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Top Stories

City Dock Grant Approved!

by Tamera Blodgett

Needed infrastructure monies now available...

The Denali Commission has approved the City Dock Grant for the whole amount of \$454,000. This is a great boon to Seldovia as needed repairs and infrastructure updating was sorely needed in this area. This puts Seldovia one step closer in realizing it's goal in updating the things that keeps the City viable and functioning.

Mayor Wyland publicly thanked City Manager Kurt Reynertson and Vista Grant Writer Lisa O'Leary for their combined efforts and follow-through that ultimately led to the success of this grant. Good news for Seldovia!

Title 5 Grant Approved!

by Tamara Blodgett

One more year of funding for the Club...

The Boys and Girls Club will see the next year in the black! The Title 5 Grant has been approved and will give the B&G Club much-needed monies from August through May of 2007.

In addition, the hard working boys and girls of Seldovia put in time last Friday to beautify the surrounding area of around the Club, the school and the City.

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SBE End-of-School Year Picnic *by Tamara Blodgett*

A fun treat to kick-off summer...

Young and old gathered today in beautiful, mid-sixties weather to enjoy a barbecue hosted by the Susan B. English Staff (Principal Curtis Liberty showed his hand at the BBQ-er!). A more perfect day we could not have had! All the kids dressed like summer was already here in their tanks and shorts. The kids were itching and ready for summer break to begin and soaking in the first great weather of summer. Everyone was abuzz with talk of summer jobs, fishing and playing!

School

School News



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

After a great BBQ of hamburgers with all the fixings and sandwiches, the 7th through 12th graders played a great game of softball. There were a few adults “supervising” the game while *they* played! The K through 3rd graders were having a free swim time to round out their last day of the year. All the hard work had been done and the last day was for fun.

See you next year and good luck on summer holiday!

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SBE School Concert 2006*by Tamara Blodgett****SBE Band/Choir hails summer with song...***

Seldovia enjoyed a treat last Friday evening when Susan B. English Band/Choir Class provided musical entertainment to a packed house.

As introduction to the evening, Junior Dustin Baines and Freshman Joel Blodgett played trumpet with the eternal favorite, Star Spangled Banner. Following, the High School Band played Regal March, Sarabande and Northern Lights. As special guests, a trio of local girls played violin to the delight of the audience. They were the youngest participants, with the youngest being 7 and the oldest just 11. They did a fantastic job and share the same violin instructor, Mary Glover.



Former SBE Band and Choir Instructor, Rod Hilts, played a solo rendition of Trumpeter's Lullaby that was a special treat, as we have not heard the elder Hilts in recent times.

Senior Emily Haynes, in her last high school ensemble, paired with Dustin Baines and 8th grader Chelsea Suydam for a trio piece using Baritone Saxophone, trumpet and flute, respectively.

Rounding out the night Senior Deidre Cameron and Freshman Jordan Geagel sang a fun duet in a loose adaptation from the movie, "High School Musical," that has seen recent popularity on the Disney Channel. It is great to note that Geagel jumped in *that day* to perform the duet with Cameron.

In a tribute to deceased *and* remembered classmate, Brooke (Brookie) Haynes, the children sang the song, "I Can Only Imagine." A song that speaks to our heart's hope of what heaven may be like when we arrive. Guest Drummer and Sophomore Tyler Tucker performed on the drums for this number.

Director Laurel Hilts has had a successful year filled with challenges as well as accomplishments. All the hard work has been worth it for the kids and the community. Hilts credits her kids in large part to the success of the year. Hilts commented, "I am very pleased with the Spring Concert because I think it was an opportunity for the students to show a culmination of all the work they had done throughout the year in music. It was every day in band and choir and it took a lot of work. I particularly appreciated the students that put in extra time for the Christmas Program, the Region Two Music Festival and for doing this



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as well. It was a fantastic year and I hope that in the future we will be able to continue doing programs like that.”

[Click here for more details by Joy Smith](#)

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City Council Meeting - May 24 *by Tamara Blodgett*

Seldovia City Council convened together with the following members present: Peggy Boscacci, Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Mark Massion and Walter McInnes. Mayor Dick Wyland presided with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes and City Manager Kurt Reynertson in attendance.

City Council Modified Agenda was approved. Old Business numbers 3 & 4 were deleted from this agenda and tabled.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

Planning and Zoning Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is June 5. The Comprehensive Plan Meeting met Monday and they are continuing to work on the revisions. Borough P&Z continues to work on gravel pits.

Kenai Borough is continuing to fine-tune the gravel pit zoning and usage.

Chamber of Commerce is busy with the upcoming Chainsaw Carving Contest slated for this holiday weekend.

Nothing for Arts Council, SOS, and Fish and Game.

Parks and Rec. plans on focusing on the construction and completion of Lollypop Park this summer.

17B Trails Committee: the BLM proposes to locate and mark some of the 17B Trails this summer.

Old Business

Lollypop Park Design and Approval is a plan to initiate the approval of a ten-year old design plan for Lollypop Park . Councilman Massion commented that he would like to see the creosote used on the retention portion of the park covered. Mayor Wyland affirmed that this design had met the approval of the prior council.

Action: Approved Unanimously with the creosote contingency.

Ordinance 06-12, FY07 Budget, this revised budget for The City has raised the allocations for insurance and decreased the allocations for several maintenance accounts. These were the only changes from the original introduction of this balanced budget.

Action: Amended Budget approved unanimously.

New Business

Incentives Proposed by the City for New Businesses

The City of Seldovia would like to encourage start-up businesses toward furthering economic development. There are various ways to promote businesses. City Manager Kurt Reynertson favors an “in-kind” type of incentive. It will ensure goodwill while eliciting economic growth. A letter was introduced by Reynertson that he received from a new business start-up named Sea Tow. This is just the sort of business that illustrates Reynertson’s point. Sea Tow is asking the City to subsidize their slip rental. This would be the “in-kind” type of incentive Reynertson refers to. Councilwoman Boscacci would like to explore this particular incentive, in addition to future incentives that would need to be addressed. Boscacci recommended a City Council Workshop to brainstorm different ways to achieve a format that would be efficiently responsive to new businesses needs as they arise. The Workshop was set to 1 hour before the next Regular City Council Meeting (June 14).

Action: Council will meet for a workshop preceding the next regular Council Meeting.

Bids Received on Lot 5A, Block 27 Seldovia Townsite:

A full-price bid has been submitted for the above lot for the purposes of storage and public parking. This lot is located on the corner of Kachemak and Willow Streets. Council discussion ranged from the future owner complying with the zoning for that lot, to wishing to see a taxable structure on the property that has the potential to procure taxes for the City.

Action: Approved for sale 4-2. No votes: Councilman Massion and McInnes.

Resolution 06-23, Setting the FY07 Mil Rate:

This resolution proposes not to increase the Mil Rate.

Action: Approved unanimously.

See City Manager’s Report below.

Manager, Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:

Councilman Massion will be leaving end-of-June. There will need to be a replacement for his seat in the interim from June through October. In October, Massion’s seat will need to be filled permanently.

Mayor Wyland would like to put out a public notice that we have not received enough moisture to adequately soak the ground. He would like precluding the potential for fires by asking people to not burn outdoors at this time. Wyland noted an exception to that would be a small bonfire at Outside Beach with water used as the method of putting it out.

Mayor Wyland also wished to thank City Manager Reynertson and Vista Grant Writer Lisa O'Leary for their hard work on the City Dock Grant. This grant was approved for the whole amount of \$454,000.

Councilman Gain wished to thank Mayor Wyland for his hard work on the success of the Silver Salmon smolt that Seldovia will be receiving in mid-June.

City Manager Reynertson wished to publicly thank Everett Boscacci for scanning old documents for the City (resolutions and ordinances).

Next Meeting: June 14, 2006 .

Meeting Adjourned: 47 minutes and 56 seconds.

Chain Saw Carving Contest Slated for Memorial Day Weekend in Seldovia

by Mary Glover

>> Repeat Story <<

Seven professional carvers to compete May 25-29

Seldovia's first Chainsaw Carving Contest! Come join in the fun on Memorial Day Weekend and watch seven professional carvers create their works of art. The contestants are: Toby Craft of Seldovia, Steve Curtis of Soldotna, Paul Comolli of Juneau, Jarret Dahl of Soldotna, Scott Hanson of Soldotna, Jamie Rothenbuhler of Wasilla, and Scott Thompson of Anchorage.



Carvers will be carving on May 26, 27, and 28th from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM in tents at the old cannery site (next to Seldovia Fuel & Hardware.) Every day at 11:00 AM, there will be a "quick carve competition" where each carver creates a smaller carving that will be auctioned on Sunday, May 28th at 2:00 PM. Come enjoy a fun get-away weekend in Seldovia and watch these artists work! Click on the links below for information on transportation and lodging:

www.seldovia.com

[Seldovia Chamber of Commerce](#)

The M/V Tustumena (Alaska Marine Highway - (907) 234-7643) will be coming to Seldovia earlier in the day on Sunday, May 28 to accommodate day trips for this event. Check with the Terminal Ferry office for your

ticket! The Rainbow Connection and the Discovery, tour boats, will be running and Smokey Bay Air and Homer Air will be flying.

Final Judging, Awards Ceremony and Auction will be at 2:00 PM on May 29th – Prize money for the top three winners totals \$3,500!

Schedule of Events

Friday, 26 May

- 7:30 AM - Log drawing by carvers at the carving site
- 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Carvers at work
- 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM - Quick Carve Competition
- 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM - Lunch for carvers on site
- 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Carvers at work

Saturday, 27 May

- 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Carvers at work
- 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM - Quick Carve Competition
- 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM - Lunch for carvers on site
- 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Carvers at work

Sunday, 28 May

Special Tustumena Schedule this day:

Arrive in Seldovia: 11:00 AM, depart 6:00 PM

The lunchroom will be open and serving THE WHOLE TIME anyone can come aboard to purchase a lunch.

- 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Carvers at work
- 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM - Quick Carve Competition
- 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM - Lunch for carvers on site
- 2:00 PM Public auction of Quick Carvings - EVERYONE COME!
- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Carvers at work

Monday, 29 May

- 8:00 AM to 1100 AM - Carvers complete their projects
- 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM – Judging of carvings
- 2:00 PM - Announcement of Awards - EVERYONE COME!
- 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM – Carving teams load up and depart

Special Notices

Clean-up Day a great success!

by Paul Chissus

Thanks to the Chamber for providing great prize incentives to the Boys & Girls Club to help with clean-up day! On May 19, 2006 we organized a clean-up crew to spruce up the community during clean-up week. The crew was comprised of over 18 youth who helped to clean the school grounds and all adjoining roads to the school area as well as city property and main street. We

managed to fill an entire van with trash from the side of our roads! We had three Club members who won the drawing for "clean-up cash" ; Calem, Mattea and Samuel were the "BIG" winners of this years clean-up!

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

Tidbits . . .

Ran across a new EagleCam website in British Columbia . . . 2 new chicks and the parents. This is live streaming video and works OK with Seldovia's DSL but is probably too slow for dial-up connections.



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City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Managers Report for the period covering May 6- May 19

- HEA notified the city that they would not be able to start the 3-phase work until the week of June 12. I have coordinated this date with Liberty Electric. I also have a proposal from Liberty Electric to install a generator for the Community Building (covered by grant funds)

- The elevator for the Community Building is scheduled to ship from the manufacturer on Friday, May 26. It should arrive Anchorage the following week. Alaska Stairlift and Elevator will make arrangements to ship the elevator to Seldovia and to install.
- The new fish cleaning float is now operational. We also salvaged the old fish cleaning float by installing a stainless steel table and recovered both tables. This has increased our capacity significantly. The new fish float cleaning fee of \$10.00 is now in affect. Slip owners are of course able to use the floats at no charge. Hopefully everyone will participate in enforcement of float fees. The Harbor Master and the Harbor Master Assistants will be diligent in collecting fees, but they will require assistance from the Seldovia boating public. This new float cost the citizens of Seldovia quite a bit and is there for the benefit of Seldovia slip owners and harbor users who pay their fair share. Please help by reminding those that you do recognize as slip owners to please pay the Harbor Master for use of the fish cleaning floats. New signs are being made to help remind people to pay and will be installed shortly.
- The procurement packages for those items the city will be directly purchasing for the Small Boat Harbor project are ready and are being advertised. The city will be purchasing the steel piles, the gangway, the copper cable, and the lighting/electrical pedestals.
- The King Salmon smolt will be arriving on May 30. The plans are to keep them in Fish Creek for a short period of time before releasing them. The first Silver Salmon smolt should arrive by mid June. We will again use Fish Creek to keep them in for a short period before releasing.
- The Harbor Master Office is now open 7 days a week from 9AM – 9PM .
- The bull rails on marginal float 2 will be receiving a fresh coat of paint (white and safety yellow).
- The City has supported the Chamber of Commerce in preparing for the Chain Saw Carving contest to be held over Memorial Day weekend. The old cannery site will be used and City personnel have assisted in moving picnic tables, trash cans, and tent foundations to the site.
- We have tentative word from the Denali Commission that we have been awarded the full grant relating to City Dock improvements. This grant was one that Lisa and I, along with a couple of members of the community, put together and will significantly improve our city dock. The grant is for \$454,000 and includes new lighting, new approach, new rails, new cranes and stations and various other sundry safety features.
- The City and the Boys and Girls Club were successful in our application for a Title V grant for \$45,000 for the Boys and Girls Club. This money will be available for the start of the school year. The club will still have to close this summer due to a funding shortage, but at least will be able to open for the school year.
- Finally, many thanks to Everett Boscacci who has volunteered many hours of his time to help scan old city records over the last couple of months. Without his volunteered time , this necessary work would not have been able to be accomplished in the foreseeable future

Seldovia Police Report by *A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police*

A report was taken from persons kayaking in Seldovia Bay that when they passed by the Chilkat, which is anchored across the Bay, they heard an alarm

going off. After receiving the report the owner was notified by the Police.

Dogs barking all night in an area of the Barabara Heights Subdivision and keeping persons awake was reported to Police. The owner of the dogs was contacted and told of the complaint. He told the Police his dogs were keeping the bears away from his property. He was informed that bears are present near all the properties in that area but a person could not disrupt his neighbors in an attempt to keep them away. Even though unhappy that he was contacted in this regard he told the Officer he would see what he could do about the problem. No reports have since been received.

When the street sweeper was in Seldovia doing the streets the Harbor Parking Lot had numerous vehicles parked in it and the Police moved all but one of the vehicles so that area could also be cleaned.

Police were notified about an unexpended Military Ordinance that had floated onto McDonald Spit. The Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team at Ft. Richardson Army Base in Anchorage was notified and requested digital photographs be taken and sent to them. After having received the photos from the Police Department two of the EOD team came to Homer the following day and were transported to McDonald Spit by the Alaska State Troopers on the Public Safety Boat. Police met the officers when they arrived and assisted them in the destruction of the Ordinance. It was taken to the gravel pit at the top of Barabara Creek and was destroyed with C-4 explosives. The Ordinance was a phosphorus flare that was housed in a wooden box. It was dangerous in that, if ignited, it could cause serious burn injuries. When the Ordinance was destroyed the explosion was considerably louder than expected and did cause concern by many in the Barbara Heights Subdivision. We apologize for any concerns this may have caused in the area.

An Army EOD officer lost his cell phone during the transport of the flare to the gravel pit. Upon searching the areas traveled, as well as the McDonald Spit area, the officers left without finding the phone. It is a silver and black phone housed in a black leather carrier. If it is found please turn it in to the Police Department.

Police received civil papers and served them on a local resident after being requested to do so.

A complaint was taken regarding the playing of loud music by a neighbor, which the complainant found very disturbing. The person playing the music was notified of a complaint and felt the music was not as disturbing as other noises in the neighborhood, however, the music was turned down and no further complaints were received.

Two people came to the Police Department requesting fingerprinting be taken as was required by their employers.

A complaint of a dog that was tied out and was allowed to bark and howl all day was taken. The owners of the animal were told of the complaint and have made adjustments and the dog seems to no longer be a problem.

A report of an attempted entry to the SBE School was taken. A person or persons attempted to force open a window in an effort to enter the school but evidence indicates they were not successful. However, the hardware on the

window was damaged and had to be replaced. Anyone having information regarding this attempted entry is asked to contact the Police Department.

A man reported the theft of approximately 25 lbs. of dog food which was taken from his shop sometime during the day on May 24th in the Barabara Heights Subdivision. The dog food was there in the morning when he fed his dog but when he was going to feed the dog that evening the food was gone. Nothing else was reportedly taken from the shop area even though numerous items of value were present. Anyone having information in this matter is asked to call the Police.

Police have notarized 6 documents, responded to 4 requests for assistance, assisted the Maintenance Department in the launching of 7 boats and one fuel float, sealed 5 black bears hunters have taken, have given two verbal warnings for persons exceeding the speed limit and one written warning for a registration violation since last report, assisted one motorist with battery problems and provided transportation for one man who was attempting to catch an airplane and was running late..

