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HEA Power Outage

Update Tuesday, January 1

On Tuesday, January 1, Homer Electric crews were able to finish the repair work on the transmission line between Seldovia and McKeon Flats. Several sections of the line were damaged by heavy snow that fell during a storm that hit the area around Christmas.

On Tuesday, five HEA linemen worked on the line near the Tutka Bay hatchery. The work was completed by 1 pm.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Seldovia area is receiving electric power from the transmission line.

Homer Electric would like to thank the residents of Seldovia, Port Graham, and Nanwalek for their patience and understanding during the restoration period.

As a safety reminder, if you see a downed power line, STAY AWAY FROM THE LINE AND CALL 1-888-8OUTAGE TO REPORT THE LOCATION OF THE LINE. POWER LINES SHOULD ALWAYS BE CONSIDERED "ENERGIZED" AND CONTACT WITH THE LINE CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

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



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The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for rent. Call for details:
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](#)



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▶ 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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Marine Highway Service to Seldovia

Imminent Budget Cuts Threaten Gulf of Alaska Ferry Service Next Year

(Kodiak and Homer) Three Gulf of Alaska Legislators say a plan by the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) to cut ferry service to Homer, Seldovia and Kodiak Island next year is unacceptable, and have urged AMHS officials to revisit the proposal.

Citing the need to lower costs, AMHS officers recently briefed Senator Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak), Representative Paul Seaton (R-Homer) and Representative Gabrielle LeDoux on plans to cut ferry service in Homer, Seldovia and Kodiak next winter to once a month, with the ferry *Kennicott* filling the route while the *Tustumena* is docked for upgrades. Because the *Kennicott* is too large for the docking facilities in Port Lions, service to the Kodiak Island village will be entirely eliminated next winter unless AMHS officials can provide an alternative service. Plans also call for the *Kennicott* to be tied-up every two weeks during the summer and winter.

Senator Stevens said proposed cuts will have a dire impact on his many constituents who utilize ferry service throughout the year, and raises serious questions for the AMHS' future.

"It seems to me that cutting service, disrupting schedules and otherwise making the Marine Highway System unavailable for the people who rely on it is the perfect way to kill the system," Senator Stevens commented. "I am urging AMHS to reconsider this unfortunate plan and work with the governor and lawmakers to find a better solution to their financial problems than cutting service and tying up ferries."

Representative LeDoux said the current proposal is unacceptable.

"Senator Stevens, Representative Seaton and I talked with Department of Transportation Deputy Commissioner Dennis Hardy and others from the Alaska Marine Highway System about this issue," Representative LeDoux stated. "We believe they needed to go back to the drawing board and find a more acceptable solution to delivering service to our area. Our constituents deserve a system they can rely on for adequate coverage while the *Tustumena* is being upgraded."

While recognizing the negative impacts of ferry cuts to region, Representative Seaton also questions the need to reduce service on the popular route between Bellingham, Washington and Southeast Alaska.

Additional comments by Rep. Paul Seaton:

I would like to bring to your attention the opportunity to comment on the long-term plan for the future of Alaska 's transportation infrastructure over the next two decades. The State is accepting comments on the Alaska Statewide Long-Range Transportation Policy Plan Update until January 10th at 5pm. The information below can link you to the plan and the form to fill out if you would like to comment.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2008. My office in Homer will be packing up next week as we all make the move to Juneau for session starting on January 15th. I look forward to an exciting if abbreviated 90 day session. We will begin publishing our weekly session email newsletter on the first Monday after session starts and encourage you, as always, to write back your comments, observations and suggestions.

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Review and Comment on the Draft Statewide Long Range Transportation Policy Plan!

Attend [January 9 Public Meeting](#) in [Anchorage](#) . [View online public notice](#).

- [Download draft plan](#) (65 pages, 1.5M)
- [Download comment/survey form](#) (2 pages, 91K)
- [Download 1-page Executive Summary](#) (1 page, 108K)
- [Download December 2007 Newsletter](#) (2 pages, 1.39m)

Comments must be received by close of business January 10, 2008

Send comments to:

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Chamber of Commerce Meeting, January 3

New Start for the New Year in Chamber Plans by *Mary Glover*



The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce (SCC) met today in the Multipurpose Room. Due to various reasons the attendance was sparse, but the interest and activities planned were full of anticipation for 2008. President Darlene Crawford presided over the meeting.

Guests attending were Naomi Klouda from the Homer Tribune and her son, Lance, and Gary Mandzik (property owner in Seldovia who bought Sharon and Darwin Lewis' home).

Highlights of the meeting were a short discussion of the results of the Christmas Lighting Contest in December and the decision about additional advertising matters. New ideas that came to the table were to host a two day Familiarization Trip (FAM Trip) and invite travel agents from Anchorage and other key individuals involved in the tourism industry for an overnight event. In the past the SCC has hosted 3 FAM Trips (under the chairmanship of Barbara Carlough) which have all been highly successful. Motion was made in the event that a group of architecture college students design a park with gazebo for a lot in Seldovia, the SCC will support this endeavor. The plans will need to be submitted and approved by the City Council before anything can be started, but the SCC endorsed the idea and decided to support it. Also discussed was the possibility of creating a favorable walking environment around Lake Susan and memorial bricks for the walkway around the Harbor Master's building. The memorial bricks will go on sale in 2008 and can be purchased in memory of a loved one or with any entity name on it. Mary Glover announced that there are plans for the *Seldovia Visitor* again this year. Deadline for your ad or articles

will be March 1st. If any SCC member is thinking of changing your ad this year, please contact Mary or Tom ASAP. Also, if you have changes to the Walking Map 2008, please let Mary know.

In February the SCC will be meeting for lunch on Feb. 7th at the SCC's space next to the Post Office. At that time we will preview one of Robert Purpura's films in anticipation of "Show Night in Seldovia."

Special Notices . . .

Boys & Girls Club Update . . .

The Seldovia Native Association has generously agreed to sponsor the music programs we are offering at the Club with a donation of \$10,000.00. That is correct – ten thousand dollars! This sponsorship is a strong indication that the Seldovia Native Association Board values the work we are doing with the community's children. The Club currently offers guitar and drum lessons with at least 30 students young and old participating. Thank you, SNA Board members, for your generous contribution and continued support of the Boys & Girls Club of Seldovia.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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 . . .

Last weeks round of snow and ice took it's toll on boats in the Small Boat Harbor. The Norseman was successfully raised on Wednesday, January 2.



City Manager's Corner *by Howard Davis*

> **No report this week**<

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

> **Repeat Story** <

The following report covers Police related activities from December 5th through December 27th.

- A cell phone that was found on Main Street and turned in was returned to its owner.
- Two subjects came to the Police Department for fingerprinting reference employment opportunities.
- The owners of a couple vehicles parked on City property were asked to

remove them for snow removal purposes. Please refrain from parking in the areas where the snow is pushed over so Maintenance Personnel will not have to work around your vehicle.

- A report of a vehicle accident wherein a lady backed into the side of another ladies vehicle was reported. An investigation was conducted and a report was filed.
- A parked vehicle was checked after a report of someone possible in harms way. The vehicle was found to have been parked in the location so the owner and a friend could go on a hike and the vehicle would not be in anyone's way.
- Some frozen meat, that was thawing, was found on the ground outside the Homer Air Office on the Seldovia Airport. It was housed in a plastic bag and no name or identification of any kind could be found on it. The airlines did not know who the owner was. The complainant took the package home and put it in her freezer then put signs around town in hopes the owner would contact her. If you were to receive some moose meat, and other meats, or you were shipping some meat to someone prior to the holidays, call the Police Department and we'll direct you to the location of your meat.
- A burglary to a residence wherein some items were taken is under investigation.\
- In Chief Anderson's absence a man was reported to have had an accident wherein he ran off the road with his car. No injuries were reported. An investigation will be forthcoming when the driver of the vehicle returns to town.
- The Seldovia Clinic was burglarized and drugs and other items were taken. If you have information about this or other crimes in the Seldovia area please be a good citizen and report what you know to the Police or Crime Stoppers.
- A car was reportedly stolen and Police were asked to see if they could locate the vehicle. Before the Police could respond the complainant came to the Officer's home with her vehicle and told the Officer she did not wish to pursue charges. No further action was taken by the Police.
- A man was reportedly driving while intoxicated but had abandoned the vehicle before Police were able to contact him. A search for the individual was not successful.
- A lady was stuck on Jakolof Bay Road and Police responded and assisted her. She made it to her residence without further problems.
- A man reported he wanted the Police to investigate a Trespass on his property. He was out of town and someone moved a vehicle on his property to access property behind him. The investigation continues in this matter.
- Police assisted Gerry Willard on Christmas Day when they traveled to the outer area in hopes a problem could be corrected and the power to the outer area could be restored. Line crews for HEA could not travel to Seldovia due to inclement weather and Mr. Willard wanted to do what he could to restore their power. The damage was found to be more than an easy fix and Mr. Willard was unable to address the problems. (We are indeed fortunate to have such citizens as Mr. Gerry Willard in Seldovia.)
- A man reportedly hit a boat trailer on private property owned by a summer resident. An inquiry was made for the man's name and phone numbers and these were supplied to the caller by the Police.
- A man was asked to move his vehicle from private property for snow removal reasons and stated it would be moved right away.
- A man reported someone kicked in the door to his residence while he was away from home. He was leaving on a boat and no one would be home until later in the day. No further information was available. The Officer was to contact the family member and follow up on the investigation. The investigation is pending.

NOTE:

State DOT Seldovia Maintenance Man, George Oliveira, wanted the public to be aware of some changes in snow removal this year. He is again doing Main Street to Dock Street, as well as Seldovia Street, Anderson Way and Jakolof Bay Road, not to mention Airport Avenue and the Airport, and due to the added responsibilities he will not be getting to the driveways and the removal of the snow that is pushed into the State right of way as soon as before. He will get to them but it will be a longer wait than before. He asked that anyone who has the ability of getting rid of the snow on their own property, do so to cut down the time it takes him to move it back and widen the Jakolof Road to it's original width.

Be aware that if you create a hazard by pushing snow into the State right of way, or any street or vehicular way, you can be held criminally liable. A law does exist prohibiting the act but Mr. Oliviera stated he does not have a problem with it if people will use common sense and do not create a hazard. He would very much like you to dispose of the snow somewhere other than the right of way if at all possible. Don't abuse this privilege and wind up losing it.

