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Carol Pucci, a travel writer for the Seattle Times, wrote a nice article on Seldovia on September 2.
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Top Stories

Chainsaw Carving Competition slated for next year in Seldovia by Mary Glover

The monthly meeting of the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce was held on September 9, 2005.

The meeting took place and lasted one hour and a half, but no one complained (at least to my knowledge!). A special thanks for set-up help goes to Dick Wyland who cut up about 10 lbs of fresh pears for the meeting, to Darlene Crawford for donating the pears, to Michelle Massion who was indispensable in helping with preparing the buffet, and to Carla Fleckenstein who helped in getting everything ready in time for the meeting. Isabel and Tim Harbaugh (the new Mad Fish owners) provided a very delicious soup and Cris and Tata Wheeler again made the wonderful bread. The free lunch was absolutely a hit!

The business discussed at the meeting was:

1. Peggy Boscocci presented a recap of all the monies for the 4th of July. There was \$4,474.83 in the fund. Motion was made to transfer \$1,474.83 into the general account and leave a balance of \$3,000 in the 4th of July fund account.
2. The members informally are planning a target date of May 30, 2006 to have the informational signs restored. Several members volunteered to adopt one sign. Rod Hiltz and Walter McInnes volunteered to pick up the signs that are currently hanging in the city and store them for the winter.
3. The members voted to hold a Chainsaw Carving Competition next year. More research is being gathered before an exact date is set. We are looking at Memorial Day Weekend as a possibility for the date. The Chamber will need to raise \$3,400 to fund the prize money for the carvers. Toby and Elaine Craft

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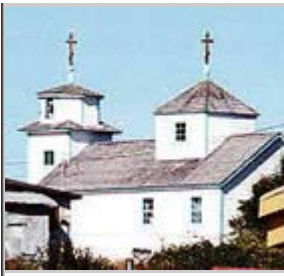
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Seldovia Boat Slips



are spearheading this project and hope to invite 6-7 professional carvers to the event. Details about this exciting event are being worked out.

4. The following officers and directors were placed in office by motion for the 2005-2006 term: Mary Glover, President; Darlene Crawford, Vice-President; Peggy Boscacci, Secretary-Treasurer; Joni Reynertson, Director; Darlene Crawford, Director; and Crystal Collier, Director.

5. Dick Wyland, Mayor, gave a short presentation about the condition of the city's graveyard and suggested that we help sponsor a fund drive for the improvements to the graveyard's grounds.

6. It was introduced that Crystal Collier has extended an invitation to combine the Christmas party for the SVT with the Chamber's Christmas party. The Chamber voted to host a joint party with the SVT at the new SVT conference center.

7. The guest speaker for this month's meeting was John Williams who is running for Borough Mayor. Mr. Williams gave a very interesting and knowledgeable presentation and we were very pleased to meet him. He also brought his wife, Sharon, along with him.

8. The Chamber voted to send a formal letter asking the DOT for calcium chloride for Jakolof Bay road...all the way to Jakolof Bay and a formal request to the Borough for calcium chloride for the dump road. It was stated that these two roads desperately need calcium chloride because the dust problem is so great and imposes not only a comfort problem but a health problem to those who have to travel them.

President's note:

I would publicly bring attention to a few people who have worked very hard in the term 2004-2005 to make the Chamber such a success.

Peggy Boscacci - Peggy takes in all the money, keeps the accounts so very well, does the meeting announcements, takes the minutes and then also has a major job in the 4th of July. Hats off to Peggy for all her work!

Darlene Crawford - Darlene is the behind the scene person on so many of our projects. She has done the Christmas Contest for many years, the Citizen/Business/Youth of the Year Contest; has a major job in the 4th of July; and is a support person. Hats off to Darlene for all her work!

Joni Reynertson - Joni has been instrumental in planning and executing a successful FAM Trip Event which has brought many more people to Seldovia this past summer. Hats off to Joni for all her work!

Peggy & Tom Keesecker - Peggy & Tom have helped out in so many ways and Peggy has inspired us with her new ideas.

Mike & Mary Webber - Mike & Mary for their willingness to also help out whenever there is a need.

This thank you is not intentional to leave anyone out. Just about everyone who attends the meetings contributes in one way or another. We are a great group of people and I just want to express my thanks to so many of you.

Cannery dock bids opened

by Tom Glover

for Rent
The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for rent. Call for details:
Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643

School

- ▶ [Booster Club Meeting!](#)
- ▶ [Susan B English School starts August 22nd - > repeat story <](#)

Notices

- ▶ [Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 \(pdf\)](#)
- ▶ [Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 \(pdf\)](#)
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- ▶ [Boys and Girls Club June - July Newsletter](#)
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On Friday, September 9, bids for the demolishing of the cannery dock were opened. There has not been an award because the award will be made by City Council subject to approval by Shirley Kelly of the EDA.

American Marine Corp. (Anchorage) - \$497,305
(Removal of hazardous waste was not included in their bid)
West Construction Co. (Anchorage) - \$725,900
Yellowknife Construction (Anchorage) - \$378,000
Lash Corp. (Kodiak) - \$183,600
East Road Services (Homer) - \$189,000
Hopkins Bros. (Seldovia) - \$123,504

The lowest qualified bidder was Hopkins Brothers (Seldovia based). The bid has not been awarded yet, pending approval of the City Council and Shirley Kelly of the EDA.

Candidates in Seldovia 2005 Election

The Minicipal election will be held on October 4, 2005 and the following seats will be on the ballot:

Mayor (one - three year term)

Dick Wyland (incumbent)
Savannah Lewis

City Council (one - one year term)

Peggy Boscacci (incumbent)

City Council (two - three year term)

Walter McInnis (incumbent)
Steve Lewis (incumbent)
Tom Keesecker

Absentee Ballots will be available September 14. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by 5:00 pm, October 4, 2005 and must be received by 5:00 pm October 10, 2005.

In memory of Charlotte Arlene Elvsaas

Charlotte Arlene Elvsaas

Born October 22, 1950 in Seldovia

Fallen asleep unto the Lord on
September 3, 2005



1999 Photo by Darlene Crawford

"She lived a full life here in Seldovia as a bartender, dog catcher, and cannery worker. Raised by her parents Pete Elvsaas, Cristine and Frank Saracoff, she attended 12 years of school in Seldovia. She enjoyed her family, pets, fine collectibles and visiting with friends. She was a fun loving daughter, mother, life partner, sister, cousin and friend, full of life and laughter. Many will miss her dearly."

"Paul bearers include: Scott Haller, Peter Elvsaas Jr., Melvin Malcoff, Matthew McMullen, Jason Rafferty, John Colberg, Jason Agli, and Matthew Brown. Honorary Pall bearers: Larry Stanley, Melvin Elvsaas, Frank Saracoff, Timothy Haller, Trevor Bond, Skyler Bond and Franklin Haller."

(The above writeup was taken directly from the funeral service program and we don't know the author's name. We'll be glad to give the author credit if they will send us an email.)

Cell phone service petition

We will echo what Chief Anderson says in the police report below; we would very much like to see cell phone service in Seldovia. If you want cell phone service in Seldovia, please go in and sign one of the petitions at the City Office, Seldovia Fuel & Lube, Main Street Market, the Tidepool Cafe, the Harbormaster's Office or at the Police Department.

Hazmat barge rescheduled

Bad weather and rough seas prompted the rescheduling of the hazmat barge to September 28, 2005 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. ***Don't miss this pickup, they only come once a year!***

Please call the Kenai Peninsula Borough at 262-9667 for more information.

Used oil, batteries, antifreeze, paint, chemicals, and other hazardous wastes. No explosives or radioactive wastes accepted.

Call Philip Services Corporation (PSC) at 1-800-478-9008 to pre-register with types and estimated volume of wastes. There is no fee for homeowners and small waste volumes from businesses. Businesses with more than 10 batteries and two 55-gal. drums will have to pay for management of any additional waste.

Tidbits . . .

Wow, what a bumper crop of Seldovia blueberries this year! These came out of Jerry Swanson's garden. (Photo by Jerry Swanson)



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

No Report this week

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

The Police Department has conducted security checks on 3 residences following suspicious activity reports but have not found anything to be amiss.

One person was contacted after a caller reported they were unable to get in touch with them. All was reportedly fine.

One theft has been reported but the items alleged to have been stolen were located.

A reported trespass was handled informally after it was found to be a civil dispute between two parties.

Two separate reports of 4-wheelers driving erratically and creating a lot of noise, at both the Outside Beach and in the area of SBE School, were taken on different occasions. These reports indicate teens were the source of the activity and both incidents happened on different nights between midnight and 4:00 a.m..

A portable telephone was found in the area of 1 mile, Jakolof Bay Road and turned into the Police Department. If you lost a telephone call the Police Department with a description.

One report of cruelty to animals was taken when it was found that a land otter had been locked in a building in the McDonald Spit area and died as a result. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Police Department.

Police are still requesting anyone with information regarding the Hit & Run accident that occurred on 8/13 at Lakeside Terrace to contact the Department. Bob and Annie Rafferty's vehicle sustained considerable damage in the incident and more information is needed in the case before action can be taken.

A suspicious person report was taken by the Seldovia Police Department. Investigation into the report has failed to reveal the location of the suspect. Anyone observing suspicious activity is asked to call 911 or the Seldovia Police Department immediately. We must work together to keep our area safe.

A Debit Card was lost between town and the Outside Beach Park. Anyone finding the card is asked to turn it into the Police Department.

A black bear was hit by a vehicle on 9/8 in the area of 1.1 mile, Jakolof Bay Road, and the bear was not killed. When in the outer area be alert. An injured bear could be a dangerous bear so if you see a bear that could possibly be injured call the Police as soon as possible.

The Seldovia Police Department encourages the public to lock their home heating fuel tanks and automobile gas tanks. With the ever increasing fuel costs we will find more and more thefts of petroleum products. Please take the time to address the problem and save yourselves the cost of replenishing the fuel that would be lost. Also keep an eye on your neighbors property and report any suspicious activity. If you see activity that is suspicious call 911 and the Police will respond and check it out.

The Police Department would like to see Cell Phone coverage in our area. If you agree we have put forms that you can sign at the City Office, Seldovia Fuel & Lube, Main Street Market, the Tidepool Cafe, the Harbormaster's Office and at the Police Department. We would like to see the coverage for many reasons but mostly for safety considerations when the telephone is not readily available to you. If you are in agreement with the Cell Phone coverage reaching Seldovia, please sign on of the forms.

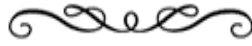
Just a reminder, with fall fast approaching, people are asking about the laws regarding the use of studded tires. Studded tires can be utilized from Ninilchik north starting on September 1st but south of Ninilchik you have to wait until September 15th to run them. The State will be enforcing the studded tire laws on the other side so be aware of the rules.

Repeats & Notices

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