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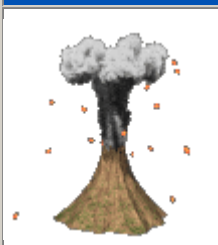
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Property Taxes in Seldovia

by Tamera Blodgett

Taxes in a nutshell...

Seldovia recently received, as a part of our property tax paperwork, a brightly colored flier that broke down the forecasted percentages for the source(s) of the FY2007 General Fund Revenue for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. These percentages are forecasted based on the prior expenditure history from the preceding years FY2004-'05, respectively.

A "pie-graph" was used with the following percentage breakdowns: Property Tax 59.94%, Sales Tax 28.93%, State Revenues 3.64%, Federal Revenues 3.35%, Interest 1.93% and Other Revenues .34%. In looking at each category, Property Tax falls under three different sub-categories: Real Property, Personal Property and Oil and Gas Properties make up this broader category. Smaller categories not included in the graph would also be Motor Vehicle at 2% and Penalty & Interest revenue at 1%. What this graph tells us is where the revenue is generated that "feeds" the Kenai Peninsula Borough's General Fund.

How will our schools be affected in 2007...

Significant projected increases in this fund will be funding School Operations, establishment of Self Insurance Reserve Fund, Wage increase (COLA 3.8%) and a PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) increase. Significant decreases will be seen in School Debt Service Payment, & Transfers to Capital Projects. In Non-Departmental decreases these three areas will be impacted:



Arctic Winter Games, Cook Inlet Salmon Branding, and Peninsula Promotion. Staff Reductions will also take place with an overall decrease of \$1,384,501.

FY2007 vs. FY2006

An increase across the board in funding will be seen in the four categories of: General Government, Education-State, Education-Local and Service Areas/Special Revenue Funds.

Ongoing Projects and Projected Projects Suck the Fund Dry...

A sampling of the three, top-dollar ongoing projects take a lot of the Fund's money to complete. The top three projects using the Fund's monies are the 49 million dollar CPGH (Central Peninsula General Hospital), 17 million dollar South Peninsula Hospital, and lastly (but not all) the 4.6 million dollar 911 & Emergency Management Center. These projects are all medical in nature with the *proposed* FY2007 projects addressing road improvement (in part). The FY2007 projected projects will be (top three money expenditures) 12.5 and 12.0 million-dollar projects on Seward Highway Improvement and a Borough-wide electric grid upgrade through HEA respectively. In addition to the first highway improvement project there will also be a 5.95 million-dollar Williams Port/Pile Bay Road project as well.

What is "mill" rate....?

The technical definition of mill rate is the tax per dollar of assessed property. The rate is expressed in "mills", where one mill is one-tenth of a cent (\$.001), in short, a multiplier.

How does our property tax collection affect our city...

In speaking with City Manager Kurt Reynertson, he emphasized the lack of revenue profit sharing with the state greatly impacted our financial options for maintenance and city infrastructure repair and stewardship. When that was lost (in 2003), Seldovia lost the means of easily balancing its budget. Reynertson's emphasis during his time as City Manager is and continues to be one of tackling the meat and bones of the City's needs. He feels strongly that *infrastructure* needs to be addressed aggressively in ways that it has not been in recent times. He understands these changes are costly and not always visible<to the public> but play a crucial part in the viability of the City's future. Property tax collection is crucial for continued funding for services that the City provides, such as, water and sewer. Those very things are the conveniences and enticements of living within the City's boundaries. Those things are costly to update and maintain.

What about our water...

The current Village Safe Water Act Grant to the tune of 10 million dollars will help pay for a lot of that infrastructure. However, modernization will be required for our current water filtration system that was not foreseen at the time the grant was applied for. Reynertson said that the current system uses a system of "filtration by avoidance." This is stating the obvious; we do not filter our water. Currently, the water is treated through chlorinating. The EPA and other agencies will begin to implement codes and rules making the testing systems required for our small city so rigorous as to be cost-prohibitive. Thus

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forcing the City's hand to use part of the Grant's money toward a filtration system (with a price tag of around 3million). Initializing these systems are proceeded by expensive (and ultimately) very necessary engineering. Projects on this scale need the guidance and planning of professionals. Reynertson emphasized that engineers project the needs of the city not only for today, but the expansion of tomorrow. He does not trust this important process (of updating our antiquated water system) to a less expensive option that is not well thought out. Sometimes the least expensive option is the most costly in the end.

Residency impact on property tax...

A touchy but important point is yearlong residency impact on property tax. Currently, a financial break is given to our over-65 age sector. This age group gets to enjoy the tax benefit of not paying the first 150,000 of assessed property value. This works out well for our seniors. However, many seasonal senior residents may no longer qualify. The Borough is looking at redefining this regulation and adding more specific guidelines. The bottom line is that this rule was meant to give *yearlong* senior residents a financial break. It has been abused (because of loose interpretation) into being a way for senior residents to use their summer properties for a quarter of the year and not give the full amount of taxes that are owed to the Borough but still enjoying the "best" part of the year. This negatively impacts the state, and in smaller part the Borough in two ways; with a seasonal person not contributing to the community but for a portion of the year, and the yearlong residents contributing to both the community and their tax share, in effect carrying the load twofold. Of course, this is a moot point for the senior that is here for most of the year. Reynertson mentioned that we are seeing a "graying" population here in Seldovia. We need every property tax dollar we can muster to continue to provide services. Non-seniors are a crucial demographic for property tax. With less of this demographic we need to focus on making sure that everyone, seasonal or year-round, is paying his or her proper share of tax burden. The current regulation is being very loosely interpreted; this will be addressed and redefined in time.

A necessary evil...

Property taxes are a way of life and never cease to depress. However, this is the method that is used to pay for our way of life. They fund our schools, roads, City, transportation, etc. Tough to swallow, crucial for everything we depend on.

City Council Meeting - August 9 *by Tamara Blodgett*

City Council Members convened together with the following members present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, and Gerry Patrick. Councilwoman Peggy Boscacci is on permanent excused absence and Councilman Walter McInnes had an excused absence for this meeting. Mayor Dick Wyland presided, City Manager Kurt Reynertson was in attendance and City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes.

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Planning and Zoning Commission has rescheduled their regular meeting time from Monday to this Friday.

RCAC has responded to the Environmental Protection Agency call for comments on the proposed Cook Inlet General Oil and Gas National Pollution and Discharge Elimination. RCAC feels the permit makes no effort to reduce the pollution. They are working with the DC to get the allowable pollutants <level> lowered. Another item the RCAC is addressing is for a Comprehensive Navigational Risk Assessment. This has been a 4-5 year ongoing project. RCAC has been working with different agencies and now feel confident that this small study will be executed. They are also conducting a vessel study that is assessing the amount of traffic that moves through Cook Inlet ; which is being funded by the RCAC. The public can visit RCAC's website and sign up for their newsletter. Ms. Reuling will be submitting her resignation by February 2007.

School Board Member , Sunni Hilts, presented a summary of recent activities by the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Hilts mentioned that they would be seeking the comments and ideas from different schools within the district to see what *is* working at the different schools within the district. They will also be working on public relations. This will further their overall goal of excellence in education.

Hilts mentioned that Assistant Superintendent Glen Szymoniak came to visit Seldovia for a public forum held at Susan B. English School to hear some of the comments and concerns that the public wished to present at this time. Hilts was appreciative of his responsiveness and willingness to listen. Furthermore, Hilts addressed one of two main topics that were discussed. The first was regarding the installation of a new fence and gate which bisects the main, frontal parking area with the gym parking, Boys and Girls Club Area and SBE Playground are located. The second topic was the termination of a teacher from last year's roster that was discussed at length. Both Assistant Superintendent Szymoniak and Principal Curtis Liberty clarified the process of hiring that is used by the Borough.

In a separate matter, Hilts addressed the area cost differential (ACD) that she feels is finally starting to be paid more notice. This is the funding that is given to each district according to their unique needs based on their geographical location. An illustration of this would be Matsu Valley , which is right next to Anchorage (Anchorage being the "base" for this differential), is being funded at a higher rate than Seldovia, with Seldovia quite obviously more remote. This has been an ongoing, under-funding issue for SBE for the past twenty years.

Fish and Game and EMS - Nothing to report

Councilman Gain will be our representative for a fishing conference in Anchorage that is put on by **NOAA** and **UAF**.

Old Business

Ordinance 07-01, Creation of a Port Authority and Referendum Election

This is the second public hearing that for this ordinance. Kent Miller has assisted, along with associate Jim Val Altvorst in drafting this ordinance. Mr.

Miller gave a public presentation on what it will mean for Seldovia to have a Port Authority and why it is a good idea for our community. This Port Authority is currently being considered “in parallel” with the Kachemak Bay Ferry Project. They are independent of one another and the one does *not* need the other. However, the PA will facilitate this and any future transportation endeavors in Seldovia. It is the very best tool for our community to establish and execute the present and future transportation needs of Seldovia. Furthermore, the City has no taxation or monetary liability with the implementation of the PA. The failsafe of this ordinance is the dual checkpoint of establishing a board of directors. This board of directors will present all (transportation) projects before the City Council, the people’s representatives, for approval and advocacy.

A member of the Public, Paulie Carluccio, brought up an excellent point about serving on the board of directors while also serving on City Council (possible conflict of interest). This will be addressed in the bylaws. For ease of communication and flexibility, the ordinance has been worked in such a way as to not include every detail in the actual ordinance. This keeps the ordinance as general as possible for clarity. Again, the bylaws of this ordinance will address this point, in detail.

City Manager Kurt Reynertson mentioned that he would be mailing (in conjunction with a City billing) out a flyer that explains, in detail, Port Authority and what it means and how it will affect Seldovia.

Councilman Glover wished to amend some small inconsistencies in the ordinance which Councilman Gain seconded. These small amendments will enable the PA to be more flexible from the onset and will keep it inline with a generic and flexible wording.

Action: Amended ordinance unanimously approved.

New Business

Resolution 07-02, Notice of Election

This is the regular notice of the upcoming municipal election. This packet also includes the proposed proposition.

Action: Approved unanimously.

See City Manager’s Report below.

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

Mayor Wyland has mentioned his need for an excused absence(s) for the next three regular CC Meetings. Councilman Glover has welcomed Councilwoman Patrick into the Council Body.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2006

Meeting Adjourned : time elapsed: 54 minutes and 54 seconds.

SBE Math-A-Thon Completed

News Release

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced today the successful completion of the Math-A-Thon at Susan B. English School in Seldovia. Math-A-Thon is an educationally based fundraising program in which students obtain sponsors for the number of math problems completed on CD's or workbooks provided for the students in grades K-9. The program is sponsored nationally by Six flags Theme Parks.

The students who participate in the program learn to do more than just math problems; they learn the importance of helping children who are less fortunate than themselves. St. Jude fully credits its successes in the treatment of children to the generous support of the students like those at SBE School .

"We are very proud of our students for working hard on the Math-A-Thon," said Mr. Liberty, volunteer coordinator. "With their help, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be able to create new treatments that may one day lead to a cure for many forms of cancer. I also want to extend our thanks to the Seldovia community for their support of our students."

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis , TN was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to funding cures for catastrophic childhood diseases. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC). ALSAC covers all costs not covered by insurance; families without insurance are never asked to pay.

For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.

Gov. Murkowski Vetoes Railbelt Energy Fund Appropriations

News Release

Governor Frank Murkowski, reversing an earlier position, vetoed an appropriation that would have benefited electric utility ratepayers around Southcentral Alaska, including members of Homer Electric Association. The Governor announced the veto on June 30 when he signed the state's FY 2007 capital projects bill.

On July 13, an attempt to override the veto during a special session of the Legislature failed to garner the required two-thirds majority vote and the veto remained in place.

The \$2.25 billion capital spending plan passed by the Legislature in May included a \$73.5 million appropriation from the Railbelt Energy Fund (REF). The REF was set up to support Railbelt energy projects after plans to build the Susitna Hydroelectric project were abandoned in the mid-1980's.

The Governor's veto of the REF disbursement was a major disappointment to utilities around the Railbelt. Homer Electric General Manager Brad Janorschke said the Governor's veto decision was a surprise. "Throughout the legislative

session, the Governor and his staff supported the Railbelt Energy Fund plan agreed to by the utilities, the Legislature, and the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA). In fact, the Governor met with several utility managers in Juneau to discuss the plan and give it his approval. "We had met with the Governor and his staff last February regarding energy priorities. The Governor agreed that he would not veto a Railbelt funds disbursement if the utilities had a workable solution to bringing the Healy Clean Coal Plant back on line. We have proceeded in good faith toward that goal. In simple terms, the Governor failed to honor his commitment," said Janorschke.

The utilities planned to use the appropriation to upgrade existing infrastructure and develop new facilities that are needed to meet the growing energy needs in the most populated area of the state. AIDEA's share of the appropriation was going to be used to offset some of the restart costs associated with the Healy Clean Coal Project. The long term goal of the infrastructure improvements is to provide reliable and affordable electricity to ratepayers.

Janorschke pointed out that some areas of the state have enjoyed significant allocations from the Railbelt Energy Fund. The vetoed appropriation was designed to equally distribute the remaining funds to areas, including the Kenai Peninsula, that have yet to benefit from the REF.

One of the more puzzling aspects of the veto is the reason being cited by the Governor's office for the budget cut. In a press release, the Governor suggested that the utilities need to work together to meet the future energy needs of the state and the projects he vetoed would have done little to meet that need. Janorschke said he disagrees with the Governor's comments considering \$25 million of the appropriation HEA was interested in was to be shared between restarting a coal power plant in Healy and upgrading the transmission system in North Kenai.

Along with HEA, other utilities affected by the Governor's veto include Copper Valley Electric Association, Chugach Electric Association, Matanuska Electric Association, Seward Electric and Anchorage Municipal Light and Power. The veto also eliminated funding for the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to help with the re-start of the Healy Clean Coal Plant.

[HEA note from Joe Gallagher: While HEA lost out on the Railbelt Energy funds, HEA was successful in getting \$250,000 from the legislature to remove hazard trees that threaten the power line on the south side of Kachemak Bay. This money will be added to the \$366,000 received earlier this year from the Kenai Peninsula Borough to clear these beetle killed trees. A contractor has been hired by HEA to begin work and the project got underway this month. The crew is currently clearing along the transmission line between Sadie Cove and Tutka Bay.]

Rep. Paul Seaton Special Session Newsletter - August 8, 2006

News Release

Greetings from Juneau during the longest legislative session in history. No

one is pleased to be enjoying the summer and cruise ship crowds in the capitol. The governor has kept adding topics to the 'call' for this session, but other than the restraint and identification of potential witnesses to a crime, I do not think any will be considered

Topics covered in this newsletter:

- Petroleum Production Tax
- Prudhoe Bay Shut Down
- Hoben Park in Seward added to National Register of Historic Places
- Alaska Municipal League Meets in Homer

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Special Notices

2006 Election Calendar

Elections in Alaska are just around the corner and the following are some of the deadlines:

Date	Activity
August 22	Primary Election Day, Polls 7am-8pm
October 3	Seldovia Municipal Election
October 8	Deadline for voters to register for the General Election
November 7	General Election Day, Polls 7am-8pm

- [Click here to view a more detailed summary calendar](#)
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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 (1.1meg pdf file):

KPB Personal Property Tax

Tidbits . . .

We just completed the AMHS Tustumena ferry trip from Seldovia to Dutch Harbor and back . . . wow, what a trip. We will be doing a series of PhotoStories about the trip over the next few weeks. Click on the PhotoStory link at the top of this page. The photo below is of the Tustumena crew, taken near Castle Cape, Alaska on July 27, 2006. Click on the following image link in order to download the full size, hi rez image (1 meg jpeg):

[ImageOfTustumenaCrew](#)



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

- The small boat harbor work has been advertised (today is the last day of advertising the project) with a bid closing date of August 31, 2006 . In talking with our engineers, there has been a relatively large amount of interest expressed in the project. A pre-bid conference is scheduled for August 17th at 10AM . Our engineers will be in attendance at the pre-bid conference.
- Village Safe Water will be funding a trip to Wrangell to view first hand a slow sand filter operation. I will also see if we can visit a DE system as well as a pressure filter system.
- The Public Works crew has started to address the numerous potholes around the City. This effort will be on-going and will take time to complete.
- As time permits, I will have the Public Works crew look at and determine the fix necessary for Lollipop Park restrooms. I have received a letter from the Parks and Recreations Committee that it is their desire to try to fix the current restrooms. Additionally, I have sent a letter requesting additional railroad ties in order to finish the retaining wall at Lollipop Park .

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

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A report was taken that a man was so intoxicated that he had to have assistance in getting into his apartment and the complainant was concerned where the person had been consuming alcohol in such amounts that he could not function on his own.

A report of shots being fired at the Outside Beach Park during the early morning hours was received. Investigation into the matter did not reveal the source of the gunshots but Police did have contact with persons suspected as being involved. There is no shooting of firearms in the Outside Beach Park or RV area.

A report of 15-20 gallons of fuel being taken from a piece of construction equipment while it was parked in the Barabara Heights Subdivision was taken. The cap was left off the fuel tank and the screen was also out of the tank. No suspects have been developed in the case.

A seagull with a badly broken wing was caught and destroyed by the Police Department after a report was taken of the bird suffering in the harbor area.

A report of two juveniles being shot with a BB gun by another juvenile was investigated. The assault case was referred to the Office of Children's Services (OCS) for adjudication.

Spruce limbs being dumped at the Outside Beach were reported and the article in the last Seldovia Gazette resulted in the limbs being picked up and disposed of. There is "NO DUMPING OF LIMBS OR WOOD MATERIALS" at the Outside Beach Park. If you are going to have a camp fire bring you wood with you. Violators will be cited for "LITTERING" and the matter will be taken before the Court.

A telephonic hearing relating to the extension of a Temporary Restraining Order, (TRO), was conducted at the Police Department and the Judge continued the decision until a later date due to other Court matters concerning those involved.

A Walkie-Talkie was turned in at the Police Department that was lost during the 4th of July activities in the area where the canoe jousting was conducted. If you lost the radio come by the PD and describe it to the Officer.

A report of a black bear damaging a cooler after pulling it from under a camper at the RV Park was taken. No meat products were being kept in the cooler but the vegetables that were inside must have been enough of an enticement.

After receiving reports of a dog howling and barking all day long, the owner was located and told of the problem. It was suggested that a muzzle or shock collar be utilized to alleviate the problem. The owner assured the Officer he would do what ever was necessary to avoid problems in the future.

Police were contacted by a local resident who needed assistance in regaining her property from a home where she had been residing. The Officer assisted and the property was returned to the lady.

The Office of Children Services of Texas requested the Police attempt to

locate the Grandparents of some children who needed placement after they were removed from their parents. A through search of the area concluded the Grandparents were not in, or around, Seldovia. The Texas OCS was notified and a suggestion was made that the Soldotna area be checked.

A Suzuki motorcycle that was reported stolen in 2005 was recovered and stored until the owner is back home from fishing.

After receiving numerous complaints regarding the two wild turkeys digging up yards and defecating on sidewalks and porches, the Police attempted to catch the birds for relocation. One of the turkeys was caught and relocated to the Jakolof Bay area. The other will be transported to the same area and reunited with his friend if and when it can be caught.

A visitor reported the loss of a cell phone in the Red Mountain area. If anyone does find the phone the owner would be very pleased to regain his property. Please drop it to the Police Department if it is found.

Police conducted a death investigation after a report that Keith Baker had passed away. His remains were transported to the Peninsula Memorial Chapel where cremation was conducted. Keith was business man here as well as a dear friend and associate and he will be greatly missed. Our heart felt condolences go out to the family and the many friends of Keith Baker.

A report that a dog was howling and barking in the vicinity of Fish Creek was taken and the Police responded to the area. Upon arrival the dog was no longer heard and could not be located.

A concerned citizen reported a porcupine was on the roadway in the area of the School Shop and the caller was concerned regarding dogs coming in contact with the animal. Police could not find the porcupine upon responding to the area.

A 4-wheeler operator was observed by Police to be driving at a high rate of speed both inside and outside the town City limits. A citation was issued with a fine of \$130 and 4 points being assessed on the subject's operator license.

A report by a concerned citizen resulted in the Police conducting an investigation regarding damage being sustained to a moored boat when another boat was attempting to leave the harbor. Photographs were taken and a formal report was made. The Harbor Master contacted the owners of both vessels and made them aware of the report.

Following the report of a collision of two vehicles on Jakolof Bay Road an investigation was conducted. The operators of the two involved vehicles were given the opportunity to handle the matter without Police intervention and decided to do so. Operator license and insurance checks resulted in one of those involved being cited for "Failure To Carry and Show Proof of Insurance" at the time of the accident. The citation carries a fine of \$160 and 6 points being assessed to an operator license.

A lady reported the unauthorized entry to her apartment by a person or persons unknown while she traveled to Homer during an afternoon. Nothing could be found to be missing from the apartment and the investigation did not reveal any suspects.

A person was contacted and cautioned about exercising dogs on the roadways after a report of a near collision occurring when the oncoming vehicle had to swerve into the oncoming lane of traffic on a corner to avoid one of the animals. The Officer was insured this activity would not be repeated. If an accident did occur in an attempt to miss the animal the owner could be held liable. It's probably not worth taking a chance.

A forced entry into a hanger at the airport was reported to have occurred sometime during the nighttime hours on July 27th. Numerous items were taken during the burglary. Anyone having information regarding this crime is asked to contact the Seldovia Police Department. I'm sure neither you nor I want our area to be one where everything we have must be kept under lock and key. I am only one person and need your help in keeping crime to a minimum. We all share this responsibility. Police enforce the laws but you, the citizens, set the tone of the community by getting involved and helping us bring the criminals before the Court. Step up to the plate and give us the information you have regarding illegal activity here at home. Together we can keep this kind of activity to a minimum.

A man reported he had witnessed a skiff with numerous persons aboard and not enough life jackets to go around. He felt it unsafe and felt contact should be made with the owner. The owner of the skiff, after having been approached by the complainant, called the Police to inform them that he did have adequate PFD's for all persons aboard. They were in a large cooler in the boat and were not visible at the time. The matter was closed as unfounded.

Police responded and assisted EMT's with a 54 year old man who was very sea sick and chilled. He was transported by ambulance to the clinic where he was treated and released by Dr. Reynolds.

A skiff was reported to be gone from its mooring at a beach site in the Barbara Point area. Investigation into the missing skiff revealed it had broken off it's mooring in the wind and had floated up Tutka Bay for approximately one mile where it went on the rocks. Mako Taxi, out of Homer, towed the skiff off the rocks and tied it to a mooring on the South East corner of Yukon Island. The skiff and gear were then retrieved by the owner and it is reported that no damage occurred to the skiff or motor.

A message was left on the Police voice mail that vehicles were spinning tires and speeding around behind the SBE School at 2:00 am on 7/30/06. The report was called in at 8:38 am the following morning. Not a lot can be done if the Police are not notified at the time the activity is taking place.

Police were asked to deliver a death notification to a local resident. The death of Carl Hille, who was City Manager for Seldovia for seven years during the 1980's, was passed on to the resident. Carl was a good manager who brought a lot to the area. The Police Department would like to send our condolences to his family and friends.

A report of a local resident speeding on the Rocky Ridge Road was taken and the subject was contacted. The subject denied the allegations and stated it is felt a confrontation between the two led to the Police report regarding the erratic driving. No further action taken by the Police.

A black bear was reportedly swimming toward Seldovia from outside the

breakwater area. The bear was observed to come into shore in the area to the West of the SNA building. Police hazed the bear up onto the ferry staging area and across Main Street where it entered the Chissus property and continued into the wooded area. A search of the area resulted in no further sightings of the bear.

Two visitors were reported overdue in their inflatable kayak. They had gone up Seldovia Bay and had not returned by their scheduled time. Police traveled to the head of Seldovia Bay and glassed the area but could not locate the two. After a time they did return to the Seldovia harbor and reported the time had gotten away from them. They enjoyed their stay in the area and plan to come back next year.

Two people selling paintings to raise funds for their organization were advised of the ordinance requiring them to obtain a permit from the City for such activity. They were given directions and responded to the City Officer for the permit.

A report of teenagers speeding on Jakolof Bay Road and at the Outside Beach Park was received and Police met with a group of the teens and told them of the complaints. They were advised that future complaints will be handled with fewer warnings and more citations. The group has been reportedly racing on the roadways, carrying persons on the front racks and spinning circles and driving erratically on the roadways. To insure the activity stops the Police will be writing citations that make it mandatory the teen goes before the Judge to explain the erratic driving. If you have a teen with a 4-wheeler you might want to talk to them and make them aware of the reports.

A white Datsun pickup truck was impounded following its being observed abandoned across the middle of the roadway in the area of Young Street on Anderson Way. Investigation into the abandoned truck revealed the vehicle had been given to a local resident who decided he did not want it. How it got to the area where it was abandoned has not been revealed.

Since last report the Police have assisted the City Maintenance Department in 2 boat haul outs, Notarized 7 documents, provided transportation for 4 people, delivered 2 messages, served Civil papers on a local resident and assisted two motorist who had problems with their vehicles.

