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Seldovia, AK

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Rain

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Advisory!



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Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006

Just another day in paradise

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SBE School Students

12/04/06



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Donald Caswell**

(Don passed away on December 19, 2006 and was a Seldovia City Manager back in the late 70's.)

Top Stories

Winter Solstice

by Tom Glover

It's that time of year . . . only 180 days till summer.

Winter solstice is the first day of the season of winter and is the day of the year (near December 22) when the Sun is farthest south (if you are located in the northern hemisphere.) On that day, the sun is directly above the Tropic of Capricorn on a line 23 degrees, 27 minutes south of the equator.

As the Earth travels around the Sun in its orbit, the north-south position of the Sun changes over the course of the year due to the changing orientation of the Earth's tilted rotation axes with respect to the Sun. The dates of maximum tilt of the Earth's equator correspond to the summer solstice and winter solstice, and the dates of zero tilt to the vernal equinox and autumnal equinox.

Although we typically list the winter solstice as December 21, the exact time this year is 0:20 a.m. on December 22. Official sunrise on December 21 was 10:04 a.m. and sunset was 4:04 p.m.; that's six hours of daylight. In Seldovia, however, we're surrounded by mountains and as the photo below shows, our actual sunrise was about 11:00 a.m. and our actual sunset was about 2:30 p.m.; that's only 3:30 minutes of sunshine!

Marketplace



Herring Bay Mercantile
Seldovia, AK



Jenny Chissus
234-8000

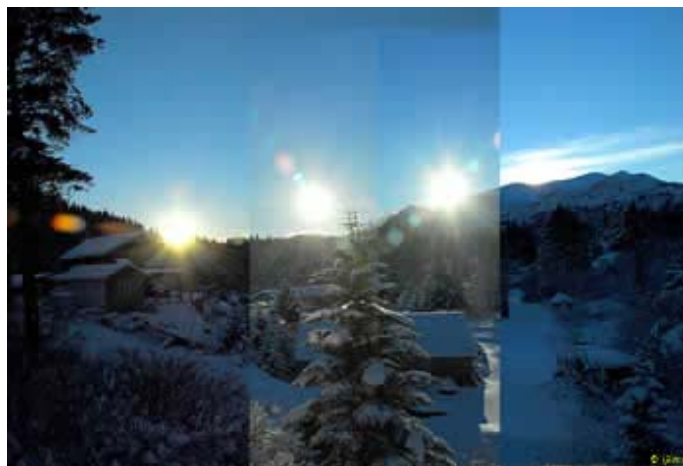
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RE/MAX of Homer

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Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!



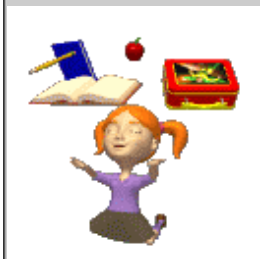
Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent
The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for rent. Call for details:
Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643



Sun positions in Seldovia on December 15, 6 days before the Winter solstice. Left to right: 11:00am, noon, 1:00pm, 2:00pm

School

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

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A Busy Year in Seldovia! *by Kurt Reynertson, City Manager*

During the last 18 months your city staff, city council, and local volunteers have been hard at work trying to make the city a better place to live. Besides the effort of continual maintenance and repair of the city's infrastructure and support of daily city operations and activities your council, city staff and volunteers have accomplished the following (this is **not** an all inclusive list but merely examples). Some of these accomplishments may be considered minor, some major, but all have and had the end goal of making Seldovia a better place to live:

- Harbor Master Building and Deck renovation; surrounding ground area beautification
- New roof put on Community Center
- New elevator purchased and installed for the Community Center
- New back-up generator purchased and installed for the Community Center
- New state-of-the-art X-Ray machine purchased and installed for the clinic
- New fish cleaning table engineered, purchased, and installed for the harbor
- Cleaned the 550,000 gallon water storage tank
- Obtained a grant for new fuel lines and fuel tanks to avoid the pending ecological disaster
- Attracted new business to Seldovia
- Wrote and received a grant for a conceptual design for cannery lots
- Was instrumental in obtaining a grant for Boys and Girls Club for continued operations
- Wrote and received a grant for city dock renovation
- Re-wrapped city dock piles
- Demolished old cannery dock
- Small Boat Harbor renovation project engineered and awarded
- Cleaned and beautified area around approach ramp of small boat harbor
- Water and Sewer upgrades (engineering and construction - VSW)
- New boiler purchased and installed for water system building
- Instituted a Silver Salmon stocking program; continued King Salmon

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Classified Rates

- stocking program
- Enabled an expansion of a local business on Main Street
- Pressure washer system purchased and installed
- Instrumental in sponsoring Alaska's first ever chain saw carving contest (which will become an annual event)
- Negotiated with the AMHS for support of Fourth of July activities
- Re-negotiated the contract with AMHS
- Implemented a major maintenance and repair fund for city infrastructure

Kurt Reynertson
Seldovia City Manager

HEA Power Outage Update HEA News Release

Winter winds continue to reek havoc . . .

Strong winds and snow load have resulted in several power outages around the Homer Electric service area Tuesday.

As of three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, HEA crews were working on an outage on the south end of the North Fork Road between Homer and Anchor Point. HEA crews are also responding to an outage east of Homer near Hutler Road at this time.

On the south side of Kachemak Bay, the transmission line serving Seldovia, Port Graham and Nanwalek was damaged this morning. The area is currently being provided electricity by HEA's stand-by generator in Seldovia. As soon as weather conditions allow, an HEA crew will head to the area to make repairs.

As a safety reminder, please stay away from any downed power lines. If you see a downed line, move away from the area and contact Homer Electric at 1-888-8OUTAGE.

Seldovia Christmas Pageant 2006 by Mary Glover

Last Sunday, the children who attend the Seldovia Bible Chapel staged a presentation of the birth of Jesus. Sarah O. was the modern day Anchor Woman. She announced the events and introduced the on-scene, "live-to-you" interviews with news reporters who reported on the magnificent event. The situation was grave as there were no available rooms in Bethlehem, even for Mary who was about to go into delivery. The angels announced the birth of the baby to the shepherds who were in the fields tending their sheep. Later the three wise men came to see the baby. The star in the sky (played by Amanda G) shown above the manger.

The drama was complete with clever advertisement interruptions which brought much laughter from the audience. Director of the presentation was Laurel Hilts with Melanie Hoard, Lisa O'Leary and Roxie Patrick assisting. The performance got a thumbs-up from everyone as the children did a splendid

▶ **Instructions and rate sheet**



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Corrections

▶ **None last week**

job, the costumes were great and the slant on this very old and treasured story was intriguing.





Please Help Keep the Streets Clear

Notice by Seldovia City Office

As everyone knows, we have been getting quite a bit of snow lately. I know it is not as much as in some years, but it is still quite a bit. The City has been hard at work trying to keep the streets clear and passable. They have been doing a very good job at it also. the job is much harder when cars are parked in the street, especially on some of the narrower streets that Seldovia has. Plowing around parked cars on the streets adds substantial hours to the snow plowing efforts. This is an appeal to everyone to please not park in the streets during snow season and especially when the forecast calls for snow fall. If cars are left in the street, there will be a bream built up around them and will receive a lower priority in digging them out.

Additionally, there is not only a City code, but also a State code concerning removing snow from personal property and depositing this snow out in the public access (i.e. streets). Please do not deposit snow into or around any public access way. Again, this increases the number of maintenance hours necessary to accomplish snow plowing, and it is against the law, subject to fines. Please do not make the job of trying to make safe passage on our public access harder by leaving cars in the streets or by plowing snow on personal property back onto the streets.

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

Tidbits . . .

Winds in Homer forced the Tustumena to spend the night in Seldovia on Tuesday. Here's a 6:00am shot on Wednesday morning as the snow continues.



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> **See #2 story on this page** <<

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

>> **Repeat Story** <<

I'm sure those of you who received Summons to Appear for Jury Duty will be happy to know the trial you were summoned for *is NOT going to take place*. A change of plea was given by the Defendant and she has been sentenced for a DUI that occurred in the Seldovia area in July of 2005. You can now breathe again. At present, we do not have any outstanding cases that will require a Jury

Trial.

Investigation into a case of "Minors Consuming Alcohol" has resulted in further investigation regarding allegations that the alcohol was delivered to the minor by a person who lives in Homer. Homer Police have been contacted and are following up on the case. We hope to have the results of the investigation before to much longer.

An adult, who had not contacted his Probation Officer (PO) as required, was contacted regarding his violations after the PO contacted the Police. Following Police contact the man called his PO and he now has a better understanding of what is expected.

A burglary was reported in the Barabara Heights Subdivision and numerous items were stolen. Among the items stolen are the following: A pair of *ZEISS* binoculars, a *COLD STEEL MASTER GUIDE* hunting knife, a *CABELA'S* Camouflage back pack, a black *CLEARVIEW* tactical vest, eleven boxes of *FIOCCHI* brand .45 caliber ammunition and a black metal ammo box containing assorted ammunition. The door to the residence sustained damage when it was forced open. Anyone having any information regarding this burglary is asked to contact the Police Department. If you have seen any of the above listed items let the Police know. Next time it could be your door that is kicked in. If you were the victim in a burglary/theft of this nature, you would certainly want anyone with information to step forward. We must put a stop to this type activity now! If you need to remain anonymous you can still pass on any information you have to the Police Department. It will go far in stopping this type of crime in our area.

A local man was served a "Summons to Appear" on Fish & Game violations that occurred in the Kodiak area after the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement contacted the Police Department requesting the papers be served.

Police checked two vacant residences after finding fresh tire tracks in the snow at both locations. It turned out the HEA meter reader had made rounds and left the evidence of where they had been. If you have friends that are gone for the winter and their residence is vacant, possibly you would want to drive by and see that everything is okay. It seems the vacant residences are the target of the burglar(s) and if they do force entry into one of the residences, without a friend checking the home, it may be spring before the crime is reported. The sooner the crime is reported the more likely it will be solved. Be a good neighbor and friend and keep an eye on these vacant homes.

Police were called on to assist a motorist whose engine had stalled. The vehicle was towed to a shop where repairs could be made.

A resident reported a dog at large during the early morning hours. It seems some people release their dogs at night when it is unlikely they will be observed. The law does not discriminate regarding the time of day persons are responsible for their animals and persons turning their animals loose at night are subject to citations just as in the day time. Go out with your animals and keep them under control. Be a responsible dog owner. Don't just open the door and let them run. It's inconsiderate of others and it's against the Municipal Code.

I have noticed the dogs running in the City have decreased considerably and for this I am very thankful. I do not enjoy having to write the citations but

doing so seems to alleviate the biggest part of the problem so I will continue to enforce the Animal Control laws through citations. If you continue to take care of your animals, everything should work out great for both of us.

DOT reported a Stop Sign on Seldovia Street, at Main Street, sustained damage when someone, turning off Main Street onto Seldovia Street, hit the sign post. When someone damages other than their own property they are required to report it. With the icy road conditions it is very easy to slide into objects and cause damage but one should report it and not just drive away as if nothing happened.

A pistol and a coffee maker were stolen in a burglary of a vacant residence located near town. The owner felt the burglary and theft occurred in the summer due to the timeframe when people were staying in the home. The pistol is a Smith & Wesson with a 6" barrel and Pacmeyer grips. It is black and was housed in a black leather pouch. The pouch was also taken. The coffee maker was white in color and was purchased at Costco but the owner didn't know the brand. Anyone having information should contact the Police Department.

A lady requested her fingerprints be rolled for employment reasons and the prints were taken. Just another one of those many services your Police Department offers at no charge to you.

For a 1 & ½ days I assisted the Maintenance Department in snow removal. I witnessed first hand what a nuisance the vehicles that are left parked on the road become when you are trying to open the roads and get rid of the snow. It is difficult, at best, to find a place to move the snow but you put a couple vehicles in the way and it becomes a very time consuming effort. In the perfect world the cars would not be parked on the roadway to begin with but in this world of imperfection let's start moving the vehicles off the roadway when the snow starts falling. It will benefit you and the Maintenance Department no end.

Since last report Police have responded to two requests for assistance and notarized three documents.

