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Seldovia Sees 15-Minutes of Fame

by Tamara Blodgett

Interest in 2007's 'Coming Home Week' receives coverage on TV...

Seldovia should watch Heartbeat Alaska's televised coverage of our Independence Day celebration week (theme was "Coming Home Week") on Saturday AM at 11:00 o'clock .

Seldovia Village Tribe sponsored Heartbeat Alaska's program to visit Seldovia during this time and catalog the happenings. This was an unusual event as the whole week was garnered for a huge, reunion-like celebration. The Heartbeat Alaska coverage is over the 4th-5th of July timeframe and includes coverage of the buoy prizewinner, 4th grader Rosalia Purpura. This Outside Beach event was a pig-roast extravaganza hosted by SVT with a "hay" coin pit (very popular for the under-12 set), the above-mentioned buoy races and volleyball; something for everyone!

Don't miss a chance to pick yourself out in the crowd. Tune in to KYES Channel 5 at 11AM this Saturday, September 15th, to view Seldovia up front and personal.

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Jenny Chissus
234-8000

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Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643

SBE Open House

by Tamara Blodgett

School

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2006 Archives

Parents & Staff solidify a new school year...

The new principal and returning staff greeted the start of the school year with enthusiasm. Principal Sheryl Hingley is pleased with her new dual role as administrator/teacher at Susan B. English School .



Staffing needs for this year have been reallocated due to available funding monies. We now have a full time special education teacher. Mary Zika works $\frac{3}{4}$ of her day engaged with the special education students and the remaining quarter as an additional regular education teacher. She is highly qualified in Physical Education and is in charge of an early morning PE class.

Academic excellence...

Hingley proudly announced that we have met and exceeded the Annual Yearly Progress standard. This standard is based on the percentage of students that have reached a level of proficiency in Language Arts and Math. The required percentage is 71% proficient or above for Language Arts and 57% for Math. SBE students exceeded this goal as a student body with an 80% proficiency for LA and an 85% for Math.

New happenings a foot...

With 11, 4th grade students, it was decided that this grade needed to be split for optimum student-teacher ratio. K-3 rd grade teacher, Karen Bornheimer, took half of that 4th grade class and assimilated it into her K-3. Bornheimer will now teach K-4th and Hingley will continue her teaching of 4th-8th for the second year. Science and Math teacher, Tim Winters is teaching those subjects to the jr. high group.

Hingley is currently working on electives for next semester. There is a possibility of Boys and Girls Club Unit Director Laurel Hilts teaching Music Class. Hilts has already worked in this capacity at SBE in the past. Seldovia Village Tribe would be the entity that would provide the stipend for this elective class. An "extension" class may also be offered for vocational education. This short, "mini class" would be after school and open to all students. Welding is being talked about as the most probable class offering. Hingley welcomes community input for electives they feel are important. She asks that the public email her for the quickest response at shingley@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.

Tied in with the Environmental Class being taught by Winters is an Emergency Action Plan. Working as a K-12 unit, students will become involved in the community and are working toward an "Environmental Day" tentatively scheduled for November. This involvement would allow for their studies and

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actual real life application to meld for comprehensive learning.

City Council Meeting September 12

by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller (teleconference) and Gerry Patrick. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes with Mayor Dick Wyland presiding and New City Manager Howard Davis in attendance.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

SOS and **Chamber of Commerce** have nothing to report at this time. **Planning & Zoning Committee** will submit a request from a resident desiring to build an adjacent deck for parking purposes on Shoreline Drive . P&Z Chair, *Paulie Carluccio* attended the Borough P&Z held in Seward and worked with the committee to resolve a large amount of issues there.

Old Business

Cannery Property Development

City Manager Davis announced that there has not been a 'letter of interest' received and no further communication from Michele <Bieri> on the interest from the French investors.

Davis mentioned that he has been in contact with three steel building manufacturers to begin the process of fine-tuning costs for the proposed structure.

Action: None, information only.

Ordinance 08-01, amending the Sundry Fees to Add and Annual Day Use Fee

Through Council discussion, it was determined that this fee's wording would be altered to further clarify the position of the Council.

As already passed earlier by Council, there is no "free" time period when tied up at the harbor for day use. There is a \$5 per day fee associated with said use. Further, the ordinance has been amended to reflect a fee reduction for the Annual Day Use Permit from \$200 to the new fee amount of \$100. This would act as a "cap" for people that are residents and use the harbor frequently to shop in town, collect mail, and general errands. As *Councilman Gain* summarized by saying that there needed to be a way to "capture revenue" from people who utilize the harbor for the continued maintenance of this facility.

Further, a clarification of this ordinance might be helpful to the Harbormaster.

The Council elected to adopt amended ordinance to reflect the omission of footnote and reduction in Annual Day Use Fee from \$200 to \$100.

Action: Approved Unanimously.



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Corrections

None this week

New Business

VSW Engineering Contract Approval

This is a contract submitted by VSW for approval of costs/timeline associated with the study of replacement to existing infrastructure of water/sewer lines in the City of Seldovia .

A member of the Public, *Gerry Willard*, wished to make certain that he would be directly contacted by the work force prior to any physical replacement adjacent to his property. He wants to share his first-hand knowledge of the original installation of sewer/water lines in an effort to facilitate the process and circumvent a potential mishap.

There was a ten-minute recess in which the contract received additional perusal by Council.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

2007 Trooper Contract Approval

This contract for monies to subsidize the current police salary for service rendered outside city limits has been submitted for the current fiscal year beginning in July of 2007 to June 30, 2008 .

During Council discussion it was put forward that directing the city manager to ask for an increase in the subsidy would be justifiable. There has not been an increase since 1993. An adjustment for inflation and growth in the local population would be a reasonable basis for this request.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Resolution 08-03, Participating in the Loss Control Prevention Program

The City of Seldovia is a member of the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association (AMLJIA).

This educational program offers the written materials necessary <to educate>, assistance to participants and educates members on how to provide a safe environment for its students, employees, citizens, and the visiting public.

The City will receive revenue as part of its participation in the AMLJIA.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Resolution 08-04, Appointment of Additional Election Judges

Two election judges have been appointed for the upcoming election on October 2, 2007.

They are Helen Josefsen as alternate and Jeff Madsen as judge.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Resolution 08-05, Requesting Funding for Silver Salmon Smolt Stocking (WYLAND)

This is a request for funding another year of Smolt Stocking.

Through Council discussion it was determined to change, consolidate and generally clarify wording to reflect the following:

Whereas this stocking program extends the fishing opportunity in the City of Seldovia with added revenue by bringing more people into our City.

Councilman Gain wished to clarify that this resolution and the subsequent resolution would be separate entities from the fiscal year "wish list" annually submitted for funding by the City of Seldovia.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Resolution 08-06, Requesting Funding for a Street Sweeper (WYLAND)

This resolution offers regular maintenance and beautification of paved city streets through funding a street sweeper. Annual events have increased traffic and pedestrian impact that would justify this resolution.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Informational Items Not Requiring Actions

Mayor Wyland announced that representative Paul Seaton would be visiting Seldovia on September 19 for a 1-3PM public meeting held in the Multipurpose Room with a lunch for he and Council Members from noon to 1PM .

Councilman McInnes represented the Council by attending the Kachemak Bay Research Meeting yesterday from 12:30 to 4PM . The following subjects were discussed: seasonal disconnects on the lagoon, monitors on ferry docks, history on sea otter populations (Kachemak Bay has one of the largest) and a study on hard shelled clams. In summary, McInnes wished to emphasize it was an interesting meeting run by well-educated people doing research in our area.

City Manager's Report: See report below.

Next Meeting held September 26th, 2007 .

Adjournment: Time elapsed: app. 1 hour, 20 minutes.

P&Z Meeting September 7

by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia P&Z Commission convened together to include the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Chair Paulie Carluccio, Jennie Chissus, Jim Hopkins and Bobbie Sweat.

Consideration of Site Plans

Setback Variance Request, Doretta Aleccia, Lot 3, Block 44, Seldovia Townsite East Addition

Northeast corner of garage is within the setback (requesting a variance to accept the home and decks in their current condition). *(Taken from homeowner's wording)*

Action: Approved unanimously.

Setback Variance Request, Troy Sandera, Tract L-1, Frank Raby Subdivision

The Sandera's have submitted a request for setback variance for construction of a parking/entrance deck.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Building Permit and request to Construct in Right-of-Way, Troy Sandera, Tract L-1 Frank Raby Subdivision:

The Commission is submitting this request to City Council for their express approval (see Council article for coverage).

Action: Approved Unanimously subject to Council approval.

Setback Variance Request, Rod Hilts, Lot 16&17, Block 2, Frank Raby Subdivision:

Homeowner wishes city to "wave" 7' of setback along 30' of Fulmore Street. Also, the right of way is "boggy & currently natural drainage." (*Taken from homeowners wording*)

Structure would have to be moved if easement is needed by City.

Action: Approved Unanimously for 5' setback with stipulation.

Building Permit, Rod Hilts, Lot 16&17, Block 2, Frank Raby Subdivision:

This is a request for a 545 square foot deck addition.

This deck would need to be removed in the event futuristic road improvements were made.

Action: Approved Unanimously contingent on Commission-approved setback variance.

Building Permit, Isabelle's Fine Catering, Lot 9, Block 9, Waterfront Resubdivision #3:

This is a request for an attached 12'x28' dry storage room for a total of 336 square feet.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Next Meeting held on October 3, 2007 .
Adjournment : Time elapsed: app. 2 hours.

EMS THANK YOU *by Southern Region EMS Council, Inc.*

	"Southern Regional EMS Council would like
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to thank each of you, Alaska's ETTs, EMTs, and Paramedics for your dedication to providing emergency medical services to people throughout Alaska. For all those late nights, hours in training, missed dinners...your contribution is greatly appreciated.

In addition, thanks to your families and friends for their support that enables you to give so much of yourself and your time to help others."

[See Letter to the Editor](#)

**NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

Interested in joining the Seldovia Fire Department or EMS team? Call 234-5560 or 234-7510

Special Notices . . .

Rep. Paul Seaton to Visit Seldovia



Rep. Seaton will be in Seldovia Wednesday, September 19th from 1-3pm at the city council chambers. Please stop by and share your comments and concerns with him. Please call 235-2921 for further information

KARATE – Beginners Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Starts September 18th

Want to learn some karate? Looking for a great workout? Try out karate for beginners each Tuesday and Thursday at the Boys & Girls Club. Participants of all ages are welcome. Special Fee of only \$40 per month (just \$5 a session!) Classes start Tuesday, September 18th at 5:00 p.m. Come early to stretch out and warm up! Call the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club at 234-7577 for more information.

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. You may also fax comments to (907) 696-6202.

Cracy Crow Concert September 22

Katie Evans and Vickie Tinker

Smart Acoustic Guitar with Lots of Harmony. Katie also plays with "The Couzins" and "Mail Order Brides" and Vickie plays with "Worth Many Cattle", "Food for the Soul", and plays fiddle for local contra dances. They have written over 20 song together since mid-January.

You are invited to attend at the Seldovia Rowing Club on the old Boardwalk. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and Concert \$15.

Please RSVP • 234-7614

Boys & Girls Club Update

All you get is 57 minutes, that's it. From 11:01 to 11:58 on Saturday morning, August 15th, the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club will be having a garage sale to benefit Club programming. Come celebrate the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's "Day for Kids" by shopping and checking out the Clubhouse. There is a broad assortment of items, from large office desks to a charcoal grill, from roller blades to kids clothes. We will also have a drawing for door prizes every eleven minutes, including Seldovia hats, stuffed animals, tee-shirts and more. Don't miss it. Sale ends at 11:58 on the dot!

By the way, if you have any "gently used" items that you would like to donate for our garage sale, please bring them by the Clubhouse as soon as possible or give us a call at 234-7577.

Did you get a chance to see the Puppets on Parade this week? This team of puppeteers came to town at the invitation of Monty and Sheryl Hingley and they performed in Seldovia on four separate occasions during the week, free of charge. We especially enjoyed their visit to the Boys & Girls Club last Tuesday and their other performances as well. Many thanks to Bonnie and Ron Hiller for

making Seldovia their first ever performance destination in Alaska.



Parent Spotlight: Each month, local businesswoman and Club parent Jenny Chissus generously donates money to the Boys & Girls Club on behalf of her realty clients. These funds were used to provide free guitar lessons all summer long. Each Wednesday, folks of all ages were able to come up to the Clubhouse to play guitar with instructor Rob Rurka, and to pick up some new skills. From beginners to advanced, the opportunity was a great one for all involved, and now guitar music can often be heard in the air at the Club. Thanks, Jenny, for your fantastic and ongoing support of the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club.

Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Hours:

Clubhouse: Mondays – Fridays, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pottery: Mondays, 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

SVT's Teen Movie Night: Fridays, 9:00 – midnight

Karate Lessons: Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Music Lessons: Saturdays, 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Tidbits . . .

Now that's a 9/11 flagpole!



City Manager's Corner*by Howard Davis*

Managers Report (period covering 8-23-07 through 9-12-07)

- I received a phone message from a Mr. Gregg Murray regarding the "boat parking fee". Mr. Murray objects to the boat parking fee and stated "The City has lost his business for stopping with clients for lunch". Attempts by the City Manager to contact Mr. Murray have so far failed.
- The two DPW positions for Maintenance/Operator have been filled by Garry Corradi who started on 9/06/07 and Dora Coen who will start on or about 9/24/07, possibly sooner.
- I have been assured, by Steve Kroll, that the grading of the City Streets will be completed by the end of this week, 9/14/07.
- Grading of the roads at Outside Beach and the Campground has been completed by Jack Thomas. Cost of this service was Fuel only.
- I have been told by Robert Sandel, CE2 Jobsite Supervisor, that the fuel barge is scheduled to be here on 9/26/07 and fueling of the new fuel tanks should begin.
- Mike Rabe mailed the CRW Contract paperwork for the Water / Sewer update program to Seldovia on 9/10/07 for City Council review on 9/12/07.
- Our VISTA Volunteer Grant Writer is no longer with the City. A conversation with Lisa Michael, Energy Program Coordinator/VISTA Leader, indicates that we can reapply for another in April 2008.
- A citizen's complaint regarding loud and dangerous operation of ATV's is being responded to by our Police Chief.
- The apparent unauthorized cutting of trees in the campground, overlooking Outside Beach, is being investigated by our Police Chief.
- GCI came to the City on 9/10/07 to investigate Cellular site locations and opportunities in securing land or leasing land for a building or tower.

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

The following report is of activities addressed by the Seldovia Police Department from August 29th through September 13, 2007.

- A backhoe accident resulted in the operator being cited for Negligent Driving after it was determined he was traveling too fast which caused the accident. Only minor injuries were sustained by the operator.
- An I-Pod and charger, valued at \$400 were stolen from the Smokey Bay Airlines office in Seldovia on August 29th between the hours of 9:00 am and Noon.
- A man was contacted and warned following a report of loud music being played from his vehicle during early morning hours in the vicinity of the School. The music awakened some persons trying to sleep.
- Following an EMT call for assistance the Police assisted in locating the doctor after other attempts by Dispatch failed.
- A man was warned about making unreasonably loud noise after a report was taken that he and his friend had been very noisy when in the vicinity of the Lakeside Terrace. Further activity of this nature will result in charges.
- Two ladies requested their fingerprints be rolled for employment purposes.
- A back pack that was found near the boat launch ramp in the harbor was returned to the owner.
- A cell phone was turned in, as mentioned in the last Police Report, and the batteries were so low the owner's number could not be found. The

phone was taken to Tom Glover and he was able to charge the unit enough to get the information needed and, following a call, the phone was mailed to the owner.

- Two teenagers were told to either put stock mufflers on their 4-wheelers or to park them. Complaints of loud 4-wheelers resulted in this action. The Ordinance calls for stock mufflers on the machines and it will be enforced. If you have a 4-wheeler with loud pipes please quiet them down prior to further action by the Police.
- The Police assisted the Maintenance Department in the removal and blocking of two boats.
- Police assisted EMT's by lighting the airport with flares for a medi-vac so the aircraft could depart and return without problems.
- A call for assistance was received when two bears were reluctant to leave the landfill. Both bears were hazed out of the dump with popper shells.
- Police assisted the EMT's by lighting an area for the US Coast Guard helicopter to land to medi-vac a resident.
- Some trees were observed to be cut down in the RV Park. No one was given permission to cut the trees. Anyone having information regarding cutting of trees in the RV Park is encouraged to contact the Police Department.
- A man reported he was assaulted by another man and wishes to press charges in the matter. The case is under investigation at this time.
- A person driving a 4-wheeler pulled into the Seldovia Fuel gas pump, filled his machine, and drove away. The investigation continues in this matter.
- A lady in the Barabara Creek Subdivision reported two small bear skulls, which had been skinned out, were found near the entrance to her driveway. She had no knowledge of who had killed and skinned the bears.
- 50 gallons of fuel were reportedly stolen out of the P&H Crane while it was parked on the construction site at the tank farm. The theft occurred sometime between the 31st day of August and September 5th.
- A company received a letter and an "Information Release Form" from an organization calling themselves the US Dept. of Transportation out of Washington, D.C. It is felt this is a scam as there is only a return fax number and no contact number. The organization was asking for the person's bank name, account number and his signature so they could access information regarding his account. Be aware of these formal looking documents and never sign anything that doesn't feel right to you without first checking it out.
- Since last report the Police have responded to two requests for assistance, sealed five black bears for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and Notarized 9 documents.

