campaign organized by Aldan's Giant Food Store. Giant has already submitted an application to the Liquor Control Board (LCB) for the transfer of a "Restaurant" liquor license. This license allows the sale of any liquor but requires a certain amount of seating as well as the sale of prepared food. If Giant's application is approved, those sales would be at a separate register, and no open containers would be allowed in the grocery area.

At a forum hosted by State Representative Mike Zabel (D) on May 16, representatives from Giant Food explained that

if the company's planned license application is approved by the LCB, the store would likely expand its existing retail space. They also stated that they would limit their alcoholic merchandise to beer and wine only. No distilled liquor will be sold at the store.

Reached for comment, an Aldan Giant Food Store manager stated that the new store design has not yet been finalized.

As required by law, a placard is currently displayed at the store announcing the application to allow the public 30 days to voice any concerns about the application to the LCB.

Each PA municipality that approves liquor sales automatically qualifies for one liquor license per 3,000 residents. Since Aldan has fewer than 6,000 residents, only one initial license will be granted. However, additional licenses may be transferred into the town at the approval of Borough Council.

## BETH SALKIND WINS CONTESTED PRIMARY FOR JUDGE

Democrat and Aldan resident, Beth Salkind won a decisive victory in the contested Democratic primary election for Magisterial District Judge in the May 21, 2019 primary election. Ms. Salkind has also completed the certification process and is fully qualified to serve if elected in November.

The district, which also includes Clifton Heights and part of Upper Darby, voted 53% to 47% for Ms. Salkind. The official Aldan results were even better, with 56% voting for Beth Salkind and 44% for incumbent Republican and Upper Darby Township resident, Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre.

Unlike other elected positions, judge candidates in Pennsylvania may legally "cross-file" petitions that allow them to run on both parties' ballots. This often causes confusion among primary voters who assume that all candidates in a contested primary race are from the same party. However, with Beth's victory in May, both parties will be represented on the

ballot in the general election this November.

Aldan had previously been represented for over thirty years by John Perfetti, who retired in 2015. At that time, Aldan was reassigned to the district of Ms. Micozzie-Aguirre, who has never been elected by Aldan voters to serve as our Magisterial District Judge.



*Aldan's Own  
Beth Salkind*

Beth Salkind has spent the last fifteen years as a paralegal, which has given her a deep understanding of the law and due process. Ms. Salkind looks forward to the opportunity to serve Aldan and the rest of the district, and plans to work to increase access and education in the justice system.

*For more information or to support Beth's campaign to be a fair judge for Aldan, check out her website: [www.BethSalkindforJudge.com](http://www.BethSalkindforJudge.com)*

### Rep. Mike Zabel

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9am to 3pm*

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## SCHOOL BOARD VOTES FOR 2.2% TAX INCREASE

On Monday, June 24, 2019, the William Penn School Board passed a \$98-million budget, which includes a 2.2% increase in property taxes. The vote was six approving the budget, including Aldan School Board Representative Kevin Hobbs, and three rejecting it. The School Board budget has included a tax increase in each of the last four years, all of which have passed with Mr. Hobbs' vote.

The millage rate for the upcoming year will be 47.0 or \$47.00 per \$1000 in property valuation. As an example, a typical Aldan home assessed at \$100,000 would have a bill of \$4,700.00. If the school taxes were paid during the current discount period prior to August 31, 2019, the bill would receive a 2% discount, resulting in a total of \$4,606.00.

A further reduction of \$480.00 would be seen in the bills for those homeowners who have "Homestead Exclusion" status. The "Homestead Exclusion" is available to owner-occupants who have filed the proper forms, approved by the School District, with Delaware County. If you do not currently have the "Homestead Exclusion," contact the School District business office at 610-284-8038.

## ALDAN BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR HOURS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT DISCOUNT PERIOD

Aldan Borough Tax Collector Jerry Barber (D), will be in the Reintl Recreation Building at the cul-de-sac on Shisler Avenue on Tuesday evenings from 7 PM to 9 PM in August 2019 for William Penn School District tax payments during the discount period. The dates are as follows: August 6, August 13, August 20, and August 27.

The tax bills are prepared by the Delaware County Treasurer's office and mailed to property owners by the William Penn School District business office. Mr. Barber's only role is to process payments and forward the collections to the school district's account.

Due to continued difficulties with the County's new software system, the William Penn School District tax bill mailing was delayed until July 15, 2019.

If you do not receive your tax bill or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Barber at [jbarber2424@comcast.net](mailto:jbarber2424@comcast.net) or 484-469-4645, and he can provide a duplicate.

## MEET ALDAN'S NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, WADIYA IVERY

I hope all are having a wonderful summer in Aldan. My name is Wadiya Ivery, and I am honored that both the Democratic and Republican voters of Aldan have chosen me to be their candidate for William Penn School Board Director. Both party committees endorsed my candidacy and helped get me on the ballot by circulating petitions.

My husband Harold and I have resided in Aldan for over 17 years and have been active members in civic organizations from the start. I have served as a member and President of the Aldan Elementary Home and School Association; as a member of the Aldan 4th of July Association; and am currently the Vice-President of the Aldan Youth Club.

My family includes two charismatic boys who are also involved in the community, attended the elementary school, and are active in the Youth Club.

My passion for service led me into a teaching career of 20 years. My wish to serve as School Board Director for Aldan is a continuation of my passion to support all children in receiving a quality education within the community with the support of family, invested community members and educators. I believe when we work together we all succeed.

I want to thank Kevin Hobbs for all of the work he put in over the last four years as our School Board Director.

If you would like to reach me to discuss anything related to our schools, please email me at [wivery@eastern.edu](mailto:wivery@eastern.edu). Thank you for your support now and in the future.



## STAY INVOLVED WITH THE ADO

**Come to our Summer Fundraiser!**

**The ADO on the Patio: Saturday, August 17th 2pm-5pm, RSVP online**

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Monthly meetings every second Sunday, contact us for more information