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Coming to Town
Mongolian Throat Singers
Last Concert of the Year
Come out and join us
at the School
7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 30th
Tickets at the door

Top Stories

In Memory of Two Seldovians

Seldovia lost two of it's senior citizens over the last week.

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Seldovia, AK

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Seldovia Sea Otter
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Help keep sports and
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Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643



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)

▶ Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)

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▶ Seldovia Walking May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf

▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2007

2007 PhotoStories

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Craft Invitational



Todd Jackson: April 8, 1941 - October 2007

A memorial service for Todd is currently scheduled on November 17th at the Linwood. We will provide more details about family and the service as they become available.



Virginia ("Ginny") Higman: February 27, 1916 - October 2007

The Seldovia Gazette did a Spotlight on Ginny in May 2006, [click here to read the Spotlight](#). We will provide more details about family and a service as they become available.

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of Todd and Ginny.

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They will be missed.

Hungry Bears on the Prowl by Tom Glover

Winter is close but the local black bear population has not jumped on the hibernation bandwagon yet. Numerous bears in town over the past week has prompted Andy Anderson, Seldovia PD, to ask everyone to *please keep your garbage picked up*.



The bears are still putting on fat for their winter snooze and with the berries and other tasty treats gone for the season, they are starting to forage in through garbage cans. Andy woke up at 3:30am yesterday mourning with a bear digging through his empty trash cans . . . no garbage present, but the smell brought him in!



Photo courtesy of Andy Anderson

Seldovia City Council Meeting October 24

by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members

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Corrections

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present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick; John Carluccio was excused. Mayor Dick Wyland presided and Assistant City Clerk Mary Klinger took minutes.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

SOS representative and Council Member Walter McInnes reported that the CYSRY barges are in Seldovia Harbor for the winter.

Fish & Game representative Keith Gain said that new members were elected to the board on the 15th of this month and recommendations on proposals were explored. Please visit their website for more detail on committee results, as they become available www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us.

New Business

Port Authority Board of Directors

After Council discussion, it was decided that the specific guidelines included in the Port Authority document need to be reviewed by Council before the Board members are appointed.

Action: No Action until next meeting.

Resolution 08-08, A resolution of the City Council of The City of Seldovia , Alaska , Accepting Denali Commission Funds in the Amount of \$454,000.00 for Seldovia Dock Phase 1&2:

This discussion was taken into executive session. The Council expects to be in receipt of a letter that will assist in adopting the above resolution by October 27th.

Action: No Action, tabled until next meeting.

City Manager's Report, see below.

Council Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Councilman Gain ask that the process be initiated for putting some streetlights on Spruce Street. Currently, the street is unlighted and there are children who have to walk to school in total darkness through that neighborhood.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2007

Adjournment: Time elapsed app. 30 minutes.

HEA Member Appreciation Day Scheduled for October 31

HEA is planning to host the annual member appreciation event on Oct. 31 at the City Multi-Purpose Room. The event will be from noon to 1:30 with food,



refreshments, door prizes, etc .
Everyone welcome!

Special Notices . . .

Boys & Girls Club Update

Trick or treat, smell my feet; give me something good to eat! That's what kids will be saying next Wednesday at the Boys & Girls Club Halloween party after school. Members are invited to wear their costumes and come play games and enjoy some treats. Can you help with those treats? Don't have kids at home, but you're still a kid at heart – then here's your chance to have some holiday fun. If you enjoy making goodies for Halloween, would you please make a batch for the Boys & Girls Club party? The fun begins right after school and ends at 4:15 in order for the children to head out trick-or-treating. Adults are invited, too! Come in costume and join in the festivities.



It is time for our annual membership drive. All Boys & Girls Club parents are asked to fill out new membership forms for 2008 as soon as possible once you receive the forms in the mail. Get your forms in before the end of the month and your family will be entered in a drawing to win a party at the Boys & Girls Club. You pick the date; we'll provide the place and the fun. Membership is only \$20 per child and at the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club members can participate in approximately 1,800 hours of programming a year, with an average of more than 100 programs or activities a month, including Clubhouse, Pottery, Teen Open Gym, Power Hour, SMART Moves, I Can Problem Solve, Karate, and Music Lessons.

The Clubhouse is also available for community members, organizations and businesses to use throughout the year. The Seldovia Village Tribe's Prevention Program runs a Teen Movie Night weekly, and the Chamber of Commerce has held meetings in the Clubhouse as well. Your business is invited to contact Unit Director Laurel Hilts to arrange for meetings or events utilizing both the facility and all of the fun things inside. Community members can also use the building for birthday parties, family and friends events, and more.

Did you know that our computers are also available for the community and folks traveling through town? During the summer, we are visited by people from out of the area looking for a stopping spot to use the computer and connect with people back home. The Kachemak Bay Campus of UAA is also currently using our computers for students testing for their GED's. If there is a way that the Boys & Girls Club can help you or your business, please let us know.

Program Highlight: Dede Higman faithfully runs the Club's Pottery Program. Each Monday afternoon, members make their way to the school's shop building to work on their pieces of art. Dede sells the clay for only \$1 a pound, and the Boys & Girls Club provides the glazes, while the Susan B. English School provides the facility use. Each week, many new creations come out of the building and make their way in to homes around the community, or get sent off as presents wherever the mail takes them. Dede also runs a Wednesday night adult pottery time, but invites kids to come if they have a project they are working on that has a pressing need to be done. Club member Amanda G. recently showed a piece of her pottery at the Pratt Museum in Homer in a show featuring Seldovia artists. Many thanks to Dede Higman for all her work making great things happen for Seldovia's children.

Clubhouse Hours: Mondays – Fridays from 3-6 p.m.

Power Hour: Mondays – Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Pottery: Mondays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

Karate Classes:

Beginners – Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m.

or Wednesdays & Fridays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Intermediate – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 5-6:30 p.m. ***Music***

Lessons:

Bass Guitar - Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

Electric Guitar – Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.

Acoustic Guitar – Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

Drums – Saturdays from 1:00 – 6:00 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 . . .

A Tale of Two Kitties . . .



Pumpkin has been our family cat for six years and last week she escaped the soothing bonds of our warm, cozy home and disappeared into Seldovia's jungle of underbrush. No claws, no collar, no outdoor skills . . . oh well, scratch one cat . . .



Five days later, our other cat (Koki) was despondent and her owners were not far behind. We couldn't stand it any more so we hopped on a plane and flew to Homer to visit Sherry Bess at the [Homer Animal Shelter](#). Thirty minutes later we left with a gorgeous little kitten which we have appropriately named Casper since it's the Halloween season. Ahh, life is good in the bush . . .

And now the rest of the story . . .

The same evening that we brought Casper home, Mary was in the basement playing her violin (Pumpkin loves the violin.) Yep, you guessed it, guess who shows up at the back door tapping her little paw on the glass and mournfully meowing her song. Oh, happy day . . .

Well . . .

- Pumpkin is so traumatized she slept for three days and will barely come out of the downstairs bedroom.
- Koki is scared to death of the white devil we introduced into her domain and can only hiss and hide behind our bed.
- Casper is so spooked by all of this that we can't even get close enough to her to pick her up.

• And we now have three cats . . .

I thought we left all this drama behind us when the kids went off to college . . .

City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

City Manager's Report 10/09/07 to 10/24/07

DOT: Howard and Manfred met with Carl High and George Oliveira to discuss state and city rolls in road maintenance. Points of discussion follow:

1. State will sand city streets for this winter only. City will need to locate a sanding unit (pickup truck type about \$3,000) for 2008/2009 and on.
2. City will assist in stockpiling winter sand and gravel during summer for up to 120 hours.
3. New DOT building is planned for 2008. If this schedule holds the city will need to pump their sewage until the water and sewer lines are run to the airport.
4. City will assist in the cleaning of the storm drains every 3 years beginning 2008.
5. DOT presently has no funding to supply calcium chloride.
6. State will assist the city in any way they can i.e., equipment use, DPW training, equipment procurement, operator assistance, etc.

Denali Commission: Contact was made with Mike McKinnon to clarify use of \$454,000 Grant funding. Final confirmation is planned for 10/29/07.

AIDEA/AEA: Contacted Ron Brown he is sending a mechanic to service and repair our equipment (Backhoe and Loader) as soon as we can get him a list of parts, fluids and filters together for each unit.

Jerry Willard Complaint: Regarding a broken cement pad on his property and the possible movement or covering of his property corner markers has been passed on to Ron Brown who will be looking into Mr. Willard's complaints.

Alaska Training/Technical Assistance Center: Is offering a reimbursement program for Small Water System Operator Training. (See through down packet).

Small Boat harbor Pilings: Contact has been made with Richards Pipe who have supplied information indicating that they were the organization who cut, welded and sealed the joints on the pilings in question. On going conversation is taking place as to what steps will be taken and by who to correct our problem. Photos of some of the pilings have been emailed to Steve Richards for review and comment.

Waterfront Marine Industrial Center: The draft drawing for the new downsized (cannery lot) city building (funded by EDA) has been sent to Arctic Structures, Steel Master and Rockford Steel Buildings for cost estimates more in line with the \$500,000 max grant available to the city.

Husky II: Payment of past-due mooring fees and removal from the Small Boat Harbor is progressing.

1. Phone Number, email and address for Larry Poffenroth have been obtained.

2. The Harbor Master will be instructed to pursue derelict vessel declaration, as soon as she returns from vacation, if Mr. Poffenroth does not follow through with his commitments to the city as well as remove the vessel from our waters.
3. A report to John P. Backus, US Coast Guard, has been sent informing them of the Husky II current condition and owner's latest information.
4. We need to locate someone qualified to determine if the Husky II is properly tied up. If it is not properly tied up and we can show that it is a danger to our docks and other ships in our harbor, the US Coast Guard may be able to remove it.

Abandoned Vehicles: Discussions with Carl High and George Oliveira produced their plan to remove abandoned vehicles from the airport long term parking area by utilizing the Kenai Borough's program of seizing and crushing abandoned vehicles having them crushed and sold to a scrap metal company. It was suggested that the City could also utilize this program to clean up our streets and lots.

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

>> Repeat Story <<

The following report covers Police related incidents from September 28th through October 18th, 2007.

- A vehicle was reportedly in a ditch on Young Street. The operator told the Police he swerved to miss a dog and ran off the roadway. The driver could not be located the night of the report.
- Police responded and attempted to locate a howling dog during the early morning hours after receiving a call that the dog was keeping people awake. The dog could not be located that morning but was later observed howling in the same area and was identified. The owners of the animal were contacted and a verbal warning was given.
- A vehicle was reportedly off the roadway at approximately 2.3 mile, Jakolof Bay Road. Investigation revealed the headlights on the vehicle were inoperative and the driver was attempting to drive home using his flashers. Police blocked the road while the owner removed the vehicle. A verbal warning was given regarding driving without headlights.
- A man reported he was bitten by a dog that was being walked on a leash by its owner. The investigation revealed the dog did have all its shots and the owner stated the dog had never been aggressive like that in the past.
- Someone, using a spray paint can, vandalized a vehicle by spray painting words on the side of the vehicle and covering a couple windows with spray paint.
- A report of a 4-wheeler speeding and driving without headlights after dark were received and Police approached the parent of the suspect and asked that he talk to his son about the problem. He insured the Officer he would do so.
- A smoke report was followed up and a control burn was found to be taking place in the vicinity of the cemetery.
- A 911 call of a black bear up a tree off Airport Avenue was taken. Police observed a large black bear in a tree in that area and waited for the bear to climb down. The bear came down after dark and the Officer lost track of it. No further reports of the bear in that vicinity were received.
- Police have been checking vacant structures for security purposes. No entries have been discovered at this time.
- Police assisted the Maintenance Department personnel in the pulling of three boats from the water and into the boat haul out facility where they

well are stored for the winter.

- Police found damage to the tail light on a vehicle parked at the airport. Investigation continues in this matter.
- A homeless lady was contacted following her setting up a tent on private property in the City Limits. She was asked to camp in the RV Park or the Outside Beach. She made arrangements with the City and Police assisted her in moving her camp to the Outside Beach Park.
- A report of noise coming from a home when the owners were out of town was taken and a security check on the residence failed to reveal any entry or trespass. The owners will be notified upon their return to town.
- Police were notified of an abandoned vehicle on the Borough roads in the Barabara Creek Subdivision and the owner was contacted and asked to move the vehicle. After a number of conversations and no response by the owner, Police impounded the vehicle.
- Police assisted DOT in identifying the abandoned and derelict vehicles in the Airport parking lot. Anyone wanting to dispose of a vehicle in that area is asked to contact George Oliveira and he will dispose of the vehicle at no cost to the owner. A plan to impound and dispose of the derelict and abandoned vehicles is to take place in the spring of 2008 at the owner's expense.
- The owner of a local residence called the Police Department and requested a security check on his home. Police responded and no evidence of entry was found.
- Police received a 911 call of a woman threatening suicide. She had left the residence and the husband did not know where she had gone. Police searched for the lady and, after a time, located her. After some conversation the lady insured the Officer she was not suicidal and no further action was taken by the Police. Alcohol was a contributing factor in the domestic dispute.
- A report of a man urinating off his porch during daylight hours was received. Charges of "Indecent Exposure" will be brought in this matter.
- Civil papers were served on a local resident at the request of the Alaska State Troopers.
- Eighteen documents have been notarized by the Police since last report.

