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



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 Harbor Master
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Top Stories

In Memory of Albert Wilson

Long time Seldovia resident Albert Wilson passed away on Sunday night, April 6, 2008 at ANMC in Anchorage. His ashes will be returned to Seldovia this summer. Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends.



Albert Wilson: 4/15/1926 - 4/6/2008

Photo courtesy of Trinket Gallien

In Memory of Susan Latimer



This week also marked the passing of Susan Latimer, wife of Doug Latimer. Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends.

“Home EC” Comes Full Circle *by Tamara Blodgett*

SBE Lifeskills Class puts a spin on traditional Home Economics...

Susan B. English students from what was traditionally thought of as Home Economics Class put on a wonderful four-course sit down dining experience for the residents of Seldovia. Now more aptly named “Lifeskills,” it is obvious that the kids put their whole heart into this spectacular evening. A plus to everything was we simply *do not* have evening dining available here until the summer season. This made the timing of such an event successful. Seldovia Village Tribe generously donated the facility use of the conference room. Round tables with cloth tablecloths, china and softly lit candles greeted each attendee. The night was a gorgeous sunlight-filled evening with a panoramic view of Seldovia Bay that was enjoyed while dining.



Photo courtesy of Sherri Hingley

Everyone filled a piece of the puzzle...

Sophomore Chelsea Suydam played the classics on a piano keyboard for a marathon two hours straight! This added greatly to the atmosphere created having soft and ethereally played classical piano as background. Lifeskills teacher, Damara Burnett could be seen in the background orchestrating activity, with local chef Monty Hingley adding expertise and meal planning along with augmented training in the class leading up to the dinner. Levi West-Harkness did his time barbecuing the chicken and filet mignon steaks. Sophomores Kathleen Gruber and Katrina Hecks cooked, cleaned and aided and abetted in the general smooth operation of things along with senior Timmy O’Leary who entertained all with he and Katrina’s smooth rendition of ‘40’s swing style dancing! After the meal was complete and desserts enjoyed, Ms. Burnett gave a warm thank you to students, adult helpers (Diane Gruber lent a huge hand with expert waitress skills) and the Public for their support that will further enables fundraising for the students’ upcoming San Francisco trip. A few lone couples stayed briefly at the end to do a little waltzing...maybe a new idea for the next time. Anyone care to dance?



School

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



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Photos courtesy of Sherri Hingley

Thanks to Ms. Burnett, SBE students and the caring volunteer adults that made this special night a reality.

SBE Prom Coming April 12



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Here's To The Night

Saturday, April 12, 2008
8:00 - Midnight
Community Welcome
Royal Court 10pm

Singles \$6
Couples \$10

5th grade and under
leave after crowning

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Corrections
▶ None this week

City Council Meeting April 9 by Tamara Blodgett

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. Mayor Dick Wyland presided with Deputy City Clerk Mary Klinger taking minutes. City Manager Howard Davis was in attendance.

Public Presentation for Items not on the Agenda

A member of the Public, *Greg Davis*, wished to introduce himself to the Council as a new resident of Seldovia.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

Port Authority meeting scheduled for Friday at 7:00 PM for the discussion, reservation and acceptance of pylons.

SOS has elected three board of directors.

Old Business

Senior Meals (Wyland)

Mayor Wyland commented that some Title III money has been made available and will fund, in large part, the necessary renovations for the kitchen remodel needed to make senior meals (to be held in the Multipurpose Room) a reality.

A member of the Public, *Gladys "Happy" Schneider*, is opposed to the expenditure of monies toward this renovation. She doesn't understand why Lakeside Terrace cannot be used in this capacity.

Councilwoman Miller has discussed (with a Lakeside Terrace employee) the availability of using the Facility on the "allowed" days of Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday in the interim between *now* and the proposed completion of kitchen remodel.

Mayor Wyland takes some issue with securing the foodstuffs and other related items that are used in this endeavor.

Councilman Gain emphatically supports the quick facilitation and expenditure of these monies to immediately feed our seniors.

The remaining council wishes to move forward.

Action: None, information only.

VSW Project Update (Wyland)

VSW & CFW are hoping for a June start on this project. In the next few days an agreement will be presented for signatures to move forward with the ordering of materials for the above.

Easement challenges should not delay the project.

Councilman Gain wished to know if a document or resolution should be drafted (?).

Councilman McInnes thought a letter of support would be ideal from the Council supporting the start date so construction time is not lost. Councilman Gain concurred and would support a motion to direct City Manager Davis to write such a document.

Action: Council has directed City Manager Davis to draft a letter of support to initiate work on proposed start date.

City Manager's Report see below.

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

The following official statement by the City of Seldovia was read by Mayor Wyland:

"Chief Anderson has been placed on paid administration leave pending investigation of allegations made against him. The City will not comment on the allegations or the investigation until the investigation is complete. Persons experiencing an emergency situation requiring law enforcement attention should call 911."

These are the only comments that I, as Mayor, can make and anybody here at this table can make. We [the City of Seldovia] cannot comment on any of this under state law.

Councilman McInnes was glad to be a part of VSW & CFW discussions.

Councilman Gain is concerned that inaccuracy <of facts> is perpetuated regarding Chief Anderson's paid administrative leave. He encourages the City to be forthcoming with *as many details* that it lawfully can provide to the citizenry to dispel misinformation.

Next Meeting is April 23, 2008 .

Adjournment: Time elapsed, twenty-seven minutes and thirty seconds.

P&Z Meeting April 7

by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia P&Z Commission convened together to include the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Paulie Carluccio (Chair), Shirley Hurley and Bobbi Sweat. Member Jim Hopkins had an excused absence.

Consideration of Site Plans

Building Permit Submitted by Gerald Hurley, Lot 2 Block 44, East Addition

This is a resubmit due to size increase. The homeowner wishes to add a storage shed sized twelve by sixteen feet with a roof area that is eighteen by twenty feet. This will be for personal residential use.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Commission Business

Workshop with Mary Toll, KPB Planning Director, May 20 @ 2:30PM .

Comments of the Commission

Commission discussed house number installation for emergency service personnel location of houses/structures.

Next Meeting: May 19th, 2008 .

Adjournment: Time elapsed app. forty-five minutes.

Myra & Pete Say Hi from Anchorage!

Myra Mumchuck is still fighting the cancer battle and wanted to say "Hello to everyone" and tell everyone she misses Seldovia and her friends! She has a new cell phone, 1-907.310-8384 or you can mail to 802 Price St, Apt 13, Anchorage, AK 99508. Pete's number is 399-78625.

Pete's says he's going nut's in the big city . . . I know how he feels!

Bark Beetles & Berries!

by Courtney Flint

Research with Seldovians

Two research projects are underway involving Seldovia residents. Dr. Courtney Flint from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is continuing a study of community response to bark beetles that began in 2003. A survey is likely to arrive in your mailbox very soon. Please take time to fill out the survey so that we can learn how attitudes are changing over time about forests, bark beetles, and fire risks. Dr. Flint will report back on the findings later this year. Five other Kenai Peninsula communities are also involved (Homer, Anchor Point, Ninilchik, Moose Pass and Cooper Landing).

Another research effort underway involves one of Seldovia's most prized resources – berries! Dr. Courtney Flint (UIUC), Dr. Mary Ann Lila (UIUC), and Dr. Ilya Raskin (Rutgers University) are studying the health effects and community uses of wild berries and the potential impacts of climate change. This project is in collaboration with the Seldovia Village Tribe as well as Tim Winters and Damara Burnett and students from the Susan B. English School. High school students and other community members will have opportunities to be involved with field research with the berries and interviews with community members about their use of berries. If you are interested in participating in community interviews with school students, watch for future notices! This project is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency and will last for 3 years. Two other Alaska communities involved are Akutan and Point Hope. Drs. Flint, Lila, and Raskin will be in Seldovia late July and a community event will be scheduled.

If you have any questions about these projects, don't hesitate to contact Courtney Flint at cflint@uiuc.edu or 217-244-1840.

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 7

Greetings from Juneau on this 84th day of the Legislative session.

Through rain and grey days we are working towards the rapidly approaching end of session. The operating budget is in conference committee to work out differences between the House and Senate versions; the Supplemental Budget has passed with a number of District 35 projects moved to the Capital Budget as

a single packaged amendment with other district's projects from the Supplemental. The Senate version of the Capital Budget is in House Finance, undergoing a massage. Work is proceeding at a fairly rapid pace as evidenced by my schedule this weekend: HESS 9am Saturday with a Regulation Review Committee meeting from 10:30 to 1pm, then back to HESS until 2:30, then to floor session from 4 to 7:30pm. Sunday started with floor session at 2pm but we were able to end by 4pm, while Finance proceeded to start on the transportation general obligation bonds and Judiciary on the Omnibus Crime bill. So busy... busy... busy.

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

Special Notices

Recycling Event in Homer on April 26 . . .

The 3rd Annual Electronics and Computer Recycling Event will take place at the Lake Street, Homer Spenard Builders Supply building on April 26 from 10am to 3pm. There are some fees in most cases, click on the link below for details.

[Click here for the complete Press Release](#)

Boys & Girls Club Update . . .

by Laurel Hilts

If you have any questions about activities going on, give Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Laurel Hilts at call at 234-7577.

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 . . .

Rule #26 in Seldovia . . . never leave your groceries exposed in your 4-wheeler basket or the back of your truck! They might not be there when you get back !



City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

>> No Report this Week <<

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

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