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**Memorial at the Linwood**  
 Friday May 5, 500pm  
 Potluck - bring a salad dish

**Memorial Service at Seldovia Bible Chapel**  
 Saturday, May 6, 100pm  
 Dessert & coffee served downstairs

**Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of James Cacioppo**  
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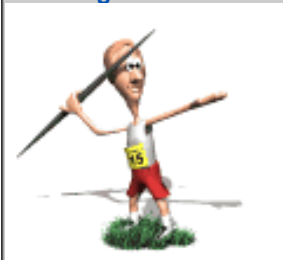
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**SBE High School Basketball Awards 2006**

by *Katie O'Leary*

*A great season for a great group of kids!*

The high school basketball season of 2005-06 is done. The games were played, the fun was had and now the awards have been handed out. On Wednesday May 3, 2006 the Sea Otters high school basketball teams were given awards by their coaches and celebrated afterwards with family and friends who came to watch.

The boy's received their awards from their Coach Russ Radliff. This was coach Radliff's second year coaching Seldovia's boys and in the end improved them in many ways. He had much to say concerning how the season went and how proud he was of his team.



Photo courtesy of Darlene Drawford

The boy's team had eleven players this season which was a wonderful turnout for a school as small as ours. This however took much time in giving awards out to the entire team. Every person received an award for participating in the season. Colton Collier received the captain award and the most inspirational award for the boy's team. Dustin Baines also received the most improved player award. The players on the boy's basketball team consisted of freshman; Stephen Payton and Jordan Geagel, sophomores; Harold Haynes, Levi West-Harkness, Tim O'Leary, and Griffin Swick. The juniors on the team were Dustin Baines and Kyle Burt. The seniors who will be missed very much next year were Evan Mickelson and Colton Collier.



Photo courtesy of Darlene Drawford

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

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During the girl's awards the presentations of the awards were a little more personal. Through out the season Coach Damara Lorentz had a chance to get to know her small team of six and. Even though the girl's team has only played one year together they became very close on and off the court. Each girl was awarded an individual award telling what they did best for the team. Emily Haynes was awarded one of two most improved player awards. Jen Giles was awarded best defensive player award. Naomi Gallien was awarded the best offensive award. Stephanie Lewis was awarded the most team spirit award. Katie O'Leary was awarded the other most improved player award. Last but not least Kristy Gallien was awarded the stuck through until the end award.

The season was a huge success and nobody was regretful to playing on the Seldovia Sea Otter's high school basketball teams. It was a wonderful experience and next year will hopefully be just as wonderful. Thank you to the two Russ Radliff and Damara Lorentz for coaching the basketball players for the season and we hope to see you next year.

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## Chamber of Commerce Meeting - May 5

*by Peggy Boscacci*

The regular monthly Chamber Meeting was held on May 4, 2006. The meeting was well attended and had a guest speaker, Christi Bell from the University of Alaska, Center for Economic Development.

The Chamber had the following items on its agenda for the day:

**July 4, 2006** - Darlene Crawford announced that she still hasn't heard whether the Old Crab has accepted our invitation. She also mentioned that she has the food booths applications. It was moved and approved for the Boys and Girls Club to charge \$2.00/per person for the children's games in order to raise money. Herring Bay Mercantile volunteered to donate money for those who couldn't afford to play in the games. President Mary Glover presented Devon Hilts \$25.00 for her winning entry for the button contest. Mary also announced that she would be looking for someone to chair and organize the 2007- 4th of July, as she was not going to be doing it next year.

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Check presented to Devon Hilts for 2006 Button design

**FAM Trip:** Peggy Keesecker reported that the FAM Trip would not be happening on June 10th. It was postponed for the time being. **Woodcarving Contest:** Mary Glover thanked Mike and Mary Webber for all the work they were doing for the Woodcarving Contest – along with Toby and Elaine Craft. Mike gave a brief update on who was coming, etc. There will be an on-site potluck lunch that Joni Reynertson will coordinate for the carvers. Mary Webber will be holding a rummage sale at her house on 5/13/06 to raise funds. She encouraged people to bring their items over early so they could be priced, etc. Mary Glover mentioned that George Smallwood is helping with the Homer distribution of posters for this event.

**Informational Signs:** Mary reported that the Boys and Girls Club-Paul Chissus has restored one of the signs and invited everyone to adopt a sign so we could get them finished.

**Milepost Ad:** It was moved and seconded to pay for the ad with the remaining funds in the Marketing Fund and the General Fund. (Webber voted NO, just to be cantankerously funny!!)

**Christie Bell:** Christie Bell from the University of Alaska's Center for Economic Development gave a short talk on how they provide economic support to small communities. She would be holding training in the Village Tribe's Conference Center tonight and tomorrow from 3pm to 7pm.

**Daylight Savings Time:** Mary Glover read a brief e-mail from the Lt. Gov. Loren Leman's office encouraging people to support Alaska in going off of daylight savings time. Mary would be circulating a petition for those interested to sign.

Rod Hilts reported that there was a great article in the Fish Alaska Magazine on Seldovia's Alaska Tree Tops Lodge.

Kurt Reynertson announced that the ferry would not be coming in on Tuesday next week but would be here on Wednesday instead.

Susan Mumma gave a brief talk about the upcoming events for the Music Festival and encouraged folks to buy a subscription to all events for \$100.00. A

terrific lineup is planned for the Music Festival and the remaining year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*(Note: The 2006 Walking Map is at the printers and should be showing up in Seldovia by May 15th!)*

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## City Council - P&Z Joint Workshop - May 1

*By Tamara Blodgett*

The purpose of this workshop is to explain and respond to any questions that City Council may have on the **Amended Building Codes**.

**Visibility** of access points was not changed. Any time in the future, when a building is constructed, there should be visibility in all directions at the intersection or roadway. The buildings that have already been constructed that have visibility problems cannot be changed (i.e. the post office stop sign). However, this should not preclude future ordinances that protect visibility.

A member of the Public, Hugh Smith, made the comment that without the high traffic flow in Seldovia, he thought it was excessive to require the visibility ordinance as it currently is. Another member of the Public, Ron Turner, commented that his daughter had a near-miss hit by a car. Due, in part, to the shrubbery issue on the corner of Main Street where the clinic building is located (to illustrate the importance of visibility as protection against just such an occurrence). P&Z Chair, Paulie Carluccio along with P&Z Member, Dan Blodgett, felt it was the right time to add the visibility ordinance that was already on the books (for all other zoning) to the residential application. Councilman McInnes thinks it is useful for the protection of the corners; further, there are times when the law is necessary. McInnes and Glover would rather have something on the books then not. City Manager Reynertson in large part agrees with McInnes. He mentions that you cannot "selectively prosecute" people; this ordinance will help with future structure placement. Councilman Keesecker mentioned that a building permit does not have to be approved unless the applicant is in compliance with all the current building codes. P&Z Member Chissus recognizes how important it is to have safety ordinances, such as the visibility ordinance, for the future protection of the people and children of Seldovia.

P&Z Chairwoman, Paulie Carluccio addressed **Building Heights**. Council Members Peggy Boscacci and Tom Keesecker are in favor of leaving the height restriction at the current 35' height requirement (with Boscacci liking the 35' height but with the new definition). Councilman Glover says that part of it comes down to aesthetics. There is a structure here in town that is 35' and Glover doesn't wish to see any more buildings in those height ranges. Councilman McInnes would like the new height to be at 32' (he feels that is the latitude that local builders may need, coupled with a feeling of uniformity along Main Street). McInnes' final decision will be tempered by what P&Z's findings and considerations are. A member of the Public, Tim Dillon, noted that he is happy with the definition and height requirement that is currently on the books. Furthermore, he feels that why change the standard now when there are already structures that are at the current standard (?).

Carluccio reiterated that the current definition states that the "average lot grade" will determine the building height of the structure. P&Z recommended changing the

definition so slope, grade etc., will not determine overall building height. There is no chance for uniformity in the measurements if “average lot grade” is the standard used. Using the finished grade where it meets the foundation would be the most uniform way to measure building height (this wouldn’t allow for interpretation, it would be an “absolute”). Three buildings familiar to the public was used in the measurement process to help the Council and attending Public visualize structure height. The Gain and Massion residences were used, along with The Herring Bay Mercantile. The Gain residence measured as 27’, Massion at 28’3” and the Mercantile at 30’2”. These heights measured using the new definition of building heights.

Bobbi Sweatt had a conversation with the borough assessor in which he stated that there were not many building on the Kenai Peninsula over 32’.

The proposed definition for vertical measurement is where the finished grade meets the foundation to the highest point of the structure, excluding venting. Dan Blodgett, P&Z Member said it would be impossible to meet the current definition standard of “average lot grade” for some sites. A point in being would be the Gain Residence. This residence, based on “average lot grade” would need to be *subterranean* to qualify within the current code. Gain’s residence is at the uppermost point of his lot, thus making the “average lot grade” irrelevant. This is why the proposed standard would eliminate discrepancies to the height of future buildings for uniformity.

Jenny Chissus, P&Z Member relayed her thoughts on the 35’ current height. That the Commercial Marine property along Main Street should not be just a bunch of “warehouses.” Rather, it should be properties that are efficient in their business pursuits, while also aesthetically reflecting the unique environment of Seldovia.

There were differences of opinion as to the foundation to be used to achieve the height restriction. It was determined that foundation type would not cause the vertical height measurement to change. The finished *grade against the foundation* would be the start point for the measurement, regardless of foundation *style*.

City Clerk Ronda Haynes suggested that if the Council wanted to change any or all items on the Amended Building Codes it has already been submitted to Council and they have the power to amend it to any height they choose. There will have to be a second public hearing if there is an amendment.

**Workshop adjourned** , time elapsed: 1 hour, 58 minutes and 15 seconds.

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## P&Z Commission Meeting - May 1

*by Tamara Blodgett*

The P&Z Commission convened together with the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Paulie Carluccio, Jenny Chissus, Jim Hopkins and Bobbie Sweatt. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes with City Manager Kurt Reynertson in attendance.

Public Hearings without notice:

Councilman McInnes brought forward that this past summer Dr. Stranik had submitted a proposal for his property, Lot 1, Block 13 that he needed 15’ on the

development that he was proposing. He will be bringing this to the attention of the Commission in the near future.

**Consideration of Site Plans:**

Building Permit Submitted by Isabelle Harbaugh, Lot 9, Block 9, Waterfront Resubdivision #3

This application is for an 8x20, 160-sq. ft. steel (Connex) storage unit to be placed on the property commonly known as the "Mad Fish" property. The existing deck will be replaced with a smaller footprint being used.

*Action: Unanimously approved*

**Replat submitted by Warren Polsky, Lot 4A, Block 26, Seldovia Townsite.**

Commission Member Chissus has a conflict of interest and will not be voting on this application.

This is currently a single lot that Mr. Polsky wishes to have replatted into two, separate lots. He would like to make the properties more saleable by replatting. After some explanation, it was determined that even though there is an existing water line that serves both structures on each proposed lot. City workers could not determine that it was a functioning line for the smaller structure of the two. It is Mr. Polsky's responsibility to establish the proper water connection. Commission Member Blodgett recommended that the replat be approved with the stipulation that water service be provided (to both lots individually) by The City with the cost born by the property owner. Commission Member Sweatt felt that the application was received too late to be properly researched by the Commission. P&Z Chairwoman, Paulie Carluccio would like to act on this and have it settled. Commission Member Blodgett moved to approve the replat of the lot from one to two with the stipulations that any structures encroaching on the setbacks are taken care of and the utilities separated between the two structures.

*Action: Unanimously approved.*

**Parks and Recreation Committee Request for Park on Lot 1, Block 13, Waterfront Resubdivision**

This is the "pie-shaped" lot that was the favorite in the survey that was generated by P&R. P&Z has recommended to City Council that this lot zoning designation be changed from Public to Commercial Marine.

Public Presentation:

For the park...

Several members of the Public came forward to voice their opinions on the park. Mary Glover noted that last year a poll was circulated with a tally of 97 individual adult signatures received in favor of a public park on Lot 1, Block 13. Recently, a survey was prepared and mailed to all post office box holders and the majority vote was in favor of a public park on Lot 1, Block 13. Glover stated that a park in this area will reflect well on Seldovia and have a positive impact for citizens and visitors alike. Glover feels that this lot alone will not "make or break" The City's financial fortitude. Glover would like to see the view saved for now and the future of all peoples that will visit and live in Seldovia.

Kris Lethin is in favor of the proposed park. He feels it is not a very big lot and it is something people see frequently when they come into town. Lethin says the view is the best from that lot versus some other waterfront lots. Lethin noted that the seating would be greatly improved for the 4th of July and other events in the community.

A few years ago, Gerry Willard had decided to put a horseshoe pit down in the area where the proposed park would be, and stated it was greatly used. Willard

mentioned that he has seen Main Street businesses started that were a front for people wanting residences on the water and feels that Main Street has been "prostituted." Willard says that the voice of the people needs to be listened to. When one third of the people of Seldovia sign a petition, that is a significant number and should count for something.

Peggy Keesecker favors that park and reminded everyone that this lot is zoned "Public" and is for public use. Keesecker has felt, almost from the first week they moved into their home, that this lot would make a perfect park. She feels it's in a very central location and would be "eye-catching."

Happy Schneider also likes the park being located on Lot 1, Block 13. Schneider believes majority rules. She says they allow people passing through to sit on their deck and enjoy the view or eat their lunch and thinks the park would be used.

Against the park...

Mike Webber respectfully mentioned that the parks that we currently have should be cleaned up and maintained on a regular basis. Webber mentioned that historically, that has not happened. He used Lollipop Park as a case in point; Webber says it's an embarrassment.

Carol Meyers agrees with Mr. Webber. A lot of areas we already have are an "eye sore" to the community. Let's take care of what we already have that has not been finished.

Commission Discussion:

Commission Member Blodgett questioned why Lollipop Park has not been finished. Ms. Glover addressed that the equipment has all been purchased, with plans already drawn up and George Olivera, Jim Hopkins and the City Manager could get together to establish a plan. Glover mentioned that this is the first year that she has been Chair of P&R and hopes that construction can start this summer. Commission Member Chissus wanted to know if money was the hold-up. Glover says that it is not the issue. The stability of the ground wall and the creosote are the issues.

Chairwoman Carluccio had concerns about the survey when she saw it. She was uncomfortable that people were asked to put their names on it. Some people did not vote because their name was required on the survey.

Commission Member Chissus appreciates everyone's passion for the park. She feels that she needs more assurance that the park sustainability will continue. An example she gave was the Boys and Girls Club. This community made this happen. However, five years later the B&G Club is floundering and the support is no longer there. Carluccio noted that all the other parks are in disrepair, yet another park is being contemplated. Commission Member Sweatt is against the park from the very beginning. She used the Harbormaster grounds as an example. If Doug Perrin was not care-taking it who would? Sweatt is in favor of the other lot that was on the survey.

Commission Member Hopkins wants to finish and maintain the parks we already have rather than establish another park. Lollipop Park was used as an example. It was maintained for a decade faithfully but now it has fallen into disrepair and no one can enjoy it. Furthermore, Hopkins feels that this needs to be taken to the City Council. P&Z has recommended that the lot be rezoned Commercial Marine. Ultimately, The City Council will make the decision about the park.

A motion was made by Commission Member Blodgett to keep Lot 1, Block 13 recommendation for rezoning from "Public" to "Commercial Marine." Action: Motion passes 4-1.

*Commission Member Chissus was a no vote.*

**Ordinance 06-10, Building Code Revisions:**

A 28' foot building height has been recommended to City Council. City Manager Reynertson has asked if that height will be modified after intensive joint workshop discussion between P&Z and the City Council.

Councilman McInnes noted that with the many variables encountered in building in Seldovia, there should be some way to temper, with some additional sentences, latitude to the applicant. McInnes thinks the paperwork can be intimidating to some and wants the applicant to be aware of our variance procedures from the start of the application process.

Under Commission Discussion...

Commission Member Blodgett would like to amend the Building Code Height Restriction to 32' with a two and half-story maximum. This would allow attic space used as living space if so desired.

Commission Member Hopkins didn't think the difference between 32' and 35' as being that big of a difference. Hopkins thinks 28' is too low. Commission Member Sweat mentioned that she doesn't understand what difference it makes if it is one, two, or three stories as long as it is under the height restriction.

Blodgett responded that the aesthetics are affected by story heights. Two, to two and a half story will look good and meet the height restriction.

Carluccio noted there was definitely a difference in the building heights. She mentioned that she had been eating supper in the upper story of her building and said that she could see the mountains over the Fire Hall Building. However, if the building height had been "maxed" out to the current height restriction of 35', the view would have been completely obstructed. Carluccio thinks this would be the affect from other residences also.

A motion to change the height restriction to 32' with no more than two and one half stories was made by Commission Member Blodgett and seconded by Hopkins. Action: Approved 4-1. Commission Member Sweatt was the no vote.

#### **Commission Member's ending comments...**

City Manager Reynertson commented that the number one response to the survey that he heard was that neither lot was wanted. The number two comment that was heard was to get Lollipop Park back to where it was. The number three comment was that they wished to remain anonymous. Number four was why can't we keep up the parks we have(?). The preceding comments were unsolicited.

Commission Member Hopkins didn't appreciate the limited choices offered by the survey. However, he noted that he hopes that the Commission has not offended Parks and Rec. in their tireless efforts and work they have gone through for the betterment of the community.

Commission Member Chissus voted no because she maintains that The City should keep the lot zoned "Public" but does not support the park due to all the reasons the Commission has discussed.

Commission Member Blodgett commends people taking a stance. He does not think that his four boys will be at the park's hypothetical gazebo. Rather, he thinks they will be hiking in the mountains and fishing in the creeks. He would like to realize the installation of Lollipop Park.

Meeting Adjourned: Time elapsed: 2 hours, 7 minutes and 52 seconds.

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**Lt. Gov. Leman certifies application to abolish  
daylight saving time in Alaska**

*Press Release*

( Juneau ) - Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman today announced he has certified an application for an initiative entitled, "An act providing that this state exempts itself and all of its political subdivisions from advanced time, also known as daylight saving time, whenever daylight saving time is observed in each calendar year," designated 06DAYS by the Division of Elections.

The initiative's prime sponsors are Lynn C. Willis, Joann Jackinsky and Robert G. Hall Jr.

Lt. Governor Leman made the decision to certify the application based on input from the Department of Law, and consultation with the Division of Elections.

The initiative must be filed within one year from the date notice is given that the petition booklets are ready for delivery (AS 15.45.140). The petition must be signed by qualified voters at least equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the last General Election, who are resident in at least three-fourths of the House districts of the State and who, in each of these House districts, are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who voted in the preceding General Election in the House district.

The number of signatures the group needs to gather is based on the 2004 General Election (6 AAC 25.240 (i)). At least 31,451 qualified voters from 30 election districts must sign the petition.

To view the Lieutenant Governor's letter to the initiative's sponsors click [here](#).

**NOTE:** Initiative petitions are not "approved" or "disapproved" by the Lieutenant Governor, rather they are "certified" or "not certified." State law specifies criteria that must be met for an initiative to be certified.

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## Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 30

Greetings from Juneau on this 112th day of the Legislative Session. We had a rainy/snowy weekend while we continue to work on PPT. The operating budget is almost complete in conference committee, but neither House nor Senate capital budgets are finalized and we are still working to get priority items included. We are operating under the '24 hour Rule' (24 hour public notice, as opposed to the 5 day notice earlier in the session) and bills are moving rapidly. If you are following any bills, check the internet daily.

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## Special Notices

*The Fourth of July is a'comin sooner than you think!!*

Now is the time to consider your opportunities to sell your great food item at the

Chamber FOOD booth.

If you are the first to request a certain item, you'll be the only one to carry that item. We have the forms for your use to get the DEC permit, which must be turned in NO LATER THAN JUNE 1st.

Please contact Darlene Crawford to get the permit form, let us know your menu item, (and whether you need electricity) or if you'd like a different type of booth - i.e. Sales, games, or whatever.

Phone 234-7625 days at SNA or 234-7668 evenings

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### *Seldovia Pet Clinic - May 17.*

#### *Sign up for appointments at the Post Office*

Homer Veterinary Clinic is coming back ... they are looking forward to their annual clinic in Seldovia. Appointments will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 PM so they can return to Homer! They will also consider having a Fall (September) clinic if there is sufficient community support and commitment. (They want feedback from all of use concerning a return visit.)

When you sign up for the pet clinic, to be held on May 17, 2006 you MUST put a contact phone number down. If they cannot reach you, there most likely will not be available appointment space for your pet. Also let them know how many pets you plan to bring to the clinic, their names and what you wish to have done. This clinic will be for wellness check ups, pedicures, vaccination updates, worming, microchip placement and providing educational information. They will not be doing surgeries.

If you have questions regarding your pet's needs, please call ahead of the clinic date to 235-8960 so they can have the records and correct supplies available. Sign up sheets need to be faxed to HVC by May 15th and they will be calling owners with appointment times. Available appointments will be directly related to the number of pets to be seen so signing up early is advisable.

*Thanks to Cheryl Reynolds for submitting the HVC's notice!*

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### **Tidbits . . .**



Seldovia's new fish cleaning station is home!

### City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> No Report this week <<

### Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

>> Repeat Story <<

Police received a report of vehicle lights being shinned into a residence and flashed from high beam to low beam repeatedly. The incident occurred at 2:30 am and, due to the darkness, neither the vehicle nor those involved could be recognized. Anyone having information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Police Department.

Following a complaint from a citizen that a vehicle left parked on the roadway was causing some traffic problems, Police contacted the owner asked that the vehicle be moved. The vehicle was moved without delay and further action by Police was not necessary.

A 3 gallon plastic boat gas tank and hose were reportedly taken from a Zodiac rubber boat while the boat was parked in the Russian Trailer Park. The theft occurred within the last two weeks. Approximately 2 gallon of mixed gas was in the tank at the time of the theft.

A bear skull that was found on the beach near the commercial boat haul out ramp was turned into Police. The skull had been sealed with a Fish & Game metal seal and the owner was contacted and the skull was returned. The skull had been inadvertently thrown away when the freezer was being cleaned out.

Police assisted the City Maintenance Department in the launching of two boats with the use of City equipment.

Not a lot to report this time but with spring and summer coming I'm sure the report will be more news worthy in the future. Remember, no news is good news when reported by the Police in a forum such as this.

Since last report the Police have Notarized 3 documents, stopped one person for speeding, wrote two citations for "Dog at Large" and fielded phone calls about those (#&\$@\*) wild turkeys on a number of occasions. In the last week no complaints about the turkeys have been received and they have not been making the rounds and annoying people and eating the buds and new flower shoots as they were in the past. I'm told arrangements are being made to secure the birds so they will not be a problem in the future. I truly hope this information is correct.

I would like to reiterate concerning the influx of black bears into our community when the snow does recede enough so they can see their way out of their dens. Start early in keeping your garbage and other edibles up and we could possibly discourage the bears from remaining in town when they do come in to check it out. Last year in a period of 1 and ½ months the Seldovia Police Department received 26 bear related calls. I'm sure some of these were repeat offenders but they found a food source or they most probably would not have returned. We do need to hear from you if a bear is in your neighborhood. We don't want to take a chance and have someone hurt so let us know and we'll do what we can to get the bears out of town or eliminate the ones that are a threat.

