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## Top Stories

### Gerry Willard Gets Kudos from HEA

In a letter made public last week, HEA General Manager Brad Janorschke and HEA Board President David Carey praised Gerry Willard for his dedication and outstanding performance. Mr. Willard is Seldovia's local HEA representative and has played a key roll in helping to keep Seldovia supplied with stable, uninterrupted power. Congratulations and thank you Gerry!



Gerry Willard at last year's HEA Seldovia Appreciation Day

[Click here to view HEA's letter](#)

### City Council Meeting February 27

by Tamara Blodgett

## Marketplace

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



**Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent**  
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



The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: John Carluccio, Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. City Manager Howard Davis was in attendance and City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes. Mayor Dick Wyland presided.

## Old Business

### Senior Meals Program

After Council discussion it was determined that the best course of action was to seek state funding to remodel the existing kitchen adjacent to the multi-purpose room for the purpose of providing senior meals.

Currently, Lakeside Terrace is serving Native American/Eskimo members of the Seldovia Community. This practice excludes the non-Native American/Eskimo seniors. The Council feels there should be an alternative program to meet the needs of all seniors. Councilman Carluccio said, "...that he would like to see all seniors fed, regardless of ethnicity..." this was the feeling of everyone on Council.

Councilman McInnes noted that when Cook Inlet Housing Authority took over the management of Lakeside Terrace from HUD the question was raised (for the future) if there would be any future prejudicial or discriminatory action(s) against any groups of people. At that time, assurances were made that it would never be the case.

Council will now pursue whatever avenues needed to make the multipurpose room kitchen serviceable for commercial use.

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

### Cannery Update

City Manager Davis is actively soliciting potential interested businesspersons if any would be interested in the proper purchase/leased/development of this property.

Several people have been contacted for their potential interest, including Michele Bieri, who continues to gather the necessary paperwork the Council had requested.

Councilman Gain and Glover have been appointed to produce an informal "outline" to help fine-tune the lease agreement that would be in place for this property. With this outline, the City attorney could then draft a formal document that would reflect the most important points the Council supports.

*Action:* None.

## New Business

### Seldovia Bulk Fuel Upgrade Grant Amendment #2

This amendment asks the council to sign off on a project overrun of approximately \$84,000.

Mayor Wyland spoke with Ron Brown and emphasized the need for timely removal of materials and completion of clean up. Furthermore, a walk-through will be scheduled for the spring when a proper scope of work left to be done can

## 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](#)

## Archives

### 2008 Archives

▶ [Archive of all pages](#)

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

▶ [Seldovia Summer](#)

Visitor Newspaper 2008  
(Coming in May)

### 2008 PhotoStories

▶ Basketball tournament  
in Seldovia - February



### 2007 Archives

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8-1/2 x 11 pdf

▶ Seldovia Summer  
Visitor Newspaper 2007

### 2007 PhotoStories

▶ Christmas Play

▶ Halloween Carnival

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Craft Invitational  
Chainsaw Carving  
Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation - May

▶ Seldovia Lodge Fire

▶ SBE Prom - "Casino  
Royale 007"

▶ SBE Last Home  
Basketball Game of the  
Season

### 2006 Archives

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Walking Map -  
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▶ Seldovia Summer  
Visitor Newspaper 2006

### 2006 PhotoStories

▶ SBE Play - December

▶ Halloween Carnival

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip -  
July 25 - Part 3

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip -  
July 25 - Part 2

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip -  
July 25 - Part 1

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Summer Solstice Music  
Festival - June

▶ CofC Chainsaw Carving  
Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation - May

▶ SBE Spring Concert -  
May

▶ SBE School Play - May

▶ SBE Science Fair - May

▶ Prom - May

▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

be seen. Councilman Glover would like to see Seldovia Fuel and Lube owner, Dan Blodgett, be a part of that walk- through process.

Ron Brown's electrical engineers will be returning to inspect some items along with inspection of the interior tanks.

*Action:* Unanimously approved

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

It is noteworthy that part of the source of the non-working sewer off Bloch Street was the indiscriminate disposing by residents of paper towels in household toilets. In addition, a red "shop rag" was also a culprit in disabling one of the pumps at the station. City Manager Davis mentioned that it was time to put a reminder (in monthly utility bills) about the proper disposal of waste and what items are permissible for disposal via household drains (kitchen and lavatory sinks/showers) and toilets.

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

Councilman McInnes wished to thank the audience for their attendance.

**Next Meeting** March 12, 2008

**Adjournment:** Time elapsed app. fifty minutes.

### City Launches "Welcome Sign" Contest

The City of Seldovia has launched a contest to produce three "Welcome Signs" that will be located at the Small Boat Harbor, City Ferry Dock and the Seldovia Airport. The prizes are \$100 for the design winner and \$100 for the builder.

[Click here for additional details \(pdf\)](#)

### Kachemak Wildfire Safety Meeting in April



The Kenai Peninsula Borough will visit communities on the South side of Kachemak Bay this spring and summer to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) in four geographic community areas.

The four communities are: Halibut Cove & Vicinity ( Bradley River to Jakolof Bay), Seldovia ( Jakolof Road to Seldovia Bay), Port Graham and Nanwalek.

Terry Anderson, a 30 year Alaskan wildland firefighter from Homer, will facilitate the planning process and assist all communities in completing their plans by the end of summer.

The Seldovia meeting will take place at the Seldovia Conference Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8

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<a href="#">▶ None this week</a>

## Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - February 25

Greetings from Juneau on this 42nd day of the session. It has been a rather uneventful week other than the myriad of regular committee meetings. Since the finance subcommittees have "closed out," the budget debates have moved to the Finance Committee and out of other members' influence. We had another "Open Caucus" discussion of gasline proposals and this week we concentrated on ANGDA (Alaska Natural Gasline Development Authority) and their spur line to supply Alaskans from any project. Their proposal is available on line through the Department of Revenue web site along with all the others. I had a three hour meeting on Saturday to try to resolve some of the healthcare issues involving modification of the Certificate of Need (CON) program to reduce the protection of healthcare monopolies in the large urban markets in hopes that loosening the restrictions will bring down or at least slow the escalation of healthcare costs. In every plan now being considered is the maintenance of the CON restrictions for Boroughs under 60,000 population and municipalities with Critical Access (rural) hospitals.

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

## Special Notices . . .

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

Six lucky students will be taking an exciting trip to San Francisco, CA 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!

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

Mark your calendar for a fine evening of dinner, music and dancing Friday, March 28th. This will be a Boys & Girls Club event and fundraiser, and it will coincide with Spring Fling festivities planned that weekend by the Seldovia Village Tribe, and the capping off of things with a Bearfoot Bluegrass concert Saturday night, the 29th, presented by the Seldovia Arts Council. It should be a great weekend, so leave the dates open.

If you have any questions about activities going on, give Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Laurel Hiltz at call at 234-7577. Stay safe on those icy roads, folks.

*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. ***THIS IS NOW TEEN CLUB TIME UNTIL BASKETBALL SEASON IS OVER***

#### *Karate Classes:*

Kids Class – Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Adult Class – Mondays and Wednesday from 5:45 – 7:00 p.m.

Intermediate – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

#### *Music Lessons:*

Acoustic Guitar – Saturdays at 11:30 p.m.

Electric Guitar – Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.

Bass Guitar - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Drums – Saturdays from 12:30-5:00 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 . . .

One of Seldovia's eagles waiting for that first run of salmon to come up the slough . . . in three months. Guess he'll have to eat a few crows between now and then to hold him over...



### City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

### Managers Report (02-14-08 to 02/27/08)

- **Denali Commission, Small Boat Harbor Grant:** The Requests For Proposals (RFP) are being drafted for Construction Management.
- **Husky II:** The saga continues with Mr. Poffenroth. Other options to remedy the situation are now being considered.
- **VSW/CRW:** The City Offices are supplying information to all parties. (VSW, CRW, GV Jones). The water testing lab equipment has been located and priced out; we are now waiting for DEC to determine if we qualify to use it.
- **EPA Grant:** We are perusing a Water/Sewer Grant that will enhance our water/sewer upgrade program.
- **Waterfront Marine Industrial Center :** The Lot Lease is being developed and should be ready for finalization very soon.
- **Senior Meals:** Plans on how and where we are going to be serving the meals are moving forward. We are taking applications for a Food Manager/Cook as well as Cook Assistants.
- **DPW News:** The frozen pipe, on Bloch St. has been thawed and obstructions removed. It was plugged with large amounts of paper towels. Please do not flush paper towels down the toilet, they are **not** biodegradable and not only do they plug up the sewer pipes they also raise havoc with the lift station pumps. A large Terry Cloth Dish Towel was found also jamming one of the Slough Lift station pumps (these pumps are very expensive to replace).
- We are very actively seeking funding to add; Dump Truck, Sand/Gravel Spreader, G14 Grader, Crawler Tractor, Street Sweeper and V-Plow to

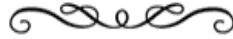
the City's infrastructure.

- **Welcome Sign Contest:** The Rules, Dimensions, and Cash Prize have been finalized and will be posted around town on Friday 2/29/08

**Seldovia Police Report**

*by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

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



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