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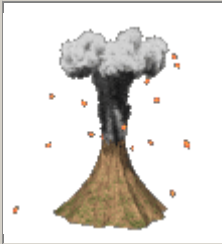
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November 7 Election Results - All Precints Reported

Governor

Andrew Halcro - I 19,683 - 9.6 %
 Tony Knowles - D 83,640 - 40.8 %
 Sarah Palin - R 99,619 - 48.6 %

U.S. House

Diane Benson - D 81,408 - 40.2 %
 Don Young - R 115,062 - 56.8 %

Ballot Measure 1 90-Day Session Limit reporting

No 98,308 - 49.0 %
 Yes 102,409 - 51.0 %

Ballot Measure 2 Natural Gas Tax

No 133,101 - 65.7 %
 Yes 69,428 - 34.3 %

State Senate District R

Charles Davidson - D - 3,548 39.6 %
 Gary Stevens - R - 5,416 60.4 %

State House District 35

Paul Seaton - R 3,740 - 68.9 %
 Anthony Sieminski - D - 1,685 31.1 %

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City Council Meeting - November 8

by Tamara Blodgett

Marketplace



Huge Clearance Sale!

Alaska Tribal Cache

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Sunday, November 19 from 12 Noon- 5PM.



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The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller, and Gerry Patrick. Councilman Tom Keesecker asked for an excused absence. Mayor Dick Wyland presided and City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

SOS has the second of two, CISPRI barges that have just arrived in Seldovia Bay for wintering over. SOS watches over and maintains both barges throughout the winter. This may include local employment for snow removal as needed.

Nothing to report at this time for **Fish and Game, Arts Council, Fire and EMS, and Park and Recreation.**

The Planning & Zoning Commission had their regularly scheduled meeting this past Monday. There was a public consensus for Shoreline and Kachemak Streets to remain one-way.

The Chamber of Commerce will have a Christmas Party on December 22 at 6PM, in lieu of their regularly scheduled meeting for the month of December. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, January 11th, 2007.

Old Business

Ordinance 07-02, Change in Sundry Fee Schedule.

This ordinance proposes that the Sundry Fees be increased by 3%. This would be the first increase in the last four years.

Public Comment: A member of the Public, Tim Dillon, spoke against *Ordinance 07-02, Change in Sundry Fee Schedule*. Dillon's main objection was that this ordinance was put forth post-election and not during the regularly scheduled budgetary timeline that occurs annually in June. Furthermore, he felt that we had seen recent increases for Sundry Fees and felt that there should not be any more levied against the "70 households" that reside in Seldovia at this time.

Councilman Gain also spoke against the proposed increase. Gain noted that he went through the entire budget and found that this was the best of any he had seen within his tenure on Council. In addition, he would rather see this addressed at the annual budgetary timeframe in June. He feels that this is an unprecedented time for Seldovia. Seldovia will be receiving a great deal of grant money that will specifically upgrade the archaic sewer and water systems. One of the reasons for the increase in Sundry Fee is the continued <future> maintenance and repair of these systems. However, that point is mute if the grant money intended for extensive renovation of those items would then negate the need for those futuristic repairs.

After Council discussion, it was determined to let this ordinance "die." This simply put means that it can be brought up in any future agendas' for discussion or action.

Action: None.

Discussion of requesting funding from the EVOS Trustees Council meeting held November 14, 2006.

This meeting will be held in Anchorage and will discuss possible liquidation

Booster Club
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City Office (907) 234-7643

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of remaining funds from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill and the allocation of those funds. Councilman Gain will be attending this meeting as our representative for the City of Seldovia.

Councilwoman Miller mentioned a good "plan" might be to have ideas in mind to present at the meeting about how Seldovia will use those funds.

Councilman McInnes felt that Seldovia was impacted negatively as a community during and in the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.

Councilman Glover noted that Councilman Gain was attending as a representative of the City and would be working with the Cities best interests in mind so the Council needs to afford him a level of flexibility during any negotiations with the EVOS group.

Action: None, discussion item only.

New Business

Funding for Mayor's attendance at the AML Conference.

This is a request from Council for additional funds for Seldovia's Mayor to attend the AML conference in Juneau. Mayor Wyland feels strongly that his physical representation will benefit Seldovia.

Councilwoman Miller will also be attending a part of the AML Conference.

Action: Unanimously approved.

No City Manager's Report this week.

Next Meeting: November 22, 2006.

Adjournment: 50 minutes, 54 seconds.

Planning and Zoning Commission

by Tamara Blodgett

P&Z Meeting of November 6, 2006

The Seldovia Planning and Zoning Commission convened with the following present: Dan Blodgett, Chair Paulie Carluccio, Jenny Chissus, Jim Hopkins, and Bobbi Sweatt. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes. 11 Seldovia residents, 3 City Council members and Mayor Wyland also attended the meeting.

Consideration of Site Plans:

Proposal to request Tide Land Lot from DNR, next to Lot 14, Block 5, 1771 Seldovia Townsite Survey, and to put up for Sale to the Public.

Action: Recommend to forward request to Seldovia City Council that the Tideland lot from DNR be plated as a viable lot -- use to be decided at a future date. The Commission requested all property owners on the boardwalk as well as property owners within 300 ft. of the proposed lot be notified of the recommendation and the date it would be considered by the City Council.



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Corrections

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Review of Traffic Pattern on Kachemak Street and Shoreline Drive.

During public presentation, 11 attendees spoke in support of keeping the streets two-way. Three letters included with the meeting packets also were against changing the streets to one-way. Two letters received just prior to the meeting were read into the minutes by commission members. One letter spoke in favor of making them (streets) one-way and one letter spoke against making Shoreline one-way but in favor of one-way for Kachemak Street. It was suggested that if Kachemak Street had been constructed as wide as it was platted there would not be a traffic problem.

Action: A motion was made that the Commission was recommending to City Council that these streets remain two-way, with a further recommendation for the streets to be surveyed from the Slough Bridge to Bloch Street and take appropriate actions from there.

Commission Business:

Scheduling Workshop on Building Height Revisions as requested by Council

Action: Workshop scheduled for December 4th at 6PM, with the regularly scheduled meeting to immediately follow at 7PM.

Adjournment: Time elapsed, approximately 2 hours.

Boys & Girls Club Update

News Release

Members of the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club have been busy these past few weeks with Clubhouse activities, and it does not look to be stopping soon. Starting this month, Club members can learn some simple cooking techniques with staff member Monty Hingley each Monday. This week, the kids learned how to make Kraft Macaroni and Cheese - the highlight of the event...eating it after it was done. Next week, they can learn the basics of making French toast, and on Friday, November 17th, we will also be celebrating National Bread Day by baking loaves of bread. Community members are welcome to come and share their baking skills with the kids any time. Be sure to look over our November calendar to see if we are making something that you would enjoy and then give us a call at 234-7577.

Mr. Hingley is not only sharing his talents of cooking with all our Club members, but he is also making plans to build model cars and airplanes with the boys. Sorry girls - this one is just for the guys. You will have a chance to learn a new skill in early December when Mr. Hingley teaches leather working. Everyone in the Club is invited to participate, and we welcome community members as well. We have the materials on order, in addition to many quality items that were donated locally, so if you are making your Christmas present plans early, include this in it.

October kept our Club kids busy to the very end with the community carnival and the Boys & Girls Club's Halloween party, and then we started off the month of November with a 4th - 8th grade movie night. Assuming that winter is actually going to be sticking around, we have planned an all-Club sledding party for the Saturday following Thanksgiving. I know the kids have their fingers crossed for snow; sorry folks.



The Boys & Girls Club continues to look for more opportunities to connect with Seldovia's teens, so we are working to have special Saturday night events just for them. On Saturday, November 18th we will be having a "Make Your Own Pizza" night, and on Saturday the 2nd of December, we will invite the teens back for a utensils-only spaghetti dinner. Due to low attendance numbers, we will be canceling our Friday night Club hours from 7-9 p.m., but the facility will still be open for the Seldovia Village Tribe's Teen Night from 9-midnight. It is our hope to be able to use those extra staff hours to get more special events going for the teens as scheduling allows.

Be sure to click on the link for the November calendar and be looking for our quarterly newsletter, The Seldovia Minor, in the near future. If you would like to receive weekly email updates about Club activities, give Unit Director Laurel Hilts a call.

November marks our annual membership drive, so stop by the Clubhouse to fill out new registration forms for your children and make your 2007 payment. Kenai Peninsula Borough School Superintendent Dr. Donna Peterson was in the Clubhouse recently and commented that the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club is the best one on the Kenai Peninsula. We all know that is true due to the great kids we have and the tremendous outpouring of support from the community. The Club staff looks forward to continuing this great partnership with our community and our children.

Leman Addresses EMS Symposium

(Anchorage) - Lt. Governor Loren Leman addresses the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) of Alaska during their 31st Annual EMS Symposium on Friday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage. Leman will discuss health care and injury prevention in Alaska.

The mission of the Emergency Medical Services program in Alaska is to reduce human suffering and economic loss from premature death and disability by injury and sudden illness. In Alaska, Emergency Medical Services are provided by more than 4,000 technicians and instructors, as well as another 175 Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics.

The annual symposium began on Wednesday, November 8 and continues through Saturday.

websites:

<http://www.sremsc.org/pdf%20files/Symposium%2006%20schedule%20.pdf>
<https://www.chems.alaska.gov/EMS/default.htm>

WHO: Lt. Governor Loren Leman
WHAT: Emergency Medical Services Symposium
WHERE: Egan Convention Center, Anchorage
WHEN: Friday, November 10, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Sen. Gary Stevens Newsletter *News Release*

Hello again. It has been a busy and often trying time in Senate District R of late, especially on the Kenai Peninsula where so much damage occurred from the heavy rains and floods last month. I had the opportunity to see the damage myself during recent visit. I am grateful for the efforts of our emergency crews and municipal leaders during this crisis, particularly in getting me much needed information for my conversations with the governor and state officials about their response plans.

Special Session

The Governor is calling lawmakers back to Juneau for a special session on November 13th to consider legislation that would require the state to provide same-sex employment benefits. The focus of discussion will be on how the state should comply with a court order to provide same-sex couples the same public employee benefits as married couples, including life and health insurance as well as retirement and death benefits. The special session could run for up to 30 days, though we are attempting to postpone the matter until the regular session in January.

- **Gas Pipeline Rumors**
- **Climate Commission**
- **Health Care Associated Infections Task Force Named**
- **Congratulations to Our Student Athletes and Coaches**

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Special Notices

[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 SVT Prevention Program: Fridays 9:00 p.m. - midnight

PARENTS: The Clubhouse staff has implemented "Club Cash" rewards for members exhibiting great behavior, helpfulness, and also for each member completing a craft. The kids need to save those CC's and bring them to the Club at the start of each month to purchase small prizes and/or bid on bigger ones!

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

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.

Tidbits . . .

Check out those stylish blue hard hats on these Tank Farm workers



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> **No report this week** <<

Seldovia Police Report*by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police***>> Repeat Story <<**

Someone is still insisting on dumping their branches at the Outside Beach. If the Police can ascertain who is continuing this activity there will be citations issued for Littering. The branches will most probably be at the location where they were dumped until spring. It's not a landfill, it's a City Park.

A lady was called and told the dogs she owned were at large on Alder Street and that they needed to be located and picked up. Police were told the animals would be rounded up and that a gate was left open by a visitor and the dogs escaped.

A lady came to the Police Department requesting her fingerprints be taken for employment purposes. The Officer rolled two fingerprint cards for the lady.

A local resident was contacted in person by Police after a report of her 2 dogs not letting a local resident walk by her home, one showing aggressive behavior, during the early morning hours. Very strong feelings were expressed that the Officer was singling out her dogs. A verbal warning was given with promises of citations to follow if the problem was not corrected.

A report of vehicle damage occurring when another vehicle collided head on with the parked vehicle during early morning hours was taken. The caller told the Police Officer he did not want action taken but wanted to let the Officer know of the incident. Approximately \$1300 damage was sustained to his vehicle but he stated he had promised the damage would be taken care of. No action was taken due to the elapsed time between the incident and the report and at the request of the victim. Alcohol was suspected as contributing to the accident.

A local resident called and reported a vehicle was parked in her driveway, blocking access, and the owner was visiting her neighbor. She requested the vehicle be ordered moved. Police called the neighbor and asked that their company move the vehicle. The vehicle was moved without further action by Police.

A local contractor requested two "Transport Permits" for transporting explosive materials from the Seldovia Airport to his powder magazines on his property off Rocky Street. The permits were given and the explosives were transported without incident.

Two citations were issued following a complaint by a citizen that the persons two dogs were at large, one of which was showing aggressive behavior toward him.

An investigation led to two minors and one juvenile being charged with "Minor Consuming Alcohol". Court dates were given and the minors and the juvenile left with their guardians, relatives or parent.

A verbal warning was given regarding the registration of a vehicle being expired. Promises were made to correct the violation.

A written warning was given reference expired registration on a vehicle. Hopefully the owner will correct the problem prior to a citation being issued.

The dogs running loose in our community are again becoming a problem. People seem to disregard the animal control laws if the Police are not

constantly reminding them. Some make promises that they will take care of the dogs and, in most cases, do for a period of time but, after a time, the dogs are again seen on the streets without an owner being present. It seems the only way to correct the problem is to cite the offender every time the dog is seen without them present. The Police have been more than fair with all the verbal warnings that have been given but, in the future, since verbal warnings are not working, we will be holding those repeat offenders responsible through the citation process. The 1st citation is a \$10.00 fine with the 2nd being \$25.00 and the 3rd being \$50.00. The 4th, and subsequent citations, are "Court Mandatory" and the violator gets to explain to the Judge why they do not follow the Animal Control Laws. I receive a lot of criticism when I approach many of the owners and give them warnings and I receive criticism when I write citations so, in the future, if you have been warned within the last two years, or received a citation within that time frame, you will be receiving a citation if your animal is in violation of the Municipal Codes. Please don't express your feelings to me as I am only the messenger and evidence gatherer. If you have complaints you can contest the citation and tell the Judge or Magistrate of your concerns. You also have the option of calling on the City Manager and expressing any problems you might have with the enforcement of any of the Municipal Code sections. It is time that you, not I, are held responsible for your animals.

On another subject that is very serious and very concerning to the Police Department is the juveniles and the minors of our community and their involvement in alcohol and/or drugs. I am repeatedly receiving information about our kids having alcohol parties but it is always after the party is days, or even weeks, old. Someone is furnishing the alcohol for these parties. Some of you have to know who is responsible for this activity. We have to hold those persons responsible. If you have information and don't do anything about it you are also part of the problem. My greatest fear is that something terrible will happen to one or more of the youngsters of our community because we allow these people to continue to make the alcohol available. When someone is under the influence of alcohol or drugs their inhibitions go out the window. Bad decisions are made and response time is reduced. All you have to do is turn on the TV at news time to hear about persons dying from alcohol and drug related activities. This is common knowledge but we continue to ignore the issue because we don't want to get someone in trouble or we don't want to make them angry at us. Maybe you think it only happens in other areas. What will it take for you to become involved and report it when you observe this type activity? Wake up folks. We best take action now to stop this practice before one or more of our youth is seriously hurt or killed. God forbid I would ever have to knock on any parent's door and tell them their child is seriously hurt or dead because liquor or drugs were being made available to them. I will do the work and bring the offender(s) before the Court but I need your help in getting the necessary information to pursue the case. By reporting these suppliers you will be protecting our kids as well as others in the community. Step forward and take a stand. What kind of a community do you want? Let's stop those furnishing our youth with liquor and/or drugs for the betterment of all of us.

