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Opinions

When do you predict the first snow in Seldovia? (We are leaving the predictions up one more week.)



"We usually have it Halloween night...it probably is going to be later.
I say November 5th."

Helen Josefsen
Seldovian since 1944



"Halloween Day"

Elaine Giles
Seldovian since 1954



"It seems like throughout the years it's been the 1st week before Halloween or Halloween. "

Freddy Newmeyer
Seldovian since 1973



"We usually have it Halloween night...it probably is going to be later.
I say November 5th."

Alberta Willard
Seldovian since 1972

"Snow that will stay on



the ground... well mid-November. That's a little optimistic. "

Walter McInnes
Seldovian since 1960



"What's the temperature today? Well, sometime in November, I say mid-November. "

Marge Lang
Seldovian since 1969



"That's not so easy the way the weather has been...I'll say the day before Halloween. We usually get snow at Halloween. "

Marion Collier
Born and raised in Seldovia - been here all her life!



"We have had it knee-deep at Halloween. It is usually before Halloween, a light dusting. Sometimes at Christmas it sticks. Just depends from year to year. "

Gordon Giles
Seldovian since 1960

Letters to the Editor

One Way Streets in Seldovia

Dear Editor,

As a property owner on Shoreline Drive, I am in support of keeping Shoreline Drive a two way street. In the 1980's the street was widened which allowed for two cars to pass each other easily. Today, if at any time two cars cannot pass it would be due to residents occasionally parking their vehicle on the roadside.

The City of Seldovia and the Planning and Zoning Committee have done a great job in defining the codes for planning & zoning, to which parking areas for residential is clearly defined (section 18.32 RG & 18.56 CR), and as a result, persons living on Shoreline Drive have the required off road parking space, leaving the street a two way road. If cars are parking on the Shoreline Drive roadway and creating traffic problems, then the codes need to be upheld, not a new traffic pattern passed.

Young Street, a two-way wide street is an excellent entry and exit for Shoreline Drive, it also funnels traffic away from lesser built roads. The suggested new one-way traffic pattern on

One Way Streets in Seldovia

Dear Editor,

In the mid-eighties, I was the RESIDENT ENGINEER for CH2M HILL on the Kachemak Street/Shoreline Drive upgrade. Hopkins Brothers performed the work.

Shoreline Drive beginning at the 'Y' (Cedar Street and Kachemak Street; below both the Elvsaaas and Brown residences) and ending at Jakalof Bay Road, went according to plan, with the exception of making the roadway surface 22ft instead of 20ft at the engineer's suggestion.

Kachemak Street from the Slough Bridge to the 'Y' was not done due to "POLITICAL" BS, therefore, this street is far too narrow to the point of being dangerous, in winter especially. Wood piling, parked cars, etc. along the edges adds to this.

Making Kachemak Drive one-way from North to South ('Y' to Slough Bridge) is the best choice.

Cedar Street will get more traffic from Lakeside Terrace to the

Shoreline Drive would move exit & entry traffic to neighborhood roads that are not as well built, and creating traffic problems there.

It is unclear why such a suggestion would be made to turn a good roadway into a one-way, there by creating redirected traffic problems on other city roads.

- Parking on roadway? Planning & zoning codes clearly cover parking.
- Children at play? Post Signs! Traffic needs to slow down.
- A one-way will not help children at play, it may put them at higher risk due to drivers anticipating no oncoming traffic, so may drive a little faster with a clear road ahead.
- If people are concerned about accidents on Shoreline Drive- Accidents happen when driving too fast for road conditions, and in this case, the road is in a busy neighborhood. The city could post slower speed limits in the neighborhood and enforce them.

Concerning the future of Shoreline Drive; there are still several parcels of property, many beachfront-properties, to which future construction would include plans for required parking. The City planning and zoning codes ensure that there will be no future parking problems on Shoreline Drive.

I would suggest to every concerned citizen, to drive along shoreline drive and Young Street, keeping in mind that the roads are comfortably wide and allow for safety to pedestrians. The City should maintain their original decision and keep Shoreline Drive a two-way road as there is no reason to change the road to a one-way direction.

I am hoping this letter will bring attention the problems a one-way traffic pattern will bring to all the people living on Shoreline Drive and to those who may visit or go to meetings at homes on Shoreline Drive. Remaining a two-way road makes sense--You may lose the luxury of being able to easily come and go to your home.

How will a One-Way Shoreline Drive affect your daily drive To/From your home?

Come To the Meeting -Monday- November 6 th and voice your opinion- Shoreline Drive Residents should be heard – One-way or another.

Barbara Carlough

'Y', and it has two bottlenecks, but they could be addressed fairly easy (I think). Nothing is easy to do in Seldovia and decisions take far too long to be reached and acted upon.

Footnote: Maybe our City Manager can get the roads graded before snow and freezing weather? They are not fun to drive on.

If needed, I'm currently in Anchorage until 21st October.

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