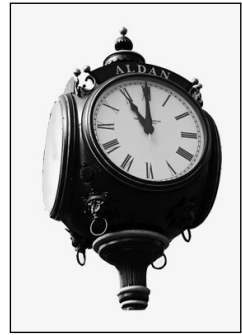


ALDAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

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## 4TH OF JULY PARADE & CELEBRATION



After no official 4th of July activities in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Aldan kicked off the 2021 Independence Day celebration at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 3rd. Various Aldan groups were represented including the Aldan Youth Club, Colonial Playhouse, American Legion Post #1000, Boy Scout Troop 2, and the Aldan Boosters.



Elected officials including Delaware County DA Jack Stollsteimer and State Representative Mike Zabel participated. There were emergency vehicles from Collingdale Fire Company No 33 and Clifton Heights Fire Company No 3. Music was provided by Woodland String Band, the Mansfield Brass and Avalon String Band. After the parade, a flag-raising ceremony was held at the James R. Hopely Athletic complex with free ice cream and US flags for all who attended, and the Aldan Youth Club held races for the children.



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## JUNE FLAG RAISINGS



*Left Photo: The raising of the Pride Flag to honor Aldan's LGBTQ community during Pride Month.*

*Right Photo: The raising of the Juneteenth Flag on June 19th to celebrate the emancipation of slaves.*



## MEMORIAL DAY



*May 31, 2021: Memorial Day Ceremony held by Aldan American Legion Post 1000 and Aldan Borough to pay tribute to the men and women who gave their lives for our country.*

## DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Delaware County is moving forward with plans to have the County Health Department operational by January 2022. While County Council began the process of establishing a health department in January 2020, the need was thrown into high relief during the pandemic, when Delco had to rely on Chester County's health department for information, resources, and infrastructure. The partnership between Chester County and Delaware County is ending on August 1, 2021, as the need for additional Covid-related cooperation has lessened.

The Council appointed the Board of Health in April and is in the process of hiring a director. Once the department is fully active, it will be able to work with existing entities to address issues such as health equity, violence prevention, and environmental health throughout the county. Additionally, the county will be able to take over some responsibilities, such as inspections, from municipalities.

Residents can join an email list for health department updates by emailing:

**[DCHD@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:DCHD@co.delaware.pa.us)**



## GET INVOLVED WITH THE ADO

While 2020 was a monumentally important election year, democracy continues every year, every day in every community, including Aldan. 2021 is a municipal election year and your vote and support make a huge difference in our community.

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

Contact us to learn how you can get involved!

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*Your ADO candidates in 2021 (L to R): Michael Ceci (Mayor), Kate Blunt (Borough Council), Marlene Smythe (Borough Council), Scott Walker (Borough Council), Jerry Barber (Tax Collector)*

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## PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

In 1962, President Kennedy signed into law a resolution designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State, and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. This year the Aldan Borough Council held a flag-lowering ceremony honoring the life of former Aldan Police Chief David D. Harold. Officers from neighboring towns, including Clifton Heights, Collingdale, Darby, and Sharon Hill joined the Aldan Police Department for this solemn occasion.



## STATE GRANT APPROVED TO REPLACE EXISTING STREET LIGHTS WITH LEDS

In May of this year, Aldan Borough was awarded a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Multimodal Transportation grant in the amount of \$154,790 to replace 251 existing street lights and 13 metal light poles. The Borough Council unanimously approved the grant application at its October 2020 meeting to reduce future electric bills from the aging light fixtures. The grant was formally submitted on November 2, 2020.

Earlier in 2020, a Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was used to replace 54 street lights in the Borough's northeast quadrant which includes Birchwood, Hazelwood and Rosewood Roads, Glenwood Circle and Maryland Avenue. The current project is set for a second round of bidding, as directed by PennDOT.

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

In addition, the Aldan Borough Council has formed a recycling committee, made up of Council members and borough residents, to research potential options for resuming curbside recycling pick-up in the borough. The committee is researching recycling options and reaching out to other local municipalities in order to make a recommendation to the Borough Council.

Since 2018, the global demand for recyclable material has taken a dramatic downturn. As a result, waste management companies can no longer sell the materials for a profit, causing them to charge high rates for pick-up.

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

## IN MEMORIAM



Scott D. (Slip) Mahoney, age 47, of Highland Park, PA passed away suddenly on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, He was Superintendent and Chief of the Delaware County Park Police. He also worked as a part-time patrolman for multiple departments in Delaware County, including Aldan Borough. He was also a volunteer firefighter in Upper Darby.

## ALDAN YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

2020 was a rough year for everyone. The Aldan Youth Club was no exception to the pandemic, but in 2021 it has made a resurgence with the return of youth soccer and baseball. The spring 2021 baseball season had a total of 61 players between the T-ball, junior, and senior level leagues. The 4-6 year-olds in the T-ball league had a great time getting outdoors and learning the rules of the game, while the junior league had seven weeks of great play with no playoffs. The senior-level players consisted of the Patriots and the Generals, and the Generals were the 2021 division champs!



Fall 2021 soccer registration for 7-15 year-old players is open on the Aldan Youth Club website, [www.aldanyouthclub.com](http://www.aldanyouthclub.com). Open practices will begin in August, including in-person sign-ups. Registration for Learn to Play soccer for 4-6 year-olds will be available during open practices as well and is always **FREE** for the younger age groups! The Youth Club is always looking for volunteers/coaches if you are interested. Please check out the Aldan Youth Club website for additional information, and the AYC is @aldanyouthclub on Instagram and Facebook. See you in the Fall!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- August 4, 7:30pm—Council Caucus Meeting, Community Center
- August 7, 9am-11am—Boy Scouts aluminum can collection, Municipal Bldg. parking lot
- August 11, 7:30pm—Borough Council Meeting, Community Center
- August 14, 2pm—ADO on the Patio event (rain date August 21), location given with RSVP
- September 1, 7:30pm—Council Caucus Meeting, Community Center
- September 4, 9am-11am—Boy Scouts aluminum can collection, Municipal Bldg. parking lot
- September 8, 7:30pm—Borough Council Meeting, Community Center
- September 17—Deadline to register for Aldan Youth Club fall soccer season
- September 18, 9am-2pm—Hazardous Waste Disposal Event, 1600 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill, PA 19079, preregistration required at <http://delcohhwevents.eventbrite.com/>