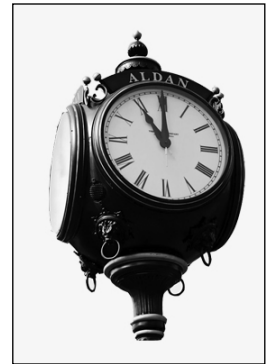


ALDAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

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ALDAN CIVIC GROUPS...COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS

Aldan Borough's slogan is "The Community of Homes" which highlights the residential nature of our town. In reality, Aldan is a "Community of Volunteers," the people who live in those homes and who enhance the vitality and vibrancy of Aldan. Please consider joining one or more group to add to the fabric of life in Aldan.

Aldan Boosters' Civic Association

Joe Cosgrove, President. 610-284-7325, Meets the 4th Wed. at 8PM at the American Legion. The next activity is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The oldest community group, founded in 1924, the Boosters' is a fraternal organization that also coordinates the Christmas Activities; Tree Lighting, Santa Mailbox,

Letters to the Troops, Christmas Morning Santa Visits and Best Decorated House Awards.

Aldan Memorial Post 1000

*Commander: John Eisenhart, 610-623-9566
www.aldanlegion.org, Meets the 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building.*

Since its provisional charter in 1947, the Aldan American Legion Post has welcomed qualified veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces. Its members continue to serve God, Country and Community. The post maintains the Veterans Memorial in the Aldan Historical Park and hosts the Memorial Day Remembrance in the Park, May 30, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. *(Continued on page 3)*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Aldan's Democratic Candidates*
- *School Vouchers Not Good for the Middle Class*
- *Garden Party - Meet the Democratic Candidates*
- *Spring and Early Summer Activities*

SIDEWALK INSPECTIONS SET TO RESUME

During the summer of 2010, Aldan Borough code officials inspected the west side of town marking, with orange spray paint, sidewalks and curbs that were cracked, uneven or broken. Owners were then cited and given 60 days to replace (not repair) each block.

Residents attended council meetings to voice their anger and alleged that the representatives were inconsistent in marking sidewalks and curbs. Others thought the borough was being insensitive to people during

the recession by forcing them to spend \$150 per block, some with more than 6 blocks.

Due to the protest, council suspended further inspections, charged a single permit fee per house and allowed owners up to a one year grace period, upon request. They also admitted that inspections had not been done for several years.

The council has stated that the east side of town will be inspected this summer.

BULK PICK-UP

EAST SIDE- WED. MAY 4th,
From Springfield Rd. to and including both sides of Clifton Avenue
WEST SIDE- WED. MAY 18th
Oak Ave. to west of Clifton Ave.

Items UNABLE to be collected include but are not limited to: construction debris from contractors, propane tanks, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, freezers, oil based paints, tree stumps, tires, oil, antifreeze, batteries, wood longer than 4 feet, items containing fuel

ALDAN SWIM CLUB

President: Dave Heacock, 610-622-0995, Aldanswimclub@yahoo.com

Founded in 1956 at 304 Elm Avenue. The Borough of Aldan purchased the property in March 2010 and the Swim Club leases the property and operates the facility from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. The Club sponsors a swim team for children 6 to 18. To celebrate the 2011 season, the Club will have an open house on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Visit the club, and enjoy a swim in the state of the art pool and have a meal at the snack bar.



MICHAEL CECI FOR ALDAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Michael Ceci is an Internet Technology consultant for a payment processing company in Wilmington, DE and a board member of the Aldan Boosters' Civic Association and Aldan Townwatch.

Mike's family moved to Aldan when he was eight in order to be closer to his grandparents and to Aldan Union Church. Following his graduation from The Christian Academy in Brookhaven, Mike attended Arcadia

University for two years, completing his BA in English at Eastern University in 1990.

After living in Rosemont and Philadelphia for several years, Mike decided to become a homeowner in 2006 and chose Aldan for its great community organizations, its convenient public transportation options, and his longtime family ties to the town.

SARAH ROBERTSON FOR ALDAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Sarah was raised in Connecticut and moved to this area to attend Bryn Mawr College. Upon successfully completing her BA with a major in biology, she realized she loved the Philly-area and was in love with her now husband, Rob. She returned to school and earned a Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Pennsylvania. However, after getting her degree she decided that, while she loved science, laboratory work was

not her future. She began a new career as a program administrator for the American Association for Cancer Research. In this position, she helped organize the scientific content of several cancer research conferences each year.

Since September 2010 Sarah has worked as a research grants manager for a leading breast cancer research and educational nonprofit.



BEN WILLIAMS FOR ALDAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ben R. Williams, III, recently retired as Director of Library Services at Georgian Court University, New Jersey. He moved to Aldan in 1984. Ben has a PhD in Library & Information Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh. Ben grew up in West Philadelphia and graduated from West Philadelphia High School in 1961. He enlisted in the US Air Force and was honorably discharge in 1965

with the rank of Airman 1st Class. Ben then enrolled at Mansfield University and received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. In 1969, he earned a Masters in Library Science from Syracuse University.

Throughout the 1990's, Ben worked at Arcadia University. During this period, he was awarded a Fulbright-Hayes summer fellowship and conducted sociological research in Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

PAUL KRUEGER FOR ALDAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Paul Krueger was born and raised in Aldan. He is a 1961 graduate of Lansdowne-Aldan High School and a 1965 graduate of Gettysburg College. After graduating, Paul entered the U.S. Navy serving as a naval aviator until 1976. In 1968 Paul served a tour in South Vietnam. Returning to civilian life he continued to serve in the naval reserves, completing his 20 years of federal service.

Paul also attended, and received degrees

from, the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, and Widener University in Chester, PA.

After working in manufacturing, Paul worked for and retired from a local home heating company. In retirement, Paul spends time reading books, working on projects in his shop, and, during the summer, at the Aldan Swim Club with his grandchildren. Paul is also a member of the Aldan Historical Commission.



FRANK LANE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Franklin Lane is a 22-year resident of Aldan, a lifelong teacher, and an educational activist who believes that an educated citizenry's involvement in government is a mandate from the founding fathers.

He graduated from Kutztown University, where he majored in History and English. He then earned an MA in Modern European History from Temple University. He earned credits for a

Commonwealth Certification as a special education supervisor.

Recently he served as the Aldan Democratic committee person for the East precinct, helped organize Aldan for Obama, was one of the founding members of the Aldan Democratic Organization, is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, and was the primary founder of The Clifton/Aldan Station Garden Society.



CIVIC GROUPS...COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS (CONTINUED)

Aldan Boys' Club

Joe Connolly, President. 610-405-1432. Meets at 7:30PM on the 3rd Wednesday at the Recreation Building. Their next activity is baseball.

Founded in 1951, the Boys' Club organizes sports; baseball, soccer and basketball, for boys ages 6 to 14 in Aldan. The Club also runs the foot and novelty races for the 4th of July festivities. Their website is www.leaguelineup.com/aldan.

Aldan Girls' Club

Mary Jo Corrigan, President. 610-623-8789. Meets at 7:30PM on the 1st Thursday at the Recreation Building. Their next activities are softball and cheerleading.

Founded in 1968, the Girls Club organizes sports; softball, soccer, basketball, cheerleading and bowling for girls ages 6-16 in Aldan. Their website is: www.leaguelineup.com/agc.

Aldan Townwatch

Herb Hays, President. 610-622-5114. Meets at 7:30PM on the 2nd Thursday at the Swim Club. Their ongoing activity is evening patrols.

Founded in 1974, as a citizens' patrol to enhance the eyes and ears of the Aldan Police Department, Aldan Townwatch is the longest continuously serving patrol organization in Delaware County. Over the years it has discovered and helped to contain fires, vandalism and break-ins. As part of its community service, it has donated police patrol bikes, emergency phones and assisted in traffic control in emergencies. Their website



**ALDAN
4TH OF JULY
ASSOCIATION**

Dan Procopio, President. 610-675-6226 Meets at 8:00PM on the 4th Tuesday at the Recreation Building. Their next activity is the Independence Day celebration www.aldan4thofjuly.com

Founded in 1978 to assume coordination of Aldan's Independence Day Celebration, the Association is responsible for organizing the parade and awarding prizes; the novelty give away for children under 12; ice cream for residents; ground activities for kids and adults; distributing flags and program books to residents.

SCHOOL VOUCHERS - NOT GOOD FOR MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES

Vouchers are not good for middle class families. When we know the facts, we see they are actually a threat to middle class family aspirations for their children's future. Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1 (SB1) is in the review process and contains the following:

- SB1 would allow money to be taken from a failing public school and be used in a private school that is performing worse than the public schools.
- Vouchers take more money from the basic education subsidy going to the school than it actually receives

because the voucher takes not only instructional money from the school, but also uses the funds that cover overhead and transportation.

- Vouchers do not insure admission to any school but the bill does allow public money to go to religious institutions.
- SB1 limits the first year of coverage to students in failing schools; by the third year it covers poor children in every school in the State no matter how successful the school.
- Vouchers do not insure most parents' real choices because

no school has to accept a voucher. Also, Charter Schools can discriminate against students who have learning disabilities or are from low-income households.

- Vouchers do not assure that all teachers will be tested and certified.

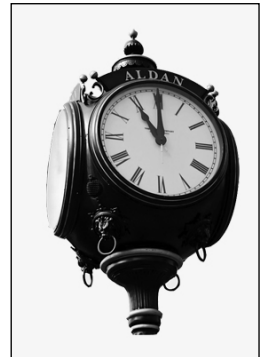
The public schools are certainly improving, our students are achieving at higher grade levels, and we must give public school a chance. Well-funded public schools are our best hope for our children to achieve their full potential and be able work in a global economy.

- Franklin L. Lane

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**MEET YOUR
 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES
 AT A GARDEN PARTY**



APRIL 30, 2011 FROM 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

THE GOLDSBOROUGH RESIDENCE 17 S. SYCAMORE AVE.

PLEASE RESPOND BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH

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 SHIRLEY GOLDSBOROUGH AT 610-626-0188 OR ALDANDEMOCRATS@GMAIL.COM

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ALDAN'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April



23 (Sat)
 Aldan Boosters'
EASTER EGG HUNT
 Ball fields at Bonsall
 NOON

30 (Sat) National Drug Take Back Event
 Turn in old medications.
 Municipal Bldg.
 Parking Lot
 10 AM - 2 PM



7 (Sat) Aldan Boosters'
 Plant Sale
 Municipal Parking Lot,
 10 AM - 3 PM

17 (Tues) Primary
 Election Day
 Aldan School Gym
 7 AM - 8 PM



30 (Mon) Memorial Day
 Service
 Historical Park
 11 AM

June

16 (Thurs) Last of school
 for students in the
 Wm. Penn School District.



May



7 (Sat) Home & School
 Health Fair
 Elementary School
 Gym, 10AM - 2PM



28/29 (Sat/Sun)
 Aldan Swim Club
 Open House and
 Swim
 1 PM - 5 PM



July
 4 (Mon) Independence
 Day Parade
 and Celebration
 11 AM

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