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Spotlight

2008 Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest



The 2008 contest is almost here!

Are you ready for the buzz of the saws?

Come join us at the Cannery Lot

7 CARVERS ARE COMING!

DATES: May 23-25

Public Auction and Awards are on

Sunday May 25

[Click here for 2 Page pdf of Chainsaw Carving Contest Brochure](#)

Top Stories

City Manager Howard Davis Resigns



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



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Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643

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CITY OF SELDOVIA

P.O. DRAWER B, * SELDOVIA, ALASKA 99663
Phone: (907) 234-7643, Fax: (907) 234-7430
Email: Citymanager@cityofseldovia.com

TO: Seldovia City Council
FROM: Howard R. Davis, City Manager
DATE: May 02, 2008 / Revised May 8, 2008
RE: Resignation as City Manager

I would like to revise my resignation date to May 30, 2008 as there is a great deal of information regarding Grants, Projects and Programs that I want to be certain is readily available to my replacement. It is my intention to leave the City with as smooth a transition as possible.

After long and hard deliberation, carefully weighing all of the issues past, present and future I have concluded that my continuing to remain the City Manager for the City of Seldovia is not in the best interest of either the City or myself.

I believe that it is in the best interest of the City if our relationship is ended in as efficient a time frame as possible and so it is with deep regret that May 16, 2008 will be my last day as City Manager for the City of Seldovia.

I will spend my remaining days compiling all available information on current and pending programs and projects in order to create as seamless a transition as possible of this office. Should the City Council choose to appoint a temporary City Manager I will work with him or her to ensure they can take over the helm with as little inconvenience as possible.

I appreciate the opportunity to have been able to serve Seldovia during my tenure and it is not without regret that I leave the position, but for many reasons I have decided upon this course. I have gained much and it is my hope that Seldovia has also benefited from my effort in some way.

It was the dream of both my wife Carol and I to build a new life here in Seldovia as permanent residents and to contribute to the community for many years to come; unfortunately this will no longer be possible. I will be selling my home here in Seldovia and joining my wife in Wisconsin where we will regroup and move forward with our life together.

Sincerely

Howard R. Davis

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[Editors Note: As both a City Councilman and a friend, it deeply saddens me to see Mr Davis leave. He did an excellent job as City Manager. Thanks Howard . . . Tom Glover.]

VSW Schedule for Seldovia Jobs

If you want a job on the Seldovia's water/sewer project,

YOU MUST TURN IN AN APPLICATION NOW!

Seldovia's Village Safe Water Project construction phase will start on approximately June 6th, 2008. If you are anticipating getting a job on this project, you **MUST** file your application now. Interviews will be done on June 12th and if the job slots can not be filled locally, outside workers will be brought in immediately. Job applications are available at the City Office or you can call the Seldovia City Clerk for details at 234-7643. If necessary, the blank application can be faxed to an applicant and the applicant can fax the filled out application back to the City.

A Poet and We Know It!

by Tamara Blodgett

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The results are in for the 17th Annual Kenai Peninsula Writers' Contest. Susan B. English junior and Seldovia Gazette student reporter, Rochelle Purpura, has just been announced the winner in the Super-Short Fiction story category for grades tenth through twelfth. Her short story, *Flowers Grow Here No More* was the winning piece. In the same category, she received an honorable mention for *Madison*. Rochelle also garnered an honorable mention for the Fiction category with *She Was*. We're thrilled that Rochelle has achieved this success and is working on her writing skills with the Seldovia Gazette. Way to go!

**Going Once, Going Twice, Sold!** *by Katie O'Leary*

On May 10th, 2008 the annual Sea Otter Booster Club Auction was held in the Susan B. English school commons area. With over one hundred auction items to bid on, and one of the most scrumptious barbeques ever to be attended this night was fun for all who attended. This night could not have been done without the support of our community and the hard dedicated work of many students' parents.

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The menu for the night consisted of roast beef, barbequed chicken, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, pasta salad, potato salad, coleslaw, cornbread, and dinner rolls. The topping on the feast was a build your own waffle bowl sundae with over ten topping options. Each and every part of the meal (except the dessert) was home-made by some of Seldovia's most talented chefs. The head chef who oversaw and was the brain of the operation was the spectacular Mr. Monty Hingley. The other wonderful cooks were Principal Sheryl Hingley, Lisa O'Leary, and Marcella Suydam.





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▶ None this week



Along with preparing the meal came preparing for the auction. The thanks for making this part of the fundraiser a success goes to Sandy Geagel, Dianne Gruber and Tim O'Leary Sr. A gigantic thanks also goes to Laurel Hiltz for stepping in at the last minute as the auctioneer. The fundraiser was a large success. Thank you to all who contributed, whether it was working to make the event happen or it was showing up and participating in the fun, our sports teams and academic competitors could not compete without your help.

City Council Meeting May 14

The City Council meeting this week was nearly 3 hours long and many topics were covered. In as much as the Seldovia Gazette reporter that normally covers this is out of town and this weeks paper is very full, it has been decided to delay covering the majority of that meeting until next weeks paper.

However, there is one item on the Agenda, the Executive Session on "Police Chief Anderson: Legal and Personnel Issue", that we will report on now because it brings closure to a difficult situation that has stressed the Seldovia community over the past month.

The Council went into Executive Session near the end of the City Council meeting and after that session, the follow statement was made:

The City Council has reconvened back into Public Session. The Council has reviewed and discussed all aspects of the Anderson investigation. No action was taken in the Executive Session.
What is the pleasure of the Council?

The following motion was made and approved unanimously:

The City Manager is directed to create a strongly worded Letter of Reprimand and a Job Jeopardy Warning for Chief Anderson. The City Manager is further directed to strictly limit the Chief's communication on behalf of the City.

There were no further discussions and the City Manager, City Council, Mayor, and City staff are all prohibited from having any discussions with the public on this issue. This is a City of Seldovia personnel issue and both state and local laws prohibit the release of any information in personnel files to the public.

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter May 14

I hope you have been able to stay up on the happenings in Juneau via my weekly session email newsletter. This is an electronic version of the newsletter provided in the papers in case you did not get a chance to read the hard copy.

This session ended in the most orderly way of any final session that I have yet experienced. We were not up until midnight with bills dying on the House or Senate floor because time ran out, nor were there any games of adjourning early to force a concur or recede vote by the other body. The capital budget is inflated by the inclusion of many local projects from last year's veto list. However, the operating budget was finalized at 1.5 % less than the Governor's requested budget.

Special Session

We have a Special Session scheduled for June 3rd. The administration plans to release the analysis on the gas pipeline proposal and a public/legislative briefing is scheduled for Anchorage on May 28-30. The rapidly approaching AGIA license determination and high projected long-term oil prices are stimulating lots of gas line proposals. We now also have the Conoco – BP study, ENSTAR bullet line, and Mitsubishi has just proposed involvement in construction and sale of LNG. These are in addition to the three other serious AGIA proposals originally submitted. Let's hope this time we actually commercialize our North Slope gas.

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

HEA 2008 Construction Schedule *Press Release*

Homer Electric Association is currently preparing scheduled visits for new line extensions and services in the south Kachemak Bay area between Halibut Cove and Nanwalek. Designated construction dates have been selected for each area (see map in the pdf file below). Please contact Homer Electric Engineering Department with your plans for new line extensions and services to be coordinated with other work in those designated areas and times. Construction projects scheduled during the designated dates will not be charged for non-standard construction costs associated with working in the south Kachemak Bay area (barge and helicopter time).

Please review the schedule below and contact HEA at 1 (800) 478-8551 x 3351 to plan your 2008 construction project. Thank you!

[Click here to view map and schedule \(pdf\)](#)

VSW Public Notice

Public Notice

SELDOVIA WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
ALASKA VILLAGE SAFE WATER PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Conservation, as provided by 18 AAC 76.040, is proposing to issue a Categorical Exclusion to the Environmental Review Procedures of the Village Safe Water Capital Improvement Project Grant Program for the Seldovia Water and Sewer Improvement Project

Project Improvements include rehabilitation or replacement of 3,030 lf of water main, 22 isolation valves, and 60 water services. Sewer improvements include replacement or rehabilitation of 2090 lf of sewer pipe, 11 manholes, associated sewer main cleanouts, and 25 sewer services.

This project will have no impact on any adjacent undeveloped properties or waters. Additionally the project will not directly or indirectly adversely affect any of the following:

1. Cultural resource areas;
2. Endangered or threatened species or their habitat;
3. Environmentally important natural areas.

The project is also not expected to have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the environment, either individually, or cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, state, local or private actions.

More information on the project and the proposed Categorical Exclusion may be obtained by phoning Lynn Marino at 269-7602.

The Department invites comments on the proposed Categorical Exclusion. Written comments must be addressed to the Village Safe Water Program, Division of Water, Facility Programs, Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501 and must be received by June 4, 2008.

The Department complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services, or special modifications to participate in this public process, should contact the ADA Coordinators Office at (907) 465-2814 (TTY Compatible).

Issued on the _____ day of May, 2008 in Anchorage, Alaska.



Greg Magee, P.E.
VSW Program Manager
Village Safe Water Program

Burn Permits

by Lisa O'Leary, Seldovia Fire Administrator



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for all burning, except small fires for cooking, warming, or signaling, and burning in a burn barrel set up to approved standards which include a metal mesh screen cover and location in a dirt area away from vegetation. Permits will also be required in September if fire season is extended due to dry weather conditions. When burning debris outside of fire season, state laws and regulations pertaining to burning practices remain in effect, including clearing the ground around burns and remaining in attendance of fires until they are completely extinguished.

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://forestry.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 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 burns larger than 10'x10' in diameter, four 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 Soldotna 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, check the piles to ensure that they are out. Open the pile to the air and clear vegetation, especially dry grass, away from the pile.

ALASKA DIVISION OF FORESTRY
KENAI-KODIAK AREA OFFICE
907-260-4260



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Special Notices



Wendy Jean McKenna, daughter of Warren and Sandy Polsky's , passed away on May 6th, 2008. She was 41 years old. A celebration and honor of her life will be on May 16, 2008 at the Ft Richardson National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made in Wendy's memory to Friends of Pets, PO Box 240981, Anchorage, AK 99524-0981. Condolences may be sent to Warren and Sandy at 4150 Vista Ct, Anchorage, Ak 99508

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends

Free Borough Class on Replatting in Seldovia - May 20

Seldovia P&Z will be helping Mary Toll from the Kenai Borough host a class on platting and replatting in Seldovia on Tuesday, May 20. Everyone is welcome to attend. Examples of replatting include the process for joining two lots together or splitting one lot into two lots. The class will be held in the Multipurpose Room at 2:30 p.m.

Drop a Note or Call Pete and Myra . . .

Myra is hanging in there with her chemotherapy but living in Anchorage is a real bummer. Pete is going to have a king salmon coronary if he doesn't make it back for the king run in June! (maybe we could mail him a can of salmon to hold him over???) Call or drop them a note to let them know we miss them . . . Myra Mumchuck, 802 Price St. Apt 13, Anchorage, AK 99508; new cell number: 310-8384.

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
lilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

Tidbits . . .

Ahhh . . . 50° almost every day and blossoms on the trees . . .



City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

City Manager Report for the period 04/23/08 to 5/14/08

- **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, Mr. Larry Poffenroth, came to town on 4/30/08 and met with three members of the City Council. Mr. Poffenroth stated that he would have the Husky II out of the Harbor in

the next 4 – 8 weeks.

- **VSW/CRW:** 1) Lee Olsen was in town on 5/06/08 looking over the construction site and he picked up the few applications that have been turned in. 2) Startup and Employment Interview scheduling should be made public soon. Employment applications are available at the City Offices during normal office hours. 3) Line 2 “Application” of the current employment application should be ignored. 4) 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. 2) Potential businesses are being contacted. 3) No new information has come forth regarding the value added fish packaging facility.
- **Senior Meals:** 1) The kitchen is now under construction 2) The entire program Budget is has been reviewed and approved by DHSS. 3) The new appliances are in the multipurpose room. 4) The Food Manager/ Chef has been hired. 5) Cook Assistant will be interviewed soon.
- **DPW News:** 1) The Loader is repaired and back in service. 2) The Haul-out trailer hydraulics have been rebuilt and adjusted. 3) The Backhoe has its new tires and is back in service.

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

Police were called regarding a trespass in a home by a family member who had arrived in town after the owner’s departure. Due to the subject having no instructions to stay away from the residence, the Police could not take any action.

4-wheelers were reportedly driving erratically behind the SBE School until 8:30 p.m. on May 2nd. No action was taken by the Police due to the report being taken after the fact and the identity of the operators was not known. However, it would be prudent for those parties continuing this activity to think about the Court date that will be required if they are caught and identified.

A man was observed driving up the hill behind the SBE School with his vehicle. This report was also taken after the fact and no action could be taken. The man will be contacted and the Police will share their feelings about this illegal activity with him.

A lady traveled to Seldovia from Anchorage to pick up her deceased brother's personal belongings. She met with the Police and the property was given to her.

A dog owner was contacted and told of a complaint lodged by a resident when his dog was found to be in the complainant's yard. No further action taken.

A vehicle that was parked on the corner on Airport Avenue was reportedly causing a hazard by forcing traffic to go into the on coming lane when passing. The Police contacted the owner and the vehicle was moved.

A lady was locked out of her apartment at Lakeside Terrace and the Police responded with a master key and unlocked her door.

A confrontation between a couple walking two dogs and a home owner with one dog occurred following contact being made regarding the couple's dogs not being contained. The Police contacted the parties involved and the matter was handled informally.

A couple who comes to Seldovia in the summer asked for assistance from the Police Department in the form of a letter to DMV reference a vehicle they keep here for transportation. A letter was written and DMV was asked to waive the IM requirement that is mandated in Anchorage, so the vehicle could be licensed and utilized in Seldovia.

The Police assisted a local contractor in a wide load flag when he moved the fish cleaning table from 1 mile, Jakolof Bay Road, to the City Dock.

A black bear was killed after it destroyed a bee hive of a local resident. In Defense of Life or Property, DLP, was filled out and the hide and head of the bear was sent to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, ADFG, in Homer. If a bear is put down in defense of life or property, a hunting license is not needed but the bear has to be forfeited and the paperwork has to be filled out and both sent to the ADFG.

Del Smith was in town and a meeting was held in the Multi-Purpose Room regarding the use of the ALMR radio system by Fire, EMS and the Police.

A report was received of the theft of two electric fishing reels, two rod systems and three extensions with a total loss of \$3500.00 to \$3700.00. The items were taken sometime during the winter months from the complainant's apartment which is located on Main Street.

Police assisted a man by jump starting his vehicle after he had returned to Seldovia after being gone during the winter months.

Police received a call that a man had thrown a rock through the plate glass window at the Main Street Market on Main Street at around 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Police contacted the man and he told the Officer he was assaulted and had repeatedly ask that the Police be called but everyone refused to call so he threw the rock through the window in an effort to get the Police to respond to his aide. An investigation was done and the man was given a Uniform Summons Complaint (a citation) charging him with Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor offense and an arraignment date was set

when he will have to go before the Court and explain his actions to a Judge. Restitution will be sought for payment of the damages.

A man reported his vehicle had been hit by another vehicle sometime between 2/05/08 and 5/12/08 while the vehicle was parked in the parking lot at the Seldovia Harbor.

A local contractor reported the theft of approximately 110 gallons of diesel fuel from the tank in the back of his pickup which was parked at his shop. The theft occurred sometime between 5/07/08 and 5/14/08. With the price of fuel the theft is nearing the amount which would constitute a felony theft. A felony theft is for any item taken with a value of over \$500.00.

The Police flagged a wide load from the Ferry Staging Area to the staging area at the Seldovia Airport when the assistance was requested by the DOT Maintenance man.

Police have Notarized 2 documents since last report.

NOTE: The Police are no longer Notarizing documents as the Notary Public license has expired and, to date, the City has not requested it be renewed.

This report is activity reported only between the dates of 5/03/08 and 5/15/08.

