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## Letters to the Editor

### *Parks and Recreation . . .*

Dear Seldovians

The Seldovia Parks and Recreation Committee is alive and well. One major project is pending - finishing the "Jack English Lollipop Park" renovations. Towards that end new playground equipment has been purchased, is in local storage and ready to be put into the park. However we are still "on-hold" pending acquiring railroad ties to replace the ones the city used in the boat haul out. The Alaska Railroad will be notifying us when more ties are available. Then we will move forward and complete the structure of the retaining wall ASAP.

A Seafarer Memorial project has been on the committee's "back burner" for a long time. Over several years we gathered lots of great information, ideas and plans for this project. Sue Hecks was a prime mover for the project but it has languished since she left town. Two years ago all the information was given to a person who showed interest in coordinating this project. Still, little recent progress can be reported at this time. We would like to see energy forthcoming to get this project up and moving again.

Last year the committee recommended to the City Council that it reestablish the Beautification Committee. Volunteer efforts are needed after parks and trails are built to maintain them in appropriate condition. In the past, members of the Beautification Committee did a wonderful job maintaining and "landscaping" these areas. We hope the Council moves on this recommendation and new volunteers come forth.

The "Adopt a Park" program mentioned in the recent Chamber

### *Natural disasters and Slough bridge . . .*

Dear Editor

Today's eight-hour road closure of the only access into Seldovia, brought to mind the option of opening a road along the easement behind the houses across the Slough. Today kids didn't get to school, and traffic was impeded.

Many years ago, an easement was granted to provide a second egress from the community and access to the airport. This easement has one end on Jakolof Bay road, and the other end comes out near the parking lot at the airport. There were not many vehicles in town years ago, and the street was never planned nor built. This easement is still in effect, and perhaps it is time to think of planning a second road into and out of Seldovia. There are properties over there, that have no good access without using that easement, and they could benefit from a road.

Today, if anything ever happened to the Slough Bridge, there would be no access at all to the airport. With the easement, the airport could still be reached from Jakolof Bay Road.

If a natural disaster ever created the need for all citizens to evacuate to higher ground, it would be much safer and easier, if there were two roads on which to leave town, and get to higher ground a few miles from town.

So, it's something to think about, when you're considering improvements and dreaming of the future of the community, for health and safety.

report is a wonderful idea. The Parks and Recreation Committee did just that several years ago and it worked well.


It's just a thought,

Darlene Crawford

We continue working on other issues/projects and may report further at another time.

The next meeting will be scheduled and publicly announced when we need to do some work. Watch the bulletin board in the Post Office.

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