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## Spotlight

▶ None this week - sorry, we're on vacation!

▶ [Read about Seldovia in the Seattle Times](#)

▶ **SELDOVIA HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL- RESCHEDULED**  
FRIDAY, *September 28, 2005* 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (approximate) at boat harbor



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of  
**Charlotte Elvsaas**  
Funeral service at St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church Wednesday, Sept 7, 2:00pm. Potluck reception in the Multi Purpose Room after the funeral service.



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of  
**Hank Gain**

## Top Stories

### Tustumena schedule for Fall 2005 to Spring 2006 reduces Seldovia service because of repairs and capital improvements to ship

by *Mary Glover*

The Alaska Marine Highway (AMHS) has published its draft of the 2005-2006 Operating Plans. The general public had its chance to respond and provide written suggestions to the AMHS by August 10, 2005.

[Click here to obtained the entire document \(PDF\)](#)

Essentially, the service has been decreased to Seldovia at certain times and not all weeks are going to be the same schedule.

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Seldovia Boat Slips



The M/V Tustumena will be out of service from November 15 to April 14. During this time we will have service from the M/V Kennicott.

**Southwest/South Central Ferry Schedule (may change):**

Oct 1 - Nov 14: Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday  
 Nov 15 - Nov 27: **No ferry** (through Thanksgiving)  
 Nov 28 - April 23: Tuesday & Sunday every other week  
 April 24 - April 30: Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday  
 May 1 - 7: Tuesday & Sunday  
 May 8 - 14: Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday  
 May 15 - 21: Tuesday & Sunday  
 May 22 - May 28: Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday  
 June – Sept: Alternating Tuesday, Sunday one week, then Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday the next week

**School**

▶ [The Seldovia Gazette welcomes Joy Smith as our school reporter](#)



▶ [Power Hour!](#)

▶ [Susan B English School starts August 22nd - repeat story](#)

It is advised that you check the ferry schedule on the AMHS web site or on alternative web sites that post the schedules such as [seldovia.com](http://seldovia.com) because no two weeks may have the same schedule. This is especially helpful if you are planning a trip outside Seldovia and wanting to return with your car on the ferry. Trips via ferry around Thanksgiving might be a problem as there is not a ferry scheduled at this time. Given the times when the airplanes are not flying due to poor visibility, it is possible that we Seldovians may not be able to “get out of Dodge!” One thing is for sure, Seldovians know about logistics (or the lack thereof)!

**Notices**

▶ [Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 \(pdf\)](#)

▶ [Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 \(pdf\)](#)

▶ [Boys and Girls Club September 2005 Calendar](#)

▶ [Boys and Girls Club June - July Newsletter](#)

▶ [Harbor Survey Priority Results \(pdf\)](#)

**Seldovian barely misses Hurricane Katrina**

*by Tom Glover*

Paula Elvsaas left for her first vacation last week ... a trip to New Orleans and Tennessee.

After flying out of Seldovia last Thursday, she spent 11 hours flying to New Orleans and arrived just ahead of the storm. The plan was to spend the night in New Orleans and then continue on but she decided to leave immediately and drove 13 hours to her next destination, Tennessee. That was her first and last look at New Orleans.

According to her mom, Sandee Elvsaas, Paula is now looking for a way back home because her flight out of New Orleans has definitely been cancelled. Sandy stated "I think that was a little more excitement than she expected."

**Corrections**

▶ [None this week. . .](#)

**Classified Rates**

▶ [Instructions and rate sheet](#)

Sandee (mom) also said that it was more worry than she needed too, since she had been teasing Paula at the Seldovia airport about this photo. Sandee had told her that, "This would be a missing person photo if

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she needed it!"

## Wedding bells ring out again this month!

*by Mary Glover*

Shawn Reynolds and Tawny Seaton exchanged wedding vows on August 14, 2005 at a ceremony in Fresno, California. Parents of the couple are none other than Seldovia's Dr. Larry Reynolds and Cheryl Reynolds and Homer's Rep. Paul Seaton and Tina Seaton. The wedding was held in the garden at the home of Edith Reynolds, mother of Doctor Reynolds and grandmother to Shawn. The Reynolds family and the Seaton family were joined by about 60 people in attendance.



According to the couple, Tawny first spotted Shawn while they were still teenagers attending Homer High School. They became good friends for many years until the relationship took a closer turn in 2001. Tawny and Shawn are college graduates with Tawny holding a degree in paleontology and Shawn a degree in computer science from Carlton University. Tawny has done advanced studies in paleontology at the University of Michigan. Using the

internet, the couple shopped for a business they thought would be a good financial investment and ended their search by purchasing a business in Littleton, Colorado in 2004. In August, 2004 they announced their engagement for an August, 2005 wedding. Currently they are the proud owners and mangers of Speed Queen of Littleton. Shawn also has a job with Forsythe, Inc.



Top left to right: Representative Paul Seaton, Tawny Reynolds, Shawn Reynolds, Dr. Larry Reynolds.  
 Bottom left to right: Tina Seaton, Tawny Reynolds, Shawn Reynolds, Cheryl Reynolds

***CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES, Shawn and Tawny!***

**City of Seldovia welcomes three new employees**

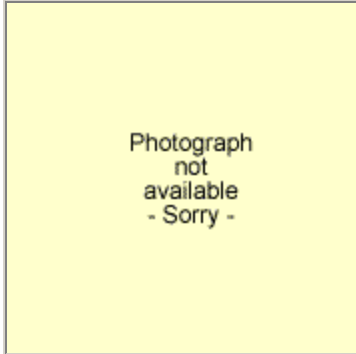


**Mary Klinger**  
**Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer**

**Manfred Kirchner**



City Facilities Maintenance



Mary Anne Agli

City Custodian

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## HEA schedules public meeting

HEA has scheduled a public meeting in Seldovia on September 14, 2005 in order to explain why Seldovia experience the long power outage last week and what is being done to resolve the problem. Time and location TBA.

### Tidbits . . .

Next weeks Spotlight will be the 2005 Alaska State Fair. Here's a glimpse of the fun . . . a new Alaska State Record giant beet - 32.45 pounds! The fair is still on through Sunday in Palmer. GREAT FUN!



**City Manager's Corner***by Kurt Reynertson*

This summer season is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a busy summer for all of us. I thought it might be a good idea to reflect upon some of the projects and issues your city council and staff has been involved with and/or been working on these last 3 ½ months.

1. Work for a new roof for the Community Building was advertised, awarded, and the work was completed by I&A General Contractors.
2. A new fish cleaning table for the harbor was researched, designed, bid out, and construction is underway (estimated completion date is Sept 15). Money for the fish cleaning table is coming from the State (from the small boat harbor repair grant money)
3. We removed the old and installed a new deck around the Harbor Master Building along with a general face lift in terms of landscaping around the building.
4. Renovations of the Harbor Master Building have begun. There is a new roof on the building, the old boiler has been pulled out, and new windows have been installed. The remaining work includes installation of a new boiler, redesign of the bathrooms (to include making an ADA complainant restroom), painting the inside and outside, new flooring and new restroom doors.
5. The City Council has approved repairs to the Community Building in order to make the library and the multi-purpose room ADA accessible. After developing and considering many different plans, one alternative was selected.
6. A new contract for the Alaska Marine Highway System has been successfully renegotiated which is more favorable to the City's interests.
7. A new lease with Seldovia Fuel & Lube has been successfully re-negotiated that is fair to both Seldovia Fuel & Lube as well as the City.
8. Seldovia now has a new community plan that many folks worked on and which was finalized when the City Council voted to adopt.
9. In conjunction with the Denali Commission and Seldovia Fuel & Lube, the City participated in a Conceptual Design for a new fuel tank farm and fuel distribution system. Currently good progress is being made toward final design.
10. We got the Tustumena to stay overnight for the Fourth of July celebrations.
11. We were able to get a real live street sweeper to come and sweep our streets.
12. We were able to get grant money for a run of Silver Salmon to be stocked next year in Seldovia Bay.
13. We also went after (successfully) grant money to put calcium chloride on our dirt roads for dust control.
14. We are participants with the Seldovia Village Tribe and the Seldovia Native Association in the feasibility study for the proposed Kachemak Bay Ferry (to run between Halibut Cove, Homer, Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia). Current plans call for the ferry to be home-ported in Seldovia (assuming the

feasibility study proves that a Kachemak Bay Ferry is fiscally and functionally possible).

15. Final authorizations from all government and granting agencies concerning demolishing the cannery dock were received after extensive coordination efforts. The bid package for this work has been coordinated, and advertised. The expected start date of the tear down will be in October.
16. We have coordinated with GE and signed the purchase order to receive a new X-Ray machine for the Seldovia clinic. Additionally, we have coordinated with and received a bid from HEA to supply the necessary power for the new machine.
17. We have been able to collect in excess of \$12,000 delinquent (past due) water and sewer bills.

Here are some of the issues that we will be working on in the very near future.

1. We will start back up the process of prioritizing the Small Boat Harbor design and repair that will be using State grant money for the repairs and renovations.
2. We will be installing a coin operated water system for non city residents (as well as the general public) to buy water from the city.
3. We will be installing a coin operated pressure washer (for all those dirty Seldovia cars and trucks!)
4. We will be monitoring the progress of demolishing the cannery dock (inspections, reports and other paperwork).
5. We will be starting our new moorage billing cycle. This will allow us to quickly identify overdue and problem moorage accounts and be able to react accordingly.
6. We will be continuing our efforts to collect on over due water and sewer bills.
7. We will be starting a campaign to identify and collect over due moorage accounts.
8. We will be installing a new furnace/boiler for the water building near the City's water tank.
9. We will be finishing what we started on the Harbor Master Building.
10. We plan to start and complete the work necessary for the community center ADA access.
11. We will be overhauling the Sundry fee schedule for City Council consideration. The new Sundry fee schedule should be easier to understand and incorporate several new changes that have recently been approved. New changes will be included in the fee schedule (assuming City Council approval).
12. We will be pursuing VISTA volunteers that will focus on grant writing for the City in order to strengthen the administrative capacity that will help in our economic development. This is a great program and one that provides for a monthly stipend, health insurance and either an education award or a completion of service stipend. The program also provides the technical training necessary to be able to assist the City.

Finally, there have been some personnel changes at the City due to resignations. As I have reported previously, Doug Peiren resigned the first of August and Mary Anne Agli has assumed

the custodial duties. Rance Zeien resigned the end of August and we have hired Manfred Kirchner to take his spot. Most recently, Mavis Owens resigned as the Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer and Mary Klinger was offered the position which she has accepted. Mavis will be at the City a couple of more days in order to help with the transition to Mary. Thanks to Mavis for staying on and welcome to Mary. There were three people that were interviewed for the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and it was a tough choice. Any one of the three would have been a good choice.

### Seldovia Police Report

*No police report this week*

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