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Browse,  
Have Fun!*

### Herring Bay Mercantile

Seldovia, AK

**Support the Seldovia Sea Otter Booster Club**  
 Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!



### Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent

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 Harbor Master (907) 234-7886  
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## Top Stories

### City Council Meeting April 25 by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. Deputy City Clerk Mary Klinger took minutes with Mayor Wyland presiding and City Manager Kurt Reynertson in attendance.

#### Agenda Approval

Item L #3 was moved to M #2 with a possible executive session requirement.

*Action:* Amended agenda unanimously approved.

#### Approval of minutes

Councilman Keesecker wished to hear the audio on last meeting's minutes for clarification purposes and moved to have the approval "tabled" until the next regular meeting.

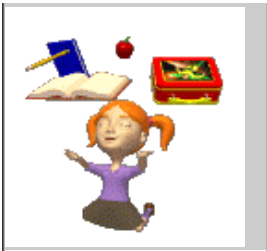
*Action:* Unanimously approved.

#### Proclamation

Mayor Wyland has determined that the annual spring clean-up, "poop scoop" shall be May 14-19. Anyone willing to contribute his or her time to the beautification of our city is quite appreciated.

#### Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda

Roseana McInnes came before Council to present an idea about usage of the Outside Beach Pavilion area. Locals and summer campers alike regularly use this area. McInnes has proposed that a fee be assessed to reserve this pavilion for an event(s). McInnes has received requests for wedding ceremonies (at the Pavilion area) for this summer. People wish to reserve the space and Ms.



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McInnes would like to accommodate them if at all possible. This would not negate the free use of this area. It would, however, allow the reservation of this space for an event.

On a related theme, Sunni Hilts came before Council and presented an idea to restrict campers from tent camping between the area of the Pavilion and the memorial area that stands nearby. There are designated camping spots nearby that are there for use with a designated fee assessed by the city. Those sites are the ones that can be used *legitimately*. Hilts felt it was important that legitimate sites be used for tent camping.

The Council had a positive response to these suggestions and concurred as a majority with the sentiments and ideas of the opinions expressed by R.McInnes and Hilts.

**Committee and Advisory Board Reports**

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting** will be held on May 3, noontime, at the Glovers'.

**Fish and Game:** Nothing to report at this time.

SOS has Hazwoper Training scheduled for May 2 –5 with a 15 signed up.

**Planning and Zoning Committee** continues to work on the comprehensive plan and should have it ready for council review in mid-May. P&Z Chair, Paulie Carluccio would like to see a two-day open “working” workshop where committee members could finalize the Plan along with Public impute being given.

On the Borough level there were 4 replats passed, a street renamed, 1 public testimony easement passed, a measure to introduce road maintenance standards prior to final platting has been put forward, and a construction permit was denied for a 30’x20’ structure within 40’ of the Kenai River.

**School Board Member** Sunni Hilts summarized her meetings in Juneau on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula School District . The proposed peninsula-wide teacher cut of 60 teachers that was proposed was lessened to 41. Available municipal funding is at an all time low. Hilts emphasized the importance of contacting our representative(s) (Seaton) and senator (Stevens) for municipal relief. Mayor Wyland added that phone calls are the best venue for communication.

**Old Business**

**Harbor Project Update (GLOVER)**

Harbor Renovation Update April 25, 2007  
by Tom Glover, City Council Harbor Committee

Much of the work has been completed and it is anticipated that everything will be done by May 15 and clean up finished by May 19.

- Setting the gangway skids in their final location is finished, low and high tides were not an issue.
- Cross bracing and batter piles on the approach is essentially complete. Bracing for the ladders was not engineered correctly, as it would not allow for slip ropes to be used to hold the boats in place. The braces will be removed after an “ok” is received from the Jay Brant Office.

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- Replacement of the main water line under the approach and gangway will be delayed for about two weeks but will be completed by Memorial Day. There is approximately 300' of new plastic pipe left, which should replace the main steel pipe on the Marginal Float at a later date (Currently there's not available funds for pipe replacement).
- Work continues on lighting, wiring and switch boxes. All wire has been pulled.
- Power has been disconnected from Float C and will not be reconnected per the project specifications. Floats D&E have power restored. Power is finished on the south side of Float A. Most of the electrical work will be completed by months' end.
- HEA will arrive Thursday to start work on the transformer and base. The plan is to pour the new pad on Friday and set the new transformer next week.
- An alternative configuration to drill and socket the remaining 10 steel piles is being explored.
- The 10, new steel piles have been moved from the 14-day parking lot to the cannery lot.
- Repair work on the primary grid is complete.
- Flotation billets were installed this week.
- Crews will try to do the gangway cover this week; otherwise, it will be next week. This will take a full day with several workers.

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 personnel will escort you through the work zone. Please stay away from the electrical wire laying on the docks and open access holes in the docks.

**Blue Fish LLC, Lease of City Property:**

A lease agreement has been submitted by David Wetzel for the lease of the Old Cannery Property. After prolonged Council discussion, it was determined that the lease would need some modifications, at which time the Council would review it again, then submit the lease to Wetzel.

*Action:* City Manager Reynertson has been directed to address modifications to the lease for eventual (timely) review by the Council Body.

**Temporary lease of lot 1 Block 10 (next to Harbor Master)**

This is the final lease approval of use of property for the purpose of a seasonal "food wagon" at this location.

Council discussion clarified some utility questions. There will also be a clause added for the restoration of the site to its original condition at lease completion.

*Action:* Unanimously approved with addition of clause.

**New Business**

**City Dock electrical conduit proposal**

This is a proposal for replacement of the electrical conduit under the City Dock. It was determined through Council discussion that it would be financially prudent to wait until the grant was finalized and in place before going forward with this replacement. Replacement at this time would be non-reimbursable without the grant in place.

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## Corrections

None this week

**Action:** Proposal denied 5-1  
Council dissent-McInnes

### City Manager job applications (executive session)

Three applicants were discussed, no action was taken during the executive session. Additional work will be completed by the Application Review Committee and a Special Council Meeting has been set for Saturday, April 28, 2007.

**City Manager's Report** - none this week.

**Next Regular Meeting:** May 9, 2007

**Adjournment:** time elapsed: 2 hours, 28 minutes, 5 seconds.

## Anti-Meth Presentation Sends Serious Message

by Mary Glover

On Tuesday, April 24th, a Drug Awareness Presentation by Julie Woodworth and Janet Mullen, RN was presented to about 26 attendees at the Boys & Girls Club. I have heard many presentations, but Woodworth's and Mullen's presentation "Never a First Time" was one of the most moving, informational and alarming presentations I have ever experienced. They spoke on the effects of Methamphetamine (Meth) usage. To sum up their very informative and educational presentation, here are some of the highpoints:

- A person actually gets hooked on Meth with first time use! Without fail! It changes the chemistry and function of the brain immediately!
- No good has ever come from drug usage. It is a given, if you choose drugs, especially Meth, you have destroyed your life.
- The majority of the criminals in Alaska prisons are in prison because of meth usage.
- The drug pushers are usually not users, they want to get you hooked and make merchandise of you. YOU ARE THE LOOSER and they get the money!

Visit this website for more information:

<http://www.muni.org/AlaskaMethEd/index.cfm>

Additional: <http://www.matr.net/article-20701.html>



Ms. Woodworth and Ms. Mullen, both of Homer, Alaska said they would

come back to Seldovia and give the presentation to any group who wanted to hear. Both speakers have a story to tell how Meth devastated their lives when a child of theirs became an addict to Meth. This presentation was sponsored by the Seldovia Village Tribe (SVT). Much thanks goes to the SVT in educating the children and adults in our community in an effort to avoid and recognize illegal drug usage in our community. I would encourage anyone to Google “anti Meth campaign” and just see how many hits you get and read some of the heart wrenching stories of so many young people who have just ruined their lives with a “First Time.”

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## Stained Glass Artist Creates in Seldovia

*by Tamara Blodgett*

*The “glass butcher” breaks glass with students...*

Stained glass artist Jim Kaiser has made his way to Seldovia via a grant written by SBE grade school teacher Karen Bornheimer. This grant allows for the artist to show and teach his handiwork to the students of SBE as well as the community for two weeks. Each day, Kaiser has made it his business to show kids to break glass for fun (boy when does that ever happen)! The children have been responsive to what is a complicated art form, requiring many steps from the design process to fruition.



*Detailed instruction combined with enthusiasm equals...*

Kaiser is self-employed and has been working full time with glass since 1977. He has been doing the Artisan’s School Program since 1986. They hold a grant funding process that enables the travel and teaching of stained glass to various communities’ children. Kaiser has 9 working days to complete two projects for each student. The first project will be a 4-point star. This star will be cut, then foiled, then lastly soldered. He is hoping for enough time for students to complete an 8-point star for the final project. The kids were ‘busy bees’, measuring and cutting the pieces needed for their star. The hands-on aspect of stained glass is especially good for the younger set that respond well to the constant movement of creating a stained glass piece.



*Giving something back...*

Kaiser is not all work and no play. A real jokester in person with flair and a positive attitude has solidly ingratiated himself to the students. He is currently working on a wonderful, custom 16" x 24" window for the school that depicts the school mascot (sea otter). Kaiser emphasized that the most rewarding part of his work is conceptualizing the design of a piece, then seeing it through to completion. His enthusiasm was palatable and contagious for all those around. A special nod goes to SBE teacher Karen Bornheimer for her insightful determination to bring this art form to our children and community.

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## **Revenue Sharing May be in Trouble . . . Please Do Your Part to Help**

*by Tom Glover*

As small towns in Alaska continue to struggle financially, our legislators have apparently pulled their support for revenue sharing once again. Governor Palin requested \$48 million in her budget to help communities with everything from keeping essential city services going in small towns to providing property tax relief in some of the bigger towns. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate have removed this line item from the budget. Reportedly, the revenue sharing has been submitted as a separate revenue sharing bill but it is still awaiting action.

You can help by calling, faxing, writing or sending a short letter to our legislators:

### **Representative Paul Seaton**

State Capitol, Room 102, Juneau, AK 99801-1182  
Phone: 907-465-2689; Toll Free: 800-665-2689  
Fax : 907-465-3472  
Website: <http://www.RepPaulSeaton.com>  
Email: [Rep.Paul.Seaton@Legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Rep.Paul.Seaton@Legis.state.ak.us)

### **Senator Gary Stevens**

Alaska State Capitol, Juneau , AK 99801-1182  
Phone: 907-465-4925; Toll Free: 800-821-4925  
Fax: 907- 465-3517  
Website: <http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/senate/25/STG.php>  
Email: [sen.gary.stevens@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:sen.gary.stevens@legis.state.ak.us)

***You don't have to say much, just ask them to please support revenue sharing!***

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## **Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 23**

Greetings from Juneau on this 98th day of the legislative session. Most of our energy in the last two weeks has been devoted to the understanding of the Alaska Gas line Inducement Act (AGIA) implications and looking for unintended consequences to provisions of the bill. The House Resources committee, of which I am Vice-Chairman, will begin considering amendments on Monday. Though we already have a big stack of changes, most are improvements that align with the overall structure of the Governor's bill.

However, we will be considering some amendments that would radically change the effectiveness of the bill in having the ability to induce an

application by any independent pipeline company. It will be an interesting debate!

I am still engaged in trying to develop a workable long term solution for Community Revenue Sharing and also the PERS rate problem for municipalities. We are also in the throes of final budget preparation but that is really the purview of the finance committees.

It hasn't been all work. Saturday night we attended Legislative Skits where staff got to poke fun at legislators. It was great fun but very long – I guess they had lots of material to use!

It was good to be able to visit last week in Juneau with the mayor of Seldovia, Dick Wyland, Jeff Hetrick of Moose Pass, Joy Steward, Clinton Edminster and Patrick Schneider of Homer, who were here to act as consultants for the Juneau Community Foundation's new youth division

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## Special Notices

### *Boys & Girls Club Update*

#### **Regular 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

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

### *Please keep your dogs at home, not at Susan B. English*

The school needs your help in keeping the dogs at home. As much as they love to come up and visit the kids, some kids are not use to dogs and this ends up in a tearful and rough start for their school day. PLEASE keep you dogs at home. There are so many black labs that we have no idea who belongs to who. If it continues it will be a matter for the enforcement of the Dog Ordinances.

Curtis Liberty, Principal  
Seldovia - Susan B. English

### *SERVSAFE Class Sponsored by the SEE Project*

SEE project is proud to announce that it will sponsoring a SERVSAFE class for all food establishments in Seldovia. Any establishment that serves food to the public is required to have at least 1 (one) manager in its facility that has been trained in this course. Businesses must comply with this rule by December of 2007. The certification lasts for 5 years. SEE will be sponsoring the only certified teacher for the Kenai Peninsula to come to Seldovia in the end of May (I'll let you know when the date has been confirmed) to administer

this 8 hour class. The fee for each participant is \$130 and we must have a minimum of 6 participants. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in this training or if you have any questions.

Rosanna McInnes  
SEE Marketing & Project Director  
907-234-7859 x 34

### Tidbits . . .

**The sun came out on Thursday and it was soooooo nice. Any guesses for when the last snow patch will disappear in the Snow Bowl this year???**



### City Manager's Corner

*by Kurt Reynertson*

**> No report this week <**

### Seldovia Police Report

*by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police*

**> Repeat story <**

The shop door, adjacent to a residence in the East Addition, was reportedly ajar. Investigation into the report resulted in a finding that no forced entry was made and nothing inside the shop appeared to have been taken. The adjacent residence is not occupied in the winter so the Police took numerous digital photographs of the shops interior and emailed the photos to the owner. It was determined the weather change could possibly have caused a frost heave which popped the door open. The door was secured and no further action taken by Police.

Security checks have been conducted on two homes that are vacant during the winter months and no evidence was found of trespass or entry.

A local resident reported damage had been sustained to her vehicle when someone had either ran into, or backed into, the driver's door. The door was caved in and the window was broken out. Evidence at the scene was indicative of someone backing into the vehicle with building materials on board. A white powdery substance, resembling sheetrock chalk, was found in the impact area of the door. Anyone having information regarding the accident should contact

the Police Department. The incident occurred sometime during the night of April 5th or the early morning hours of April 6th. It is possible that the impact could have been absorbed by building material, or other objects, in the vehicle and the person responsible may have not known they collided with the victim's vehicle. If you were in the area during this time frame, had building materials, or other materials aboard, and you turned around near the boardwalk on Main Street, maybe you should do the right thing and contact the Seldovia Police Department.

CE-2 Engineering reported the theft of gasoline from equipment at the City Dock construction site on two separate occasions. Approximately 19 gallons of gasoline is believed to have been taken. Anyone observing any suspicious behavior on the Dock Street site, during the nighttime hours, is asked to contact the Police Department.

A local citizen contacted the Police Department regarding a complaint of noise he had previously reported through the Homer Police Dispatch. He was told the report was not received and he contacted the Homer Police Dispatch who, in turn, called Chief Anderson. Homer Dispatch reported the call had been received on a Saturday morning at approximately 12:10 a.m. regarding 4-wheeler noise and further, that the machines had already left the area. They told the Complainant that, given the circumstances, and the fact that it was not a high priority call, the machines being no longer in the area and the activity they were dealing with in their own area at the time, the decision was made by the Dispatcher not to wake Chief Anderson. This is the same criteria they use with their own Department and they will continue to use this type judgment in future calls, as well.

A local contractor reported a package missing from the airport. The pilot had remembered unloading it in Seldovia and the time it was delivered. It was feared the package had been stolen. Police contacted other persons that were receiving freight on the same flight and no one could say they had observed the package. The package was later found to have been dropped in Nanwalek on the airport. The contractor received the package in good shape and only lost a day in being able to utilize its contents.

A local resident asked for assistance in contacting a friend after repeated attempts to contact him over a month's time had been unsuccessful. The necessary information was taken and a Sheriff's Department in the man's town was contacted. Upon conducting a welfare check, information was revealed that the friend had passed away the week prior to the request by the local citizen. The sad news was relayed by the Police to our citizen.

A teenager was stopped for speeding on his 4-wheeler and given a verbal warning. He told the Officer he thought the speed limit for ATVs was 25 mph. He was told it was 15 mph in the City and that the Officer had told so many youngsters this he felt it was common knowledge. The classes and presentations given every year at the school always outline the ATV laws and the Municipal Code regulations. Possibly this teenager had other things on his mind during the presentations.

Police responded to the Airport after receiving a report of an alarm going off on a vehicle. Upon arrival it was discovered that the owner had left his key in the ignition and hadn't shut the driver's door tightly and the key alarm bell was activated. The Officer shut the driver's door to correct the problem.

Skeletal remains of animals were reportedly dumped on private property. The responsible party was contacted and told the remains had to be cleaned up. The Officer was told the remains were dumped in hopes some of the wild animals would benefit from the meat left on the skeletons. Arrangements were made to

correct the problem.

A local resident reported his furnace quit working in the middle of the night of April 6th. Investigation by the Complainant into the problem resulted in his finding a large amount of a foreign substance in his oil tank that would not burn. A sample of the substance has been sent for analysis but the Complainant fears someone may have possibly sabotaged his tank. Investigation into the matter is continuing.

A man reported he was threatened by another party and he wanted the Police aware of the verbal threat. Contact was attempted but the suspect could not be located when the Police attempted to find him. Police will get his side of the story when he is located.

A minor was charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol after he was observed in an intoxicated state. At arraignment the minor pled guilty and was sentenced by Judge Murphy of the Homer Court. Since it was his second offense the minor lost his privilege to drive for three months, received 48 hours of Community Work Service, was ordered to undergo alcohol counseling, received a fine and was placed on probation until his 21 st birthday.

The Seldovia Police Department was called to assist the Anchorage Police Department in a case in Anchorage of possible Child Exploitation resulting from a report lodged by a local citizen. The investigation resulted in a Search Warrant being obtained by the Seldovia Police Department for the search of a local residence where evidence was suspected to be found which supports certain aspects of the Anchorage case. Upon receipt of the search warrant an Officer from the Anchorage Police Department and Sgt. Dunn, of the Alaska State Troopers, came to Seldovia, aboard the Patrol Vessel Augustine, to assist in the search. Simultaneous searches were conducted of the suspect's residence in Anchorage, also entered under the authority of a Search Warrant, and the search of the residence here in Seldovia. Evidence seized in the Search here was packaged and taken back to Anchorage by the Anchorage Officer so it could be inspected and analyzed. The investigation continues in this matter and the Seldovia Police are being kept apprised of any new developments.

The Police and Fire Department responded to the Lakeside Terrace after receiving a report of a fire in that structure. Upon arrival Police were told a frying pan had been forgotten while on the stove and the smoke alarm had been activated. The alarm was silenced by Police and the Fire Department responded. The lingering smoke and its odor were removed from the structure with the use of the Department's portable fan. No injuries or damages were reported in the incident.

Since last report the Police have responded to 1 request for assistance call, have fingerprinted one lady for employment purposes, have provided transportation for one person at their request and have notarized 4 documents.

