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Sea Otter basketball team goes to State this year!

[Click here to read all about it in Katie O'Leary's column.](#)



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Basketball Tourney in Seldovia
February 21, 22, 23, 2008

Top Stories

AMHS - Hope is on its way! by Mary Glover

Senate Finance Panel Boosts Marine Highway System Funding



Adequate transportation is crucial to the survival of our Alaskan coastal communities.... Kudos go to Senator Gary Stevens, and Governor Sarah Palin for listening to the cries of the people AND being politically responsible in responding with the introduction of this bill! THANK YOU Senator Gary Stevens.

Sen. Stevens Press Release:



(Juneau) At the request of District R-Senator Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak), the Senate Finance Committee’s Transportation Subcommittee on Tuesday, March 11, added more than \$4.2 million to the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) Fiscal Year 2009 budget. The increased funding will allow AMHS to serve Southwest Alaska by the M/V Kennicott from November, 2008 to April, 2009 when the M/V Tustumena is out of service for a major overhaul and refitting.

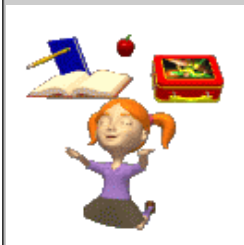
“This funding will give AMHS the ability to provide ferry service to my constituents for two weeks each month next winter instead of the one week per month originally proposed,” Senator Stevens commented. “I am grateful for the Transportation Subcommittee’s support on this critical budget item.”

The Senate Finance Committee will be thoroughly examining the budget before it goes to a floor vote. The AMHS budget increase is supported by the governor.

[Click here to view the Press Release](#)

School

▶ [Susan B English School by school reporters Katie O’Leary and Rochelle Purpura - Click here](#)



P&Z Meeting March 3

by Paulie Carluccio

The Seldovia Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting on March 3rd in the MPR. It was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair P. Carluccio. Hopkins and Sweatt were in attendance. Blodgett had an excused absence. The agenda was approved as were the minutes of January 21, 2008 Special Meeting and February 4, 2008 Regular Meeting. There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

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](#)

Replats Submitted by Gerald Stranik, Lots T-28, T-29, Lot 1 Block 32, and T-30, ATS 219. These properties are located on Bay Street. Hugh Smith spoke in favor of the replat. The Commission discussed the utility easements. The Applicant was contacted by phone and agreed to a utility easement at the place where the 2 properties meet. It would involve only a small triangular area on the 2 adjoining points and would fall within his setback area.

Action: THE REPLAT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS SUBMITTED PROVIDING, ALL EASEMENTS BE SHOWN ON THE FINAL PLAT, FINAL PLAT COMES BACK TO THE CITY FOR FINAL REVIEW, ALL SEWER AND CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS BE CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS PLATS, REQUEST A TEN (10) FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT AT THE POINT WHERE T-29A AND T-30A MEET, THAT T-29A BE RENAMED T-28A TO PREVENT PROBLEMS WITH PREVIOUS EASEMENT.

Replat Submitted by Precious Earth, Inc., Lots 2-6, Block 90 Frank Raby Subdivision and request for vacation of alley. This property is located at the site of the Seldovia Lodge. The commission reviewed the drawings and noted that the Young Street encroached upon the property. The surveyor was contact to verify the width of the encroachment at its widest point. He said it was approximately 10 feet. The developer, Greg Davis was also contacted and the need for a right-of-way dedication was discussed. Mr. Davis suggested a traffic study be done prior to requesting a dedication. He also stated his plans for development of the property included a 20 apartment complex. After some calculations it was decided that even with a 10 foot right of way dedication, Mr. Davis would end up with more square feet of usable land, if the vacation of the alley was approved.

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▶ [Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2008 \(Coming in May\)](#)

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▶ [Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2006](#)

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▶ [SBE Play - December](#)

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▶ [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](#)

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Action: THE VACTION AND REPLAT WITH THE REQUEST OF A FIVE (5) FOOT, ONE HALF DEDICATION, ALONG YOUNG STREET TO BRING IT UP TO A 40FT RIGHT OF WAY WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. THE REQUEST WAS BASED ON:

- THE PRESENT ROAD ENCROACHMENT
- PRESENT PROBLEMS WITH SNOW REMOVAL
- POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED TRAFFIC DUE TO A PROPOSED TWENTY (20) UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX

Replat Submitted by Leonard and Martha Yuknis, 1-3, Block 35, Tract 24, ATS 219. This property is located on Water Street. The City Clerk explained that the replat did not contain all of the required notes and markings, but that, according to the borough planning department, it could be reviewed by the commission tonight with the request that it comes back to the City after the Borough completes their review. Both lots are on the Slough and one lot is only accessible through the other lot.

Action: IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO ACCEPT THE CONCEPT BUT THAT THE PRELIMINARY PLAT COMES BACK TO THE CITY FOR FINAL APPORVAL WHEN IT HAS ALL THE UTILITIES AND EASEMENTS SHOWN A REQUIRED.

Building Permit Submitted by Gerald and Shirley Hurley, Lot 2, Block 44, East Addition. The permit is for a house addition and a small detached shed. Set backs and codes were reviewed and all of the plans were in order.

Action: THE BUILDING PERMIT SUBMITTED BY GERALD AND SHIRLEY HURLEY, LOT 2, BLOCK 44, EAST ADDITION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2008.

Seldovia is in for a BIG Weekend *by Mary Glover*


Everyone get ready! We have events to attend in Seldovia on March 28th-29th! Starting with the B&G Club on Friday night, March 28th -- it's the fund raising dinner for the Club and a local talent show! You will be amazed as to what talent has been developing at the B&G Club. Even if you don't have a child that is a member of the Club, come out for a wonderful night of entertainment! (See B&G Club article below for more details.) Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.; Talent Show is during the dinner; Both being held at the SBE School.

Then on Friday and Saturday, March 28-29th the Seldovia Village Tribe is hosting an annual Spring Carnival with games and much to do. (See B&G Club article below for more details.)

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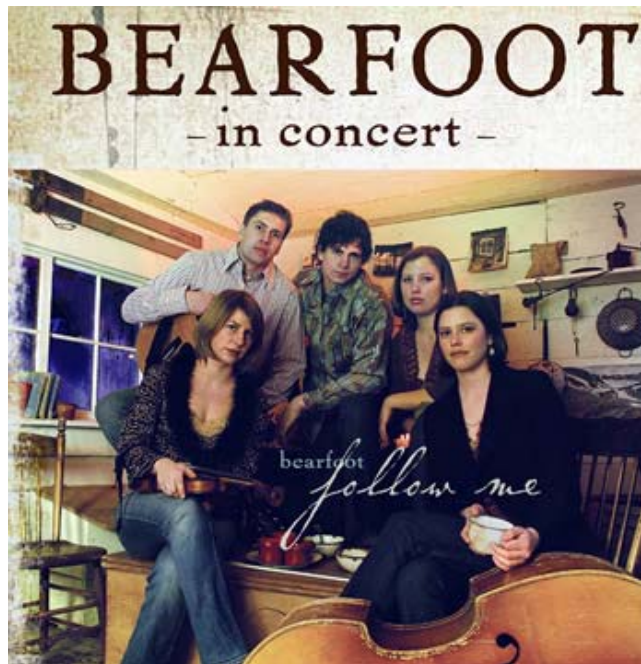
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March 29th will also bring to town Alaska's own Bearfoot, national touring musicians who have already been here in Seldovia one time and "brought the house down" with their performance. Bearfoot will also hold music workshops in the afternoon, 4:00 PM, on March 29th at SBE School. Concert time starts at 7:30 pm.



Seldovians, it is time to break-out of your house and enjoy the beginning of

spring with fun activities and great entertainment! Bearfoot is brought to you by the Seldovia Arts Council, and grants from WESTAF and ALASKA STATE COUNCIL on the Arts.

Eddie the Eagle Visits Seldovia *by Andy Anderson*

Eddie the Eagle visited Seldovia and gave the K - 4th grade class a Gun Safety Presentation put on by the National Rifleman's Association (NRA) and the Alaska State Trooper Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE). Trooper. Todd Vanleire (ABWE) and Rick Swenson (NRA) did a great job with the aide of Eddie the Eagle. A great program for younger children teaching them what to do if they find a gun.





Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - March 3

Greetings from Juneau on this 55th day of the Legislative session.

The weekend is very quiet as many legislators and staff have taken this Friday and the weekend off which corresponds with Energy Council. Energy Council is the nationwide conference in DC for representatives of the energy producing states and a number of our legislators are attending. The workshop on charter schools was even cancelled from Saturday until 3/15/08 because the room would have been mostly empty.

The weather has turned more typical for Juneau with overcast and occasional light rain. I am enjoying the indoor tennis courts at the local racquetball club several nights per week and the electric ball machine which allows me to reacquire lost skills after not playing for a number of years. It is also a better way to let out some of the frustration that can build in this process.

The BIG issues of municipal revenue sharing, PERS/TRS local relief, and education funding formula are almost complete. Most of the work was done last year and in the legislative Education funding task force this last summer, so we really are in the final stages of approval of the package.

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

Special Notices . . .

Boys & Girls Club Update . . .

It may not seem like it just yet, but spring is approaching. Easter comes early this year – March 23rd, at the tail end of Spring Break for our school kids. During Spring Break, Boys & Girls Club members in third – fifth grade will have a chance to travel to Kenai for the annual Dodge Ball tournament. The tournament includes Club members from six clubs on the Kenai Peninsula . If you have a child in that age range, be looking for future information on how they might participate. We will start practicing dodge ball soon to get our skills back up for the fast-paced action.

The week after Spring Break, the Seldovia Village Tribe will be hosting a Spring Carnival. Yes, the word Spring probably is wishful thinking, but we all know it's a state of mind anyway, right? So to celebrate the coming of warmer weather, there will be activities for the entire community March 28th and 29th. From basketball and volleyball tournaments to exciting outdoor games, SVT is working up a great bunch of things for us all to do.

On Friday the 29th, the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club will be holding a dinner fundraiser. We'll be having a large spaghetti feed, with great musical entertainment provided by our own Club and Susan B. English School music students. Rob Rurka, the guy that's been working all these miracles with the kids, will also do a set for us, too. So, bring your dancing shoes, because we'll have a spot cleared on the floor for you to kick up your heels. Be watching for some black-clad karate students demonstrating their skills, as well. The evening should be a lot of fun for all who come out, so don't miss it!

Our members have been having many opportunities to learn and do great things through the programs we are able to offer at the Boys & Girls Club. So it seems strange that while we are keeping busy, we are also facing a large financial hurdle in our immediate future. Our Club is funded primarily through grant awards, but one of our awards will expire effective June 30th, and we do not have one in sight to replace it. That leaves us with a gap of more than \$60,000 going in to July 2008. That also leaves us looking once again at the possibility of closing our doors come summer. This is obviously not a situation we want to be in year after year, and we certainly do not want our kids to ever have to wonder if the Club's doors will be open to them.

Seldovia is a community that takes care of its own, and that is evident through the many ways each person generously donates to the many activities, programs and organizations that we have here. As one person once said, "We bake a cake and then go to the bake sale and buy it back!" Whether or not we can come up with the funds to make our Club self-sustaining, it's hard to say. But maybe we can begin to plug some of the holes and make sure programs are still available for our children, with our community's help.

At the dinner on March 28th, we will be presenting opportunities for sponsorship of various programs and activities that are run by the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club. Please consider how you might be able to help. Regardless of who you are or where you are, you can be one piece of the puzzle that is able to keep the Club running and to keep the doors open for our kids.

If you have any questions about activities going on, give Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Laurel Hilts 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 . . .

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all . . .



Thanks to Mike Driscoll for the photo!

City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

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

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

The following report outlines Police responses during the time period of February 14th through March 13th, 2008.

- Police responded to 4 requests for assistance, provided transportation for 2 parties, served Subpoenas on 2 persons and Notarized 6 documents since last report.
- Police responded in an attempt to locate a 911 hang-up reported by the Police Dispatcher. The lot number could not be found on the Police maps and the phone number was not common to the area. Investigation revealed the phone line in one area had gotten moisture in it and had defaulted to the 911 exchange. By the call being made on the weekend it was not possible to run it down until the Officer could contact the phone company on Monday.
- The fire hydrant near the culvert on Airport Road was damaged by the DOT grader. The Fire Department and the City Maintenance were both notified of the damage.
- A complaint was lodged against a person taking two 5 gallon buckets of sand off the beach in the area of the boat haul-out ramp. The sand was being used for personal use and the matter had been addressed by

Council a number of years ago which allowed a minimum amount to be taken for personal use. No action was taken by the Police.

- A fuel leak was reported in the boat haul-out area. An investigation revealed no oil sheen and no significant odor was present. Photographs were taken and emailed to DEC. No further action was taken.
- A lady contacted the Police Department regarding past Police contacts with a homeless lady who now resides in Homer. Adult Protective Services was investigating the past of a person who was also homeless and had spent some time in our area. The report was faxed to the caller and no further contacts have been received.
- A lady requested her fingerprints be rolled for employment purposes.
- A report of Harassment and Stalking were received. The response by the Police Department seems to have been deterrent enough to stop the unwanted contact by the suspect.
- It appears a 4-wheeler trailer was damaged by City snow removal equipment. The Police took photographs and the City has been informed of the result. Repairs will most probably be done locally.
- A man renewing his blasting permit needed his fingerprints rolled and came to the Police Department for assistance.
- A woman reported damage to the windshield of her vehicle. Investigation revealed damage consistent with BB gun damage. Investigation continues in this matter.
- A report was made regarding a vehicle being used that was spurting hydraulic oil every time it was being utilized. Contact was made by the Police and the Officer was told repairs had been completed and the hazard no longer existed.
- A German Shepard dog had been found wondering in the Barabara Creek Subdivision and, after a time, the caretaker of the animal was contacted and the dog returned.
- Police observed a juvenile driving too fast on a 4-wheeler on Main Street and further observed no lights were illuminated on the machine. The subject was stopped and warned about the violations.
- On Sunday a 911 hang-up call was received and the Police Dispatcher called and gave the phone number and the lot location. Neither the lot location nor the number could be found. Police checked the street where the call was alleged to have originated but no one in distress was located. On Monday the phone company assisted the Police and it was discovered moisture had gotten into the phone lines and had defaulted to the 911 number. The address was still in question but the residence was located and no problem existed. A trouble call was lodged with the telephone company.
- A complaint came to the Police regarding a dog at large in the complainant's yard and the owner was called and told of the report. A verbal warning was given regarding the violation.
- A person observed two people in a skiff off the Outside Beach and both were reported to be standing up and a popping sound was heard, which resembled a gun firing. Since the two could be in need of assistance the Police responded and the investigation revealed the two were trolling back and forth near Seldovia Point and made no indication they needed assistance when the Police shined headlights in their direction.
- An Alaska Bureau of Fish & Wildlife Trooper and a National Rifleman's Association representative traveled to Jakolof Bay with their families to come to the Susan B. English School to give a gun safety class for K through the 4th grades. The presentation was well received and very well delivered. The Police Department provided transportation for the party from Jakolof and back following their presentation. (see article and photos above)
- A dog owner was contacted a second time regarding his dog being at large and, due to the complainant's request, no citation was issued. A verbal warning was once again given regarding the dog being allowed to run at large.

- Police were contacted concerning a matter that was found to be a civil problem. No action could be taken by the Police in the matter and the complainant was contacted and told why the Police could not respond.



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