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PhotoStory
Coming Home Week &
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BeauSoleil Concert on Tuesday Night



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City of Seldovia Job Openings

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1. [Facilities Maintenance \(pdf\)](#)
2. [Fire Administrative Assistant \(pdf\)](#)

Top Stories

CRW Engineers Selected for Seldovia's VSW Water-Sewer Project

by Tom Glover

Last week, Village Safe Water (VSW) and the City of Seldovia completed the selection process for the company to provide engineering services for Seldovia's Water and Sewer Improvements Project. Seven companies submitted proposals, VSW selected three finalist companies (CRW Engineering, Bristol Environmental & Engineering, and PDC Inc. Engineers) and then VSW and the City of Seldovia selected the winner based on review of their proposals and

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presentations by the engineering groups. CRW Engineering Group, LLC from Anchorage was awarded the contract.

VSW personnel working on the Seldovia project will include Lynn Marino, P.E. and Willem Van Hemert, P.E., both based in Anchorage.

CRW was started in 1981 and currently has a staff of 54 with 22 registered professional engineers. They have a significant amount of experience in conducting water-sewer investigations and designing and managing construction of water-sewer improvements. Currently, they are working in more than 30 rural Alaska communities and more than 90% of their work comes from repeat customers. Sub-contractor members of their team will include Coffman Engineers Inc. (corrosion control), Alaska Pipeliners Inc. (sewer television inspection) and Duane Miller & Assoc. (geotechnical). The CRW management team will include Dave Yanoshek, P.E. as Project Manager and Pete Bellezza, P.E. as Project Engineer.

School

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



Dan Yanoshek

Pete Bellezza

The proposed project schedule is on a very tight timeline and is initially planned as follows:

Date	Task
August 2007	Consultant contract negotiations and notice to proceed
September 2007	Review existing information, site visit, Seldovia residents questionnaire, and limited water line testing
October 2007	Complete questionnaire, draft replacement priority technical memorandum, sewer system analysis, field survey and geotechnical investigation
November 2007	Final replacement priority technical memorandum and technical memorandum review and approval
December 2007	
January 2008	Design documents at 35%, 65%, 95% , and final stage per VSW standards
February 2008	
March 2008	Future phases design and additional design documents
April 2008	
May through September 2008	Construction starts the 1st week in May

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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▶ [Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2007](#)

[Editors Note: Having been part of the selection process for Seldovia, I am pleased to report that Lynn Marino and the VSW group have been a real joy to work with and I am confident that we have selected the best engineering

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group to get a quality job completed in a timely fashion. I have personally made numerous phone calls to both past and current municipal clients of the CRW group and have heard nothing but praise for their work. They have an excellent reputation in Alaska.]

[Click here for additional information on CRW Engineering](#)

City Council Meeting August 8 by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick; Councilman Keith Gain was excused. Mayor Dick Wyland presided and City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes.

Ordinance Introduction

Ordinance 08-01, Amending the Sundry Fees to Add an Annual Day Use Fee

Ordinance 08-02, Establishing a Port Authority and placing on Ballot

A public hearing has been set for the above two ordinances for the next regular city council meeting on August 22, 2007 .

Old Business

Appointment of Council Member to Fill Vacant Seat

Currently, the vacant seat has approximately 6 weeks left and there has been no submission letter received from interested individuals.

Action: None

Cannery Feasibility Study and Development

Through Council discussion it was determined that another workshop be scheduled for mid-August. A French entity (representative) that has expressed interest in this development will be here to give a presentation interpreted by Seldovia resident Michele Bieri.

Action: Workshop scheduled TBA.

VSW Engineer Selection

CRW Engineering Group (www.crweng.com) has been selected as the contractor to complete preliminary and final work on the updating of the sewer and water lines that service the City of Seldovia . Prelim work will begin late summer, with finishing work beginning spring of '08 and continuing throughout that summer. Councilman Glover was highly involved in the selection process and is confident in the past quality of this group's work and their positive referral base. For in depth details, please read CRW story.

Action: Unanimous approval.

Carnival**Photo Archives**

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Corrections

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Cannery Property Development (possible executive session)

The feasibility study is complete. Council is still waiting for copies of project details (study) and has no proposal at this time.

Action : Continuing process of procuring documents.

Kachemak Bay Ferry (possible executive session)

Council has still not been provided a copy of the Feasibility Study and does not yet know the entire scope and details of this project. Council is actively seeking detailed information about the impact of this project's effect on the City.

Action: Council seeking information on KBF Project.

New Business**Funding and Care of Red Mountain Road (MCINNES)**

Councilman McInnes wishes to compose a letter to the State DOT to thank them for their prior interest in maintaining this road that goes beyond Jakolof Bay and accesses Red Mountain . Currently, philanthropic citizenry has maintained this road for the many that uses it. This generous donation of time and energy cannot continue indefinitely. With that in mind, McInnes cited a letter from 1999 that spoke to the willingness of DOT to maintain that road as a "last priority" on their list of currently maintained roads as part of their summer maintenance plan.

The Council was in agreement with Councilman McInnes drafting this document with the mayor's approval and signature.

Action: The Council body directed McInnes to compose document.

Maintenance of Tutka Bay Trail (MCINNES)

Councilman McInnes will compose a letter asking Tutka Bay Trails be added to the list maintained by the State of Alaska DOT .

Action: Unanimous approval.

Manager, Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda

Arts Council President Susan Mumma was personally awarded a proclamation of diligent volunteer service on behalf of the City by Mayor Wyland.

Next Meeting: August 22nd, 2007

Adjournment: Time elapsed, approximately 44 minutes.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting August 2

by Paulie Carluccio

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting on August 2 nd in the Multipurpose Room. Buffet lunch was served. Vice president, Darlene

Crawford, called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. Lee Knowles, ACS representative, was our guest. She spoke about the new mobile tower ACS put in and how ACS and Verizon wireless customers were already benefiting. As a special incentive ACS is offering to waive the \$35 set up fee for Seldovians that already have service in their homes. There are many plans to choose from in all budget ranges.

The Chamber finalized plans for the FAM (Familiarization) tour in conjunction with the Homer Chamber on August 19. Tim Cashman will be bringing over the group of 20. Barb Carlough is chairing the event. The Chamber also discussed and moved forward plans for a Mountain Bowl Melt Date Fundraiser, the Berry Festival Fundraiser in September and a possible Seldovia Halibut Derby for next year. Several other ideas were presented and will be revisited once more information is available.

The Nominating Committee presented their slate for 2007-2008 officers and directors. There were 2 additional nominations for the Board of Directors from the floor to fill the 2 recent resignations. Because there was no more than one person running for each position and no further nominations from the floor the slate was unanimously accepted. They are: President – Darlene Crawford. Vice President – Joni Reynertson, Secretary – Shirley Hurley, Treasurer – Peggy Keesecker. Board members are: Carole Myers, Kris Lethin, Mary Glover, Paulie Carluccio and Crystal Collier. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm

The next meeting on September 6th will be a potluck luncheon at noon at Dancing Eagles. Mark your calendar.

Perseids Meteor Shower Sunday, August 12

by Tom Glover

The famous Perseid meteor shower has been observed for about 2000 years with its greatest activity between August 8th and 14th. The late night hours of August 12th to pre-dawn hours of August 13th is the peak, when the rate of meteors reaches a hundred or more per hour. Telescopes and binoculars are not required to see this spectacular event.

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Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - August 6

It has been a busy summer and I have enjoyed meeting with many of you. I bypassed my normal fish tender skipping job in order to devote more time to the Education Task Force meetings this summer. That has enabled me to spend more time in town and be more involved in some of the summer celebrations such as Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies' 25th Anniversary and the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust celebration finalizing the large acquisition of the Baycrest Hill ski trails under the Forest Legacy program.

**Joint Legislative Education Task Force
Special Session on Petroleum Profits Tax
Staff in Seward**

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Special Notices . . .

Boys & Girls Club Update

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
lilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

Tidbits . . .

Summer sunsets in Seldovia are just spectacular and this year is no exception . . . that's Augustine Volcano in the background.



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

>> Repeat Story <<

Due to the exorbitant amount of time that is taken up researching and writing this report I find it necessary to use a somewhat less informative format. Hopefully those of you who read the Police Report religiously will understand and forgive me for having to make this change. Hopefully, when things slow down, or I get some clerical assistance, we can revert back to the old reporting method.

Due to bear problems Security was held on a residence so some children could get personal items from their home.

Two 27 gallon gas cans, full of gas, were stolen from a skiff in the Seldovia Harbor.

Police searched for two men reported overdue in the Seldovia area. They returned off the Otter while the search was underway.

A bear trap is being used to relocate problem bears. One has been relocated.

A loud hailer speaker was reported stolen off the Harbor Master's building.

Civil papers were served on a local resident at the request of another Police agency.

A camper was reportedly camped on Jakolof Bay Airport. The campers were gone upon arrival of the Police.

An unattended camp fire was extinguished at the Jakolof Bay Harbor after it was found vacated by the Police.

A man reported his vehicle was damaged after someone collided with it while he was not present. The person responsible has yet to come forward.

A report of a camper being observed with a rope on a baby moose in the Jakolof Bay airport vicinity was taken. The camper could not be located when Police responded.

Damage was sustained to the chain link gate at the "Old Landfill" site. The gate was damaged when a 4wheeler ran into it repeatedly.

A report of an overturned vehicle in the Barabara Heights Subdivision was taken but the operator has yet to contact the Police.

A fence located on Main Street was damaged by persons unknown.

A tire pump was reportedly stolen off a 4-wheeler while it was parked on Main Street near Wheeler's Grocery Store.

A water shut off stand pipe was run over by heavy equipment. It is unknown at this time if any damage occurred.

A tent, used to house a boat in the boat haul out facility, was damaged sometime during last winter or this spring and the damage is indicative of damage sustained when hit by heavy equipment.

Police are investigating a roll over accident that occurred in the Jakolof Bay area where a pickup truck rolled onto the beach at Jakolof Bay near the old mill site.

13 – 15 gallons of gas were reportedly stolen from an airplane that was parked on the Seldovia Airport apron approximately 2½ weeks ago.

Police took a lady into “Protective Custody” after she was observed disoriented and exhibited irrational behavior. She was transported to the Homer Hospital for observation and evaluation

Police responded in the early morning hours to a local residence after receiving a noise report due to an adult party.

Since last report Police have received 17 reports of black bear in the vicinity, did 2 security checks on a vacant residence at the request of the owner, have Notarized 4 documents and have responded to 2 requests for assistance.

