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2007 Craft
Invitational Chainsaw
Carving Competition
May 25-28, 2007



PhotoStory
Seldovia Summer Solstice
Music Festival
June 23-24, 2007

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City Office (907) 234-7643

Coming Home Week & July 4 Schedules

Click below for daily schedules

Sunday 1st	Monday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturday	Sunday 8th	Week (pdf)

Come join the fun in Seldovia!

Top Stories

July 4 & Coming Home Festivities a Big Success

A big thank you to Chairperson Liza Bieri and all the supporting folks who made the events for the 4th of July Festival possible. Also, many thanks go to Chairperson Trinket Gallien and all the persons who helped to organize and carry out the festivities for the Coming Home 2007 week. Major events are not still not over as the talent show is scheduled for Friday night and the concert on Saturday night. Winners of all the July 4th events and a PhotoStory will be published in next week's Gazette.



School

▶ Susan B English School by school reporter Katie O'Leary - [Click here](#)



Notices & Newsletters

▶ The Seldovia Visitor 2007, Seldovia Chamber of Commerce. [Click here to download PDF \(6mb\)](#)

▶ Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 (pdf)

▶ Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)

▶ Boys and Girls Club Calendar

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▶ [Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May](#)



Winners of the Rubber Duckie Race



Tina Yuth - 1st Place - \$1500



Helen Josefsen - 2nd Place - \$700



Roy Farrar - 3rd Place - \$250



Julie Schwind - Last Place - \$50

"Float" the Mats!

by Tamara Blodgett

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SBE Wrestling Team scoops for new mat...

In a three-day concession spree, SBE Coach Dan Blodgett and wrestling mothers' came together to sell rootbeer floats in a fundraising effort to procure money for a new wrestling mat for the team. The current mats are 20+ years old and in need of replacement. A new mat is needed and will allow SBE the option to host a future meet here in Seldovia.

This group raised approximately \$2,000 during the concession they ran in Homer when SBE hosted Basketball Regions there. Subsequent donations came through in the combined amount of \$700 bringing the total to \$2700. During the concessions this week, the group raised an additional \$1363 for the mat. A new mat runs around \$7800, so we are halfway there.

The generosity of others' takes our breath away...

Local businesswoman (Bridge Keeper's Inn B&B) Valerie Morin, ran the adjacent Funnel Cake concession stand. She and her team have selflessly donated all the proceeds from their stand to the SBE Wrestling Team mat fundraiser. This act was so unexpected and so generous the wrestling group was momentarily speechless. This type of thing is the "glue" that keeps a community like Seldovia together and we deeply appreciate their support. THANK YOU! Tune in next week for the full "scoop!"

Outside Beach Banquet Cookout *by Tamara Blodgett*

Volleyball players and food lovers come together...

The Independence Day "Coming Home" celebration blasted off to a great start last Sunday at the Outside Beach pig roast. This combination pig roast (expertly done by local Rick Harkness) sparked the enthusiasm for the day which included beach volleyball, buoy and one-legged man racing, a sawdust pile filled with \$1,000.00 worth of coins and much more!



The festivities began at 3PM with weather initially cooperating and partly sunny. As the afternoon progressed things became a little more exciting with sprinkles falling (sans bonfire...brrr!). This did not deter the adventurous! Young and old alike partook in activities. One young boy spent an hour and a half searching through the sawdust pile to come away with almost \$20 in change!

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Classified Rates

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Corrections

[None this week](#)

Local Josh Patrick was in charge of refereeing the volleyball games with four teams participating and the undefeated Costello Team garnering the cash prize at the end. Plenty of seating, food and drink items were provided for the community by the Seldovia Village Tribe to start of the weeklong Independence Day celebration. What a way to start off the holiday week!

Gov. Palin Signs Budget - Vetos Nearly a Quarter of a Billion Dollars in Capital Spending

Press Release

Veto costs Seldovia \$70,500 in Capital Spending

June 29, 2007, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today signed three budget bills into law: House Bill 95, House Bill 96, and Senate Bill 53.

“I know we share the goals of creating a strong economy with good jobs, an education system that is world class in preparing our children for those jobs, safer communities and good solid infrastructure,” said Governor Sarah Palin. “The budgets before us will set us on a course to make that vision a reality by prioritizing our spending, making substantial investments in core services and saving for our future.”

House Bill 95, sponsored by the Governor, establishes the fiscal year 2008 state operating budget.

House Bill 96, sponsored by the Governor, establishes the fiscal year 2008 state mental health budget and makes appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state’s integrated comprehensive mental health program.

Senate Bill 53, sponsored by the Governor, makes and amends capital and supplemental appropriations and ratifies certain expenditures.

The Governor vetoed nearly a quarter of a billion dollars of projects contained within Senate Bill 53. Establishing a budget process, the Governor focused her decisions on the Constitutionally-mandated services of education, public safety and health, and infrastructure.

“This was a very deliberative process, meant to provide consistency and a level of fairness in a process that can be anything but fair,” said Governor Palin. “Vetoes included within the decision-making process are not a reflection on the project itself, but upon the state’s responsibility to pay for the proposed project. We recognize that we have got to change the system. We have already begun working with legislators to change the process and this is a good start.”

Capital Budget Includes Funds for HEA Tree Clearing Efforts

News Release

The state capital budget signed into law by Governor Palin on June 29th includes \$250,000 for Homer Electric Association. The funds will be used to remove danger trees on state land that are located outside of the right-of-way, but still pose a threat to power lines. The area of most concern is the south side of Kachemak Bay where spruce bark beetle killed trees continue to damage the transmission line. The line serves the area between Halibut Cove and Nanwalek

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Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter

I am glad to be back in Homer after a brief one-day special session. It was nice to be able to drive to session in Anchorage and see so many members of the public in attendance. However the facilities were not quite prepared for over 40 additional legislators to descend upon them, there was no parking, office space or staff for non-Anchorage legislators. I had to constantly run out and put change in the meter to avoid getting a ticket. Nevertheless it was a refreshing change of scenery and worked OK for a very short session.

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Sen. Gary Stevens Newsletter

Reacting to today's (Friday's) announcement of \$237 million in cuts to the FY '08 Capital Budget, Senate Majority Leader Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak) said that while he is not surprised by the governor's moves, he is disappointed by her vetoes of several projects important to the people and communities he serves.

"The Legislature knew going into this past session that the governor was pushing for a very lean capital budget for Fiscal Year '08, and her budget cuts reflect that philosophy," Senator Stevens commented. "While I understand and appreciate the difficult choices the governor had to make in this budget, it is frustrating to see funds eliminated for projects that impact so many of my constituents."

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Boys & Girls Club Update

The streets are filled with old and new friends this week so why don't you all come out and enjoy Seldovia's "Not-So-Ready-For-Primetime" Talent Show together? Starting at 7:00 p.m. tonight (Friday, July 6th) in the Susan B. English School Commons, there will be people singing and playing fiddles, flutes, pianos, guitars, and more! If you have a funny (but clean) joke to tell, or a song to sing, a poem to recite, or some other great known/unknown talent, then plan on coming up on stage to share your skills with the rest of us! There will be great prizes for everyone who participates. This free event is sponsored by the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club, and we hope you will consider making a donation at the door to this great community organization. We will see you there!

The Boys & Girls Club is pleased to announce its participation in the State of Alaska's Summer Food Service Program. The Club will be providing meals to all children in Seldovia, ages 6 – 18, free of charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the Boys & Girls Club's Summer Lunch Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club (located next to the Susan B. English School) on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1-

1:30 p.m., starting Tuesday, July 10th. Children do not need to be Boys & Girls Club members to participate.

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USDA

Director, Office of Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20250-0410

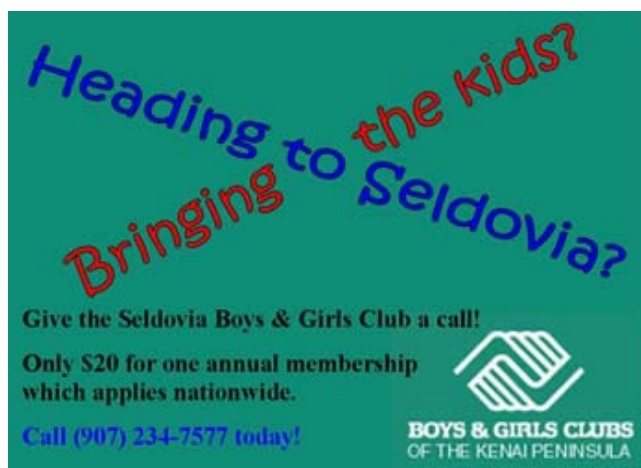
(800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY)

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The Clubhouse will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1-6 p.m. Pottery will still run on Mondays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Teen Open Gym will happen on Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Teens can come to the Club one extra time with the addition of a Teen Club night on Saturdays from 9:00 – 11:00 p.m., and of course they can still attend the Seldovia Village Tribe's Teen Night on Fridays from 9:00 – midnight.

Regular Club Schedule

- Pottery: Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Clubhouse: Tuesdays - Saturdays from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Club night: Saturdays 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 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

Tidbits . . .

Walt and his '31 . . . now that's what July 4 parades are all about!



City Manager's Corner

>> No Reports will be available until a new City Manager is hired <<

Seldovia Police Report by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

>> No report this week <<

