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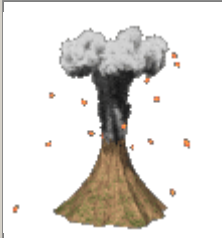
▶ Letters to the Editor - None this week

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## Spotlight

▶ Shannon Riley - SBE Special Ed Teacher

### Augustine News



- AVO Site
- WebCam1
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- Seldovia.com daily updates

### Aleutian's Tasty Trip July 25



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## Marketplace



Jenny Chissus  
234-8000

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## Top Stories

### Fire Fighters Fine Tune Skills

by Tom Glover

#### Serious work for Seldovia's volunteer fire fighters

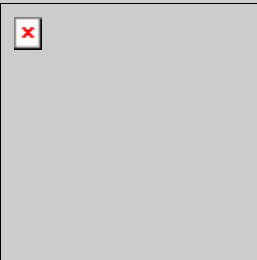
Two to three days a month, local volunteer fire fighters assemble at the Seldovia Fire Station to keep their education and training up to snuff. Our heartfelt thanks to these devoted men and women who have accepted the responsibility to keep our community safe. The following is a short PhotoStory of the training session that took place at the old cannery site last Saturday.





**School**

▶ Susan B English School by school reporter Katie O'Leary - [Click here](#)



**Notices & Newsletters**

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

▶ Representative Paul Seaton June 15 Special Session Newsletter

▶ Senator Gary Stevens May 10 Newsletter

▶ Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 (pdf)

▶ Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)

▶ Boys and Girls Club March 2005 Calendar

▶ Boys and Girls Club Newsletter (pdf)



The Seldovia Fire Department is now recruiting for volunteer Firefighters. If you would like to join this exciting and rewarding organization, please contact the firehall at 234-7812 or [seldvfr@xyz.net](mailto:seldvfr@xyz.net).

**P&Z Special Meeting - Sept. 18** *by Tamara Blodgett*

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

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▶ [SBE Graduation - May](#)

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▶ [SBE School Play - May](#)

▶ [SBE Science Fair - May](#)

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The Planning & Zoning Commission convened together to include the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Chairwoman Paulie Carluccio, Jenny Chissus, and Bobbi Sweat. John Hopkins had an excused absence.

## Consideration of Site Plans

Gerald Stranik, Request for Variance to setback requirements, Lot 14, Block 5, 1771 Seldovia Townsite.

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

4. Seldovia Fuel & Lube, Building Permit application, Lots 1&2, Block 8, Waterfront Resubdivision #1.

*Action:* Unanimously approved pending receipt of Fire Marshall Certificate.

John and Dianne Gruber, Building Permit Application, Lots 5-7, Block 10, Seldovia Townsite 1771

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

Chissus Family, Building Permit Request, Lot 10, Block 3, Waterfront Resubdivision #1

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

Matt Gallien and Sara Nichols, Building Permit Request, Lot 4, Block 6, Waterfront Resubdivision #2

*Action:* Unanimously approved pending receipt of Fire Marshall Certificate and clarification of parking.

**Next Meeting:** October 2, 2006

**Meeting Adjourned:** time elapsed:2 hours, 30 minutes.

## City Water Supply Tank Gets a Cleaning

*by Tom Glover*

As part of the City's ongoing effort to upgrade, repair and clean up the water system, LiquiVision Technologies (Klamath Falls, Oregon) was hired this week to have a diver clean out the main water supply tank that's located on the hillside above the airport. Aside from cleaning out any gunk in the tank, they also performed a complete inspection of the inner structure of the tank.

A substantial amount of sediment and debris was suctioned out of the tank and it is anticipated that this will substantially increase the quality of our drinking water. During the course of the cleaning and inspection process, a digital video recording of the entire cleaning and inspection was made from a real time video camera mounted on the divers helmet. The quality of the recording looked pretty good and on completion of the project, the Gazette will attempt

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**Corrections**

► [None this week](#)

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## **Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Community Council Quarterly Meeting in Seldovia**

*by Kim Donohue*

The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Community Council held its 3rd quarter meeting in Seldovia on Wednesday, September 20th at the Seldovia Tribal Conference Center . The Reserve traditionally holds its fall meeting on the south side of the Kachemak Bay.



Seldovia Tribal Conference Center

Photo courtesy of Simeon Smith, HS Intern for KBRR

The meeting was open to the public, and was attended by representatives from Port Graham and Nanwalek, as well as Seldovia. The meeting focused on research being conducted in Kachemak Bay by various agency partners who sit on the Council. The Council is comprised of nine community members and nine agency members whose role is to encourage dialogue between the Reserve and people of Kachemak Bay .

Presentations were made by the Reserve's Research and Education programs, Alaska Department of Fish & Game – Sport Fish and Commercial Fisheries divisions, NOAA – Kasitsna Bay Lab, University of Alaska Fairbanks , Environmental Protection Agency, and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources – State Parks division.



Alaska Department of Fish & Game presentation  
Photo courtesy of Simeon Smith, HS Intern for KBRR

Wednesday's meeting was the first for newest community member, Alix Chartier of Seldovia, and the Reserve's new manager, Jennifer Brewer, from Maine. The two were given special recognition during introductions.

Presentations were limited to 15 minutes, with time for questions and answers from the audience. The next Community Council meeting is scheduled for December 6th from 12-3:30 p.m. at the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitors Center in Homer. All are welcome.

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## Special Notices

### *The Chamber of Commerce needs your recipes!*

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce is doing another Seldovia Cookbook. If you have that special recipe you would like to include, please contact Joni Reynertson at 234-5500.

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### *Boys & Girls Club Schedule*

- Power Hour: Mondays - Thursdays from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.
- Pottery: Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Clubhouse: Tuesday - Fridays from 3:15 - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Night: Fridays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Any question, contact:  
Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia

234-7577 office  
 234-2004 fax  
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### *2006 Election Calendar*

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

Date	Activity
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](#)
- [Click here for complete information from the Alaska Division of Elections](#)

### Tidbits . . .

**Our favorite time of year for sunsets is September and October. We caught this shot last week from Outside Beach. The boat is leaving Seldovia Bay and that's Augustine Volcano steaming in the background.**



### City Manager's Corner

*by Kurt Reynertson*

Bids for the small boat harbor have been received and opened. All bids exceeded the engineers estimate and more importantly the funds available that the city has. Jay-Brant General Contractors submitted the lowest bid for the

entire project. Because we did not have enough funds to accomplish all that was engineered and bid, the council and myself took a hard look at the scope of the project and have "de-scoped" the effort. Additionally, we have entered into a "letter of intent" with Jay-Brant to see if we can come to a mutually beneficial approach to accomplish the work. While there are not the necessary funds to do all the items that we would like to have accomplished, we will still be contracting to upgrade the small boat harbor. Some of the work will be accomplished by a contractor (Jay-Brant if we can come to terms) and by Force Account as additional funds become available. City purchased material for the harbor has started to arrive and will continue arriving during the next several weeks.

Work on the installation of the new fuel lines to the tank farm is on-going. The general contractor is still looking for qualified local help to work on the project. Applications for work are available in the city office as well as from the site superintendent.

The firm called LiquiVision Technologies are here in town cleaning our drinking water storage tank located above the airport. The technologies that are being used to clean the tank do not require the tank to be emptied. I am not sure when (if ever) the tank has been cleaned last, but I visited the work site and saw the amount of debris, silt, dirt, and other assorted items that were in the tank that is now being cleaned. This will improve the quality of our water significantly.

The elections are coming up for local city council and for the one ballot measure on the ballot. There are four people running for the two 3 year seats available and there are two people running for the one 1 year seat available. This is exceptional. Additionally, there is one ballot measure that will be voted upon which concerns itself with the establishment of a Seldovia Port Authority. There has been one mailing that has been accomplished that tries to answer the questions of what is the Port Authority and what does it accomplish. There will be another mailing next week that will also help further answer these and other questions. The mailings are not a cost to the city (and hence the tax payers) as all work (staff time) and material (envelopes, paper, stamps) are covered by a grant. Please feel free to ask any member of the City Council, or myself, any questions about the proposed Seldovia Port Authority. I, as well as the entire City Council and Mayor endorse the establishment of the Seldovia Port Authority.



Welcome to Wayne Flint, Seldovia's new public works employee

Finally, I would like to introduce and welcome Mr. Wayne Flint to the City of Seldovia as our new public works employee. Wayne comes to us from Anchor Point where he was an independent contractor doing log home restoration and new construction. Additionally Wayne has installed major water lines for municipalities (operating heavy equipment); has asphalt and concrete experience; general maintenance experience; is a licensed FAA Airframe and Power Plant Mechanic; and has extensive fire fighter experience with the Boeing Aircraft Company. He has already expressed a strong interest to join our Volunteer Fire Department. Wayne has been a resident of Alaska since 1990, all of which has been on the Kenai Peninsula. Wayne is married and his wife and he will be moving to Seldovia permanently in the next couple of months. Currently Wayne is "bacheloring it" and has rented a house on the Slough. Welcome Wayne!

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

**>> Repeat Story <<**

In my previous report I mentioned a bike that was taken from the area of Main Street and Dock Street. Since that report the bike has shown up again. Thanks for returning the man's property.

A local citizen was contacted following reports of their exercising their dogs on Jakolof Bay Road from a vehicle. The complainant stated they nearly had a head on collision with another vehicle when they swerved on a corner to avoid hitting one of the animals. If an accident did occur and injuries or, God forbid, death did occur, the owner of the animal would be held responsible for the accident and serious consequences could result. It's not a good practice to run

animals from a moving vehicle in that you are endangering others as well as the animals you are exercising.

A child's push scooter was found in the bushes near the School Shop area. The owner can claim it at the Police Department.

Police were called to discourage a black bear's presence when it was found to be resting near a resident's porch. The bear was stung with a projectile in an effort to discourage its presence and, upon being hit, the bear climbed a tree where it stayed until later in the evening. It then left the area and no reports have been received regarding its return to the area. The bear was thought to be the same bear that has been reported in the area on decks and peering through glass doors into residences.

Police responded to assist EMT's when a call of a possible heart attack was reported. The patient was medi-vaced to Homer following being examined by EMTs and the Doctor.

A person, or persons, damaged the fence at the Seldovia Landfill after shooting a bear at that location. It was evident that a 4-wheeler had been used to go over a fence to drag the bear out of the landfill. Anyone having any information regarding this incident is asked to call the Police Department.

A boat trailer, which had been stored in the area adjacent to the commercial boat haul out, was reported stolen. It was left in that area approximately 3 months ago and the owner could not find it when he needed it for removing a boat from the water. It is described as a flat trailer with three boards for runners and it has no winch. The post the winch usually bolts to is reported to be green in color. Anyone having any information regarding the where-a-bouts of the trailer is asked to contact the Police Department.

A Chevrolet Suburban was stolen from the airport parking lot sometime over the Labor Day weekend. The vehicle was driven to an area near 4 mile, Jakolof Bay Road, and backed into the bushes for, what appeared to be, later use. The vehicle owner was contacted and told the Officer he had not given anyone permission to use the vehicle and that his keys had been kept in the vehicle. Another set of keys was mailed to the Police and the vehicle was returned to town. The vehicle was processed for evidence and then returned to the airport. Anyone having information regarding this theft is asked to contact the Police Department.

A report of damage sustained to a window when a vehicle spun around throwing rocks was taken by Police. No discernable tracks could be located but the spin marks were very evident. The incident occurred outside of town in the vicinity of 1 mile, Jakolof Bay Road.

Police were informed of the theft of a 4-wheeler over the Labor Day weekend. Investigation into the incident resulted in a juvenile being charged with the theft and the case being referred to the Office of Children's Services, (OCS), in Homer.

The report of a large bear being aggressive in the Barabara Heights Subdivision was received. The bear had charged a lady and her dog when they were walking in the area. On other occasions it would set and watch the people from a distance. If the bear is spotted again the Police will be notified and

deterrent methods will be used to discourage the bear's presence.

Police responded to locate an 8 year old youngster who ran away from his home. The boy was not in agreement with his mother's wishes and decided he was leaving. Police located the child and returned him to his mother.

The Police were contacted following an alleged assault by one child on another. The matter was handled informally by the parents of the children after Police had contact with those involved. The incident will be kept on file and referred to in the future if any further assaults are reported.

The report of an open door to a local residence was taken. Investigation revealed the owner of the home had been gone for a few days and was sure the door was locked when he left. A light that was on had not been on when the man left the home. The Officer was asked by the owner to check on certain items he feared could have been taken but they were found still in the residence. Upon his return the owner will check further to see if anything is missing. No evidence of forced entry was found by the Police but the door could have been opened without force being evident.

A man was warned about the dumping of tree limbs at the Outside Beach Park after he stated he told the Officer he knew who had dumped them. He was told that "Littering" charges will result in this type activity.

A complaint was called in regarding the amount of garbage that is let accumulate at the Jakolof Bay Harbor. The caller was concerned about bears getting into the garbage and then becoming nuisance bears. The caller stated they live in the area near the harbor and are having enough bear problems without garbage becoming an enticement. The caller reportedly hauled 7 bags of garbage from the area on two different occasions. They were told the Police would address the problem with the Department of Transportation, (DOT). The caller was informed that the DOT representative was out of town, on vacation, but did a very good job of taking care of the garbage when he was working. The Officer wrote a letter to DOT requesting bear proof containers be placed in the area which would keep any bears from accessing the garbage and, as a result, the bears would not become garbage bears. Hopefully they, too, will see this as a problem.

A lady called and reported she had left a back pack at Red Mountain and asked that anyone finding it turn it into the Police. It only contained clothing but she would like to get it back.

Two transport permits were issued following a request by a local contractor for moving explosives from the airport to his powder magazine. The explosives were moved without incident.

A man called 911 to report 4-wheelers making noise behind SBE School late at night. The Officer responded and contacted 3 juveniles who were leaving the Boy's & Girl's Club on 4-wheelers after the Club had closed. They told the Officer they only started the machines and left the area and were not aware they were disturbing anyone. The adult overseeing the Boy's & Girl's Club activities was also contacted and stated the kids only started the machines and left the area and were not speeding or doing anything other than leaving the area. The lady was asked if she would ask that the kids leave the area as quiet as possible when activities are over at the Club. She said she would talk to the

kids who own the machines. Calls after hours reporting this type of complaint should be made to the Homer Police number of 235-3150 instead of 911, as they aren't classified as being emergent in nature.

Persons were reportedly making loud noises late at night when walking down the street. The complainant asked that they quiet down as they had guests staying at their B&B. Someone in the party made a snide remark and the party continued on. In approximately an hour those involved were again walking by the complainant's home and were shouting and making loud noises intentionally. This constitutes "Disorderly Conduct" and is a Misdemeanor offense. The following is a description of the law:

AS 11.61.110. Disorderly Conduct.

(a) A person commits the crime of Disorderly Conduct if,

(1) with intent to disturb the peace and privacy of another not physically on the same premises or with reckless disregard that the conduct is having that effect after being informed that it is having that effect, the person makes unreasonably loud noise.

**( Disorderly Conduct is a Class "B" Misdemeanor carrying a maximum sentence of 10 days in jail and a \$1000 fine, or both.)**

A local citizen reported suspicious activity by persons in a wooded area adjacent to his home, after he heard strange noises. He yelled out to them asking what they were doing and they told him they were doing tests. With it being dark the complainant was somewhat suspicious and called the Police to investigate. Upon arrival by the Police the persons in the wooded area left rapidly and could not be identified.

A man who had parked his boat on his property next to his home and then left for three weeks returned to find 30-40 gallons of gasoline had been taken from the vessel in his absence. Anyone having any information in this matter is asked to call the Police Department.

On two separate occasions a person or persons have attempted to gain entry to the Main Street Market. Thus far their efforts have not been successful. If persons are observed to be in that area late at night the Police should be notified.

A cat was brought to the Police Department by a lady who had picked it up at the airport. The owner was located and the cat was picked up. The Officer was told the cat often visits the airport where it likes to hunt.

Since last report the Police have sealed one black bear, (Police know of 30 bears taken this season thus far), assisted the Maintenance Department in pulling 6 boats out of the water and putting them into storage, notarized 9 documents and provided assistance to a person in need of help.

With the continued theft and attempted entries in our area it is important that all of us work together to bring this activity to a halt. We have prided ourselves in that we have lived in an area where we do not have to lock up

everything we own. In an attempt to stop this criminal activity I, once again, call on the public for help and ask that you call the Police when someone is observed in an area they have no reason to be in or are involved in illegal activities. It is suggested that motion sensor lights be installed to discourage people's presence in areas of concern and, if possible, cameras be installed to gather evidence that will be prosecutable in Court. I still feel the community will be what you, the citizens, make it. The Police enforce the laws but without the community support and the receipt of information we become only reactive, responding to problems after the fact. Get us there during the incident and we can hold those violating the laws accountable. Are you worried about drugs in our community or alcohol and/or drugs being furnished to the teenagers of our community? If so, you should be sharing your knowledge and observations with the Police. When you see a violation of the law and you do nothing to prevent it, you too become part of the problem. By not reporting it you are enabling it to continue. It is easy to criticize the Police for not keeping these type activities from occurring but you could be the key to ending a lot of what is taking place if you would only call and share what information or observations you have. Do it in a timely manner so the evidence can be gathered right away. Step up and take a stand against the criminal activity in our area. We all suffer by not becoming part of the solution.

