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Just another day in paradise

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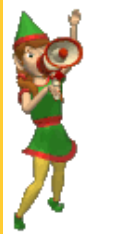
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## Spotlight

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### Labor Day Weekend events:

- ▶ Saturday, Sept 1: Chamber of Commerce Bake Sale from 10-4, MPR (benefits to the 2008 Chainsaw Carving contest). Our local crafters will also be selling their wares. Coffee, lemonade and individual servings of baked goods will be for sale as well.
- ▶ Saturday, Sept 1: Seldovia Arts Council presents - DOUG COX & CHRIS PROCTOR in Concert; SBE School, 8pm
- ▶ Monday, Sept 3: Chamber of Commerce Red Mountain Hike. 8:15am Registration at SVT Visitor Center; no registration fee, bring sack lunch and water bottle. Departing via car pooling promptly at 9:00am. Everyone invited. \$26 Commemorative Sweatshirt for sale - partial proceeds to Chamber of Commerce.



### City of Seldovia Job Openings (click job description to view descriptions)

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

## Top Stories

### Plan Your Ferry Schedules Carefully for October, November and December!

*by Tom Glover*

It's that time of year when the ferry schedules get more difficult and this year is no exception. November is particularly bad in that there are only 3 ferries for the entire month, October has 6 ferries, and December has 7 ferries. There are no Sunday ferries in October and November; Friday or Saturday ferries instead of Thursday ferries in October; and only one Thursday ferry in November. December moves into a mode of Sunday - Tuesday ferries one week followed by a only a Thursday ferry the next week. Are you confused? So were we, that's why we're bringing it to everyone's attention.

Make your reservations early through the Seldovia City Ferry Office (907-234-7868) so you don't end up with a holiday nightmare!

[Click here to select specific monthly ferry calendars to print](#)

## Marketplace



**Jenny Chissus**  
234-8000

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RE/MAX of Homer



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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**  
The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for rent. Call for details:  
Harbor Master  
(907) 234-7886  
City Office (907) 234-7643



Note: Leave it set to "All Vessels" in order to get both the Tusty and Kennicott

## Seldovia Fire Department & EMS

by Mary Glover

In our little bubble of paradise, a major disaster is very removed from our daily consciousness. Yet, it could happen in Seldovia! Preparedness is achieved with planning and training by the Seldovia Fire Department (SFD) and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) team. Last Monday night Dispatch was notified that a **practice drill** was going to take place at the Susan B. English School. The scenario was: "There is a chlorine gas leak in the swimming pool area of the school and approximately 20 children/adults are still inside." The SFD and EMS team responded with all equipment available. The first rule is "scene safe." It doesn't help anyone if the rescue people go down too! There is more than what meets the eye for a safe and effective response team to evacuate multiple victims in a disaster situation.

### School

▶ [Susan B English School by school reporter Rochelle Purpura & 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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Fire Department and EMS volunteers: Alix Chartier, Lisa O'Leary, Gerry Patrick, Mary Glover, Pete Wilbur, and Co-Fire Chiefs Mike Driscoll and Tim O'Leary.



Suiting up to enter the danger zone: Co-Fire Chiefs Mike Driscoll and Tim O'Leary, and Pete Wilbur.

▶ Seldovia Summer  
Visitor Newspaper 2007

### 2007 PhotoStories

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Craft Invitational  
Chainsaw Carving  
Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation - May

▶ Seldovia Lodge Fire

▶ SBE Prom - "Casino  
Royale 007"

▶ SBE Last Home  
Basketball Game of the  
Season

### 2006 Archives

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▶ Seldovia Walking Map -  
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Visitor Newspaper 2006

### 2006 PhotoStories

▶ SBE Play - December

▶ Halloween Carnival

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip -  
July 25 - Part 3

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip -  
July 25 - Part 2

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip -  
July 25 - Part 1

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Summer Solstice Music  
Festival - June

▶ CofC Chainsaw Carving  
Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation - May

▶ SBE Spring Concert -  
May

▶ SBE School Play - May

▶ SBE Science Fair - May

▶ Prom - May

▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball - Jan.

### 2005 Archives

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Summer  
Gazette Newspaper

▶ Seldovia Summer  
Gazette Newspaper 2004

### 2005 PhotoStories



Mary Jo Stanley was the Operations Commander for this practical. Her job was the delegation of various duties to all the EMS and Fire Department volunteers, containment, communications with dispatch for evacuations, communications with Police Chief Andy Anderson, safety control for volunteers and patients, and triage management of the patients. EMS Chief Lisa O'Leary took a back seat in this practical to be able to train other personnel in the management of a disaster scenario.

If we did have a major disaster, we would not be able to handle the situation. **We need volunteers!** Come join us and be prepared! Call: 234-5560 to join.

## SVT Brings SPITwSPOTS to Town

by Tamara Blodgett

### *Start-up Internet company makes Seldovia speedy...*

A new Wireless Internet provider in Homer has now branched out to Seldovia. SVT hired SPITwSPOTS to install wireless service for the tribe, using new high speed internet equipment at the TV Tower site. As part of the maintenance agreement with SVT, SPITwSPOTS can also provide residential service to anyone that has "line-of-sight" to one of the towers located at either the TV Tower or the Alaska Tribal Cache building. If you do not have line of site to one of those locations, you may still be able to get the service at a later date, after additional repeaters are installed in town.

*Affordable service offering convenience, speed and security...*

Free Wireless service is available, but the user is required to re-login one time per hour while online. Full time service is available for a fee of \$20 per month after the \$350 fee for setup and antenna. Basic full time service is rated at a speed of 400K (uplink and downlink speeds are both 400k), which is faster than most DSL users are currently subscribing to in the community. The paid service does not require the hourly log-ins. In speaking with co-owner, Aaron Larson, it was obvious that the speed is superior to the current DSL. Larson urges the public to view their website at [www.SPITwSPOTS.com](http://www.SPITwSPOTS.com) for a breakdown of all

[▶ SBE Christmas Play](#)

[▶ SBE Halloween Carnival](#)

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their price options and accompanying speed ratios. Larson hopes to expand this service in the future. In the meantime, Seldovia has turned the tech corner into a new chapter of convenience and service opportunity.

For additional information, SpitWSpots can be reached at (907) 299-4052.

## Alaska State Fair 2007

*by Mary Glover*

It is that wonderful time again! There is a crispness in the air. The air is so fresh that it just feels so good to take in a deep breath. The leaves on the trees are still green, yet, the promise of fall is around the corner. It is the time of the Alaska State Fair (August 23rd to September 3rd). If you have never attended the Alaska State Fair, you have been missing an awesome event. Our family has attended every year since moving to Alaska and even though we see many of the same things; it is like re-reading a favorite book or re-watching a favorite movie. There is something for everyone: entertainment, good food, crafts and idea booths, wonderful quilts, great exhibits, animals, huge vegetables, beautiful flowers and many people to watch! This year, the theme is "Fun Amongst the Giants." Although I have not seen a giant, we did see giant foods! (Now, it is possible we missed Shrek!) Special events at the fair are the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off and the Giant Cabbage Weigh-Off. Below is a sampling of the pictures we took.





## Seldovia Village Tribe in Need of Lifeguards

*by Sevea Kroll*

The Prevention Open Swim Program is one of the most popular activities offered by the Seldovia Village Tribe. It was started over fifteen years ago, and still is going strong. The program regularly pulls in between 20 to 35 members from the community, as well as those who visit our great town.

Our winter open swim schedule is every Tuesday 3:30 – 5 pm and Friday evenings from 7 – 9 pm. The open swim program starts up again on September 4th, and continues throughout the winter season.

To keep the swimming program going we are in need of individuals that would like to become certified lifeguards. If you are interested please contact Sevea Kroll, so she can give you some information about the job and sign you up for the class.

You can reach Sevea Kroll at 234-7898 ext.229 or stop by at Seldovia Village Tribe Offices.

Thank you to all the parents, lifeguards, and participates for keeping our Prevention Open Swim Program such a successful event, that is enjoyed so much by the youth of our community.

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## Sen. Gary Stevens Newsletter

Hello again. A busy July gave way to a busy and productive August. I expect the trend to continue throughout much of the remaining days of the Legislative Interim as I take part in various legislative committee and task force meetings. Also looming on the horizon is a special session, starting October 18th, to reconsider the Petroleum Profits Tax (PPT) passed last year.

The governor has called for the session in the wake of the political corruption probe that has resulted in the arrests of four former members of the House and guilty pleas from two former executives of the Veco Corporation on bribery charges. It was learned recently that PPT will bring an estimated \$800 million less revenue than anticipated due to more than expected deductions for exploration and development.

The Legislature has yet to receive details on the governor's proposal to respond to the deficiencies in PPT, but is expected to get that information, and the location for the special session, by September 4th. The special session could last up to 30 days.

The Legislature spent numerous hours in the 2006 regular session and subsequent special sessions before arriving at compromise legislation on PPT, and there is mixed reaction from those of us who were part of the arduous process. Though I understand the cloud of distrust the corruption investigations have placed on PPT, I am skeptical that the time and resources that will be expended in the coming special session will be worthwhile, and concerned about unintended impacts on Alaska's future. As you well know, we want to get the maximum benefits to the state from our oil revenues, while at the same time encouraging the industry to vigorously develop new and current oil fields.

[Click here to view complete newsletter \(pdf\)](#)

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## Special Notices . . .

### *Public Meetings Kachemak Bay Ferry Project*

Seldovia Native Association, Inc. will conduct agency and public scoping meetings to discuss the proposed Kachemak Bay Ferry Project. Information will be available for review and project personnel will answer questions and gather input.

In Homer on September 18, 2007 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center conference room, 95 Sterling Highway.

In Seldovia on September 19, 2007 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Seldovia Village Tribe conference room, 228 Main Street.

For further information or to submit comments, contact Holly Morris, Environmental Coordinator, at (907) 696-6200 or by e-mail at [hlm@mlfaalaska.com](mailto:hlm@mlfaalaska.com). You may also fax comments to (907) 696-6202.

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### ***Boys & Girls Club Update***

People have already started dropping off items, both big and small, for our Boys & Girls Club yard sale. If you have any items that you would like to donate (items you feel others will actually want to buy!), feel free to bring them by the Clubhouse. Proceeds from the sale will help us provide continuing activities for the youth of Seldovia.

Our regular schedule starts back up on Monday, August 27th, with the Clubhouse open Monday – Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Pottery will run on Mondays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., with Teen Open Gym on Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

School is off and running, but please note that Power Hour will not be starting until Tuesday, September 4th, due to staff scheduling conflicts. Once started, Power Hour will start immediately after school and run until 5:15 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

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

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### **Tidbits . . .**

**Going, going, gone . . . the last snow patch on Snow Bowl Mountain bit the dust Wednesday morning . . . ahh, that means winter is almost here!**



Above photo was taken Thursday morning, August 30 ; snow patch was gone on Wednesday



Above photo was taken Sunday morning, August 19



And the snow bowl is empty!

### City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

#### >> Repeat Story <<

City Managers Report (period covering August 13 through August 22)

#### *I have been reviewing the following:*

- \* The three presentations for the update of our water and sewer system, especially the one from CRW.
- \* The 2006 short version of the plan to form the Seldovia Port Authority.
- \* The plans for the Marine Industrial Site.

#### *Other areas covered:*

\* I am requesting the City Councils support in hiring Mavis Owens in a temporary part time position for Records Management. I believe there are funds available due to the City Manager position being open June 1st through August 13th as well as the open maintenance position since the first week of July. Mavis knowledge of the filing system will help to relieve the burden currently on the City Offices.

\* We received a letter from Michael L. Foster regarding payment of two past due invoices one dated May 29, 2007 for the sum of \$9,000.00 and the other July 12, 2007 for the sum of \$3,000.00. Mr. Foster was adamant about

immediate payment in full by August 17, 2007 or it would be turned over to his attorney for collection. I believe that we can prove that the Plans submitted by MLFA are indeed DRAFT Plans and we will be taking action to notify MLF of your position on this matter.

\* There was a meeting between Michael Adams with Pacific Marine Technical Services (PMTS), Dick Wyland and Howard Davis on Friday August 17, 2007 . Michael is a consultant for SVT and wanted to leave a copy of the first draft for the High-speed Ferry with us. The meeting lasted from approximately 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. There is a presentation of this draft in Homer on September 18 and here in Seldovia on September 19.

\* Researched Steel Building Manufacturers and contacted two requesting quotes. Other manufacturers were reviewed and found to be unsatisfactory due to their Quonset hut designs.

\* I met briefly with Ron Brown, Project Manager for AIDEA and he tells me that the project is going well and that we should see some fuel pumping into the new tanks around mid September.

\* Ron Brown has also agreed to send one of his mechanics over to perform maintenance on our equipment that they have been using throughout the construction of the new tank farm.

\* A Memo was sent with the pay checks to all City Union Workers as a reminder that no overtime is to be worked without prior approval by the City Manager or his designated representative.

\* One application for the position of "Fire Administrator" and several applications for the position of "Maintenance/Equipment Operator/Public Works" have been received. A decision will be made this week.

\* Jeanette Flint, our VISTA Grant Writer has requested that she be able to work from her home in Anchor Point. She has checked with her supervisor and according to the VISTA rules it is admissible for her to work out of her home as long as we do not have a problem with it. It is my opinion that this is an acceptable working relationship. The reason she has made this request is because a recent rent increase has placed her in a negative cash flow situation and they own land in Anchor Point. She stated that if it were necessary for her to attend a meeting she would gladly fly over and also that a trial period would be acceptable.

\* I have made it a point to get out, when possible, to meet as many of the City Employees and Business Owners as possible, there are still a few to go. I believe it is important to meet with everyone and let them know who I am and what I am about, my expectations, my style. It is equally important that I begin to learn what they are about and their expectations, ideas and concerns.

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

The following report is from August 16, 2007 through August 28, 2007.

- Three black bears were brought in for sealing purposes.
- A black bear was killed after it had entered a local residence on three separate occasions. The Defense of Life or Property (DLP) paperwork was filled out and forwarded to the Department of Fish & Game in Homer.
- A man was verbally warned when his vehicle was observed to have

expired license plates.

- A local man was cited by the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement for the feeding of wild animals after halibut had been observed to be placed near his residence on the roadway.
- Police gave a presentation to teachers and staff of the SBE School regarding "Lock Down" procedures and the Police response in the event a lock down would occur.
- A man reported a suspicious person in the vicinity of the Russian Church. Contact was made with the man and he told the Police he was taking a nap in that location.
- Police served a subpoena on a local citizen regarding an upcoming trial in Homer Court.
- A letter of the person's character was written upon the request of the local citizen.
- An ATV side by side was stopped and a verbal warning was given after the vehicle was observed to be speeding on Main Street. The ATV speed limit is not in excess of 15 MPH.
- Police were called after a man locked his keys inside his vehicle. Repeated attempts proved fruitless and other arrangements were made by the owner to unlock his vehicle.
- Some new bicycle parts were found on the roadway and were turned in. If you recently bought bicycle parts from Homer Saw and Cycle come to the Police Department and describe the parts to regain your property.
- A review mirror on the driver's side of a pickup truck parked on Fulmore Avenue was broken out sometime during the night of August 24th between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. Anyone having information should call the Police.
- A vehicle parked on Main Street in the vicinity of the Tide Pool Café was entered and a pistol was stolen from under the seat around the dinner hour on August 5th. Anyone having information is asked to contact the Police.
- A cell phone was left on the table at the Starving in Seldovia Mobile food wagon. The battery is too low to determine the owner. Anyone having the capability of charging a Samsung Blueberry phone is asked to call the Police so the phone can be charged to find out who the owner is.
- A parked vehicle was observed to have an expired registration. A written warning was placed in the vehicle requesting the registration be renewed.
- Two 55 gallon drums of gasoline, approximately 60 gallons, a trash pump and a small green tote were reportedly stolen from a raft in Jakolof Bay within the last week.
- The Police have Notarized 8 documents and sealed 3 black bears since last report.

