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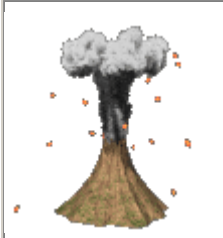


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Top Stories

Fierce Winds, High Tides & Power Outages

HEA News Release

Homer Electric Association has been working all week to repair equipment that was damaged during a storm that hit South Central Alaska.

Most of the damage to HEA facilities occurred on October 8 and 9 when strong winds and heavy rain moved through the area.

Homer Electric's transmission between Halibut Cove and Nanwalek sustained considerable damage and left the majority of the area on the south side of Kachemak Bay without power late Sunday afternoon.

Homer Electric's generator was able to provide power to Seldovia city residents on Sunday but most of the area was without electricity through Sunday night and into Monday.

The weather on Monday prevented HEA crews from flying over the line and assessing the damage. At one point, a crew did get up in a helicopter but strong winds forced them to return to Homer. On Monday afternoon, a decision was made to use the pilot boat to bring HEA crews over to Seldovia.

The crew arrived late Monday afternoon and was able to remove trees off the line along Jakolof Bay Road and energize the line to McDonald Spit. The generator in Port Graham was also put into operation at that time, providing power to Port Graham and Nanwalek.

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Jenny Chissus
234-8000

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Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643

Spotlight

▶ **Vivian Rojas - Serving Our School for Over 20 Years!**



During the week, HEA crews have been working to replace and repair broken poles, cross arms, and other electrical equipment. As of Thursday, the Seldovia generator is providing power to Nanwalek, Port Graham, and out to Tutka Bay.

The area from Tutka Bay to McKeon Flats remains without power. There are several spans of wire on the ground and approximately a half dozen poles that need to be replaced. HEA crews will be working in the area through the remainder of the week to complete the repairs.

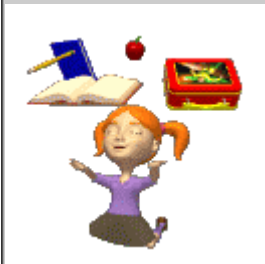
Homer Electric would like to thank its members for their patience during this restoration period.

The following photos of Jakolof Bay Dock and McDonald Spit during the storms were taken by Chief Andy Anderson:



School

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Notices & Newsletters

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City Council Members Sworn In

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Allison Miller - City Council - 1 year seat



Gerry Patrick - City Council - 3 year seat

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Tom Glover - City Council - 3 year seat

Certified Election Results - Seldovia	
Final count including absentee ballots	
City Council Seat - 1 year	
John Carluccio	58 votes
Allison Miller	61 votes - winner
City Council Seat - 3 year	
Tom Glover	57 votes - winner
Savannah Lewis	39 votes
Gerry Patrick	67 votes - winner
Steve Pollack	50 votes
Port Authority	Yes=60 • No=62
Proposition #1	Yes=97 • No=26 Borough Wide: Yes=6325 • No=1978
Proposition #2	Yes=73 • No=50 Borough Wide: Yes=3606 • No=4757
Millie Martin - Borough Assembly	91 votes (unopposed)

City Council Meeting October 11 *by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members: Keith Gain (presiding), Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller, and Gerry Patrick. City Manager Kurt Reynertson was in attendance with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes.

Reelected council members for the new, three-year term proclaimed their oath to serve the City of Seldovia. Those members were Councilman Glover and Councilwoman Patrick. Also declaring her oath of service to the City of Seldovia for the one-year seat was Councilwoman Allison Miller.

Public Presentation Prior Notice

Stephen Howell, CIRCAC (Cook Inlet Regional Advisory Council) came to speak to the Council. The prior representative for CIRCAC was June Reuling, who has since moved out-of-state and will be fulfilling a new appointment in her current location.

Howell emphasized that we do not want to become complacent in our stewardship of our marine environment. Furthermore, Howell stressed the importance of having a place of “refuge” for vessels that have encountered catastrophe/distress. There was a meeting for “Potential Places of Refuge.” This meeting was used to determine what locations could possibly provide relocation assistance for just this sort of problem. Howell used the Seaboat Pride as an example. After this vessel ran aground, compromising the outer hull it was able to make its way to Kachemak Bay, its *only* area of refuge. Luckily, the second hull remained intact and oil leakage was not an issue. Whereby repairs could be made and the vessel made its return voyage to Anacortes, Washington.

Howell would like to tap into the seasoned mariner that lives locally to become involved in CIRCAC, as their intimate knowledge of the marine environment would be very helpful in locating potential refuge sites. Please visit nukaresearch.com/grin for a full itinerary of public meetings and information available to familiarize the public with what CIRCAC is doing for the public through environmental protection and prevention. Howell encouraged the public to receive CIRCAC’s quarterly newsletter and the occasional announcement. Personal information will not be sold or distributed.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

Chamber of Commerce will be having the November regularly scheduled meeting at the B&G Club on the 1st Thursday. New member Donna Peterson will be giving a presentation at this meeting. The meeting will be a potluck and President Mary Glover asked that we make a “good public showing” as support for the Chamber. In December, in lieu of a meeting, there will be a Christmas Party instead, with possible live music, time TBA.

Arts Council has plans for the next concert in February 2007.

SOS has nothing to report at this time. There is oil training currently being conducted in Homer.

17B Trails has nothing to report at this time.

Fire and EMS was pleased at the responsiveness of City workers to repair one of two broken harbor carts. CM Reynertson said that the second cart would be repaired in short order.

Fish & Game will have their annual elections next month.

Old Business

Land Sale, Lot 5A, Block 27, Seldovia Townsite

This is regarding the land sale for the above parcel. It was decided through Council discussion that the terms of the sale, specifically the tax impact and future building of a structure, have more specific and clear wording for clarity's/historical sake.

Councilman Glover directed CM Reynertson to draw up a document that would clarify those points that have a degree of ambiguity.

Action: None

New Business

FY07 & Legislative Priorities List

This is a no-action "alert" of project priorities to itemize that the City would like to seek outside funding on in the form of a grant(s). The City is looking for input from the Council. Seldovian's who wish to provide input are requested to contact one of the Seldovia City Council members with their suggestion. The following is a preliminary list compiled by the City:

1	Water distribution and wastewater upgrade/replacement	\$10,000,000
2	Dusting of jakolof bay and rocky road with calcium chloride	\$25,000
3	Provide for additional funds for small boat harbor renovation	\$1,000,000
4	Smolt stocking for seldovia slough	\$50,000
5	Provide funds for new boat haul-out trailer	\$20,000
6	Repave city streets	\$?
7	Seldovia bay improvements – dock system, sheet pile dock, travel lift	\$15,000,000
8	Provide funds for a new harbor master building	\$100,000
9	Consolidated city operations buildings	\$1,200,000
10	Uplands sidewalks, bike paths, restrooms, and rehabilitation of existing boardwalk for pedestrian safety, ada accommodation, and maintenance of seldovia's history.	\$1,000,000
11	Development of park and recreation areas. Continue the development of a downtown lollipop park area for small children and preparation of an area for atvs to use without endangering sensitive ecological areas.	\$150,000
	Repair and major renovation of Lake Susan	

12	boardwalk	\$50,000
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Action: None

Authorization of Check Signers for FY07

This authorizes the current acting City Council to be checking signers on the City's checking account. This also negates authorization of former council members.

The following council members are now authorized signers: Gain, Glover, Keesecker, McInnes, Miller and Patrick. Mayor Dick Wyland continues to be an authorized signer.

Business Proposal by David Wetzel

A new member of the Public of Seldovia, Mr. David Wetzel, came before Council to introduce himself. Wetzel presented an extensive history of his business practices and experiences. He brings to Seldovia business experience and a family of 7. After a lengthy and informative personal history, Wetzel had financial items of importance he wished to discuss with the Council in Executive Session.

Action: Executive Session - no action taken

Informational Items

The City Manager was directed to create a Resolution supporting the ongoing efforts of the Alaska Friends of the Jesse Home to preserve and restore the Jesse Lee Home. Information on this group and their project is available at www.JesseLeeHome.com

See City Manager's Report below.

Meeting Adjourned: time elapsed: 55minutes, 22 seconds.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2006

B&G Club Update

by Laurel Hilts

This week the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club has been holding a pool tournament after school. On Monday, students created teams of two and then began to compete individually to earn points for their team. The winners in each category (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) will receive a lunch certificate at the Tide Pool Restaurant. Second place teams earn gift certificates at the Tide Pool for Italian sodas or steamers. The winners will be determined today after school.

Last Saturday night, October 7th, the Club hosted a Sushi Night for Club members and their families. Twenty people attended the event, ranging from infants to adults. Unit Director Laurel Hilts taught the basics on sushi making and then the participants took it from there. Each individual had a chance to

assemble and roll their own sushi, then the finished products were eaten up by everyone in attendance. The highlight of the evening was watching Andy Smircich eat a sushi roll drowned in wasabi. Yes, the color of one's skin can become beet red; it was proven that night.



If you are interested in learning how to make your own sushi, contact Hilt at the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club, 234-7577; there might be another Sushi Night scheduled in the future. Community members are also invited to share their knowledge with the Boys & Girls Club. If you have a particular skill that you would like to share at the Club, give them a call.

Seldovia Fuel Lines & Farm Replacement

by Tamara Blodgett

Proactive measures guarantee safe and updated fuel dispensing...

In late spring of 2005, Seldovia Fuel and Lube owner, Frank Blodgett met with David Lockard of the AIEDA and City Manager Kurt Reynertson to determine the best means to replace the existing fuel tanks and related equipment before the inevitable failure due to age. The meeting went well

with all parties in agreement that taking action before failure would serve the community the best. With the City's "nod" the process got off to a good start.

Both Blodgetts' desired replacement...

Blodgett approached Reynertson to expedite the process whereby the City inserting itself in the role of seeking a grant. The City was successful in securing a grant from the Alaska Energy Authority that is now fully funded. The design process was lengthy, during that time, ownership of the now Seldovia Fuel and Hardware changing hands. On January 1, 2006, Dan Blodgett became the new owner of SF&H. This change was expected and the younger Blodgett was kept in the "loop" as the grant went forward with the conceptual design being the initial portion of the replacement. Dan Blodgett was present at many of the earlier meetings to keep abreast of the progress of the project. With this knowledge and the backing of the City and the various government entities (DEC, EPA, AIEDA and even the DOT), the process moved forward with few stumbling blocks.

Old fuel lines a time bomb...

Reynertson mentioned that part of the success of the grant was when representatives from the Denali Commission came down and physically saw the degradation of the equipment. The Commission became as concerned as Blodgett. It was certainly in the City's favor that Blodgett and the City were proactive in contacting the proper agencies so their involvement and expertise was sought from the onset.

The current pipes that carry the fuel are some of the oldest the CE 2 Engineer group has worked on. This group is the acting sub-contractor for AIEDA. Bob Zietler is the supervisor and Joe Sandel is the welding foreman on the job. These two are the only "outside" work force, with the remaining 6 people employed by CE 2 living locally. It has been estimated that some sections of the pipes are nearing 50 years old. Many repairs and alterations have been made over the years. City Manager Reynertson noted that it was, "not a matter of *if*, but *when*" pipe failure may occur. This concerned former SF&H Frank Blodgett. He wanted to take action before a potential catastrophe occurred. There is an archival photo of the fuel farm that dates to the early 1930's that places the farm approaching 80 years old.

Timeline of replacement...

Current SF&H owner Dan Blodgett mentioned during Phase one of the construction would be replacing all the fuel lines from Main Street to the marine header at the City Dock. CE 2 supervisor Bob Zietler anticipates completion of this phase by the end of 2006. When asked about the progress so far, Zietler noted that "Things are progressing on time, with a minor setback due to the recent storm." The scaffolding took a real beating and was destroyed by the storm. A barge with the new gas line was also delayed due to recent inclement weather. Phase two is the tank farm replacement that will commence sometime next summer. "Currently, there is a brand new dispensing tank. It is an updated requirement for code that states you cannot have vehicles/boats etc. fueled directly from a bulk fuel container. It has to go from the big tank, down to the smaller tank, and

finally, to the smallest tank.” D.Blodgett said. Right now they’re prepping the lines out on the dock for replacement. The method for this replacement is to get all the materials for replacement prepared and laid out. This is critical as SF&H needs to continuously distribute fuel. The existing lines will need to be drained/swabbed and cleaned out for maximum safety. This readies the pipes for cutting and replacement. For obvious reasons, this part of the project needs to be handled with extreme caution and diligence.

DC Grant is not a funnel of money...

Ultimately, the grant will be paid back by SF&H. The City obtained the grant for the fuel farm and line replacement. The very structure of the grant was such that the City’s involvement was required (as the Denali Commission structures their grants). Due to Frank Blodgett’s diligence, Dan Blodgett’s follow-through and the City using their capacity to receive a grant, a cooperative union was born. If SF&H had paid for the replacement without the Denali Commission Grant, it would have been at the community’s expense. “Anybody with the least bit of business knowledge would have to realize the company would need to recoup the expense. We would have been looking at fuel costs that would be the same, if not more, than what they’re paying on the West Coast of Alaska, \$7-8 dollars per gallon,” stated Reynertson. The grant structure determines that SF&H is now required to put away money for two funds; maintenance and operations fund and a repair and replacement fund. This will prevent this from happening again. It is a way to pay for the depreciation and the use of the assets. These costs will be passed on to the consumer, but to a much lesser degree than if SF&H out-of-pocket had funded the project.

Seldovia benefits...

The dispensing of fuel will be safer, more updated, more easily maintained, more fuel capacity and finally, the City will benefit by receiving the tanks and the fuel lines as City property. The success of the grant was predicated on Blodgett turning over the assets listed above. Blodgett had to relinquish his tanks and lines for the grant to go through. It was the, “least expensive option for Seldovia to be upgraded, by far.” Blodgett commented.

Celebrating Christopher Columbus

by Tamara Blodgett

A talented mariner bravely explored the New World ...

Americans celebrate Christopher Columbus Day each year on the second Monday of October, with the traditional day being October 12th. Although Christopher Columbus Day is celebrated each year as the anniversary of the discovery of America , there is some dispute as to whether or not Columbus actually set foot on mainland America . There is evidence that he did discover the Virgin Islands (named by him) and Puerto Rico , both now US Territories, but not mainland America . This shrouded detail does not negate the value of all that he *did* discover with what eventually became American Territories and other lands. He was metaphorically the

“father” of seagoing exploration and therefore greatly responsible for pioneering future exploration.

Columbus ' beginnings...

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa , in what is now Italy in the year 1451. His father was a weaver of wool, and surely Columbus was versed in this enterprise. However, it is believed that he always had an affinity for the sea and desired to sail upon it. Being the oldest of five, he had responsibilities from a young age. It is certain that he took many short voyages in his youth, which further wetted his appetite for seagoing endeavors.

What motivated this Italian... ?

Widely held is Columbus yearned to prove the world was round, not flat. However, in the latter part of the 15th century, most *did* believe that the earth was a sphere and it was only the scale (diameter) that was in question. What *did* greatly motivate Columbus was his deeply held religious beliefs that Christ's message needed to be passed on to the peoples of far-away lands. Just as important, was his drive to discover a water passage to the East Indies and China as land travel was very risky during that era. He endeavored to inaugurate a permanent, large scale, two-way commerce between Old World and New. Columbus worked eight years to secure the financing he would need to go on such a voyage. Finally, he was able to woo King Fernando and Queen Isabel of Spain to get him the necessary financial means in which to carry out a seagoing voyage of this magnitude. Contrary to popular belief, Isabel's crown jewels were not sold to finance the maiden voyage. Instead the city of Palos was pressed to pay off their debt to the monarchy by supplying two of the three ships needed for the exploration; very little of the treasury monies were expended.

Was Columbus the first mariner explorer... ?

Columbus was not, but he is the most famous. A young Icelandic by the name Bjarni Herjolfsson headed up a sea expedition to Greenland in the year 986 (that by chance through an incident of fog and navigation error) he landed in what is now America . There is plenty of text that mentions the voyages and expeditions by Vikings and others of Scandinavian descent. Herjolfsson is not the first to discover America . This honor belongs to people of Asian origin who crossed a land bridge over the Bering Straits between Siberia and Alaska some 30,000 years ago.

Small ships sail big...

There were three ships that sailed on Columbus ' maiden voyage in 1492. Those were the Santa Maria , Pinta and Nina. Each boat carried a maximum of 40, 26 and 24 crew members, respectively. Each was about as long as a standard tennis court and less than 30' wide, much smaller than modern vessels. His maiden voyage saw that there was food enough for a year on the vessels and luck was on his side with fair weather and calm seas the whole way. However, on the return voyage there was a terrible hurricane that almost destroyed the ships, miraculously no one was injured. Later, one of the ships became shipwrecked and 39 crew members

were left behind. When Columbus returned for them one year later as promised, all had perished at the hands of natives.

Friendly natives...

Columbus was able to bring back a new crop for Spain , tobacco. The natives, whom he called “Indians,” based on his erroneous belief that he had indeed arrived in East India , showed him the plant and the uses for which they excelled. He was also responsible for introducing horses on his second voyage. Columbus was not beyond a little manipulation of his own. When he needed to “encourage” the natives to his way of thinking, he would pull the “supernatural powers” card. On his 4th voyage he convinced the Indians of this<supernatural powers> by his foreknowledge of the total eclipse of the moon, on February 29th, 1504 . This resulted in the natives having the mistaken belief that he was somehow omniscient. Of course, this worked to Columbus ’ advantage!

Columbus the curious...

While at sea Columbus did not retire on his laurels. He regularly had mass (he was a devout Catholic), taught himself Latin (as the geography of the day was in this language) in addition to a love of stargazing. Columbus observed a “marvelous branch of fire that fell to the sea” during his first voyage. The German King Maximilian who has a record of viewing this 280-lb. meteorite that landed near the Alsatian town of Ensisheim , France on November 7, 1492 corroborates this sight. A young boy was the one that actually saw it land and make a 3’ deep crater. Maximilian ordered that it be moved to the church of Ensisheim , where it could be kept as a reminder of “God’s Wrath.” Half of the meteorite still remains intact; the other half lost to souvenir hunters’ and scientists.

Columbus dies famous and respected...

Columbus demanded quiet a bit from Spain ’s monarchy in trade for his expedition spoils. Not the least of which was a coat-of-arms that he chose in detail, its representation. It had been greatly modified, so by 1502 it had a continent, next to islands and five golden anchors to represent the office he held as “Admiral of the Sea.” The royal colors were also liberally used and this went unchallenged by the Spanish Monarchs, which further affirmed his high standing and significance as an Italian-born Spanish Navigator. Columbus died in 1504 still receiving a healthy pension from Spain and in the company of family and friends. He died believing that he had been successful in finding the elusive Indies . In actuality, the world was much larger than even he knew, which was discovered so exhaustively in future years.

Wood Burning Stove Safety Tips

October is fire prevention month. SVT Barabara Heights VFD is sponsoring a clean your wood stove chimney pipe drive. If you would like to arrange for help cleaning your wood stove chimney pipe or want more information please call:

Liza Bieri at 234-7467 or Alix Chartier at 234-7898 ext. 225

Here are some steps for safe wood stove use as written in "Wood Stove Safety", compiled by Eric Mohmann, Fire Inspector from the Fairbanks Fire Department:

Burn dry, well seasoned wood. The wood should be dried at least one year. This will reduce creosote deposits. If you burn artificial logs, never poke it or burn more than one at a time. They contain up to 60% wax or sterno and will burn extremely fast if broken up. This will damage your stove and may cause a house fire. Keep all wood, paper, matches or other combustibles away from the wood stove or chimney pipe. When you reload your woodstove or start a fire, let it burn with dampers wide open for five minutes. This will help burn out creosote deposits in the chimney. Warning do not start a hot fire if there is an 1/8 inch or more thick layer of creosote in the chimney pipe.

Never use flammable or combustible liquids to kindle or rekindle a fire!

Chimney Fires

Chimney fires are usually started by allowing a stove or fireplace to get out of hand, overfiring or using it as a trash burner. Don't burn material like cardboard, milk cartons, and Christmas wrap, which produce higher temperatures than a normal fire. Trash burning has also contributed to several burns and injuries. Any wood fire will produce accumulations of creosote, and these accumulations can be considered dangerous. Not only can they contribute to chimney fires, but such fires can cause structural damage to your home as well. The best preventative is frequent chimney 'cleaning and burning of well seasoned year-old wood.

Be Prepared for a Fire

No wood-burning system is 100% safe and fireproof. A safe installation and extra care will help prevent fire, but accept the idea that there could be a fire and be prepared to handle it. Make certain everyone in the house is familiar with the warning signs of a chimney fire (sucking sounds, a loud roar, and shaking pipes). Instruct everyone on what to do. All adults should know how and when to use a fire extinguisher. Place the fire Department emergency phone stickers on every phone (available at your nearest fire station).

1. Call the Fire Department immediately, before doing anything else.
2. Cut off the fire's air supply by closing all dampers on the woodstove and/or chimney pipe.
3. Get everyone out of the house and put them to work watching for sparks or signs of fire on the roof or nearby.
4. Keep a Class 1A:10BC dry chemical fire extinguisher handy. If the house catches on fire, try to extinguish it if it is safe to do so. Stand back 6 to 8 feet (6-8') and direct the nozzle to the base of the flames. SMOKE AND FIRE PROTECTION Smoke detectors in working condition and sleeping with the bedroom closed at night are important considerations for everyone, as 97% of the fire fatalities nationwide died of smoke inhalation without ever receiving a burn and 64% died in bed without ever knowing there was a fire. It has been estimated that one-third of these fatalities would have been prevented had

they slept with their bedroom door closed at night.

Special Notices

Sea Otter Booster Club Monthly Report

The Sea Otter Booster Club convened for its monthly meeting last Tuesday in the School Commons. The group, dedicated to raising money to support extra-curricular activities at Susan B. English School, is planning on providing concessions at the Halloween Carnival on Thursday, October 26th. The menu will include: Pizza by the Slice, Root Beer and Orange Floats, Sandwiches, Nachos, and spooky Jell-O Cups.

The Booster Club will also be raffling off a Polaroid 20" flat panel LCD TV at the conclusion of the Halloween Carnival. Tickets cost \$2 each, or you can buy three for \$5. You can purchase your "TV-winning ticket" today from Susan B. English School students or from any Booster Club member. Tickets will also be sold at the Carnival.

The annual elections for the Sea Otter Booster Club were held in September. Re-elected for another term were President Trinket Gallien, Vice-President Kathy Giles, Treasurer Sarah Nichols, and Laurel Hilts was newly-elected as Secretary. For more information on the Booster Club, visit our website at www.geocities.com/seaotterbooster.

City of Seldovia Recruiting for VISTA Member

RurAL CAP, in association with the City of Seldovia, is now recruiting for VISTA members to participate for **three** years in the Village Council Management Program (VCMP). VCMP assists communities, such as Seldovia, with identifying community needs, developing and implementing community plans, and accessing resources and funding for community projects through the work of a locally recruited VISTA member.

This is a full-time position that pays a \$1088/month living allowance and the City is now recruiting candidates. Applications are due to RurAL CAP by November 3, 2006. [Click here for additional information.](#)

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.

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 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Night by B&G Club: Fridays 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Night by SVT Prevention Program: Fridays 9:00 p.m. - midnight

[October Calendar click here](#)

Any question, contact:
 Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia
 234-7577 office
 234-2004 fax
 lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

2006 Election Calendar

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

Date	Activity
November 7	General Election Day, Polls 7am-8pm

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Tidbits . . .

Ahhh, "Termination Dust", it's that time of year. When can we expect the first snow in town . . . [click on the Opinions page to see what the local experts say.](#)



City Manager's Corner*by Kurt Reynertson*

- The elevator for the Community Building is operational and has passed all inspections. We will make keys for operation available to the Library as well as keep a set at the City.
- The City is still accepting applications for a VISTA Member to become the grant writer for the City. This position is funded through RurAL CAP and USDA. It pays approximately \$1080 a month. Additionally it pays either a stipend of \$1200 or an education award of \$4725 after completing one year of service. Benefits also include learning new personal and professional skills, being involved in the national community service family, health benefits (though the plan does not cover pre-existing conditions, dental, or regular exams), child care benefits (if their family income qualifies), and members' monthly stipends are not counted as income and therefore VISTA's can qualify for a myriad of federal and state assistance. Applications can be picked up from the City Office and are due to RurAL CAP no later than November 3 rd. The start date will be January of 2007.
- Congratulations to Allison Miller, Tom Glover, and Gerry Patrick. I look forward to continue working closely with the Council.

Seldovia Police Report*by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police***>> No Report this week <<**