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## Crazy Crow Concert Jan 29th



**Randall Williams**, guitarist at Crazy Crow House Concerts on Tuesday, January 29th 7PM at Seldovia Rowing Club on the Old Boardwalk at 7 PM. Please come. All are most welcome. Suggested donation is \$15 to help the artist with his travels. RSVP by calling 234-7614 (OK to leave a message)

Sorry for the late paper this week,  
we got stuck in Homer with the snow storm!

## Top Stories

### AMHS in Crisis Continues

*by Mary Glover*

*This issue is the most serious Seldovia has faced in many years . . .*

Currently, the AMHS is putting together a 08-09 Schedule for the Alaska DOT and it is to be completed by January 30-31st. It is not too late to voice your concerns, and if you have already done so, do it again! Somehow, the people who are supposed to be representing us are not getting our message! We were told to work through our representatives to get the funding for the AMHS and we did. Then why were the hearings not addressing the cries from our community? Alaska DOT, you are not hearing what needs to be heard! It is not as if one could build a road to service all the AMHS ports and even if DOT could, they do not have the money. This would require approximately 3,737 miles of road. Why not finance a system that is currently working? It definitely costs less than 80 million dollars a year to fund the AMHS. Eighty million dollars buys 10 miles of road! Give us our 10 miles!

The more I research this issue the more questions I have! Right now, I am not sure exactly what is happening and what is going on behind scenes. It is obvious to me that if the **State of Alaska can afford to give its citizens from \$500 to \$1000 per person**, then dollars are available to fund the AMHS! **Which part of the purse are we not understanding?**

At the Hearing before Alaska DOT on January 22nd, which addressed the Alaska Marine Highway System, Dennis L. Hardy, P.E, Deputy Commissioner of Marine Operations was speaking. ([A little background](#): "Alaska DOT Commissioner Leo von Scheben appointed Hardy to the post effective April 2,

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2007 ." In other words, Hardy was reporting to Commissioner von Scheben who appointed him. Commissioner von Scheben stated: "Dennis is exactly the guy I was looking for to lead the Alaska Marine Highway System as it faces many challenges to its economic efficiency and long-term sustainability," von Scheben said, "Dennis has excellent management skills, is data driven in his decisions and works well with the public and stakeholder groups."

When asked by the committee, Commissioner Dennis Hardy did not even know the southcentral ports serviced by the AMHS, and did not remember or mention Seldovia! [FYI: [Chenega Bay](#), [Cordova](#), [Homer](#), [Kodiak](#), [Port Lions](#), [Seldovia](#), [Tatitlek](#), [Valdez](#), [Whittier](#) and the Aleutian Chain: [Akutan](#), [Chignik](#), [Cold Bay](#), [False Pass](#), [King Cove](#), [Sand Point](#), [Unalaska /Dutch Harbor](#)]. Some of these small ports have probably not voiced their concerns on this issue, but I traveled this route last year and I saw with my own eyes how important the AMHS was to the lifeline of these communities. It was obvious that Commissioner Hardy is out of touch with the transportation needs of the ports that are serviced by AMHS. Commissioner Hardy needs to ride the M/V Tustumena and visit all the other AMHS ports! He needs to see how important a bi-weekly schedule to Seldovia is.

What can we do? Will Commissioner Hardy read our mail? Will he hear our pleas? Will he give us an ". . . efficient sustainable transportation of public facilities that meets the needs of Alaska's diverse population and growing economy"? (The quote is from Hardy's Mission Statement.) Is Alaska DOT Commissioner Leo von Scheben listening? Without transportation in today's world, there is no stability, no growth and no favorable future! This issue is the most serious situation that our community has faced since my moving to Seldovia! It effects the growth, the schools, our economic stability, jobs, imports and exports, ease of living, tourism, safety issues, and transportation to other Alaskan communities.

Another critical issue centers around the AMHS proposal to change the entry port from [Bellingham, WA](#) to [Prince Rupert, BC](#). Although not in the Seldovia region, the consequences of this action could still have a major negative effect on the rest of the AMHS service area. I have been to both places. Bellingham is a relatively short distance from Seattle, WA , a major US city. From Bellingham, people can catch the ferry from the Lower-48 and get all the way up the Inside Passage. By removing the M/V Malaspina from the Bellingham run is also extremely injurious to the AMHS. This vessel makes a profit or nearly breaks even on each trip to Bellingham and should justify the AMHS funding by the legislature. Hey guys, wake up! Cut a run that pays its own way! What is going on here? What is going on behind the scenes? Is there a lobby group trying to get the business to Prince Rupert instead of Bellingham? Are we trying to help Canada or the USA? In addition, did you know that two out of every three boarding passengers at Bellingham continue on to either Anchorage or Fairbanks? This run serves not only personal transportation needs but brings commerce, goods and services, and many tourist dollars to our state.

To get to the Prince Rupert entry port from Bellingham, one has to drive an additional 1,000 miles through Canada.. **After 9/11, clearing any customs is no laughing matter.** Clearing Canada Customs requires everyone to have a passport ID, proof of child custody, and no one can have a misdemeanor or felony convictions for 20 years prior to entry. Then your vehicle is subject to search. Who is going to do this? The idea is preposterous! Let us pray for wisdom!

On January 24th, the House Transportation Committee Hearing started with the statement: "I just was not completely clear at the end...when we took an at-ease position concerning the AMHS...on Tuesday you testified that the Records

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of Decision is the legal conclusion to a process." The hearing then continued with a plethora of issues, none of which addressed the AMHS. Later on in the hearing, one of the nine alternatives to the "Records of Decision" was the building of the coastal trail in Anchorage -- monies expended and planned to be spent on lengthening the coastal trail and building more trails. I am getting a visual on the scales of justice ... on one side put "coastal trails" and on the other side put "all AMHS ports transportation needs being met". Is lady justice blind? Are the scales tipped? The economic health of our communities depends upon having the AMHS visit our ports on a basis equal to the past schedule in 2007, if not better service for 2008! Cutting the service by 50% is just not an option!



There are far reaching fiascos caused by the AMHS schedule and its timing. For example, the TV news has shown the problems already generated for Anchorage residents and business owners by the lateness of the schedule. The publisher of The Milepost outlined the troubles caused by having the schedule tardy by three months. In his words, "Given the state of the ferry system, it seems like getting the schedule into the hands of half-a-million travelers who are highly likely to travel to Alaska would be a good thing, but it appears that no one is in a hurry and no one cares whether it gets into the book or not." (Look for Seldovia's prodigious presence in this year's issue of The Milepost!)

I know for a fact, that when air travel is risky due to weather conditions, Seldovia waits for the ferry. We absolutely depend upon AMHS for safe travel. Passenger travel for AMHS is safer than air travel over the same routes, especially in the winter. Cutting back AMHS port schedules will force passengers to fly instead of taking the ferry. **There will be more passenger fatalities if AMHS cuts back the schedule!**

Were are we now? What can we do? Is there hope? Representative Woody Salmon from Beaver, Alaska has been listening! He is supportive and actually did a great job at the hearing on January 22nd. In fact, he would like to see the AMHS expanded into the Yukon .

What can we do now? **CALL the Governor's office.** Governor Palin has a lot of power and can remedy the situation. We need to put pressure on the Governor's office to "Stop the printing of the 08-09 AMHS Schedule and get us a new schedule where the ports serviced by the AMHS are being adequately serviced to a point equal to 2007 or better!"

Which one of these best describes you?

- 1) I do not make a difference (do nothing).
- 2) It is not my problem.
- 3) I am concerned, but I am too busy.

- 4) I am concerned and I will get to it later.  
 5) I am going to make a difference. I am calling NOW!

### Photo Archives

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In a democracy, apathy is the enemy! Will Rogers said, "We get the government we deserve!" AMHS, DOT, and Governor Palin are the government, make them work for **you!** We, the people, are more important than any lobby group! Let your voice be heard. Let us get this schedule changed to meet the transportation needs of the people!

### Classified Rates

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Governor Palin's Phone: **907-465-3500** The Governor's office is now receiving a great number of calls (which is good!). When leaving a message include your name and phone number so your call will be counted. Another way to be heard is to ask for [Randy Ruaro](#). Same phone number as the Governor 907-465-3500. Again leave your name and phone number if you leave a message. (*"Randy Ruaro was named Special Staff Assistant. Ruaro will serve as a liaison to the departments of Transportation and Public Facilities, Public Safety, Corrections and Law, as well as the Office of Veterans Affairs, the Alaska Military Youth Academy and the Alaska Railroad Corporation. He was Chief of Staff for Representative Kyle Johansen, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee. Ruaro worked for the Department of Law as the Legislative Liaison and as a Deputy Legislative Director in the previous administration."*).



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## Update on the New DOT Airport Building

*by Howard Davis, City Manager, City of Seldovia*

It has just come to the Cities attention that there is a vicious rumor spreading that the City of Seldovia is against the new DOT building out at our airport. **THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE.**

### Corrections

▶ [None this week](#)

The City of Seldovia is 100% in favor of and supportive of the plans that the DOT has for the airport improvements. The only reason that the Planning and Zoning Commission was asked to table the building permit for two weeks was to give the City time to contact the Department of Natural Resources Dam Inspector and set up a meeting between the City Council, DNR and DOT to insure that there will be no negative impact on the DOT and the City of Seldovia by the DNR after construction begins. A phone call has been placed to Carl High, DOT, informing him of our support for their project.

The DNR is claiming that the new DOT project will cause the City of Seldovia Dam to be reclassified from a Class 3 Dam to possibly a Class 1 Dam, which would be incredibly expensive and is something no informed resident would want to happen.

## City Council Meeting January 23 *by Tamara Blodgett*

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

The *amended* agenda was approved to include an extra line item under New Business pertaining to the Senior Meals Program at Lakeside Terrace.

## Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda

Unit Director *Laurel Hilts* updated Council on the Boys and Girls Club's events, happenings and direction. Hilts is pleased by the Title Five Grant that funnels from the State of Alaska through the City of Seldovia in the amount of 45,000 dollars. The City Council additionally offers an "In-Kind" donation per year of 22,000 dollars. This funding assists with administration and running of various programs at the B&G Club. In addition to this funding the Seldovia Village Tribe donates sixteen staff hours per week. The Kenai Peninsula School District donates facility usage that is valuable to club activities. The Seldovia Gazette offers free advertising in a variety of mediums to raise public consciousness about all that the club does for the community's children. Last but not least, the multitude of support from community members whether it is "In-Kind" or cash donations is invaluable. Hilts wished to thank and update these entities in a public forum and hopes this diverse partnership continues

## Committee and Advisory Board Reports

**SOS** is keeping tabs on the Husky (boat), and snow removal efforts have been frequent on the CISPRY Barge. HAZZWOPPER Training is posted and more signatures mean a secured date for training, the public is encouraged to sign up at the post office if training is needed. SOS member Sadie Sin has been transporting people to and from the barge in his skiff.

**Fish & Game:** Nothing to report at this time.

**P&Z Commission:** On the Borough level Paulie Carluccio noted that she is now chairing the Platt Committee for the next three months.

None of the three items on the most recent agenda were posted due to lack of majority vote. Please review coverage on the January 21st P&Z Meeting for details.

## Old Business

### **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 to 5 AM .**

This ordinance proposes that no one without a driver's license can have a passenger on an All Terrain Vehicle between the hours of 1 to 5AM .

*Councilman Gain* voiced his lack of support for this ordinance by stating that the medical clinic in town did not have one incidence of injury. In speaking with several members of the Public, there was only one lone voice of dissent. On a personal note, he is comfortable with his eldest child transporting his youngest child to and from school on occasion.

A member of the public, *myself*, wished to echo Councilman Gain's sentiments. I have children that are permit holders, of age and are law-abiding (obeying speed limits and existing helmet laws). Under the current constraints of the law, it has been a blessing to have the option for older children to pick up younger children from activities such as sports or swim, without the additional worry of darkness and vehicular traffic. The same could be said of transport to school when morning light is low.

City Manager Davis appreciated the comments and rescinded his support of this ordinance pending additional information.

**Action:** None for the time being; additional information on Alaska State statues will be researched and clarifications will be obtained from Chief Anderson.

### **Appointment of a CIRCAC Representative Alternate**

Walt Sonen has expressed interest in holding this position in the past. Through Council discussion it was determined that Mr. Sonen be nominated for the position.

**Action:** Unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

#### **Senior Meals at Lakeside Terrace (McInnes)**

Councilman McInnes wished to convey some history about the Senior Meals Program that he is familiar with. With the understanding that there is a scheduled meeting at Lakeside Terrace to discuss this program on Thursday, it was his fervent hope that he could accompany City Manager Davis. He would offer assistance or factual knowledge if needed. McInnes received full endorsement from Council.

City Manager Davis shares the same passion that Councilman McInnes has: *that all seniors be fed.*

**Action:** None, informational only.

### **Informational Items Not Requiring Actions**

Two workshops have been scheduled in the near future. There will be a workshop this coming Monday at 1:30 discussing internal residence water meters and their cost. Also to be discussed is which residences consistently have “freeze-up” issues. There will be a joint workshop with P&Z on the 1st of February at 1:30pm discussing wording pertaining to Commercial Marine Zoning.

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

Several Council members wished to thank the attending Public for their presence.

**Next Meeting:** February 13th, 2008

**Adjournment:** App. one hour and thirty-five minutes.

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### **P&Z Meeting January 21** *by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia Planning and Zoning Commission convened together to include the following members present: Paulie Carluccio (Chair), Jim Hopkins and Bobbie Sweat. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes. Dan Blodgett and Jenny Chissus did not attend this meeting.

Amended Agenda approved with the change of G-3 repositioned as line item G-1.

## Consideration of Site Plans

### **Building Permit Submitted by Thomas “Jim” and Gladys “Happy” Schneider, Lot 12, Block 6, Waterfront Resubdivision #2**

This is an application for a building permit for a waterfront dock installation at above property address.

Property owners, *Jim and Happy Schneider* stated that there is not a statute that they were aware of that would preclude the approval of this application. Ms. Schneider said that she and Mr. Schneider have complied with all existing statutes. Furthermore, Schneider feels that her rights as a resident have been violated.

To summarize the ordinance, it states that Commercial Marine properties must be *primarily* used for business and *secondarily* used as a residence. The Schneider's have allocated a fifteen by fifteen square foot area for their business. The Borough constitutes this allocation, as 9.4% of their total property square footage for commercial use, with the remaining square footage for residential use.

Commission members' Carluccio and Sweatt interpret *primary usage* as at least 51% of the property's use as commercial. That would then qualify the property's use as *primarily* business. Currently, the residence is not in compliance because 9.4% is being used as *primarily* < a business >.

Commission member Hopkins suggested a workshop with City Council to fine tune wording that better clarifies exactly what *primary* means.

*Action:* Tabled until next meeting.

### **Conditional Use Application, Tree Tops Lodge, Lot 4A, Fleming Giles Subdivision**

This application has been submitted to run a full service lodge in a residential neighborhood. All residences within three hundred feet have been notified of this application.

A member of the Public, *Happy Schneider*, objects to the application of Carole and Corky Meyer's (owners) based on (her opinion) non-compliance with their residential zoning.

Chair Carluccio clarified the reason for this application is very close to a variance in nature. That basically the distinction between a bed and breakfast and a lodge would be a B&B serves breakfast exclusively, wherein a lodge serves three meals per day.

The Commission does not have enough members to have a majority vote so there can be no action at this time.

*Action:* Tabled until the next meeting.

### **Building Permit Submitted by AK Department of Transportation, SML Block 200, Seldovia Airport**

This is a building permit for a structure that would be built below the dam. There is an issue with DNR about the safety of the location of the building site. This building would be in the flood plane. Currently, the dam is a class three

dam.

A member of the Public, *George Oliveira*, came to answer any questions the Commission may have regarding the building. There are currently other existing structures within the flood plane. He felt that it needed to be resolved in a timely manner as funding impacts the timeline of this project.

City Manager Howard Davis wished to have this tabled until the next meeting so he could look into the impact the dam has on the building project.

**Action:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Next Meeting** February 4, 2008

**Adjournment** : Fifty-nine minutes and thirty seconds.

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## Alaska Avalanche School Coming to Seldovia

*by Alene Hidecker*

For the last ten years, Alaska has had the highest amount of avalanche fatalities in the nation. This is a truly tragic statistic given our relatively small population. Alaskans that enjoy the outdoor activities in mountain regions, need to be aware of the ever changing avalanche clues that a part of our surrounding environment. Seldovia is an area that has been identified as an avalanche prone area. We must remember that Avalanche Awareness is not just for backcountry skiers or snow machine riders; our roads, power lines and residential areas can be effected too.

Seldovia Village Tribe is proud to announce that the highly respected Alaska Avalanche School is coming to Seldovia this February 8th and 9th, 2008. The Alaska Avalanche School (AAS) workshops are staffed by top professionals. The instructors for AAS are among the most experienced in the nation. All instructors are Wilderness First Responder or greater (Medically) Certified. AAS boasts three American Avalanche Association Certified Instructors. Alaskan Avalanche School instructors keep current on new developments via International Snow Conferences, teaching Nationally and Internationally, and engaging in research of their own. All aspects of avalanche evaluation, and mitigation are represented with the AAS staff: Mountain Rescue, Industrial Forecasting, Mountain Guiding, Heli-ski and Backcountry Ski Guiding. Alaskan Avalanche School commonly brings in nationally recognized experts from inside and outside of Alaska , to teach at workshops. The strengths of the Alaskan Avalanche School Staff makes AAS second to none. You can find out more about the Alaskan Avalanche School and their instructors at [www.alaskaavalanche.com](http://www.alaskaavalanche.com).

There will be a community presentation the evening of February 8th, starting at 6:30pm at the Seldovia Conference Center and there is a signup sheet at the Seldovia Post Office for people who are interested in the fieldwork that is presented on the next day. Fieldwork classes will be divided into two groups. The first group will be for snowshoeing, skiers, and snow boarders and the second for snow machine riders. If you have any questions please call Alene Hidecker at 234-7898 ext. 226 during the business hours between 9am to 5pm . A nominal fee of \$10.00 is required for the fieldwork sessions.

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## Republican Presidential Preference Polling

Republican Presidential Preference Polling will be held in Seldovia on Super Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

The polls will be open from 4:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m. at the Chamber space next to the Post Office. All Republicans are welcome to cast their presidential preference vote. Persons not on the rolls as a Republican may fill out a new voter registration form and vote at that time.

There will be in-person voting only and voters must be 18 years of age to vote.

For more information contact Darlene Crawford at 234-7668 or Cathy Giessel, Vice-chair of Alaska Republican Party, 907-242-5450

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## Alaska Democratic Presidential Caucus

Super Tuesday in Seldovia will feature a teleconference with the District 35 Caucus in Homer. To vote in the Caucus you must be registered as a Democrat. You may register at the Caucus.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday February 5, 2008 in the SBE School Commons. Registration starts at 5:00 pm and Caucus voting starts at 6:00 pm. For more information or help, contact Mark Janes at 299-3224 or [www.AlaskaDemocrats.org](http://www.AlaskaDemocrats.org) at 1-866-258-3050.

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## Sen. Gary Stevens Newsletter - January 28

Hello from Juneau , where the second session of the 25th Alaska Legislature is now in its third week. Facing a 90-day session limit this year, 30 fewer days than previous years, lawmakers have wasted no time in getting down to business. With the proposed gas pipeline contract, the Fiscal Year 2009 budget and so many other critical issues before us, I expect a hectic three months. I look forward to sharing our progress with you in future editions of the *Capitol Report*. As always, I'd like to hear your thoughts on all the matters we are considering in Juneau .

### New Senate Leadership Assignment

I am honored to have been selected by my colleagues in the Senate Majority to serve in a new leadership position, Chair of the Senate Rules Committee. Among my responsibilities as Rules Chair are managing the flow of legislation to the Senate floor, and administering the funding and personnel of the Senate. I am looking forward to this new role in the Senate Leadership, and to continuing to ensure our district has strong representation in the state political process.

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## Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - January 21

Greetings from Juneau after the first week of the second session of the 25th legislature. A warming trend has melted off the ice and snow just in time for the Homer High School Mariner Hockey team to compete here against the

Juneau Crimson Bears. The Saturday game was an excellent contest between two competitive teams and ended in a 2 – 2 overtime tie.

We are already starting to see the effects of the 90-day session limit. Finance subcommittees have started meeting in the evenings, Saturday and holiday committee meetings are scheduled and eleven new bills and four resolutions received only one committee of referral. Some bills in committee are getting pressure to move after only one hearing. This gives constituents very little opportunity for effective input so I advise everyone to track issues they are interested in.

After only 2 days in Juneau Rep. Holmes and I represented the House, attending a seminar in Anchorage on “Permitting Strategies in Alaska .” This one day continuing legal education seminar concentrated on the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and state ballot initiative effects on mining and oil permit processes. We both agreed that it was useful and I am pleased that there is a broad recognition that if a project is going to require an extensive Environment Assessment it is better to do an Environmental Impact Statement right from the beginning.

[Click here to read the complete Newsletter](#)

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## Special Notices . . .

### *SBE Family and Consumer Science Class Needs Miles!*

Six lucky students will be taking an exciting trip to New York City in the near future and would very much appreciate support in the form of Companion tickets or Miles. Please contact Sandy at Susan B. English School at 234.7616. Thanks for your support!

### *Booster Club - Beautiful Plant for Sale!*

Mary Fitzgerald has donated this large house plant to be sold, with all proceeds going to benefit the Sea Otter Booster Club. Mary wants a minimum of \$50 for the plant. She started it as a small plant and it has become very large under her nurturing care. Mary said the new owner could trim back the leaves if wanted due to the many new shoots that are already growing!



If you are interested in seeing or purchasing the plant, you can speak with Laurel Hilts at the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club. 234-7577 or [lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com](mailto:lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com).

### ***NOTICE OF 2008 Tide Book RECALL & REPRINT***

“Pioneer Publishing would like to announce a recall of their 2008 Tide Book publications in the South Central, Southeastern and Western editions. Please destroy any books you have, or return them to your supplier for disposal. Pioneer Publishing has ordered a complete reprint of the 2008 Tide Books. Replacement tide books will soon be available through your local supplier. Pioneer Publishing wishes to apologize for the inconvenience.” - 23 January 2008

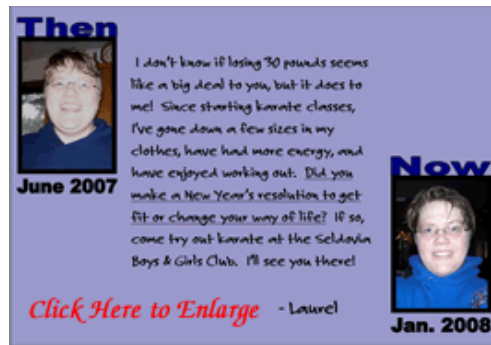
### ***Green Bean & Garbanzo Bean Recall - Botulism Risk***

FDA announcement made on Friday, January 18, 2008 regarding the expansion of a voluntary recall by the New Era Canning Company, New Era, MI of canned green bean and garbanzo bean products packed by the company because of because of potential Clostridium Botulinum contamination.

[Click here for a list of the affected products and companies](#)

### ***Boys & Girls Club Update . . .***

It's time for another round of youth basketball. If your child is in the 1st-5th grade, come to the Susan B. English School gym on Saturday from 1-3:00 p.m. Head Coach Russ Radliff will be running the program with his Seldovia Sea Otters. Sponsored by the Seldovia Village Tribe in partnership with the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club, this program will last until the end of February. If you have any questions about particular details, contact Coach Radliff or Al Sughroue at SVT: 234-7898.



**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 . . .**

Some of that wonderful winter sunshine poked its head out through the clouds on Friday morning . . . this shot was taken a little after noon so that's the maximum height the sun gets above the horizon these days. Seldovia sunrise this week is about 10:30am and sunset is about 4:00pm (we loose an hour of sun off of both ends due to the mountains).



**City Manager's Corner***by Howard Davis*

Managers Report for 01-10-08 to 01/23/08

- **Denali Commission, Small Boat Harbor Grant:** We are reviewing the plans to determine the specific needs for the Bids and should see the Bids made public within the next few weeks.
- **Ferry Staging Area Lights:** The lights at the Ferry Staging Area are now rewired and ready for HEA to connect the meter. The lights will be reconnected as soon as possible.
- **Husky II:** On 1/22/08 the City Manager spoke with Mr. Poffenroth regarding two issues; 1) Who is the assigned caretaker of the Husky II. Mr. Poffenroth stated that he had hired Rick Harkness to oversee the Husky II while it was in our Harbor, 2) Mr. Poffenroth was asked about the development of his Removal Plan and Timeline to for the Husky II. Mr. Poffenroth assured the City Manager that his Plan and Timeline for removal would be received in time for the City Council to review it before the 2/13/08 meeting and act upon it at the 2/13/08 City Council meeting if they choose to do so.
- **VSW/CRW:** 1) Lynn Marino (VSW) and Robert Gillfillen (CRW) have been advised that the City Council has decided to utilize Force Account Construction with outside management provided by CRW Engineering. Contract negotiations with CRW have not yet begun as there is additional ground work to be laid. 2) A contract for pipe design is on its way from (VSW) for approval.
- **Waterfront Marine Industrial Center :** 1) Some interest has been expressed by Francis Kuehl, CFO for the Bieri Value Added Packaging Plant in possibly leasing from the City the building under consideration. Options are being investigated. 2) Accurate estimates of the cost to lease about 5 Lots have been requested by Francis Kuehl so as to calculate costs and move forward with their financial supporters.
- **Senior Meals:** 1) The ads for; Food Manager/Cook or Food Manager, Cook and Cook Assistant are being drafted out and should be posted next week. 2) A meeting between Maria Tagliavento, Marcia Patrick, Tracy Philpot and Howard Davis is scheduled for 1/24/08 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss use of the Lakeside Terrace Facility.
- **Ferry Schedule Actions:** Letters regarding the need for further review and revision of the planned reduced Ferry Schedule were sent out to; Gov. Sara Palin, Senator Gary Stevens, Representative Paul Seaton, Representative Kyle Johansen (Chairman of the House Transportation Committee and Milli Martin requesting their support in revising the schedule to better serve not just the residents of the City of Seldovia but all effected Alaskans.
- **Alaska Magazine:** A new ad for the City of Seldovia will be coming out soon. Alaska Magazine is designing our new ad for free.

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

- Police took digital photographs on two separate occasions of the F/V Husky II. These photographs were sent to the United States Coast Guard (USCG), in an effort to get a response from them so they could observe

the vessel's derelict state. Two Officers of the USCG did come to Seldovia and the matter is being addressed.

- A forced entry was reported to a personal residence in the last Police report but the matter had just been reported prior to the Police Report being sent to the Gazette. The Police did respond to the residence and found the door and the door jam had both sustained considerable damage when someone forced the door open. The residents of the home could not find anything missing and felt someone must have entered to get out of the cold. Investigation continues in this matter.
- Chief Anderson traveled to Homer and took a class and was re-certified on the DataMaster cdm, the instrument that measures the amount of alcohol in a persons system. The certification has to be renewed every three years.
- Police assisted a motorist after it was observed that his vehicle was stuck in the middle of the road following a heavy snow storm.
- Police served six (6) Subpoenas on local residents for upcoming trials that will be held in the Homer Court.
- Police assisted Maintenance Personnel in the removal of the F/V Norseman from the water and onto blocks in the Cities' boat haul out facility.
- A vehicle that was parked in an area that conflicted with the entrance of emergency vehicles was identified and the owner was notified and told the vehicle would have to be moved. The vehicle was moved after the contact was made.
- Police were called to a local business when a report of suspicious circumstances was relayed to the owner. The investigation revealed no entry had been made and nothing was out of the ordinary. No further Police action was taken.
- Police observed a lady with vehicle problems on Jakolof Bay Road. After unsuccessful attempts were made to get the vehicle started Police pushed the vehicle to a safe location and then contacted a local mechanic at the owner's request.
- EMT's requested assistance in loading a man into an airplane at the airport when he was being medivaced to the South Peninsula Hospital. The medivac took place without incident.
- A burglary of the Seldovia Clinic occurred sometime during the nighttime hours on January 17th. A small window was broken to gain entry and some medications were reportedly taken. This is the second burglary of the Seldovia Clinic within a month. Anyone having any information is asked to contact the Police Department or Crime Stoppers.
- A vehicle had stalled and was blocking the roadway. Police arrived and the vehicle was towed to a parking lot across the street to clear the roadway.
- Police served Civil Papers on a local resident after having received them in the mail.
- Police responded to a 911 hang up call after the Alaska State Troopers Dispatcher notified them of the call, the telephone number and the location of the call. Investigation revealed a young girl had dialed 911 and then quickly hung up the phone as a prank. She was told the use of 911 for other than emergency responses is a crime and can the person could be brought before the Court on charges. The Guardian of the child was notified and no further action was taken by the Police.
- A report of approximately 18 gallons of gasoline stolen out of an HEA pickup, which was parked at the Power Plant on Winifred Avenue, between the 18th and the 23rd of January, was received. Anyone having any information, or anyone who may have observed persons in the area after working hours, is asked to contact the Police Department.
- If you were summoned to Jury Duty for the month of January, be sure and call the number on the summons receipt. You can call after hours to ascertain when you are to serve as a Juror. A trial in the Homer Court

has been continued until next week, the week of the 28th, to insure jurors from Seldovia are in attendance at the Homer Court when the jury selection is made. Anyone who has been summoned and ignores the Summons is subject to being charged with "Contempt of the Court" which could be very serious. Call the number and advise the Court if for any reason you cannot appear.

- Since last report the Police Department has responded to 4 assistance requests and has Notarized 4 documents.

