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Seldovia's July 4, 2006



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Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of
Keith Baker
November 22, 1945 - July 21, 2006



No Newspaper on July 27.
We're going on vacation!
See you again on August 3

Top Stories

Jack English Lollipop Park

by Tamara Blodgett

A terrific play place for Seldovia's tots...

Lollipop Park is currently getting a facelift from some involved citizens here in town. Located in an adjacent lot to the Crab Pot Grocery, this park will be designed for the preschool to early elementary set. Plans for equipment are a sandbox, elevated playhouse, and a series of interlocking, ground level tunnels (called "moving tunnels") for kids to climb through.

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Seldovia Boat Slips

Books and Coffee



The concept for updating The Jack English Lollipop Park (informally coined “Lollipop Park ”), came about a decade ago. Local Seldovians’ Ronene Gain and Chris Oliveira began contemplation of an update on the park. The play equipment was outdated and aging and they felt the time had come for updated safety-code-approved equipment. Gain and Oliveira began the task of raising money for the new equipment. However, their efforts were slowed substantially by issues of regulation, safety codes, and assorted red tape.

School

▶ **SBE Graduation 2006!**
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Tenacity pays off...

The silver lining with the project getting off the ground is that the money was raised and the main hurdle has been addressed and resolved. The creosote coated railroad ties that are being used to hold the embankment that is behind the park will be covered so there is no physical contact between the creosote and the children that play at the park. Reinforced plastic with rough-cut lumber will be used to cover the railroad ties that would negate the issue of contact. This stall point is now a non-issue.

Notices & Newsletters

▶ [The Seldovia Visitor 2006, Seldovia Chamber of Commerce. Click here to download PDF \(6mb\)](#)

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

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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

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2005 PhotoStories

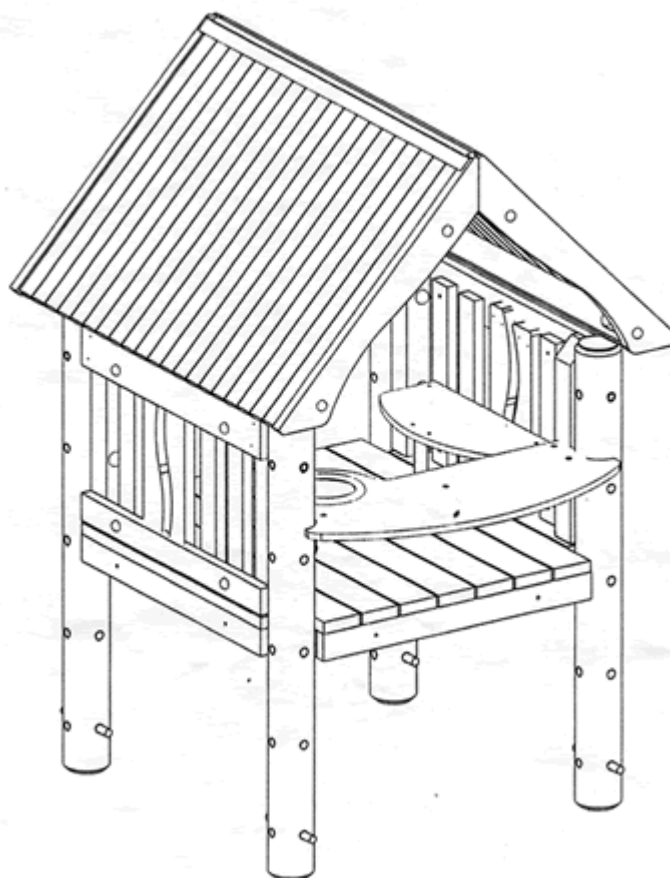
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Photo Archives

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Classified Rates



Railroad ties are still needed for finishing the remaining portion of embankment control. Gain is working closely with a couple of people to procure the necessary railroad ties needed. A cement retaining wall will also need to be added after the installation of the remaining ties.

There are long-term plans that in the future larger equipment may be added for slightly older children to play on as funding allows. Right now, there are sufficient funds that have been raised for the aforementioned equipment.

*Many hands **do** make light work...*

Gain mentioned that she appreciates the diligent support of other Seldovians' that care about the parks' completion. George Oliveira has tirelessly devoted a portion of his time the past several Saturdays for dozer work. Mike Webber, Chris Oliveira, Jere and Sandy Murray, and Gordon and Carlina Giles have also devoted their time and energy for the follow-through necessary to complete a long range project such as this one.

► [Instructions and rate sheet](#)



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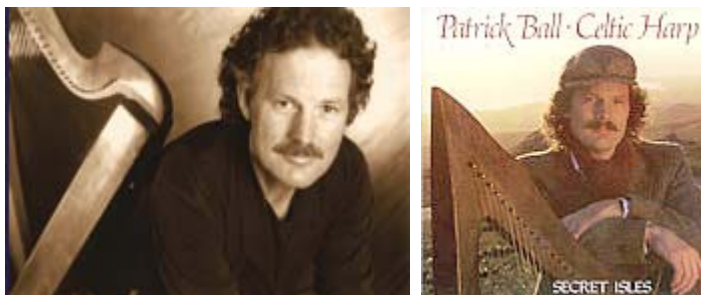


Seldovia is unique...

Where else would you find devotion like this in a town of just 300? Seldovia continues to revitalize and improve by big things getting done. The volunteers in this project no longer have little ones of this age that would utilize this park. However, Seldovia has always been a place where children are top priority and will continue to be that way for years to come.

Patrick Ball Concert in Seldovia on July 29

by Susan Zerwick



On July 29, journey into Irish history and mythology with Celtic harpist and storyteller Patrick Ball. Patrick will perform his solo musical theater piece *'The Fine Beauty of the Island'* at 8pm at the Susan B. English School. Patrick Ball is one of the premier Celtic harp players in the world today and a captivating storyteller in the Celtic tradition. He has recorded nine instrumental and three spoken word albums which have sold well over one-half million copies internationally and earned national awards in both the music and spoken word categories. His two solo musical theater pieces, *'O'Carolan's Farewell to Music'* and *'The Fine Beauty of the Island'* have toured throughout North America and won critical and popular acclaim wherever they have played. In *'The Fine Beauty of the Island'* Patrick uses story telling punctuated with Irish humor, penny whistle and his own authentic Celtic harp to transport you to a vanished world. ([website](#)) An entrancing play...mystical and enchanting... bound by heavenly strands of music. It's beautiful." — Santa Rosa Press Democrat

8:00 PM, Susan B. English School. Tickets are available at the door. Ticket prices are \$15 adult/ \$8 child, \$35 family or season ticket pass.

Susan Ball Oil Painting Workshop in Seldovia on July 28-29

by Susan Zerwick



Artist Susan R. Ball will hold a plein-air (open-air) oil painting workshop July 27 through 29. Susan, who has been painting for more than 20 years, originally focused on detailed still-life studies. Influenced by the Italian masters, she used glazing and many layers of paint to achieve a rich and detailed portrait of her subject. More recently Susan has branched out into her own style, especially plein-air studies and a somewhat looser interpretation of still-life. Having grown up on a farm in England, being out doors is second nature to her, and as a former botanist and biologist she has a great interest in the structure and function of plants. Currently she lives in Sonoma County California where she paints the beautiful California countryside and uses the bounty of the local farmer's markets as subjects for her indoor studies. ([website](#))

The workshop will begin with an evening overview meeting, followed by two days of painting in the great outdoors or, if the weather is cold or rainy, at the Seldovia Rowing Club. Susan will work with each participant on their own individual level. Paintings from the workshop will be on display during the Patrick Ball performance on the 29th.

There is a \$100 fee for this workshop, and signup is required by July 21. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity! Call 234-7614 for Supply List

City Council Meeting - July 12

by Tamara Blodgett

The City Council convened together this past Wednesday with the following members present: Peggy Boscacci, Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, and Walter McInnes. The seat vacated by former Councilman Mark Massion will be filled during this meeting. Mayor Wyland presided with City Manager Kurt Reynertson in attendance and Ronda Haynes taking minutes.

Ordinance Introduction

Ordinance 07-01, Creation of Port Authority and Authorization of Referendum Election . This is an ordinance to create Port Authority for Seldovia. There will be two public hearings scheduled for July 26th and August 9th respectively (both will coincide with the next two Council Meetings).

Action: Introduction of Ordinance approved unanimously.

Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda

Tim Robertson came forward to discuss the design options for the new ferry that would serve the Kachemak Bay area. This “ferry survey ” would be mailed out to every property owner that would be served in the Kachemak Bay area by the proposed ferry. He emphasized that they would like to get the survey out “sooner than later” so that feedback could be used effectively for the design and development of a project of this scope. The needs of the community will be paramount in the development of this design. The results of this survey will be available on their website. There is a tentative meeting with the community scheduled in September for the various options that will be made available to the public based on the finding of this survey.

A member of the public, Mike Miller, expressed interest in clarification of what will happen to the grid repair. City Manager Reynertson responded that the grid repair would be addressed as part of the Harbor Renovation scheduled to begin in mid-September at which time it will be repaired and expanded by two feet. This expansion would enable a walkway to become part of the integral design. Councilman Gain wished to clarify what position (of priority) the grid repair held in the list of harbor repairs scheduled to be executed in mid-September.

Another member of the public, Robert Purpura, addressed the issue of ice or “cold-storage” as a use for the old cannery property. He felt that The City could re-appropriate a portion of their funds to provide services for fishermen, set-netters, drifters, pot fishermen, etc. by having such a facility operating on this property. Mayor Wyland said that this and other ideas are something that they are actively working on. He feels it is a year or two out. Purpura felt that it would be to Seldovia’s financial advantage to offer this service to fishermen (currently, fishermen are traveling to Homer for these services).

Reynertson commented that we have been awarded funding for a conceptual design for the old cannery property. This will be brought before the community for their impute. Councilman Gain noted that this avenue of discussion has been addressed before (two years before) when an independent study conducted by the McDowell Group specifically addressed the issue of what would be the best <industrial> use of the old cannery property. The study was submitted and summarily dismissed (by the committee) from the current comprehensive plan. Gain feels that at the council level, the results of this study should not be dismissed off-hand but given full consideration.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

EMS has been busy with normal operation as usual. Nothing to report for **Vista** or **Fire**.

P&Z has nothing to report with meeting resumption scheduled for September.

SOS has nothing to report with office hours maintained on a regular schedule. Nothing to report on **17B Trails**.

Chamber of Commerce has a regularly scheduled meeting for the first Thursday of the month.

Old Business

Appointment of Council Member

This is a Council Seat Appointment that needs to be filled in the interim of its current vacancy and the permanent seat's availability in October. This seat was recently vacated when former Councilman Mark Massion resigned and is an interim seat until the permanent seat is filled this October's election.

A member of the Public, Paulie Carluccio, wanted to express her support for appointee Gerri Patrick for this interim Council Seat Appointment. Carluccio feels she has the necessary experience needed to satisfy the requirements of this position.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Land Sale , Lot 5A, Block 39, Seldovia Townsite Replat

This lot's size is reduced due to a proposed easement. The buyer of this lot wishes to cancel the contract and The City Manager has been authorized to refund his deposit.

Action: Approved unanimously.

New Business

Award of Harbor Lighting Pedestal Material Contract

A bid has been accepted for the Harbor Lighting from Crescent Electric for \$59,750.25. Material for the project is forthcoming with the project slated to begin in September.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Appointment of Kenai Peninsula Economic Development Representative

Mayor Wyland has nominated City Manager Kurt Reynertson to be Seldovia's Economic Development Representative. Councilman McInnes asked Reynertson if he was willing to do the extra work required and he conceded he was. Councilwoman Boscacci wanted to know if this position had been posted and it had not.

Action: Approved unanimously.

City Manager's Report

- The elevator for the multi-purpose room is scheduled for installation this week.
 - Reynertson will be in Sitka and Ketchikan to view the Port Authority operations in those areas and will be fully funded by the Kachemak Bay Ferry Study.
 - He traveled to Soldotna and testified in favor at the assembly meeting of the Kenai Peninsula Borough for the ordinance 2006-21. This addresses the tightening of the senior citizen property tax exemption. This would put this more in line with what the other boroughs are doing. If you are a senior, and you live here full time, you have nothing to worry about, Reynertson noted. This is focused more on the senior that resides on the Kenai Peninsula in a seasonal capacity. They will experience more restrictions on the current exemption. This is currently in the amendment and public discussion timeframe. The final vote on this exemption will be in September.
 - The pressure washer has been installed at the Boat Wash-Down Station. Tokens will be available at the Harbormaster Building and The City Office for washing your vehicle/boat.
- Next Meeting** : July 26, 2006
Meeting Adjourned : 49 minutes and 4 seconds.

Seldovia Culture Camp

by Katie O'Leary

Culture is an important part of the small town we live in. On July 14th and 15th the Seldovia Village Tribe sponsored a two-day Culture Camp. SVT has sponsored this event annually for the last three summers. At Seldovia's Culture Camp kids learn how to use natural resources in their every day life.

This camp has made it possible for kids of all ages to learn and have fun. This year the participating number of kids were around 10-15 of the under 13 age bracket. They have daytime activities for children under the age of thirteen and for teenagers they have an overnight camp at Sea Otter View Lodge. This year's main idea was which plants are edible in nature.





The first day of camp kids participated in collecting edible plants in the woods. Fireweed was one of the plants the kids picked, which is the main ingredient in Fireweed Honey. After this, the kids gathered together to learn how to cook the plants they had collected earlier while also learning what other uses there were for the plants. Later, the younger kids went home for the day and the teenagers learned how to make fresh jam and jelly. Salmon berries are currently ripening, followed by raspberries and finally, blueberries bringing up the rear. When they finished learning that useful skill they went outside and broke into teams to see who could build the best survival shelter.

On Saturday the group went to Outside Beach and learned about edible plants from the beach and refreshed the skills they learned the previous day. After lunch the kids learned how to clean fish and cook them with edible plants harvested from the beach. Lastly, they had fun playing Sea Otter, Kelp, Urchins (a team game) and enjoying dinner before going home with many new skills of how to survive in the wilderness.

City Multi-Purpose Building Elevator *by Mary Glover*

Despite numerous problems and delays, a complete new elevator is finally being installed this week!



Elevator experts Dana Parrish (left) and Joe Rutherford of Alaska Stairlift & Elevator, Anchorage have been working with Seldovia maintenance worker Steve Kroll to complete the installation of the City of Seldovia's new elevator. (Hey guys, thanks for fixing the left hand entry door to the building too - now both sides can be opened!)

Election Registration Deadline

Public Service Announcement

The Division of Elections reminds you that this Sunday, July 23, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or update your current voter registration for the Primary Election on August 22, 2006 . This Sunday, July 23 is also the deadline to update your party affiliation for the Primary Election ballot choice. Your party affiliation on file with the Division will determine which ballot you are eligible to receive.

You may register to vote at any regional elections or municipal clerk's office, the Division of Motor Vehicles and any local library that offers registration. Regional Elections offices will be open on Saturday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, July 23 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for voter registration.

Registration applications are also available online at the Division of Elections' website.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your regional elections office or the Director's office in Juneau at (907) 465-4611, TTY/TDD: (907) 465-3020.

Information and applications for voter registration and absentee voting is available on the Division of Elections' website at:

www.elections.state.ak.us

Special Notices

It's "that" time of year again . . . Property Tax

If you need additional information from the assessors office, click the following link:

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assessors Office

The following pamphlet includes a brief summary of property taxes as they pertain to aircraft and watercraft (1.1 meg pdf file):

KPB Personal Property Tax

Genealogy and Family History Workshop

Workshop Saturday, July 22, 1:00 - 4:00 pm.
Genealogy and Family History Center

Workshop for anyone interested in finding ancestors. No previous experience necessary. Tips for experienced genealogists.

Located in the room under the Seldovia Public Library.

FREE! Call Jan Wyland for additional details: 234-7462

Tidbits . . .

Walking your dogs in Seldovia is quite often an amusing exercise . . .



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> No report this week <<

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

>> No report this week <<



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