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**SBE Prom 2008**

**April 12, 2008**

## Top Stories

### Auto Accident Results in Single Fatality

by *Tamara Blodgett*

In the early morning hours of Thursday, April 24, 2008, an auto accident on Jakolof Road near the Seldovia Cemetery took the life of Laramie Morrison, age 28. Sonny Agli, age 29 was also involved in the accident. Seldovia Fire and EMS teams responded to the scene at approximately 4:00 AM and three Alaska State Troopers flew into Seldovia after sunrise to conduct an investigation of the accident. Jakolof Bay Road was closed until noon.

The Alaska State Troopers will provide an official statement soon. We will post the information in this location. Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the deceased.

### Village Safe Water 95% Design Submittal

by *Tom Glover*

CRW Engineering has submitted the 95% Design plan to the City for upcoming VSW water and sewer work in Seldovia. The City strongly recommends that you study this document, especially if you are a land/home owner directly affected by this work, and submit your questions or concerns to the contacts listed below. *Construction on this project is scheduled to start in June, 2008 so ask your questions NOW, don't wait.*

## Marketplace



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### ▶ The Seldovia Summer Visitor



Questions about easements should be directed to:

ALAN C. TRAWVER, SR/WA  
 TRAWVER LAND SERVICES  
 7900Upper O'Malley Rd., Anchorage, AK 99507  
 Phone; (907) 346-2433, Fax (907) 346-2404  
 E-Mail: Alan@TrawverLandServices.com

If the above does not satisfy your questions or if you have non-land related questions about the project, please contact:

Dave Yanoshek, CRW Engineering  
 E-Mail: dyanoshek@crweng.com  
 Phone: (907) 646-5606

Click below to download the Design Submittal 31 page document, which is a 2.1 megabyte PDF file. The documents page size is of 11"x17", so the quality of the image is very good. You can simply view the document on your screen with Acrobat Reader or Acrobat will automatically scale the page size to fit your printer - for most people that would be 8-1/2" x 11". When you print the document, be sure to configure the printer to print in Landscape mode instead of the normal Portrait mode to get the best page fit. [Click here to obtain Acrobat Reader if your computer does not have the program installed.](#)

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## Earth Day and Green Star Award

*by Daisy Wheeler*

Earth Day was celebrated with about 35 people turning up to the alternative energy talk and potluck. Alternative Energy Consultant Brian Hirsch spoke about large and small scale energy projects in Alaska and beyond. The talk was very educational and prompted some thoughtful discussions afterward. Thanks to everyone who came and if you couldn't make it but would like to get in touch with Brian, call Daisy at 234-7898 X236. Aviva Hirsch, student and member of Alaska Youth for Environmental Action gave a motivational presentation on the effects of plastic bags on our environment at the potluck and in the morning she presented to the 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders at the school.

## 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)

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Left to Right: Trinket Gallien, Crystal Collier, Michael Opheim, and Connie Ferguson

Connie Ferguson from Green Star awarded Seldovia Village Tribe with a Green Star Award for meeting the organization's standards of environmental responsibility. This award is given to businesses, organizations and schools that show they have gone beyond just compliance and have demonstrated outstanding environmental ethics. SVT started a vermiculture bin, recycles aluminum, plastic and ink cartridges, uses rechargeable batteries, reuses shredded paper as packing material, conserves energy by turning all computers and lights off at the end of a work day and all the cleaning products at SVT are environmentally friendly citrus-based cleaners. SVT also attempts to raise environmental awareness of their employees and community.

The evening trash clean-up walk and beach party were productive and a lot of fun. About 15 people (and 10 dogs) collected 68 pounds of trash between downtown and the Outside Beach! Next time you see them, please thank these people for helping keep Seldovia beautiful: Ruby Mason, Cassidy Little, Marcia and Michael Opheim, Paula and Gavin Elvsaaas, Alisha Sugharue, Darrel and Birthday Girl Alliah Wheeler, Samantha Moonin, Olivia Turner, Brittney Sparks, Callem Collier and Megan from the Anchorage Circus Group. Prizes of smoked salmon, Tribal Cache products, kites or canvas bags were awarded to every person who helped gather trash.

## Annual Sea Otters Booster Club Dinner & Auction is Just Around the Corner

*Mark you calendars for Saturday, May 10th and don't miss a fantastic evening of good food, entertainment and public and silent auctions!*

The Seldovia Sea Otters Booster Club will be having its annual dinner and auction on Saturday, May 10th. This year the event will be held in the Susan B. English School Commons, which will allow for plenty of room for all of you planning to attend. The dinner menu is BBQ themed, featuring beef roast and barbequed chicken, with all the fixin's. Tickets are on sale for \$15 per person

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▶ [July 4 Festival](#)

▶ [Summer Solstice Music Festival - June](#)

▶ [CofC Chainsaw Carving Contest - May](#)

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or \$45 per family (parents and children). Be on the lookout for school members coming around town to sell the tickets to you, or you can buy your tickets at the door (the front entrance to the school this year).

Donated items are already coming in for the auction. Attendees can participate in both the silent and public auctions that evening. All proceeds help pay the travel expenses for extra-curricular school activities, which covers a wide range from volleyball to spelling bees, and much more.

The Booster Club is run year-round by community volunteers and school students. If you are interested in helping with the preparation of this great annual event, please give Sandy a call at the school (234-7616). Any help is greatly appreciated.

Save the date – Saturday, May 10th – and plan to come out for a great evening of good food, good conversation, with great items to bid on, all for a good cause! Dinner service starts and 5:30 PM and the public auction will start at approximately 7:00 PM. .

## The Annual Sea Otters Booster Club Dinner & Auction

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

in the Susan B. English School Commons (plenty of room!).  
Dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets = \$15 per person

\$45 per family (parents and children in a household)

Many fantastic items will be available for public and silent auction.



This is an important event for our community every year and the proceeds are used to fund items such as student travel to sports and academic events during the school year. If you have items to donate or questions, please contact either Sandy Geagel at the school (234-7616) or Lisa O'Leary (234-5560). You can also drop donation items off at Susan B. English School.

**Can't make the auction for some reason?  
Why not ask a friend to bid on something for you!**



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## Corrections

None this week

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

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

### Committee and Advisory Board Reports

Mayor Wyland expressed keen interest in rejuvenating <Parks & Rec.> and seeing the Lollipop Park project to finality.

### Old Business

#### Senior Meals Program- Award of Construction and Materials

A state grant has been approved in the amount of \$27,833 in addition to a Kenai Peninsula Borough Grant for \$8,412. These monies will be responsible for the renovation and completion of a new commercial kitchen in the Multipurpose Building, which will include new appliances, cabinetry, kitchen flooring and restructuring and possible carpet replacement. Mayor Wyland is actively seeking quotes for the above items and is in possession of some at this time.

*Councilman Gain* was emphatic that the normal expenditure process be followed and each component of the construction process/materials have three quotes for council member review and approval.

Through Mayor and Council discussion it was determined that this agenda item would recess to continue with forthcoming resolution on Thursday at 7:30PM.

**Thursday, 7:30PM meeting continuance:** Additional discussion ended with a motion to suspend the normal rules of procurement under Seldovia Code and follow the designated guidelines established by the State and Borough in this particular matter.

*Councilman Gain* took a moment to publicly thank Mayor Wyland for the tremendous amount of time and effort he put into this project.

A motion was made to suspend the normal rules of procurement and direct the City Manager and Mayor to proceed with equipment orders and construction.

**Action:** Unanimously approved.

### New Business

#### Port Authority Board of Directors Appointment

Two applicants (Tim Robertson and Jan Wyland) have applied for the Port Authority Board of Directors vacant seat. Due to a conflict of interest, Mayor Wyland abstained from participating in the discussion on the appointment since his wife, Jan Wyland, was one of the applicants.

*Councilman McInnes* noted that it was fortunate there were two applicants.

A motion was made to appoint Tim Robertson to the Board of Directors.

**Action:** Unanimously approved.

### **Award of Fire Hall Bay Doors**

This award of \$10,000 will be used to replace the garage doors for the fire hall. Three quotes need to be provided for Council review and approval. Quotes were received from Pioneer Door Inc, Allegrezza Dor Co, and RAM Services. EMS Chief Lisa O'Leary and fireman Mike Driscoll provided additional input during discussions of the grant. Action was postponed until a continuance of the City Council Meeting on April 24 at 7:30PM.

**Thursday, 730PM:** Additional discussions ended with a motion to accept the bid submitted by Pioneer Door, Inc and include Option 1 (2-receiver units), Option 2 (2-remote control units), and Option 3 (2-Pneumatic safety edges to reverse door upon contact). Total amount of the bid was \$5006.00

**Action:** Unanimously approved.

### **AK Division of Homeland Security Grant Application for ALMR Radios**

This grant in the amount of \$95,897 is up for Council review and approval of City Manager's signature and submittal.

EMS Chief, *Lisa O'Leary*, was in attendance and explained the new radio system in detail. To paraphrase, O'Leary said this new radio system is of the caliber of the one in current use by FIRE and EMS personnel. Furthermore, by the year 2012, all radio communication of this nature will be using ALMR (narrow band). O'Leary suggested we go with the "Compatible," which can be used to switch back and forth between the current system and ALMR if there is need, or in the future under new compliance requirements. The compatible has the added benefit of not being "out of service" if everything goes down (unlike digital).

Council has directed City Manager Davis to sign and submit grant application.

**Action:** Unanimous approval.

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

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

*Councilman Gain* wished to thank the Public for their patience.

*Councilman McInnes* wished to express his desire for tolerance amongst the community. He cited recent stress felt by some and hoped the community, as he is striving to do, is exercising patience and tolerance with one another. He feels respect and communication between all people in our extended


community is of the highest priority. As for *himself*, he will respect all, including elders and *he* will live his life to the fullest, asserting the above philosophy in his daily life and invites others to do the same.

**Next Meeting:** May 14, 2008

**Adjournment:** Time elapsed: ninety minutes.

## Burn Permits

by Lisa O'Leary, Seldovia Fire Administrator



**BURNING PERMITS**

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A person burning in the city limits of **Homer** (235-3155), **Kenai** (283-7666), or **Seward** (224-3445) needs a permit year-round. For burning in the **Nikiski** area, call the Nikiski Fire Department, 283-4388, for a permit during fire season.

The Alaska Division of Forestry issues burn permits for all other areas on the western peninsula. Call 260-4261 or visit <http://Society.alaska.gov/burn> for information and a permit for a small, handled debris burn.

Standard terms apply to on-line issued permits including:


- Maximum size of 10'x10' and 4' high.
- Minimum 15' firebreak of dirt, sand, or gravel.
- Attendance of the fire with water and tools until the fire is out.
- No burning if winds exceed 5 mph.
- Call us to the call-in number listed on the permit each day prior to lighting the fire to record your burn and check on the status of burning suspensions.
- Persons must have the permit in their possession while burning.

For permits for burn larger than 10'x10' in diameter, door piles, and field burns, call the Alaska Division of Forestry at 260-4269 during fire season to request an appointment.

Individuals who are burning in areas where burning permits are not required are encouraged to make a courtesy notification to their local emergency dispatch center to avoid fire dispatch to their controlled burn. For example, residents in Cooper Landing may notify Sitobona Communications Center at 262-4453, and persons burning across Kachemak Bay from Homer may call Homer Dispatch Center at 235-3150.

**Reminder:** If you burned in the spring prior to fire season utilizing snow for a firebreak, recheck the piles to ensure that they are out. Open the pile to the air and clear vegetation, especially dry grass, away from the pile.

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## The Circus is Coming to Town!

*juggling! unicycling! stilts! clowning! acro-balance!*

Meghan Holtan and the Artist in Schools Program bring two weeks of shows and circus workshops!

Saturday April 26th 1-3 PM Free Community Workshop

Friday May 2nd 2 PM Seldovia Circus final student show

Artist in Schools is a program of the Alaska State Council on the Arts which receives fundings from the Alaska State Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, and the Rasmuson Foundation

[Click here for additional details](#)

## Sen. Gary Stevens Interim Report - April

Hello again. What may be remembered as one of the most important legislative sessions in decades came to a close Sunday, April 13 when the gavel fell on the Second Session of the 25th Alaska Legislature. In the Senate, the Bipartisan Working Group concluded our work after meeting or exceeding all our stated goals.

The full report link below contains a 5 page summary of the proceedings.

[Click here to read the complete Report \(pdf\)](#)

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## 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](#)

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### *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 . **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  
hilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

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Tidbits . . .

**Congratulations to Scott Hanson and Sandra (Sandy) Bullock for tying the knot on April 22, 2008 in Soldotna! Scott was the 1st Place Winner for the past two years in Seldovia's "Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest." Sandy was Scott's carving assistant for both years. Scott and Sandy will be here again this year for the contest, which is scheduled for May 23rd through May 25th.**



City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

## Managers Report (03/20/08 to 04/23/08)

- **Census Recount:** The recount is complete and the City population was found to be 282 not 268 as originally thought. Walter did a very thorough job putting in many hours of effort. Thanks Walter.
- **Denali Commission, Small Boat Harbor Grant:** The Requests For Proposals (RFP) are being drafted for Construction Management.
- **Husky II:** The owner of the Husky II was reached by phone on 4-22-08. He and his partner will be here next week, date to be determined, to review the Husky II condition, determine its' future and meet with the City Council to work out the vessels removal from the City Harbor.
- **VSW/CRW:** 1) Employment applications are available at the City Offices during normal office hours. 2) Line 2 "Application" of the current employment application should be ignored. 3) Start Date is still to be determined. 4) Lee Olsen has tentatively planned a site visit for 5/05/08. 5) CRW is moving ahead with the plans to purchase materials and the project appears to be on schedule at this time. 6) The construction staging area is planned for the Northwest end of the Waterfront Marine Industrial Center . If any residents have personal property stored at this location please make arrangements to relocate it.  
  
DEC has given approval to purchase the Water Test Lab equipment. The Order has been written. Final funding needs to be approved.
- **EPA Grant:** The State Legislature has approved partial funding for this grant and it appears that Gov. Palin will approve it but the final outcome is still to be determined.
- **Waterfront Marine Industrial Center :** 1) The leases are through the 1 st draft stage and will be ready for the City Council to review soon. Tom Glover and Keith Gain have put a lot of effort into this project. Many thanks to both of you. 2) Potential businesses are being contacted. 3) No new information has come forth regarding the value added fish packaging facility. 4) The Memorial Day Wood Carving Contest and Holiday celebrations are fast approaching. If any resident has personal property stored at this location please make arrangements to remove it as soon as possible. Very shortly the City will be cleaning up this site and any abandoned items will be removed and disposed of appropriately.
- **Senior Meals:** 1) The kitchen redesign has been completed. 2) The entire program Budget is has been reviewed and approved by DHSS. 3) The redesign materials are chosen and ready to be ordered. 4) The appliances are ordered but on hold awaiting a Purchase Order. If everything goes as expected the appliances will be delivered to the multipurpose room around May Second. 4) We will be interviewing for Senior Meals Food Manager/Cook and Cook Assistant positions very soon.

Mayor Dick Wyland has put an enormous amount of time and effort

into this phase of the Senior Meals program. Thanks Dick .

- **DPW News:** 1) The Loader is repaired and back in service. 2) The Haul-out trailer hydraulics are being repaired and adjusted. This should eliminate the difficulties encountered last season. 3) The Backhoe will be receiving new tires. It is estimated that it will be out of service for a couple of days during the week of 5/12/08 – 5/16-08.

**Seldovia Police Report**

*by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

**The following official statement by the City of Seldovia was read at the April 9th City Council meeting 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.”**

