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PhotoStory delayed until next week due to computer problems . . . sorry.

Coming Home Week & July 4, 2007 Festival  
July 1-8, 2007

## Top Stories

### July 4 PhotoStory & Winners

*[We had intended to do a full PhotoStory and posting of all the winner information this week, but our main file server crashed on Wednesday and will not be online again until early next week (July 17th or 18th). In addition, we are also still collecting photos from a variety of contributors and event information from the coordinators. Hopefully, by next weeks paper, we'll be able to complete this report. Sorry for the delay.]*

### Upcoming Workshop Determines Structure for Cannery Property

by Tamara Blodgett

City Council will meet in an intense workshop on Wednesday the 18th to plan a structure for the cannery property. A grant is available for building this structure with a tight timeline for submittal. Mayor Dick Wyland stressed that Public input is critical for the facilitation of the structure's design and use. He urges everyone that can attend to do so.

People in the community that make their livelihoods fishing have vested interest in this future structure. The old cannery property is zoned Industrial Marine. This is a chance for fishermen to domestically improve/expedite their work while possibly adding jobs to the Seldovian economy. Additionally, non-fishing residents' thoughts on what they see as viable and needed in the community would be a significant contribution to the process. Show up at this workshop and make your suggestions count.

### City Council Meeting July 11

by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members

## Marketplace



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present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Allison Miller, Walter McInnes and Gerry Patrick. Acting City Manager and City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes and Mayor Dick Wyland presided.

## Committee and Advisory Board Reports

**Planning & Zoning Commission, Borough Planning, SOS, and Fish & Game** have nothing to report at this time. **Chamber of Commerce** will meet at the Multi Purpose Room Thursday at noon .

## Old Business

### Ordinance 07-05, amending the FY08 Sundry Fee Schedule

After prolonged Council discussion, terminology that exactly represented what the Council wished to reflect for the Port Fee was decided upon, to include the change of the Port Fee from \$3 to \$1 and the carriers will report 1/2 of the sales tax collected on a ticket to Seldovia. In addition, Councilman Gain added a footnote to section 3, line item 3 to further specify to whom the Port Fee would be assessed. This was added to circumvent confusion for the future.

Councilman McInnes asked that the fee for the Outside Beach Pavilion be reduced from the current weekend/holiday rates of: 0-6 hrs. @ \$100, 6-12 hrs. @ \$200, 12-24 hrs. @ \$300 **to:** 6-12 hrs. @ \$150 and 12-24 hrs. @ \$200. The Council consensus concurred with the new price schedule.

A member of the Public, *Tim Dillon* wished to affirm his support for the new Seldovia Port Fee. Furthermore, he felt tourists were accustomed to paying this assessment when traveling and that his interaction of 25-years <with visitors> historically supported tourists' willingness to offer this small stipend of financial support to continue to maintain the infrastructure that makes the City of Seldovia viable.

*Action:* Approved unanimously.

### Cannery Property Development

Mayor Wyland informed Council that an available grant to build a structure on this property was available but the timeline was tight. Council would need to meet & determine a plan for said structure for submittal by the first week in September. Mayor Wyland suggested a **workshop** be held on the **18th at 7PM** with an emphasis on Public attendance a must. City Clerk/Manager Haynes suggested that fishery people be a high priority to attend due to the zoning of this property as Industrial Marine. Their wealth of knowledge coupled with the use of this property is paramount to the facilitation of the structure's plan and usage.

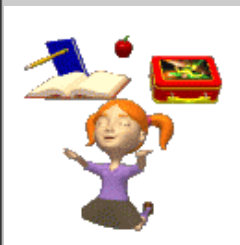
*Action:* None, information only.

### Lease to Blue FISH LLC for Cannery Property

This was an update by Councilman Glover on owner David Wetzel's bid/lease submittal. To date, he has submitted financials for review by City Clerk/Manager Haynes and Mayor Wyland, in addition to a small business plan. He again emphasized that he wishes the process of the lease acceptance and revision is done right and is in "no rush." He is in receipt of his fish product and insists that it is an odorless process (in response to public concern over rendering odor).

## 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 \(pdf\)](#)

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*Action:* None, information only.

## New Business

### Resignation of Tom Keesecker, Council Member

Mr. Keesecker has submitted his resignation based on "stress level" coupled with the duties of Council Member <conflicting> cited as his primary reasons.

Council response was gratefulness for his service as well as appreciation for his unique perspective and experience in areas that assisted the Council body.

Councilman Gain addressed Keesecker's devotion to the Harbor Project that people were not aware of. Councilman McInnes mentioned that his construction background had been very helpful during his tenure on Council. Remaining Council members expressed similar opinions. A member of the Public, *myself* thanked Mr. Keesecker for his faithful service to the community.

*Action:* Unanimously accepted.

**Next Meeting:** July 25th, 2007 (special workshop July 18th).

**Meeting Adjournment:** Time elapsed: 1 hour, 24 minutes and 39 seconds.

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## Chamber of Commerce Meeting July 11

*by Mary Glover*

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce held its July meeting at the City's Multipurpose Room. The guests of honor for the day were: Citizen(s) of the Year, Mike and Mary Webber, and Youth of the Year, Adam Ogle. The Business of the Year (the M/V Discovery and Tim Cashman) was not in attendance because the M/V Discovery was scheduled for a 1:00 PM arrival--ending time for the meeting.

The persons in attendance discussed the recap of the 4th of July Festival, the restoration of the informational signs and a possible Blueberry Bake Sale Contest to be held Labor Day Weekend.

The Chamber decided to hold a "split the pot raffle" in guessing if the snow in the Bowl Mountain would melt by termination dust time. The details of this raffle are being worked out. Proceeds will go to raising money for next year's Chainsaw Carving Contest. The Chamber also elected to have a FAM Trip on August 19th in conjunction with the Homer Chamber of Commerce. It is also time for the nomination of officers/directors for the 2007-2008 term. The slate will be presented at the next meeting.

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## Boys & Girls Club Update

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

**Carnival**

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.

**Photo Archives**

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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.



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**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



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**Corrections**

▶ None this week

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

**Tidbits . . .**

"Fun" on the 4th of July . . . nothing like a dip in the dunk tank!



### 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

Two light bars off the two old Police vehicles in the fenced yard on Anderson Way were stolen. One of the light bars was located but one is still missing.

Police unlocked the door to a vehicle following a report that a man had locked the keys inside inadvertently.

Two ladies requested their fingerprints be rolled for employment purposes.

Police were called to the Seldovia Landfill after a small yearling black bear refused to leave the area. Police responded and deterrent methods were used to discourage the bear's presence.

Police were called regarding a Domestic Dispute that was in progress. The matter was handled informally and no arrests were made. No physical violence had occurred and the subjects involved decided to end the matter peacefully after talking with the Police. No further calls were received in this matter and no charges were filed.

A 9 year old boy reportedly was assaulted by another 9 year old youngster. Due to the circumstances of the case a report was filed with the Office of Children's Services, Juvenile Intake Division.

The Linwood Bar presented a "Beer Garden Permit" and outlined the plan for the garden over the 4th of July and it was signed by the Chief of Police.

Police responded to the Jakolof Bay area after receiving a report of an attempted Arson. The investigation revealed an accelerant was used in two different locations in an attempt to burn a log cabin. One entry door to the cabin had been ignited but had been extinguished before it could do a lot of damage. The occupants of a cabin near the log cabin were able to extinguish the fire. A youngster 10 years of age was found to be responsible. The case has been

referred to the Alaska State Troopers for follow up. The case will be referred to the Officer of Children's Services, Juvenile Intake Division.

Police observed an adult riding a 4-wheeler on Jakolof Bay Road in a negligent manner. A citation for "Negligent Driving" will be issued. Prior to delivery of the citation the man left Seldovia due to work. The Police are awaiting his return to the area for service of the citation.

An intoxicated man refused to leave the bar after being directed to do so by the bartender. The Police became involved and the man decided it was in his best interest to vacate the premises.

A disturbance at the bar, which spilled over into Main Street, with 4 people involved, is under investigation. When the investigation is completed the case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office in Kenai for review on Assault charges.

A citizen complaint that a door was open to a vacant structure was followed up and the owner of the building was contacted and told. He didn't know the door was not locked and was told to make arrangements to have the building secured.

It appears someone backed into a 4-wheeler with a vehicle and a substantial amount of damage was sustained to the machine. No information was left with the 4-wheeler and it is unknown who is responsible. The law requires information be left with the damaged vehicle informing the owner who was responsible. Anyone having any information regarding this "Hit and Run" is encouraged to contact the Police Department.

Fire wood was reportedly stolen from a residence in the Barabara Heights Subdivision sometime within the last month. The wood was kept next to the driveway at the residence.

A skiff was reported to be stolen from the Seldovia Lagoon area but was later located tied to a piling off the Boardwalk. Possibly the high tide took the skiff off the beach and someone located it drifting and tied it up. No damage was found and all that was left in the skiff was still there. Thank you to whoever did take the time to protect a neighbor's property.

A ring, found at the Outside Beach Park, was turned in to the Police Department. If you have lost a ring contact the Police and describe it. It could be we are in possession of your jewelry.

Over the week long holiday the Police conducted traffic control for the Biathlon, the Salmon Shuffle and the 4th of July parade. No traffic problems were reported in these three events and no injuries occurred.

A black bear was into garbage at the Outside Beach Park and Police responded and attempted to haze the animal out of the area. They succeeded in running the bear up a tree, where he spent the entire day. Some persons in a vehicle were observed by campers to come to the area and shoot at the bear with either BB guns or pellet guns. If these people can be identified charges will be brought. Anyone having any information regarding this incident are encouraged to contact the Police Department.

A report of a vehicle off the road on the Outside Beach Road resulted in an investigation by the Police. The driver stated she swerved to miss a black bear and ran off the edge of the roadway. The vehicle was removed from the embankment by the use of heavy equipment. The driver, her two passengers nor the two dogs that were in the vehicle sustained any injuries in the accident. An

accident report will be filed with the State. No further action taken by the Police Department.

A 14 year old boy visiting Seldovia was stopped on a 4-wheeler on Jakolof Bay Road after he was observed to be driving too fast. He did not have the vehicle registered with the State of Alaska and did not have an operator license himself. He was sent home and the laws were explained to him. He was told to refrain from operating the vehicle until both he and the machine were legal to be on the roadways.

Three dirt bikes were stopped on Jakolof Bay Road after they were observed by the Police. The operators told the Officer they brought the bikes to Seldovia on their boat and thought they were legal on the roadways since the 4-wheelers were allowed. The laws were explained to them and the Officers were told their boat would only carry the bikes and was not big enough to haul 4-wheelers. A suggestion was made that possibly a bigger boat should be purchased because the dirt bikes would not be permitted on the roads.

A report of an eagle with its upper beak gone was received. With assistance from other citizens the eagle was captured and shipped to the US Marine Wildlife Refuge in Homer.

They told the Police other birds have been brought to them with the same problem and they have been very successful in building a beak with epoxy type materials that is used while the beak again grows out. They said the beak grows much like a person's fingernail and they felt confident they could, in time, return the bird to the wild.

Police were called in the early morning hours to respond to a residence in the Barabara Heights Subdivision after a visitor refused to leave the complainant's residence. The man had departed prior to arrival of the Police. Alcohol was a contributing factor in the incident.

Police were called and told a lady was creating a disturbance on Main Street. Upon arrival the lady told the Officer she was upset because she had lost her cell phone and no one would assist her. Her vehicle had also stalled at the location and this furthered her frustrations. The Officer attempted to locate the ladies cell phone but was unsuccessful. The vehicle was jump started and the lady was able to proceed to her home. No further action was taken by the Police.

A cell phone found on Airport Avenue was turned in and the owner was located and the phone was returned. Items that are found should be turned in to the Police Department. Many of the people loosing items call the Police Department and give addresses or phone numbers in the event the item is turned in.

A visitor reported approximately 15 gallons of gasoline was taken from his aircraft during the night of July 6th. He was very sure of the amount as he had just fueled up prior to coming to Seldovia. Tampering with aircraft is a Federal offense and charges can be brought under Federal Statutes. Anyone having any information regarding this, or other such crimes, should contact the Police with the information.

A black bear was reportedly in the garbage at the Outside Beach. Police responded and found the garbage cans had been gone through and quite a mess left behind but the bear was gone when the Officer arrived.

A vehicle was reportedly damaged on both sides and the tailgate when someone keyed the pickup. Heavy scratches were observed and repairs will include

having to repaint the vehicle. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Police Department.

A very small cub bear has been reported in the areas around the Inside Beach. The bear is very small and is said to be too small to be separated from its mother however she has not been seen. The bear is into the garbage cans and on the decks of the residences in the area. This could create a major problem if mom were to show up. When in the area be very aware of your surroundings and back off if you do observe the bear or its mother. This is a good practice anytime you are hiking in bear country.

Reports were received of 4-wheelers harassing campers in the area of the Outside Beach over the Holiday. It was reported youngsters on 4-wheelers were going through camp sites and spinning around throwing sand and rocks all over the camps and tents. They were said to be driving at a high rate of speed and creating a hazard for others in the area. If anyone is placing others in harms way, they are breaking the law. If you have youngsters who ride 4-wheelers, make them aware of the laws and the restrictions placed on motor vehicles.

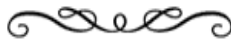
A mother called the Police Department requesting a welfare check. Her two sons were visiting and she hadn't had contact with them since the 4th of July. Upon checking it was found the father had taken the boys to a lodge for fishing. The lady was called and given the information and she expressed her gratitude and was very relieved to hear all was well.

A young boy who was visiting the area over the holiday was stopped on Jakolof Bay Road for speeding on a 4-wheeler. He did not have a license and his machine was not registered with the State. He was staying on McDonald Spit and the Officer escorted him to that location and told him to park the vehicle until both he and the machine were legal to be on the roadways and he was further told to slow down.

A report of damage was received after the two padlocks, which were used for locking the gate on Rocky Road just east of the Landfill, were cut off with, what appears to be, bolt cutters. The chain on the gate was also reportedly cut with bolt cutters last month. This constitutes the crimes of "Criminal Mischief" and "Trespass". Anyone having any information regarding these two incidents is asked to contact the Police Department.

Since last report the Police have Notarized 17 documents and responded to 4 requests for assistance.

We are actually edging into the 21st century. Alaska Communication Systems, (ACS), is now installing an antenna which will facilitate the use of cell phones in the Seldovia area. As you know the signal was somewhat hit and miss and you rarely got to finish your conversation if you were fortunate enough to get a connection in the first place. That will, hopefully, now be a thing of the past. The mobile antenna is being placed at the ACS site above Helen Josefsen's property. A permanent installation is planned in the future. Chris Crosta, who has a home on Shoreline Drive, as well as other ACS employees, have been working on this project for quite some time. If you see them on the street let them know we do appreciate their efforts. This will certainly be of great benefit to all of us who communicate on a regular basis in our businesses. Thanks again Mr. Crosta and all the ACS employees who made this possible.



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