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## Top Stories

### Thanksgiving, an American-made Holiday

by Mary Glover

Thanksgiving is just about here. Looking forward to that turkey, stuffing, gravy, pumpkin pie and that stuffed feeling as if you were, in fact, the bird? Ever thought how all our Thanksgiving tradition began? Thanksgiving is truly an American-made holiday. Again we have another year to be thankful for. Our nation's borders are free of invaders and our tables are overflowing with food. Lest we forget what others have sacrificed for us, let us remember our servicemen at our tables this Thanksgiving.



*The First Thanksgiving - An account by Sir Edward Winslow.*

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The year is 1621. Only fifty puritans survived the first year in the New World. Among the survivors was a man named Sir Edward Winslow. What is so special about Sir Edward Winslow is that he wrote a letter dated December 11, 1621, describing the very first thanksgiving celebration. Letter follows:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, among other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed upon our governor, and upon the captain, and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

### School

▶ Susan B English School by school reporters Katie O'Leary and Rochelle Purpura - [Click here](#)



## Stupendous Volleys Slam in Seldovia

by Tamara

*Blodgett*

*The annual 'Seldovia Slam' engages town this weekend...*

Be there or be square Seldovia! Coach Lisa O'Leary and dedicated Booster parents have made this six-team Volleyball Invitational happen. Teams from 'far and away' will show up in droves Thursday night and Friday morning to be handsomely rewarded with homemade goodies and competitive fun in what will be an all-day tourney schedule on Friday and Saturday morning.

O'Leary got her feet wet last year with then-coach Ila Dillon. After Dillon's retirement, O'Leary took the reins this year and organized the affair. O'Leary was clearly excited about the possibilities an event such as this affords for varied competition. "...<This> competition provides opportunity for court play with three teams outside our region." O'Leary commented. Another bonus for the visiting schools is court time for their junior varsity players. Larger schools will typically have a JV team that is enhanced greatly by practice with other schools. This tourney will afford that for those players as well.

*Speaking of travel...*

On a related "bunny trail" O'Leary mentioned that the trend she has witnessed in travel is the beginnings of large, multi-team tourneys. It just makes more sense for a team that travels as much as Seldovia does, to participate in large tourneys in an effort to consolidate travel. O'Leary mentioned that their most recent 'away' tourney held in Tok was a six-tourney event. A lot more 'bang for ones buck' with the added bonus of competing against the occasional three "A" school to our two "A."

*An apt hostess...*

O'Leary also noted that Seldovia *enjoys* hosting other teams. Our community's historical precedence of feeding and lodging teams is sound. Boys & Girls Club volunteers to entertain, SVT transports and Booster feeds. Our players are no slouches either and will be an active part in feeding the arriving troops, each girl having committed to cookie making in an already tightly filled schedule. If that wasn't enough, the girls (and parent volunteers) were busy last Saturday with a

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Booster-sponsored pizza feed to help fund the extensive travel requirements by all SBE teams. There *is* a small fee associated with the preparation used for the food that the visiting teams pay. However, the graciousness of the five Booster parent volunteers, coupled with peripheral support has made the event popular, well received *and* cost effective for the visitors. Everyone in the community has played a part currently or at another time. These combined efforts are what ensure the longevity of these events. See you there!

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## City Council Meeting November 14

by *Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: John Carluccio, Keith Gain (presiding), Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. City Manager Howard Davis was in attendance with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes.

### Public Presentation Prior Notice

#### Mike Beal, Seldovia Native Association CEO, Kachemak Bay Ferry Project

This presentation will have to be rescheduled as Mr. Beal canceled.

### Committee and Advisory Board Reports

**Planning & Zoning Committee** have a special meeting scheduled for Monday the 19th.

**Parks & Recreation** are waiting on more Railroad Ties for the Lollipop Park Project.

### Old Business

#### Resolution 08-08, Accepting Denali Commission Funds for Seldovia Dock Phase 1&2

This funding (\$454,000) would rehabilitate deteriorating portions of the existing small boat harbor.

*Action:* Unanimous Approval.

### New Business

#### Resolution 08-09, Legislative Priorities List

This is last year's FY07 list of priorities compiled by the City toward the improvements needed therein. This list is by no means comprehensive and the City looks forward to Public input before submission to the Borough on Dec. 15th, 2007.

The first three priorities on the list are water distribution and wastewater upgrade/replacement, additional funds for small boat harbor renovation, and smolt stocking for Seldovia Slough.

A member of the Public, *Jere Murray*, wished to mention that there was

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acquiesce at the ready from the Fish & Game to design, build and install stairs. Such stairs would access the Slough Bridge area for fishermen in the pursuit of ingress and egress along the sides of the bridge leading down to the water. A hazardous area to traverse, Murray felt that stairs should be looked at as a possible addition to the list. Councilman Glover thought that the prior trouble with building the steps was ownership and right of way issues with the land. Glover suggested that the current owners on one side of the bridge should be contacted to see if this would be something they were interested in pursuing.

**Action:** Through Council discussion, it was decided that an extra half an hour be added to the beginning of the next regularly scheduled meeting would suffice for discussion of these priorities.

## Discussion of the Senior Meals Program (MCINNES)

Councilman McInnes wished to speak to the termination of the Senior Meals Program that was held at Lakeside Terrace. These senior meals were offered to anyone over the age of sixty years old, and to senior native participants over the age of fifty.

Traditionally, funding has originated from the same, three sources: donation(s), Borough, and State of Alaska funding. This state funding opportunity has terminated because of its requirement that the Seldovia Village Tribe signs a "waiver." This resolution effectively requires the above entity to waive their sovereign immunity in the event a lawsuit is filed/claimed against them for any cause of action arising out of or related to the state grant provided. A copy of this Resolution for Tribal Entities can be reviewed online by typing in the Google bar the following: 7 AAC 78.030 (e). SVT is the only tribe that has not consented to signing this form.

Title Six monies (federal) available only to *Native Entities* has continued to be provided, allowing the Senior Meals Program to continue for the *Native population only*. Before the termination of the Senior Meal Program on October 15, 2007, it was serving eighty seniors. Under Title Six federal funding, only nineteen seniors <of Native descent> will now be served.

Councilman McInnes feels that it is vital the senior population, *regardless of ethnicity*, is allowed to participate in this program. It is with this equality in mind that he earnestly submitted an idea to Council urging them to consider submitting a "Letter of Interest" to the State of Alaska Department of Health during the appropriate timeline so that the City may reactivate the program under their own recognizance.

A member of the Public, *Sandy Murray*, whom has sixteen years experience in the Senior Meals Program, was appointed to collect and review information, then submit her findings to Council for their review. Council members felt compelled to act on this matter and have moved forward with her volunteer appointment and the ultimate goal of submitting a Letter of Interest.

**Action:** Council wishes to proceed in gathering information that would facilitate in the eventual reactivation of the Senior Meals Program to all people of qualifying age, regardless of ethnicity.

## Liquor License Application, Alaska Treetops Fishing Lodge

**This is a request for John and Carole Myers to operate their Lodge with a valid State of Alaska Liquor License**

Two members of Council and a member of the Public spoke on behalf of the Myers' and their obviously responsible handling of alcohol on their premises.

After Council discussion and input from P&Z Chair Paulie Carluccio, it was determined that the license would go through the proper "process." Councilman Gain has remanded this request for the "conditional use" to P&Z for review. After P&Z review and approval of this conditional use it will then be re-submitted before Council for their final review and approval.

**Action:** P&Z shall review conditional use Request.

**City Manager's Report - see below.**

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

It was determined through comments that an extra half an hour would be added to the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on the 28th of this month.

**Adjournment:** Time elapsed, one hour, seven minutes.

**Next Meeting:** November 28, 2007 (begins at 7PM ).

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### **Help Raise Money for Booster Club: E-script**

*by Sandy Geagel*

**E-script** is a great way for our school to earn money! All you have to do is SIGN UP ([www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)) or SEND an e-mail to me or call and I'll sign your family up. The card number from SAFEWAY / CARRS is needed (not your phone number; the one on your card). If you don't have your card number call 1-877-723-3929 and press "0" until someone answers. Once you are signed up Safeway will automatically donate a percent of your spending to our school. You don't have to do anything and you'll be making a donation to our school. It's that EASY!

- TO SIGN UP click here: [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
- Check the box requesting ZIP CODE: enter Seldovia zip code: 99663
- Our school name will appear in the "Search area found ... DOUBLE CLICK on our school name.
- Follow the instructions and add information as requested.

THERE ARE LOTS of STORES you can ADD to your LIST in order for the school to receive a donation. As you proceed through the enrollment you can also add your CREDIT CARDS for more donations to our school. PLEASE SIGN UP to support our school; all proceeds will go to our Booster Club; which is the only means we have to fund our extra curricular programs and academic programs (spelling bee, geography bee, music, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, track).

Please SPREAD the WORD to family members and friends!

Sandy Geagel  
 SGeagel@kpbsd.k12.ak.us  
 Seldovia - Susan B. English

**Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - November 15**

Greetings from Juneau on this day before the end of the Special Session. Right now I am waiting for a noon meeting that has been delayed till 6pm . Although it has been a long and intense process I believe the House Passed out a bill that will be good for Alaska both by getting our fair share at higher oil prices and by stimulating investment by the oil industry to increase production. Below is discussion of specific amendments and provisions of the bill. Our next job is to develop a plan for saving the extra money that will be generated at high oil prices. I am hopeful we can develop a mechanism that will provide a revenue source for Community Revenue Sharing far into the future. This would remove a big issue from our budget process which will be severely stressed by the new 90 day session rule anyway. I hope that there will be agreement with the Senate on a bill and that I can get to a much needed vacation on time.

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## Special Notices . . .

### *Boys & Girls Club Update*

Don't forget that Sevea offers art classes on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse to all members. This month, she is teaching a unit on drawing dinosaurs. Last week it was the Parasaurolophus and the Velociraptor, this week it will be the Pteranodon and the Segnosaurus – yes, extra bonus points if you can pronounce any of those names. Be looking for upcoming information of a National Fine Arts Competition for the Boys & Girls Club of America. Those art skills will come in handy.

Did you know that SVT's Play Group preschoolers visit the Clubhouse on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:00 for a chance to be a "big kid?" The children play with the toys in the Club, spend time drawing or doing a craft, and have a little snack before heading on their way.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the Seldovia Village Tribe in all our programming. Thanks for being there for Seldovia's kids.

***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

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## Tidbits . . .

This Thanksgiving turkey has the blues!



## City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

## Managers Report ( 10/25/07 – 11/14/07)

- **Denali Commission:** Contact was made with Mike McKinnon to clarify use of \$454,000 Grant funding. According to an e-mail received on 10/23/07 Mr. McKinnon states that the grant is for the Small Boat Harbor approach, gangway and etc. (See update packet)
- **AIDEA/AEA:** A list of needed parts and fluids has been sent to Ron Brown.
- **Jerry Willard Complaint:** Ron Brown was not able to attend the inspection of the tank farm project due to personal issues. The material causing water problems was removed to form a gutter for water to flow away from Mr. Willard's residence. Verification of Mr. Willard's corner markers is under investigation. The issue of the lighting in the Ferry Staging area is still under advisement but Ron Brown has been made aware of the City's concern.
- **Small Boat Harbor Pilings:** Conversation is going well with Steve Richards of Richards Pipe & Steel regarding the repair of the Pilings. Steve informed me today that the President and their Galvanizing Specialist will be coming to Seldovia to inspect the situation and will send a team in the spring to repair all the welds, etc. (See update packet)
- **Waterfront Marine Industrial Center:** Grant form and narrative has been sent to Berni Richert for his review and input as he requested.
- **Husky II:** The Return Receipt from the registered letter sent to Mr. Poffenroth was received on 11/08/07. No communication or payment of past-due mooring fees have resulted as of 11/14/07.

The Harbor master will be instructed on Friday 11/16/07 to pursue derelict vessel declaration.

I have been approached by a party possibly interested in purchasing the Husky II.

Before giving out the information on the Husky II I believe we must insure that we have a valid claim against the vessel in order to avoid this situation lingering on with a third owner.

- **Abandoned Vehicles:** Automobiles and boats are creating a problem within our easements concerning snow removal. We are looking into having unregistered vehicles removed, crushed and sent out on a scrap barge along with the vehicles already crushed through George Oliveira's State run clean-up project. Any citizens can contact the Kenai Peninsula Borough for information on how to participate in the free program. Next year the charges will be reinstated.
- **Michael L. Foster and Associates:** On November 8, 2007 the City Offices received from MLFA an almost completed Conceptual Plan for the Waterfront Marine Center. MLFA has still left out pertinent information rendering the Final Conceptual Plan still incomplete. On August 17, 2007 MLFA informed the city that the account had been turned over to their Lawyer for collection. On August 23, 2007 MLFA was notified that the information they supplied was incomplete and the incompleteness was verified item by item in the letter. MLFA was told that when they completed their work the City would pay their invoices. No further contact from MLFA was received by the City until November 8, 2007. We will review the latest information in detail to determine the full extent of the materials incomplete state at this time.

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

**>> No Report this Week <<**

