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Seldovia "Weathers" Recent Storms

by Tamara Blodgett

Residents snap back to attention to a "real" winter in the north...

Having become complacent with several mild winters in a row of warmer temperatures and lack of snow, Seldovia has been awakened to recent blizzard-like condition in two, subsequent storms that bore down on the region.



A white Christmas and then some...

This year Seldovians saw a white Christmas without snowfall. Since 1997,

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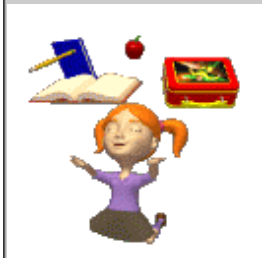
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there have been 6 white Christmases, with 3 having actual snowfall on the holiday. Precipitation has been uneventful in the most recent Decembers with mainly rain a few years and minor snow accumulation on others'. Excluding 2006, Seldovia has seen a warming trend of average temperatures ranging above freezing, with the average temperature for the last four December's monthly temperature at 33 degrees. January of 2007 has seen unusually cold temperatures heralding the first week of the New Year. This first week of the New Year has the coldest average since before 1998. That, in combination with moisture moving in, has been the perfect catalyst for the violent storming that has taken place. Just a week ago, Seldovia saw a rare electrical storm with thunder that came through just prior to midnight.

School

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We, at Latitude 59...

Just like Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory, Oslo, Norway and Stockholm, Sweden, Seldovia shares the same latitude that is somewhat warm by truly northern standards but cold enough to be exciting when unexpected weather events present huge amounts of snow. Like Norway and Sweden, the coastal influence of Seldovia modifies the coldness of the region somewhat. Here, we enjoy temperate, cool summers and "warm" winters. We do not receive the rainfall of the southeast region, or the arid coldness of the interior.

Our weather is master...

As the locals know, these recent weather conditions hamper everything from freight for the local establishments (eatery and grocery), fuel delivery, and people transport. In the winter we live by what the weather dishes out, usually with the occasional frustration tempered by the desire to live in a place of natural beauty and serenity; that's the way we like it....so, let it snow!

Wednesdays snow storm netted us another 18 inches, pushing this winters total up to 6 to 7 feet of snow. January and February might get a little interesting if this keeps up!

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In Memory of Dan Willows

Dan Willows passed away on the evening of January 1, 2007 from a severe heart attack. He and his wife were summer residents and owned the M/V Willow Sea. Dan and his wife Barb loved Seldovia and had put in for the "Camp Host" position for the summer of 2007. He will be missed.



Boys and Girls Club Update

News Release

Haven't played Battleship in a long time? Need to improve your Foos Ball skills? Want to piece together a puzzle? Then we have the place for you. Seldovians are encouraged to stop by any time the Clubhouse is open to hang out with the members and staff. Come rain, snow, sleet or hail, the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club will always be a welcome spot for visitors in need of warmth and friendship.



Photo by Laurel Hilts

Oblivious to the conditions outside, our kids keep to their daily activities – even though the rest of the community is busy battling the weather. Pottery with Dede Higman starts back up on Mondays, Wednesday is Craft Day at the Club, and Thursdays we watch a movie. We are also pleased to offer Youth Basketball every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Coach Russ Radliff and the Seldovia

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Sea Otters have done a great job whipping our kids into shape. Even if the varsity teams travel for their away games, we will still have Youth Basketball each Saturday. The Clubhouse is also open during those hours. The season will last until early March, and our Junior Otters will play mini-games during one of our Varsity home games in February. This program is free to Club members, and the Seldovia Native Association has generously donated the money for us to purchase tee-shirts for all participants.

If you have a child in Kindergarten through 8th grade, mark Saturday, January 13th, on your calendar. The Boys & Girls Club will be having a pajama party at the Clubhouse at the same time the high schoolers will be having their Homecoming Dance at the school. Be watching for signs with more information.

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: Mondays - 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:
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Tidbits . . .

Not many planes parked at the airport this winter . . . but George sure does a beautiful job keeping the airport and Jakolof Bay Road cleared!



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Happy New Year to all. This year (2007) holds promise for Seldovia. The work on the harbor project (contract was awarded back in October) will start this next week. Most, if not all, of the final preparations have been completed. Weather permitting; the final materials ordered by the contractor will arrive this weekend. The work crew is ready and anxious to get going. The final permit has been filed and is expected to be approved by weeks end. We have also applied to different agencies for more funding in order to help fully restore the harbor.

Additionally, work on the Village Safe Water project should start this Spring. The first phase will be to conduct a leak study to ascertain how much of the water distribution system will have to be replaced. This will involve replacing some of the main valves and installing some new valves. I expect that local labor will be used to accomplish this work. The engineers will then use this data to determine which water lines will be replaced.

We are all hopeful that Governor Palin will restore some form of revenue sharing. Revenue sharing was included in her initial draft budget for FY 2008 along with energy assistance. She has also included bringing back the Alaska Longevity Bonus. This is not a guarantee that these will be included and passed in the final budget, but it is certainly an excellent indication.

A lot of thanks are due to the maintenance staff as well as our Police Chief in their efforts to remove snow from our streets. They have done an excellent job with the limited resources they have available. Our equipment is old and tired and the maintenance crew has done an exceptional job of maintaining the equipment so it can be used for clearing streets. Additional thanks goes to Jim Hopkins who has voluntarily helped out in pushing the snow into the harbor as well as helping clear some of the streets. Our snow removal budget is being stretched thin right now. I am again appealing to those few folks who continue to park in the roadways during plowing season to move their cars off the public streets. I am also again appealing to those folks that clear the snow off their property by moving it onto the public streets to stop. Please understand that the snow plowing equipment cannot stop on a dime, especially when moving a large quantity of snow. If the crew is out moving snow, and you drive up on them, try to find an alternative route. And, if you are out enjoying

a walk in the snow, please do not get close to the equipment. It is enough that the crew must navigate the roads, move around obstacles, and try to get the snow off the streets to worry about running over or into vehicles or pedestrians.

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

>> Repeat Story <<

Police received a report of a lady possibly being held against her will. Investigation resulted in a misunderstanding between a man and his wife and it was determined no crime had occurred.

A vehicle sustained considerable damage when it collided with a post that guards an HEA transformer. Investigation into the matter continues.

Pranksters blocked Main Street with numerous items including bicycles, a 4-wheeler, a snow machine, benches, pallets, chairs and benches. The items were placed across the street blocking any vehicular traffic. A lot of work went into the prank. If only this type energy could be used in productive ways. It's fortunate no emergencies occurred wherein a response was necessary in that area.

A lady reported she was walking home at 8:00 a.m. and was at the intersection of Young Street and Anderson Way when a pickup truck cut the corner, when entering Anderson Way from Young Street, and nearly hit her. She told the Officer she had to jump into the snow bank to avoid being hit. She could not identify the driver due to the darkness and due to the incident happening so fast. It's unclear if the driver ever saw her. Don't cut the corners when entering another roadway. Stay to your side and avoid these type incidents.

A local resident contacted the Police Department and requested a citation be written for "Dog At Large" after he observed a neighbor's dog at his residence during the early morning hours. A citation for "Dog At Large" was written and was delivered to the owner of the animal. The citation was the 2nd such citation for this animal and carries a \$25.00 fine.

A lady brought a note to the Police after she had found it on her door during early morning hours. The note suggested she and her son were not welcome where they live. The note could be construed as "Hate Crime" type statements but does not threaten the victim or her son. The matter is still under investigation.

Someone ran into a fire hydrant with their vehicle. The hydrant is located on the thru street between Cedar Street and Kachemak Street, near Pieri IntHout's home. There does not appear to be any damage to the hydrant but, due to the heavy snow in the area, it is difficult to tell. Anyone running into a fire hydrant should notify the City as soon as possible. The Fire Department needs to know if a hydrant is out of service. It could make all the difference in a fire response.

Two vehicles that are parked at the McDonald Spit area were reportedly tampered with. One back seat window on each vehicle had been cleared of snow. None of the other windows were cleared. It was evident no entry was made into the vehicles so it is unclear why the windows were cleaned off.

A lady traveled to Seldovia from Port Graham to get her fingerprints rolled by the Police. She is going to be working with children in the village and it is State Law that persons working with our children be fingerprinted.

Since last report I have been assisting the Maintenance Department in the snow removal effort and have been away from the Police Department quite a lot. If you need to contact me when I am assisting the Maintenance Department please leave a message on the Police telephone. I check the messages often and will call you back right away.

Since last report I have notarized three documents.

With the New Year coming I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe New Year. I will caution you that I will be around and if you are drinking please don't get behind the wheel. As you should know by now we have a zero tolerance when it comes to DUI. Don't start off the New Year with a trip to jail and the financial impact of a DUI. The .08 blood alcohol level doesn't leave much wiggle room so if you're drinking plan to find a safe way home.

