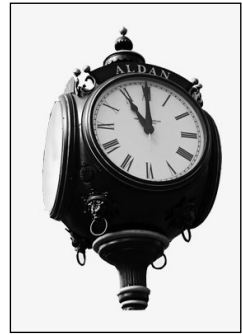


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## ALDAN CELEBRATES THE 4TH OF JULY



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Despite the heat, Aldan turned out to celebrate our annual 4th of July parade and activities. Even State Rep. Mike Zabel participated in the footrace!

## ALDAN COMMEMORATES & CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH

At the June 15, 2022 Council Meeting Mayor Michael Ceci read a Proclamation declaring June 19, 2022, as a day to celebrate Juneteenth in Aldan Borough. On Saturday June 18th Mayor Ceci, members of the borough council, and several residents gathered at the Municipal building to raise a flag in observance of the newest Federal Holiday, which was observed on Monday June 20, 2022.

On June 17, 2021 President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. That was the first official recognition of June 19, 1865, 156 years ago when enslaved people in Galveston Texas, finally learned that they had been set free by the Emancipation Proclamation which was enacted in 1863.

There were also notable advocates and activists whose focus and voices helped Juneteenth become a Federal Holiday. Some of them are Steve Williams, President of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, Cliff Robinson who operates the Juneteenth.com website, Deborah Evans, a spokesperson for the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation. In closing there is a quote by 95 year old Miss Opal Lee of Fort Worth, Texas, "I hope Juneteenth becomes a day of service where people feel compelled to do at least one kind act for someone."

A close up of the logo on the blue & red Juneteenth flag that was raised in Aldan on Saturday, June 18th.



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## 2022 PRIMARY IN MAY SET THE STAGE FOR MIDTERMS

After the Primary Election in May, first on the ballot for the fall is the US Senate race between John Fetterman (D), current Lt. Governor, and Mehmet Oz (R) who resided in northern New Jersey until 2020 when he registered at his in-laws' house in Pennsylvania. Prior to serving as Lt Governor, Fetterman was the Mayor of Braddock (2006-2019), a western PA steel town impacted by industrial decline. John Fetterman's election to the US Senate is critical since the chamber is equally divided 50 D-50 R and the seat is held by retiring Republican Pat Toomey.

Next on the ballot is PA Governor with Josh Shapiro (D), current PA Attorney General, facing Doug Mastriano (R), current State Senator from the 33rd District centered on Gettysburg. Mr. Mastriano, a Trump supporter, believes the 2020 election was stolen and was on the grounds of the Capitol Complex in Washington, DC on January 6th, 2021. Prior to his service as Attorney General, Josh Shapiro was a PA House member from Montgomery County. As Attorney General, Mr. Shapiro released a grand jury report detailing the results of an investigation into sexual abuse claims against members of the Catholic Church. Josh Shapiro's election as PA Governor is critical since Republicans hold large majorities in both the PA House and PA Senate.

Our own Democratic representatives in the PA House, Mike Zabel (D-163rd) and in the PA Senate, Tim Kearney (D-26th) seek re-election to bolster the Democratic minorities. Also on the ballot is US Congress Representative Mary Gay Scanlon (D-5), opposed by David Galluch (R). Mary Gay Scanlon is a longtime Delaware County resident who previously served on the school board of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District. It is critical to re-elect Mary Gay Scanlon to the US House since the Democrats hold a slim majority and a Republican majority would stall any progress on reform just as the Republicans hold legislation hostage in the US Senate.

**For voting info (including mail-in ballots) for the Nov. 8th election: Call 610-891-4673 or go to [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov)**

## GET INVOLVED WITH THE ADO

Upset by the SCOTUS Roe decision or the assault on reproductive rights? On the EPA? On voting rights? Furious about systemic racism or white supremacy or police accountability? Gun violence? Education funding? Terrified for our Democracy, in general?

The ADO is your local Democratic Organization working for change right here in Aldan and to support Democratic candidates from the Delco level all the way up through President. 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.

- 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](https://donate.aldandemocrats.com)
- Contact us to learn how you can get involved!  
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- August 3, 7:30pm—Council Caucus Meeting, Community Center
- August 6, 9am-11am—Boy Scouts aluminum can collection, Municipal Bldg. parking lot
- August 15—Deadline to register for Aldan Youth Club Fall Soccer season  
[www.aldanyouthclub.com](http://www.aldanyouthclub.com)
- August 17, 7:30pm—Borough Council Meeting, Community Center
- September 3, 9am-11am—Boy Scouts aluminum can collection, Municipal Bldg. parking lot
- September 7, 7:30pm—Council Caucus Meeting, Community Center
- September 10, 9am-2pm—Hazardous Waste Disposal Event  
Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill, PA 19079  
Preregistration required at <https://www.delcopa.gov/recycle/hhw.html>
- September 21, 7:30pm—Borough Council Meeting, Community Center

