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



Our deepest sympathies
to the family and friends of

Evelyn Ruth (Wheeler)(Hopkins) Apperson

July 5, 1928 - September 29, 2007

(The Spotlight in the Seldovia Gazette
this week will be on Evelyn)

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Unofficial October 2, 2007 Election Results

Issue	Seldovia Vote	Borough Vote
Prop 1 - Senior Tax Exemption	Yes 71 (66.36%) No 36	Yes 4273 (55.60%) No
Prop 2 - Term Limits in the Assembly	Yes 48 No 57 (54.29%)	Yes 4130 (53.96%) No 3524
Prop 3 - Term Limits on the School Board	Yes 43 No 62 (59.05)	Yes 4051 (53.05%) No 3584
Board of Education		
Sunni Hilt	82 (84.54%)	577 (95.85%)
Writ-in	15	25

Seldovia City Council (1 year seat)

John Carluccio probably won but 19 absentee that will be counted Monday could possibly change the winner

John Carluccio	37 (Win)
Happy Schneider	22



School
 ▶ [Susan B English School by school reporters Katie O'Leary and Rochelle Purpura - 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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Write-ins	14
Seldovia City Council (3 year seat)	
Keith Gain	64 (Win)
Allison Miller (Write-in)	34 (Win)
Other write-ins	13

Create a Seldovia Port Authority?	
Too close to call	
19 absentee ballots will be counted Monday	
Yes = 36	No = 41

Top Stories

KBay Ferry Project Public Meeting *by Tom Glover*

As reported in last week's edition, we had hoped to be able to provide a transcription of the Question and Answer session following SVT/SNA Ferry Project presentation. Unfortunately, the quality of the recording has made the transcription process very difficult and time consuming so we are not able to provide the transcript. What we will provide you is the audio recording in a digital format that is playable on most computers. We have done some filtering to help reduce the background noise but there are still short sections where it is almost impossible to hear what the individual is saying. Right click the link below and then "Save Link as . . ." and save the file to your computer...it is a .wma file and is approximately 6 meg in size. It will take 3 to 6 minutes to download if you have DSL. Once the file is downloaded to your computer, simply double click the file and your default audio playing program will load and play the recording. We regret not being able to provide the transcript but it is just too many hours of work.

[Click here to download the Question & Answer session](#)

[Go to this website to download the entire Feasibility Study](#)

If you want your opinion heard, you have a limited amount of time to submit it in writing (mail, email or fax) to Ms. Holly Morris, Environmental Coordinator, Michael L. Foster & Associates, Inc., 13135 Old Glenn Highway, Suite 200, Eagle River, Alaska 99577. Fax (907) 696-6202 email: hlm@mlfaalaska.com (HLM@MLFAALASKA.com).

Issues surrounding the Kachemak Bay Ferry Project will have very long term consequences for Seldovia. Everyone in this community needs to understand what is being proposed and then make yourself heard!

City Council Meeting September 26 *by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller (Gerry

▶ 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
▶ Archive of all pages
▶ Seldovia Walking Map - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf
▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2006
2006 PhotoStories
▶ SBE Play - December
▶ Halloween Carnival
▶ Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 3
▶ Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 2
▶ Aleutian's Tasty 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
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▶ Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper
▶ Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper 2004
2005 PhotoStories
▶ SBE Christmas Play
▶ SBE Halloween Carnival

Patrick was excused). Mayor Wyland presided with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes and City Manager Howard Davis in attendance.

Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda

CRW Engineering representative(s) have been locating water/sewer lines in the City. Both Kachemak and Alder Streets have insulated steel pipe. "D" Street has only a 2" galvanized pipe servicing that area. The "D" Street dig was more a geological survey than an actual "dig." CRW did not want to exacerbate the already undersized, fragile piping by doing a full dig. This surveying effort is part of Phase I of the replacement of specified sewer/water lines. The following streets' sewer/water lines will be replaced: Vista Rd., Dock St., English Dr., Alder St., Fulmore Ave., Kachemak St. and "D" St. CRW has been very pleased in the cooperative efforts of Randy and Steve Bond of Hopkins Brothers.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

Fish & Game Meeting October 15 @ 7PM , Multi-Purpose Room.

SOS pulling skiff to make repairs and winterize. Barges will be coming soon and skiff will be needed for necessary transport(s).

Old Business

Trooper Contract

This is the annual contract for state subsidy for police response 'out-the-road.'

The review is not yet complete but will be by the next city council meeting.

Action: Information only.

Cannery Property Development

Michele Bieri has submitted his letter of interest.

A quote on a structure for the Old Cannery Property has been received from Arctic Structures (no monetary figure available). With the pre-application for the grant complete, this structural quote will be included in the submittal before October 1.

Councilman Gain emphasized the need for Council review of the final drawing/design for this structure prior to submittal.

Action: None.

Resolution 08-07, Accepting Transfer in Ownership of the Jakolof Bay Float

This resolution is regarding the city's interest in taking over ownership of the Jakolof Bay Float. The DOT will budget a sum of \$380,000 for the deferred maintenance of JBF payable to the City of Seldovia upon transfer of ownership. DOT will remove snow *up to* the float but will not provide snow removal *on* the float, trash can pick-up and port-o-potty maintenance. City Manager Davis thinks that a "host" may be able to collect fees for the City during the summer months. Very much like "hosts" at state parks provide this service as greeters and fee collectors. Davis hopes to expand tourism while also giving locals an opportunity to use another place to stop during inclement weather conditions.

This resolution discussion continued in executive session under item M-4.

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▶ [Instructions and rate sheet](#)



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Corrections

▶ [None this week](#)

Action: This was tabled until the next regular City Council meeting.

Request to Construct Access in Right of Way Adjacent to 321 Shoreline Dr. (Referred from Planning Commission)

This is a request by homeowners Troy and Kelsey Sandera to add on decking (for ingress, egress and parking) to meet existing Shoreline Road . The Planning and Zoning Commission approved this variance request and it has been put forward for Council review and approval.

A member of the Public, *myself*, acknowledged having familiarity with the site and understood the homeowner's need for increased safety and parking off the existing road (thereby making traffic flow less hazardous).

Councilman McInnes was at the P&Z Meeting and felt the request was reasonable and thinks the homeowner is simply trying to connect his property level with the street.

Councilman Gain would like to make an on-site visit before a final determination is made.

Action: Postponed until next Council meeting.

Request to Purchase City Lot , Tract 2, Seldovia School Site

"...In the best interest of the City, at this time, we should not sell any more City land." *Davis* said. Furthermore, *Davis* believes a great deal of thought should go into future development of City property.

A member of the Public, *Gerry Willard*, spoke about his renewed interest in buying City property that is located behind the school fields. He is also interested in other parcels (see Request to Lease City Lot below).

Councilman McInnes wished to acknowledge his interest in this parcel (Tract 2) valued at 25K in the 2005 tax roll. This is an archaic figure that does not reflect our most recent tax assessment that universally raised valuations. *McInnes* reaffirmed (*Davis*) that the sale of City property should not be arbitrarily sold, but thought given to future development. Additionally, there is no more area for contractors to "stage" their equipment and/or other enterprise, it would not be advisable to sell any City property at this time.

Councilman Gain remembered that the land behind the school fields was determined to be *not for sale*, but designated for possible public uses. This determination was made by a prior Council body (one in which he was a member).

Action: None.

Request to Lease City Lot , (Old Dump Site)

This is a request by Seldovia resident *Gerry Willard* to lease the space on the old city dumpsite that has been rented in the past.

This property has been leased on a year-by year basis. After Council discussion it was determined that the lease length may need to be revised and reworded to

accommodate a lease of longer duration. The current code disallows leasing beyond a year.

Councilman McInnes feels that it is of economic benefit for the City while simultaneously allowing a resident convenient storage. Further research is needed with attention paid to appropriate storage structure size for land scale.

Action: The City Manager has been directed by Council to review and possibly reword the lease duration.

Informational Items Not Requiring Actions

Councilman Glover:

Compiling a list of salvage material from the harbor work continues for the copper wiring, which, in the future will be sold for \$.60-.85 cents per pound. The materials will be offered for sale locally before it is shipped to a salvage yard.

The new metal pilings that were installed are experiencing a corrosion problem at the welded seams in each pile. The company who supplied the pilings used two pieces to reach the required length. The spliced piling connections that join the two lengths were made using a welding/flash galvanizing process that now appears to be degrading. The manufacturer will need to be contacted as soon as possible so that a remedy can be determined for the failure of these connections.

Mayor Wyland:

The remaining pilings that are located in the dry storage area appear to be developing the same deterioration in the seaming area; those may not be able to be used in the future.

Councilman McInnes:

Mr. McInnes said," The Kachemak Bay Ferry: for five years the Seldovia City Council supported the shuttle ferry concept through congress and through the state legislature. In 2006, the ferry project was taken over exclusively by Seldovia Native Association/SNA (a private corporation). As per SNA presentation on September 19th 2007 ,not only was the city excluded from participation in the project but for part of the plans for the ferry dock on SVT/SNA property, is in direct competition with the city dock and/or harbor services. This project is now *against* the city's *future*; after all the council's efforts. In my opinion, all public monies should be held out, until proper representation by the public is in place.

[Editor's comment: Above emphasis mine.]

City Manager's Report, see below.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2007

Adjournment: 1 hour, 27 minutes, 5 seconds

Rep Paul Seaton Visits Seldovia

I had the opportunity last Wednesday to visit paradise and meet with City Council, residents, and attend the public meeting for the Seldovia Native

Association's ferry proposal. Thank you to everyone who took the time out of their busy schedule to come by and share their concerns with me. I appreciated so many Seldovians showing up for the hearing on Seldovia Native Association's proposed ferry plan. My staff, Louie attended the meeting on the Homer side and there was far greater participation in Seldovia. I am sorry I had to leave part way through the public discussion as I had to catch the last plane back to Homer. However, from my meetings earlier in the day and listening to the presentation and questions, I was able to get a sense of the diversity of opinions on the issue. I look forward to the refinement of the scoping document after SNA has received comments from the public. I contacted Mike Beal, CEO of SNA to make sure that SNA would accept written comment on the proposal for all those who were not able to attend the meeting or who did not get a chance to voice their opinion after a thorough review of the proposal. Send any written comments to Seldovia Native Association POB L Seldovia, AK 99663 before October 17th, 2007.

Thanks for the warm welcome and hospitality. Please feel free to contact my office if you did not get a chance to meet with me or would like to follow-up on a particular issue.

Phone: 235-2921; email: Rep.Paul.Seaton@legis.state.ak.us; Address: 345 W. Sterling Hwy Ste 102b, Homer, AK 99603.

Sen Gary Stevens Newsletter September 2007

Hello again. As cooler weather sets in around the state, members of the Alaska Legislature are preparing for the Special Session, set to begin October 18th in Juneau. At issue will be the governor's proposed Alaska's Clear and Equitable Share or ACES.

Intended to replace the Petroleum Production Tax (PPT) enacted last year, ACES is billed as a hybrid of a gross and net tax system. What we know about ACES, is that it includes a minimum 10 percent tax based on gross receipts for the North Slope's legacy fields, and a 25 percent net tax to encourage new development and reinvestment in existing infrastructure. ACES will also allow for tax credits on future work. It restricts capital expense deductions to scheduled maintenance and implements strong audit and information sharing provisions.

As the Legislature has yet to receive the ACES bill, I can not comment on its language. However, having been part of the lengthy debate involving the PPT legislation, I believe that we need to move very cautiously through this process, and that we need to get specific information from the administration on the amount of revenue PPT is currently generating. While it is tempting to say we should put a huge tax on the oil companies, I hope my colleagues will keep in mind that our oil tax plans must give Alaska its fair share of resource development, while encouraging future industry development.

I hope you will keep an eye on the events of the special session, and look forward to hearing your thoughts on ACES.

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Special Notices . . .

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.

Boys & Girls Club Update

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 . . .

Yippee! The Seldovia Bridge gets a face lift. Thank you DOT!



City Manager's Corner*by Howard Davis*

City Manager's Report 9/13/07 to 9/25/07

- Trooper Contract is still under study. I expect that we will have it finalized by the next City Council meeting.
- Canner Property Development is progressing well. One estimate for building cost has been received, Michel Bieri has supplied his letter of intent and the Pre-application form is complete.
- Village Safe Water and CRW Engineering are in town and inspecting the water/sewer system in preparation for construction next spring.
- Both City DPW positions have been filled.

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

The following report covers Police related incidents from September 14th through September 28th.

- A local contractor reported two electric impact wrenches were stolen from his shop sometime within the last three weeks. The tools are valued between \$700.00 and \$800.00.
- A report of a man being threatened by a tenant at a housing complex initiated a Police response. Contact was made and it was apparent alcohol was a contributing factor in the incident. The matter was handled informally and no problems have since been reported.
- A youngster riding a very loud 4-wheeler was contacted and told his vehicle had to park the vehicle until he quieted it down, preferably with a stock muffler.
- As reported in the past Gazette Police Report, Police responded when it was thought Bald Mountain Airlines had an airplane down in the Seldovia area. It was a matter of the aircraft being low on gasoline and the pilot going onto the beach the east of the harbor to await fuel being delivered.
- A wife called the Police after she repeatedly attempted to call her husband and could not get an answer. Upon checking with the husband it was found that the phone had not been heard. The man was told to contact his wife.
- The USCG called the Police to check the harbor and surrounding area for an overdue 27' aluminum boat with three persons aboard. The weather was inclement and the boat did not return to Homer on the evening before the search. The boat was not found in the Seldovia area and Police suggested the Coast Guard check Port Graham Bay, Dogfish Bay and Port Chatham Bay. No further reports were received so it is assumed the boat and all aboard were found in tact.
- Youngsters were observed breaking the windows on a bus that was parked in a summer resident's yard. The owners are in China but have been notified via email and have responded to the message. Investigation continues in this matter.
- Just prior to midnight on Friday night, 9/21/07, a call of excessive noise was received in the area near the Boy's & Girl's Club on school grounds. Police responded but no one was present when they arrived.
- A man reported he was out of town for a few days and his house was forcibly entered and items taken in his absence. He is compiling a list for the Police but was already aware of a number of CD's being taken as well as meat from the freezer. The burglary occurred in the Barbara Heights Subdivision.
- Police assisted the SOS Team in removing their work skiff from the harbor so it can be repaired and made ready for the upcoming winter when it is needed to travel to and from the two CISPRI barges which

they moor across Seldovia Bay.

- Police assisted the Maintenance personnel in removing two boats from the water and blocking them up in the Cities storage facility.
- A security check was done on a residence in the Barabara Heights Subdivision after a report of suspicious activity taking place at that location. Nothing was found to have been disturbed and no forced entry was observed at the residence. The owners were out of town at the time of the report.
- Either on 9/27, in the evening hours, or on the morning of 9/28 someone hit a ladies vehicle in the left rear quarter panel and then left without leaving any information or contacting the owner or Police. On the evening of 9/27 the vehicle was parked at the Post Office and on the morning of 9/28 the vehicle was parked at the Tidepool Café. Anyone having information is asked to contact the Police Department.

