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Notice: Holiday Food Drive 2007

The Seldovia Village Tribe, the Seldovia Bible Chapel and the Susan B. English School are sponsoring the **Seldovia Community Christmas Basket**. From December 10th-19th we will be having the food drive. This annual event is a great way to spread joy and has helped many Seldovians in past years.

To encourage participation Susan B. English School is having a contest between the homerooms. The kids have been helping to decorate the donation boxes that will be in their classrooms, Main Street Market, and SVT Office Building. This year's prize will be a pizza party and a certificate of merit to the winning classroom. Mrs. Karen Bornheimer's class has been the champions for the past few years, and has already declared that they will win this year, too. It is so wonderful to hear these joyful attitudes from our very caring youth!

Holiday Food Drive boxes that are open to the community will be located at the Main Street Market and SVT Office Building. Please call Crystal Collier or Rod Hilts to place any names on the list to receive a basket. Messages for Rod Hilts can be left at 234-7692 and Crystal Collier at 234-7898 ext. 242. If you have any other questions please contact Sevea Kroll at the Seldovia Village Tribe at 234-7898 ext. 228. Seasons Greetings!

Top Stories

Santa shows up at Main St. Market

by Mary Glover

Last Saturday, Santa Claus made a special visit to Main St. Market's Toyland where he listened to the community's children express their wishes for Christmas. Only a few visitors (see picture below) were not pleased to

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Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!



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



meet the strangely dressed bearded giant who makes his annual visits, asking "Have you been good this year?" Only 18 countdown nights from December 6 until Santa comes riding his sled pulled by those famous Alaskan reindeer! And the rest of the story is on Christmas Day!



School

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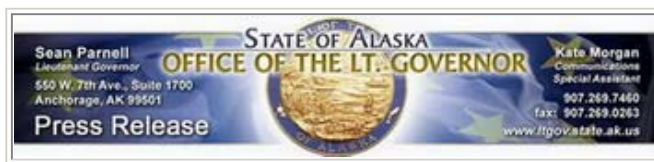


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Division of Elections Performing List Maintenance on Voter Registration Records



For Immediate Release 07-21 Division of Elections Performing List Maintenance on Voter Registration Records

(December 3, 2007, Anchorage , Alaska) - Along with holiday cards and catalogs, voters should check their mail boxes for notices from the Division of Elections. The Division is updating the State's voter registration list by sending address confirmation notices to each person who registered to vote before January 1, 2004 and who has not voted, signed a state petition, or had contact with the Division since January 1, 2004. **Click here for more information**

Alaska Marine Highway System Traffic Report

by Mary Glover

The Alaska Marine Highway System released the following statistics regarding the comparable summary for passenger and vehicle traffic into Seldovia for the years 2006 and 2007. This is a very favorable report to the Port of Seldovia in that Passenger Embarking increased 4%; Passenger Disembarking increased 5%, Vehicle Embarking increased 31%; and Vehicle Disembarking increased 25% between 2006 and 2007.

| Southwest - Seldovia | | Alaska Marine Highway System | | | | |
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| Traffic Summary Report by Port | | | | | | |
| Summer 2006 | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Total |
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Corrections

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| Passengers Embarking | 198 | 275 | 546 | 423 | 313 | 1755 |
| Passengers Disembarking | 291 | 472 | 447 | 434 | 294 | 1938 |
| Vehicles Embarking | 112 | 131 | 127 | 159 | 103 | 632 |
| Vehicles Disembarking | 166 | 203 | 107 | 134 | 93 | 703 |

| Southwest - Seldovia Alaska Marine Highway System | | | | | | |
|---|-----|------|------|-----|------|-------|
| Traffic Summary Report by Port | | | | | | |
| Summer 2007 | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Total |
| Passengers Embarking | 274 | 342 | 536 | 385 | 290 | 1827 |
| Passengers Disembarking | 333 | 741 | 294 | 392 | 278 | 2038 |
| Vehicles Embarking | 159 | 169 | 181 | 174 | 145 | 828 |
| Vehicles Disembarking | 191 | 288 | 117 | 145 | 137 | 878 |

Information provided by:
 Danielle Adkins, Marketing Specialist
 State of Alaska DOT & PF
 Alaska Marine Highway System
 Office 907-226-6836

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*

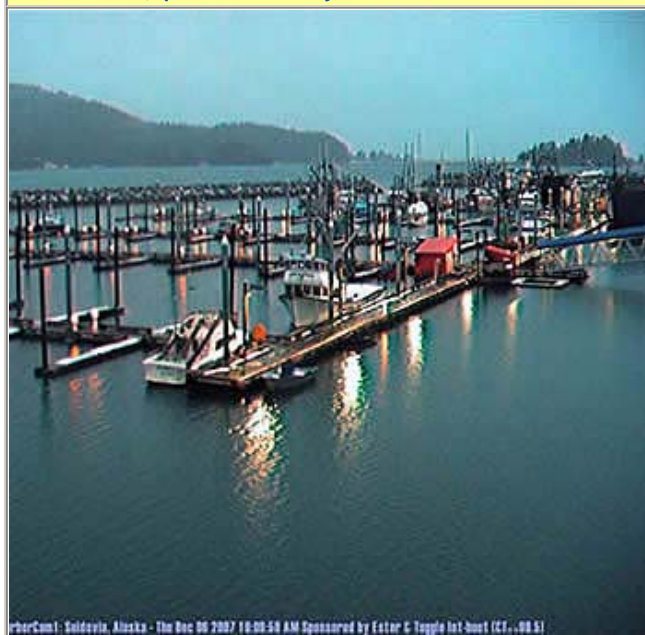
Lessons:

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

Tidbits . . .

It's a beautiful, quiet Seldovia day at the small boat harbor!



City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

<<Repeat Story>>

Denali Commission: According to Mike McKinnon of the Denali Commission the Grant is specifically for the Small Boat Harbor Phase I and II?

AIDEA/AEA : The Mechanic is here to perform the needed services on the City's Equipment used during the Fuel Tank Farm construction. He should be finished by 11/30/07 .

AIDEA/AEA: The plans are for Ron Brown to be in Seldovia with his people to perform the final inspection of the Fuel Tank Farm Project and to review the issues currently pending as to; is it necessary and if so, who is responsible for installing culvert between the fuel tank farm and English Dr. Who is responsible to locate and uncover the corner markers at Gerry Willard's house? What is going to be done about the lighting in the Ferry Staging area?

Small Boat Harbor Pilings: Guy Richards (President of Richards Pipe and Steel) and Gene Bickel (Plant Production Manager of Galvanizers Company) inspected the harbor pilings on 11/26/07 and 11/27/07 . They will send a team to Seldovia in the spring to make the needed corrections to the piling welds.

Waterfront Marine Industrial Center : The pre-application for the EDA Grant has been reviewed by Bernhard Richert and Shirley Kelley. Their findings were discussed with Howard Davis and another teleconference is scheduled the first or second week of December.

Husky II: Procedures to declare the vessel abandoned/derelict are progressing.

Abandoned and/or Inoperative Vehicles: Motorized vehicles are still a problem on our city streets and action to get them removed is in place. Anyone with a vehicle as described above should make every effort to remove it from the City Street before it is impounded.

Pot Holes (everybody's favorite subject): Now that the rain has stopped for a couple of days our DPW Department is out grading the streets again. Please try to remember that mud does not pack into a hole, it just waits until a tire splashes it back out. Let's hope that the rains hold off for a few more days so the ground can continue to dry out and the grading will have a chance to pack down.

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

The following report covers Police related activities from November 2nd through December 5th.

A number of citizens reported a vehicle repeatedly traveling at high rates of speed on Main Street during the early morning hours between 2:00 am and 3:00 am. The violations were reported the following day and not at the time of the activity. (If you want action taken you need to call when the activity is taking place. It's very hard in a matter such as this to identify the offender after the fact.)

- Police responded to the landfill on three separate occasions to haze bears away from the area.
- Police assisted the EMT's on a medevac.
- Reports of noise late at night were received the following day and no action could be taken.
- Police assisted the Maintenance Department in the blocking of three boats in the boat haulout facility.
- Police responded to a Civil Dispute wherein a man wanted a person living in his home to be removed. Since the subject was legally in the residence the owner was informed he would have to take actions through the Court. Eviction actions are necessary to remove unwanted tenants from a residence if they are legally in the home. Police can only assist in their removal through a Court Order.
- A man called reporting a possible Domestic Violence Assault wherein his daughter was the victim. A follow-up investigation did not conclude an Assault took place and no further action was taken by the Police.
- Police were asked to have a vehicle moved that was too far out into the roadway and was a hazard for both passing traffic and show removal. The owner's of the vehicle agreed to move the vehicle.
- A report of a vehicle in a ditch on Jakolof Bay Road was received and Police responded. The roads had turned to very icy conditions and had yet to be sanded by DOT. DOT was contacted by the Police and sanded the roads. Assistance was given by the Police when DOT pulled the vehicle back onto the road for the owner. No further action taken by the

Police.

- Owners of a dog that was repeatedly said to be visiting a neighborhood and howling during the night time hours were called and told of the problem and their requirements under the Municipal Code. Promises were made to correct the problem but the dog was again recorded running at large and, on this occasion, a citation was issued at the request of the complainant. The citation was the 4th citation issued within a two year period regarding the animal and a Court date was set wherein the owners must go before the Judge.
- A man reported approximately 40 gallons of gasoline has been taken from his vehicle within a three week period. He leaves the vehicle parked at the Seldovia Airport in his absence.
- Three separate people requested their fingerprints rolled for employment purposes.
- Police have received three separate reports of people driving very fast on Jakolof Bay Road. More will be forthcoming to reduce the risk to the speeders and others on the roadways.
- A man reported a skiff was in need of bailing at the Jakolof Bay Harbor due to the excessive rain fall we were experiencing. The owner of the skiff was notified by the Police and responded to Jakolof Bay and bailed the skiff.
- Numerous problems kept the Police busy during Thanksgiving Day. The roof was reportedly blowing off the Post Office building. Police responded and observed sheets of tin coming off the upper part of the building and called the caretaker of the building. He responded and was able to secure the tin and repair the damage. – A tree was reported to be across the roadway on Anderson Way near Young Street. Police contacted DOT personnel and they removed the tree. – On Spruce Street power lines were taken down when trees blew across the roadway. Police contacted HEA and stayed on scene until the area was deemed safe by HEA representatives. - A tree top landed on the roof of a residence but no damage occurred. Owners were out of town at the time but were called and notified of the problem by the Police. - A tree was blocking the roadway on Young Street near Shoreline Drive and City Maintenance was called out and removed the tree from the roadway. - Numerous trees had fallen in the yard of a residence on Young Street and had taken down their satellite cable, leaving it across the roadway creating a hazard. The antenna was cleared of some branches and placed on the ground across the roadway to alleviate any hazards. - Trees had blown up against the Tree Tops Lodge on Spruce Street but it appeared minimal, if any, damage was sustained to the building. - Trees, power lines and telephone lines were down on Abbott Lane, which is located off Jakolof Bay Road at approximately 1.1 mile. A power pole was also broken at that location. - A tree fell across a boat in a man's yard from the neighbor's yard. Minimal damage occurred but other trees in the area were leaning and presented a further threat so they were taken down by the boat owner. - A property owner in the East Addition called from their home in Anchorage and asked that Police check their residence for any damage. Police did check the residence and found on damage and no trees down at that location. - Numerous other trees were found to have blown over or blown against other trees becoming a threat. These trees are being cleared by local labor
- Police responded to a call of shots fired. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of a man on two counts of "3 rd Degree Assault" and "Tampering With Evidence" charges and a woman on charges of "Tampering With Witnesses" and "Tampering With Evidence", all being felony charges. The investigation continues and the case is being taken before the Grand Jury for the issuance of indictments. The Alaska State Troopers were called and the case was referred to them. The Seldovia Police Department continues to assist the Troopers in the investigation.

- Police arrested a man on charges of “Driving Under the Influence”, (DUI), and “Minor Consuming Alcohol”, (MIP), after contact was made by the Police and the driver was found to be intoxicated. The man was arraigned and pled “No Contest” to the charge of DUI and the charge of MIP was dismissed. The man was sentenced to 3 days in jail, a \$1500 fine, a \$75 surcharge, \$50 confinement fee, \$330 imprisonment fee, operator license revoked for 90 days, alcohol screening, an interlock device affixed to the vehicle he drives if out of Seldovia and he was placed on probation for a period of 2 years. (This was a 1 st time offense.)
- A report of a visitor voicing a suicide threat was taken from the 911 operator. The Police located the subject and found no indication that the subject was suicidal. The subject told the Police an assault had taken place by the person who reported the suicide threat and that the subject was being stalked by that person. Seldovia Police took a statement, took photographs of injuries alleged to have been sustained at the hands of the person and the case was forwarded to the Homer Police Department for follow-up.
- The Police have served 4 Subpoena’s from the District Attorney’s Office and 2 Summons at the request of the Alaska State Troopers.
- The urinal in the bathroom at the Harbor Master’s building was damaged by vandalism. This has resulted in the closure of the bathrooms except when the Harbor Master is present.
- A cell phone was turned in after it was found on the street. The owner has been notified and the unit will be returned to him.
- Police are asking that vehicles be moved off City property due to the snow removal effort. The areas east of the garbage collection at the harbor and the area by the small boat launch ramp are the areas of concern. Please refrain from parking in these areas for the winter.
- On December 5th a black bear was still out and entered a porch area where he ate the bird feed out of a bird feeder. We have some very hearty animals this year so be aware of this and report any sightings to the Police. You may want to secure the garbage for a while longer, as well.

We would like to remind everyone that during the long dark, gray days it is suggested you drive with your headlights on to insure you are visible to other traffic. Also, before leaving your home, be sure you have good visibility. Take that few extra minutes to clear the windows on your vehicles, including the side and back windows. A little time can possibly be the difference between having or not having an accident or hitting someone who is walking. It’s easy and doesn’t take that long.

