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Jim Hopkins crew and the Jay Brant crew completed the gangway replacement in a single day this week!



Out with the old . . .

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School

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City Council Meeting - March 14 *by Tom Glover*

Seldovia welcomes Mayor Williams & Milli Martin...

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Tom Keesecker, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. Mayor Dick Wyland presided with City Manager Kurt Reynertson in attendance and City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes. Special guests in the audience included Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor John Williams and District 9 Assemblyman Milli Martin.

Public Presentation Prior Notice

Short presentations about the Kenai Peninsula Borough, property and sales taxes by Mayor John Williams and Assemblyman Milli Martin.

Notices & Newsletters

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

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Milli Martin (left) & Borough Mayor John Williams

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Chamber of Commerce will host a luncheon for Mayor Williams and Milli Martin at noon on Thursday, March 15. Everyone is welcome.

SOS – Hazwopper training in Seldovia has been scheduled for April.

Arts Council – There will be a concert on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00PM at the school. The group Samarabalouf will be performing French Gypsy Jazz.

Planning & Zoning – see article below

Old Business

Planning Commission Appointment

Action: Postponed until next meeting

Harbor Project Update - March 14, 2007

By Tom Glover, City Council Harbor Committee

Jay Brant : The gangway float and the new gangway have been installed. Portions of the approach have been cut back but the rest of the approach work will not be completed until after the week of March 19. Final anchoring of the gangway base will be completed on April 18 during the low tide.

The Jay Brant crew will not be working next week during Spring Break (March 19 to 23). Replacement of decking on B Float will commence after Spring Break. Flotation billets will probably be installed in May.

The remaining Grid repairs will be completed during the first two weeks in April (early April if the weather cooperates.) All below water work under the March 15 deadline has been completed.

It is anticipated that most of the harbor work will be completed by the first week in May.

Puffin Electric: Work continues on lighting and pulling wire and is on schedule.

Power was disconnected from the harbor for several days but has been restored, in particular A-Float. Electrical wire and pedestals have all been removed on Floats D and E and the new wire and pedestals should be installed by the end of next week.

Puffin estimates that approximately 30% of the electrical work has been completed to date.

Jim Hopkins: Setting of piles and pulling of two remaining wood piles will be completed by the March 15 deadline. Cut and cap of the steel pilings will probably be done in late March.

During the course of working on E Float, it was determined that the Airplane Float was only anchored to E Float with a rope. Two extra pilings were set and anchored directly to the Airplane Float at no additional cost to the City. Thanks to Jay Brant for donating the collars.

▶ [SBE Christmas Play](#)
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Corrections

▶ [Spotlight - Mike Miller January 25, 2007](#)
Mother's name is Gladys Miller. Mike also does not have a brother. See [Archives for 2007- Mike Miller](#) for corrected story.

Harbor and dock access continues to be restricted. If you do have to enter the dock area and need to go by a construction area, the construction people will escort you through the work zone. Please stay away from the electrical wire lying on the docks and open access holes in the docks.

Bitter cold weather continues to make life difficult on the docks but everything is on schedule. The Jay Brant and Jim Hopkins crews are to be commended for their handling of the gangway replacement. They completed the demo and setting of the new gangway in a single day.

Action: None, information only.

New Business

1. Discussion of Borough Property Tax Assessments

Short presentations about the Kenai Peninsula Borough, property and sales taxes by Mayor John Williams and Assemblyman Milli Martin.

Action: None, Information and discussion only.

See **City Manager's Report** below.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2007 .

Concessions for Cash

by Tamara Blodgett

Coach Blodgett & Parents 'work it'...

Everyone worked really hard to make hosting the Regions II Basketball Tournament a success, with high honors going to Coach Blodgett and the dedicated parental O'Leary duo that manned the counter for food concessions from Wednesday through Saturday. Working Wednesday and Thursday from 2PM to 10:30PM , Friday from 7AM to 11PM and finally Saturday from noon until 4PM was a long haul!

A new mat desperately needed...

The Seldovia Sea Otters are in need of a new mat for seasonal practices and possible future tournaments. The current mat is estimated to be about 25+ years old! Coach Blodgett wants to replace the existing mat with a new one. The cost is prohibitive with a new mat running in the \$ 10,000-12,000 dollar range. Another viable option if funds are not forthcoming would be to refurbish our existing mat. This would be far less costly but with a shorter lifespan. Whatever the cost, the fundraising is worth it. With the current "surge" in wrestling excitement and an 8-10 member team, there is plenty of wrestling going on and a mat that is getting tired.

Opportunity arises...

Seldovia is on a rotation-basis with hosting regional events. It will be approximately six years before we can host another. Basketball/wrestling parent, Lisa O'Leary spearheaded the organization of the concessions with all

proceeds going toward the cost for a new mat. Tim O'Leary executed the "coach potatoes" fun for game watching. The winning raffle ticket holder was able to sit in a recliner and enjoy the game from the "coach potato" perspective. Winning CP's received a root beer float, soda pop and bag of popcorn for their wins.

More opportunity...

The long Independence Day Celebration planned for Seldovia in July may be another opportunity for fundraising for the wrestlers. Plans are already being formulated for more fundraising ideas. The concession venture netted just shy of \$2000 for four days work. Blodgett would like to see half of the cost for a new mat garnered before the season begins. If you wish to donate money toward the cost of a new wrestling mat, please contact Coach Blodgett at intense6@alaska.net. Thanks for your support **Seldovia** and everyone!

St. Patrick's Day Dalliance

by Tamara Blodgett

How "green" are you...?

Another St. Patty's Day approaches with parties planned, pinching to be done, and green donned. This fun holiday does not need to be enjoyed by only the Irish but is a fun holiday for all. With 12% of the United States population claiming Irish ancestry, you could be one of the lucky few that celebrates with Irish blood running in your veins!

A long haul holiday...

Colonial New York was the fist to hold a St. Patrick's Day parade in 1762 that is now the longest running parade in the whole world! Massachusetts boasts a 24% Irish ancestry and holds a myriad of celebrations and festivites for this "green" holiday. Speaking of green, it is considered unlucky in Ireland as the "good people" (faries) wore green and were known to steal children! Chicago doesn't mind, they think green is great! Every St. Patrick's Day Chicago uses 40 pounds of food coloring to dye the Chicago River green! While 82.4% of Americans will wear green on St.Patrick's Day, Irish or not...

How long have we been Irish...?

4.8 million Irish have immigrated to the United States since 1820. The largest concentration has been in the northeastern states with Massachusetts being first, followed closely by New Hampshire and Delaware .

Did you know...?

That St.Patrick was born in Britian? That Ireland has twice the world average of redheads (also called "ginger" and "titan") than the world average of 2-5%? That the average St. Patty's Day expenditure is \$27.94 per soul? 10 million Americans will exchange cards on St. Patrick's Day with nearly 20% decorating their home or office. Corned beef and cabbage is the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal enjoyed by the Irish. "Black Irish," denotes people of very dark or black hair with pale skin and blue or green eyes. They are not really "dark" at all, but have an unusual contrast in coloring that is easily identified.

Only 1/2 to 1% of Irish people have truly brown eyes, with the Irish competing most successfully with the Nordic regions for light skin and light eyes.

Go for the green...!

Be "Irish for a day" and celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style with a great family get together or watch the 241st New York City Parade televised on NBC. Any way you celebrate, you don't have to be Irish to have fun! Happy St.Patrick's Day.

HEA's 2007 Annual Meeting - May 3

News Release

Homer Electric Association members will be electing candidates to the board of directors and voting on two ballot propositions as part of the 2007 Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting will take place on May 3 at Kenai Central High School.

[Click here to read the entire News Release \(pdf\)](#)

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - March 12

Greetings from Juneau on this 56th day of the session. With Energy Council going on in Washington DC and a number of members absent for that and other reasons, attendance has been low late this week. I anticipate the high visibility issues of a North Slope gas line, ethics and the retirement system will begin to gain momentum after the initial development in their first committees. Operating Budget closeout hearings are nearly complete and there are only a few changes from the Governor's proposed amendments. Those operating increments will be dealt with by the full committee and the most important aspects are PERS/TRS contributions and community revenue sharing.

[Click here to read the entire newsletter \(pdf\)](#)

Special Notices

Boys & Girls Club Update

The Club will be open with extended hours (1:00-6:00PM) during Spring Break next week. Parents of Teens – be watching for SVT's special Teen Events during the break, too. [Click here to view the B&GC calendar.](#)

Spring Break Schedule for Kids and Teens:

Monday 1:00-6:00 p.m. B&G Open

3:30-5:30 p.m. Pottery

7:00-9:00 p.m. SVT Teen Game Night – Plus Spaghetti Feed

Tuesday 1:00-6:00 p.m. B&G Open
3:15 – 5:00 SVT Swimming
7:00-9:00 p.m. Teen Open Gym

Wednesday 1:00-6:00 p.m. B&G Open
7:00-9:00 p.m. Teen Open Mic Karaoke
9:00-11:00 p.m. SVT Teen Late Night Swim

Thursday 1:00-6:00 p.m. B&G Open
7:00-9:00 p.m. SVT Teen Build Your Own Pizza -
Plus a Volleyball Scrimmage

Friday 1:00-6:00 p.m. B&G Open
9:00-midnight SVT Teen Movie Night -
Plus Bingo and Sub Sandwiches

Saturday 1:00-3:00 p.m. B&G Open 9:00-midnight Teen Dessert Iron Chef

Regular schedule resumes after Spring Break

- 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

Any questions, contact: Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia
234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours
lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

Booster Club Raffle Winner

Darlene Crawford

Tidbits . . .

Caught these beauties flying over Seldovia this week . . .



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Contractors are now renovating the Harbor Master building (made necessary by the accident that occurred over the winter). Work should be complete by Tuesday, March 20.

Community revenue sharing, which the Governor supports, is in trouble. Representative Mike Kelly of Fairbanks zeroed out the Governor's proposed Revenue Sharing line item. Public testimony is scheduled to be held this Saturday. All members of the public are welcomed to testify and can be done via telephone using a toll free number. Times for communities such as Seldovia to testify are between 2 PM and 3:15 PM. Anyone interested in testifying can use the toll free number (which I have). Community Revenue Sharing is an important part of our budget. It was taken away by the previous administration (Governor Murkowski's administration) and the affects of this loss of revenue has severely impacted the City. Our newly elected Governor promised to put it back in and she is trying to hold to that promise. But certain Legislators do not seem to see the need and have eliminated the Revenue Sharing line item from the budget. Seldovia, just as many other communities (particularly the smaller communities) need this funding source.

The City Manager position announcement is out in at least places and we have already started receiving resumes from interested parties. To date we have received five letters and resumes. I expect more to be coming in the next few

weeks. The position closes on March 30, 2007.

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

>> Repeat Story <<

Since last report the Police have received two complaints about dogs running at large within the City. Both owners were contacted and told of the violations.

A report of a man pulling two youngsters on a sled behind a 4-wheeler was received. The man was contacted and told of the act being a violation and he apologized and told the Officer he would not repeat the offense.

Civil papers were served on a local man after they were received from the office of a District Attorney in the lower 48.

A minor reported he had been assaulted by an adult. The case was investigated and forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review. The DA will determine, through the facts of the case, if Assault charges will be brought against the adult involved.

Four subpoenas were served on local citizens requiring their presence at an upcoming jury trial to be held in Homer Court regarding a DUI, Reckless Endangerment and Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Insurance wherein a local man was charged. If a change of plea is not received the trial will begin on April 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Homer Court.

Caretaker of a local residence, that is vacant during the winter, reported the front door had been forced open sometime since the 24th of February. The investigation revealed the front door had been forced open and damage was sustained to the door frame and the molding around the door. Further investigation revealed the shop, adjacent to the residence, had also been entered after a window was broken out. It is undetermined at this time what, if anything, was taken but the owner of the property has been notified and will be traveling to Seldovia in the near future to determine what is missing. It's sad to say that we have people in our area that will stoop to this type activity. I do not doubt the same parties are responsible for other thefts and burglaries we have experienced over the winter. If you see something suspicious don't keep it to yourself. Call the Police and report it. It could lead to our being able to stop a lot of this type activity in our area.

A man reported his vehicle had been damaged when someone hit it while it was parked at the Lakeside Terrace sometime during the night of March 1 st. The vehicle sustained minimal damage but if the person responsible reported it nothing would come of it but the cost of repair. If a person doesn't report it they then can be charged with Leaving the Scene of a Damage Only Accident and this is a criminal charge.

The Police have been doing security checks on residences in the area due to the burglaries that have been occurring. If you have friends who have winter homes here and these homes are not being checked on a regular basis, you should go by and check to see if they have been forcibly entered. If you do see something suspicious please do not go any further into the home. Call the Police so we can gather any evidence that may have been left by the intruders.

An 8 HP Yamaha Outboard Trolling Motor, an electric Scotty brand downrigger and a manual Scotty brand downrigger were taken from a skiff moored at the Jakolof Harbor sometime during the last two weeks of February. The mounts for the downriggers were also taken. This is a theft totaling over \$3000.00 worth of merchandise. Anyone having any information is asked to contact the Seldovia Police Department.

Since last report the Police have notarized 8 documents and responded to 2 requests for assistance.

