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### Seldovia Boys & Girls Club 2007 Review

*by Laurel Hiltz*

Hello from Laurel Hiltz and the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club. I hope you all had a great New Year's and are all looking forward to a fantastic 2008. Before we move too far in to this year, I'd like to take a moment to share with you the some of the highlights of 2007 for the members of our local Boys & Girls Club:



In January, our elementary members participated in youth basketball, coached by Russ Radliff and his Seldovia Sea Otters. The Club also co-hosted with the Seldovia Village Tribe a community ice cream social one evening following a high school basketball game, and later in the month the entire elementary came out for a pajama party.

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In February, we started up our SMART Moves programs for elementary and junior high students, with Ruby Mason and Laurel Hilts leading the classes. Youth basketball wrapped up with an exciting mini-game between the Ligars and the Cougars in front of a packed home crowd.

**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 \(pdf\)](#)

▶ [Boys and Girls Club Calendar](#)

In March, Jan Wyland came up to the Clubhouse to do ancestry research with our members, and then during Spring Break Mark Janes was brave enough to travel with our 3rd – 5th graders on a dodge ball trip to Kenai.



**Archives**

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▶ [Seldovia Walking May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf](#)

▶ [Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2007](#)

**2007 PhotoStories**

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One of the year's highlights came in April when a dozen of our young ladies had a chance to take part in a "Ball in the House" workshop, and they even got to join the professional group of male accapella singers as they performed "My Girl" for the community later that evening. The Seldovia Village Tribe sponsored a Methamphetamine Presentation at the Club and then later in the month lightened things up with Easter Egg Dying.

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In May, four students won a SMART Moves trip to Anchorage where they went to the Zoo and the Imaginarium, and took a tour of the KTUU Channel 2 studios. The Boys & Girls Club participated in the Artist In Schools residency when the children at the school had a chance to make their own originals works of stained glass. As school ended, Seldovia watched as eight Club members graduated from high school and prepared to embark on exciting futures.



June marked the start of summer so we held a sleepover, but indoors with tents set up in the middle of the room (Miss Hilts didn't like the idea of sleeping out with the bears!). The Seldovia Village Tribe sponsored a special guest magician who did a magic workshop with our members. Rob Rurka began teaching karate classes at the Clubhouse, and Jennifer Burlison baked with the kids. The Seldovia Arts Council brought in special guests artists for the annual Seldovia Summer Solstice Festival and three great workshops were held at the Club.



The month of July started off with a bang as we all had a chance to participate in the Coming Home festivities surrounding the 4th of July. Kids enjoyed decorating their bikes for the parade, and our members ran a dunk tank during the day to raise some money for the Club. Later that week, we hosted a Not-So-Ready-For-Prime-Time Talent Show. Guitar lessons also began at the Club and SVT's Sevea Kroll started teaching arts and crafts each week.

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Everyone was busy in August trying to enjoy the final days of summer before school started. The Clubhouse really started to rock and roll as drum lessons began, and now paired with guitar and karate, the afternoons were filled. SVT's Al Sughroue kept our members busy with hikes and campouts.



In September, we held a 57-Minute Garage Sale with donations from the community, and our members were treated to a fantastic puppet show later in the month. Phil the Ping Pong Guy spent some quality time at the Clubhouse schooling all of our fledgling athletes in the art of ping pong. It was back to school for the kids, and another year of the B&G's excellent Power Hour's homework club after school.



October flew by as the high school students were busy practicing volleyball and wrestling, but they still made time for coming over to the Club at lunch to play the electric guitar and the drums. We held a special Saturday evening game night later in the month, and definitely had a lot of fun at our annual Halloween Party.



Life revolved around sports in November as the Sea Otters hosted a volleyball tournament and as the junior highers practiced basketball and traveled each weekend. The Club and the Seldovia Village Tribe began Parent-To-Parent discussion groups to give parents helpful ideas for raising their children.



As life moved in a snowball towards Christmas and the New Year, December seemed to zoom right on by! True to Seldovia's spirit, Club members were able to dig themselves out of the snow and make it to the Club Christmas Party. During Christmas vacation, an afternoon workshop was held for all our Club Karate students, with special guests Jesse, Pat and Sam coming from Homer to give us some pointers.

In addition to all these highlights, the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club offered Clubhouse hours, Teen programming, Arts & Crafts, Pottery, and much more. We also worked in partnership with the Seldovia Village Tribe, the City of Seldovia, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District/Susan B. English School, the Chamber of Commerce, the Seldovia Arts Council, and with many volunteers and supporters in our community and beyond. Thanks to all of you for making it a fantastic 2007 for our kids. I look forward to great things in 2008.

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## City Council Meeting January 9

*by Tom Glover*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present, Keith Gain (presiding), Walter McInnes, Allison Miller, and Gerry Patrick. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes. Excused absences for City Manager Howard Davis, John Carluccio and Tom Glover.

### **Ordinance Introduction**

Ordinance 08-03 Restricting Persons, Not Licensed with "D" Class Drivers

License to Carry Passengers on Any All Terrain Vehicle, Between the Hours of 1:00 am to 5:00 am

**Action:** Unanimously approved to introduce the Ordinance and set public hearing for January 23, 2008 , 7:30pm , City Council Chambers

### **Committee and Advisory Board Reports**

No reports until next meeting

### **Old Business**

#### **Update from Bieri Business Plan for Cannery Property**

The City Manager has received some information from Mr. Bieri, however it is not complete and nothing was submitted for council discussion. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Action:** No Action

### **New Business**

#### **Clarification of definition of “Primarily business use” for Waterfront Commercial Residential Zoning**

This comes about because a P&Z building permit was denied to someone in the Commercial Marine District on Main Street because their lot is currently non-compliant with the zoning codes in that there is no commercial activity going on at the location and the owners have claimed a nearly complete senior tax exemption as residence use only with the borough. Subsequent to the denial of the permit, the owners went to the borough and stated that 9% of the property would be business and would be taxable.

The criteria in that district are that a property must be “Primarily” business use. P&Z is going to have a difficult time setting the boundaries for “Primary business use” without the Councils help because these policies must be set by the Council. What is needed from the Council is a statement that a majority of the business must be taxable as commercial property with the borough or schedule a workshop to define the terms. This project cannot move ahead based on its 9% business use.

Considerable additional Council discussion occurred and resulted in the following motion:

Motion by Gain, Second by Patrick: *The Council will have workshops to further clarify the zoning but it is clear to the Council that 9% business use in the Commercial Marine District in no way meets the conditions of current zoning.*

**Action:** Unanimously approved, a workshop will be scheduled.

#### **Resolution 08-13: Regarding Which Streets Should Receive Water/Sewer Upgrades for Phase 1**

This Resolution is required in order for CRW to request the funds to start construction on the VSW project on May 1, 2008 .

Councilman McInnes updated the Council on the results of the VSW workshop

and details of some of the construction sites. Another workshop is needed to discuss the Kachemak Drive access problems.

*Action:* Resolution unanimously approved.

### **Discussion of the use of Force Account or a Contractor for the VSW Project**

Discussion resulted in a motion to use Force Account with outside management as a means of administering VSW funds and the project will negotiate with CRW for management.

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

### **Discussion of Revenue Sharing (McInnes)**

Councilman McInnes made a motion to have the City Manager and Mayor strongly seek revenue sharing based on the services the City provides inside and outside the city limits of Seldovia.

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

### **Resolution 08-14: A Resolution of the City of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska Supporting continued Dependable Year Round Service from the Alaska Marine Highway System**

Motion to adopt Resolution 08-14.

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

Motion to amend Resolution 08-14 to include the new wording by Council.

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

Motion to adopt Resolution 08-14 as amended

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

[Click here to view Resolution 08-14 as amended](#)

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

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

Councilman McInnes: Lunch program issue is progressing. Coast Guard came in and looked at the Husky and did not like what they saw. Material was transferred to stop the list but now it is listing the other direction. It continues to be a problem. Thank you to Mr. Gain for handling this meeting effectively.

**Next Regular Meeting** will be January 23, 2008 .

**Adjournment:** Time elapsed: 1 hour, 12 minutes

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**[Joint Press Release by Rep. Paul Seaton and Sen. Gary Stevens - Budget Cuts Threaten Alaska](#)**

## Marine Highway Service to Seldovia

### Imminent Budget Cuts Threaten Gulf of Alaska Ferry Service Next Year

#### > Repeat Story <

(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.

### **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**

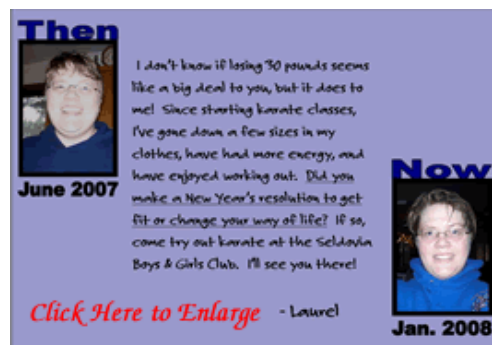
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## **Special Notices . . .**

### *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 . . .**

**Sunrise at Augustine Volcano on January 8, they got a bit of snow this week too . . .**



**City Manager's Corner**

*by Howard Davis*

City Managers Report for 12/13/07 to 01-09-08

- **Denali Commission, SmallBoatHarbor Grant:** Bids must be put out for the new Pilings, Water System, Float Decking, etc. within the next two months. We are currently on schedule and in good stead with the Commission.
- **AIDEA/AEA/CE2:** 1) Ron Brown made the final inspection of the Tank Farm Project. 2) The lights at the Ferry Staging Area are now rewired and ready for HEA to connect the meter. 3) HEA has been contacted.
- **Snow Removal:** Clearing the city streets has been a challenge but we are now up to date with the help of Jim Hopkins crew. Removal has been hampered because of vehicles parked on the streets as well as other vehicles that do not run and are basically abandoned on the streets. Please utilize your off street parking and move your vehicles so your DPW workers can do their job quickly and efficiently.
- **Husky II:** 1) The vessel has been stabilized as required by the Coast Guard. 2) The Coast Guard is still keeping this issue open and asks the City to keep them informed if there is any change in the list of the vessel (no further pictures are required at this time). 3) City Manager was

contacted by the owner, Larry Poffenroth, on Friday 1/04/08. He was told by the City Manager to, in a timely manner, present a detailed plan with time lines to remove the Husky II from our Harbor and Kachemak Bay. Mr. Poffenroth said he would do so. 4) On 1/09/08 the City Manager called mr. Poffenroth and advised him that if he would have his plan and timeline to the City by 1/20/08 the City Manager would present it to the City Council for approval. Mr. Poffenroth said he would do this.

- **VSW/CRW:** 1) Lynn Marino is sending a comparison of the pro's and cons between using a Force Account or a Contractor to perform the Water/Sewer Construction for the City Council to consider and determine the direction they see best to adopt. 2) A Resolution indicating the City Councils final decision regarding which streets will be included in Phase 1 of the Water/Sewer construction project. 3) Lynn would like to have a special meeting with the City Council to discuss Filtration vs Filtration by avoidance. She would like to make it an afternoon and if necessary evening meeting in order to insure that all bases are covered.
- **Waterfront MarineIndustrial Center:** 1) New information has been received from Michel Bieri regarding his plan. It arrived in the afternoon of 1/08/08. Critical commitments from product purchasers are still missing but he promises they are on their way. 2) Dick Wyland and Howard Davis are in contact with Bernhard Richert (Economic Development Administration) keeping lines of communication open.
- **HEA Street Light:** 1) City Offices contacted HEA requesting the cost of an additional street light on Spruce Street. The cost was quoted as \$25 and HEA was asked to schedule the installation. 2) The Ferry Staging Lighting is being scheduled for final hook up. Estimated to be in February.
- **Senior Meals:** 1) All forms have been completed and sent to the appropriate State departments and the Kenai Borough. 2) A Contractor or a Cook and Cooks Assistant must be hired before we can begin serving. Advertising for the opportunity will be publicized beginning this week in the Gazette, Seldovia Post Office, in the Homer News and at the City Offices. It is hoped that a local restaurateur will see the opportunity and apply. 3) City Council will need to finalize and/or approve the Policies and Procedures for the program.

#### Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

> No Report this week <

