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Seldovia's July 4, 2008 Festival
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Over 180 photos...
"You Otter Have Been Here!"

➔ Voting Options for November 4 Election

by Savannah Lewis, 2008 Seldovia Precinct Chair

Voters who are ALREADY registered in the state may request an absentee ballot by mail up till 10 days before the election. These ballots may be returned by mail or fax, with deadlines and submittal info here: < http://www.elections.alaska.gov/abs_in_person.php >

It is now past the deadline for those who are NOT registered in the state to obtain an absentee ballot by mail. Voters who are uncertain of their registration may call Division of Elections at (907) 465-3021 to check their status.

Seldovia no longer has absentee-in-person voting. Seldovian precinct voters may, however, vote absentee-in-person in Homer at the city office between Oct. 20 and Nov. 3, Monday-Friday from 8am to 5pm . The ballot available to them there will be the same ballot as they would receive in Seldovia. Seldovians may also vote absentee-in-person in any other community that offers this service, but depending on where they are, the ballot choices may not be the same as in Seldovia--although the major federal races will be. The full list of absentee-in-person locations is here: < http://www.elections.alaska.gov/avo08_general.php >

Seldovians may go into polls in ANY precinct in the state on election day and vote a "questioned" ballot. Depending upon the actual location of the polls, they may not have all of the ballot options available here in Seldovia, but will have the major federal races on their ballot. Votes cast by properly-completed questioned ballots by registered voters ARE counted; the term just refers to the fact that the question of where to count them is bumped back to Juneau because the voter will not be on that local precinct register.

Seldovians who are not registered to vote in the state may still go

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Seldovia, AK

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Seldovia Sea Otter
Booster Club
Help keep sports and
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programs alive for our
school!



Seldovia Boat Slips
for Rent
Only 32 foot slips are
available. Call for
details:
Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-
7643

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Every Monday,
Wednesday and
Friday
at noon in
Seldovia's
MultiPurpose Room

Manager



into any polls in any precinct in the state and cast a vote in the presidential race. This is done on a questioned ballot form and will also register the voter according to the information filled out (that is, it will register them in their home precinct, not wherever it is they are voting that day). ONLY the presidential vote will be counted on the ballot of an unregistered voter.

And for those registered voters who planned to vote in person on election day but are unable to get to the polls due to injury or illness, special needs ballots may be signed out by a representative from the polls, taken to the voter to be completed, and returned to the polls before closing. This service is available in Seldovia at all elections.

Top Stories

Seldovia & KPB's Changing of the Guard

by Tom Glover

Tim Dillon is Seldovia's new City Manager.
[Click here to read this weeks Spotlight on Mr. Dillon!](#)



Seldovia City Manager Tim Dillon

Tuesdays local election brings in a new Mayor and two City Council seats. Although final election results will not be available until the election is certified on Monday, October 13th (there are still approximately 14 absentee ballots to be counted), the following is the current unofficial tally:

Local Election Results - Certified

Mayor : One - three year seat

- Keith Gain - 50
- Savannah Lewis - 36
- Write-ins for six other people - 9

City Council: Two - three year seats

- Dean Lent - 67
- Walter McInnes - 55
- John Colberg - 41

Suggested donation
 \$4
 and
 Guests (under 60) \$6

 All Seniors Welcome
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- ▶ Animal Poison Control Center
- ▶ Bubble Wrap Stress Relief
- ▶ GE Home Energy Cost Calculator
- ▶ Glossarist
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- ▶ Health Square Medical Information
- ▶ Pronounce any Word in ALL Languages
- ▶ NASA Picture of the Day
- ▶ Reaction Time Test

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)
- ▶ Boys and Girls Club Calendar

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- ▶ [Seldovia Walking May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf](#)

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July
2008 PhotoStories
NEW! ▶ July 4 Festival
▶ Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May
▶ SBE Graduation
▶ SBE Prom April 12
▶ B&G Club Talent Show and Dinner March 28
▶ Basketball tournament State - March
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▶ SBE Last Home Basketball Game of the Season
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2006 PhotoStories
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▶ Halloween Carnival

Write-ins for ten other people - 11

Seldovia Proposition 1: Should the City opt out of the financial disclosure statement requirements for elected officials.

Yes - 47
No - 51

Borough Mayor

Dave Carey - 6,067 (Seldovia vote 44)
John Williams - 3,312 (Seldovia vote 63)

Borough Proposition 1: Sales tax on non prepared food items (Yes means that non prepared food items will be exempt from the borough sales tax from September 1 of each year and continuing through May 31 of the following year.)

Yes - 5,711 (Seldovia vote 77)
No - 3,724 (Seldovia vote 38)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our current Mayor, Dick Wyland and Councilman John Carluccio for their past dedication and service to the City of Seldovia and its citizens. Serving as an elected official in a small town is always a difficult job at best and is most often a thankless one. Next time you see one of these gentlemen on the street, why not stop and thank them for the job they did serving this community.



Mayor Dick Wyland




Councilman John Carluccio

Seldovia Community & Open Burn *by Mike Driscoll*

During the wet autumn season before snow flies, there is an urgency to complete outside jobs. Some of these projects may include burning long-forgotten burn piles, recently cleared trees and/or brush from a future home site(s). Whatever the reason for burning during the autumn season, or at any other time, please implement these important guidelines as set out by the Alaska Division of Forestry.

- Don't light a fire in windy conditions,
- Don't light a fire without first clearing all burnable material from around the fire area,
- **NEVER** leave a fire unattended!
- Be able to extinguish the fire if wind conditions threaten to spread the fire (have enough available water).

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip - July 25 - Part 3
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▶ July 4 Festival
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▶ CofC Chainsaw Carving Contest - May
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▶ SBE Spring Concert - May
▶ SBE School Play - May
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Empower yourself with these safety tips from the following website:
http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/kenai_area_intro.cfm

When burning debris outside of (summer) fire season, state laws and regulations pertaining to burning practices remain in effect. These include ground clearing around burns while remaining in attendance until fires are completely extinguished.

If you are burning and the wind comes up, put out the fire immediately.

In addition

For piles greater than 10 ft. in diameter or lawn burns one acre or larger, contact Kenai-Kodiak Area Office to schedule an inspection at the following website:

< http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/kenai_area_intro.cfm#contact#contact >

Noteworthy Alaska Statutes

Sec. 41.15.090. Building or leaving fires.

A person who builds a fire in or near timber, brush, grass, or other inflammable material without first clearing the ground immediately around it free from materials that will carry fire or who leaves the fire before totally extinguishing it, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 41.15.110. Uncontrolled spread of fire; leaving fire unattended.

(a) A person who knows of a fire or sets a fire on forested land owned, possessed, or controlled by the person, shall exercise due care to prevent the uncontrolled spread of the fire. A person failing to exercise due care which results in spread of the fire and damage to property of another is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) A person who neglects to make every effort possible to extinguish a fire the person knowingly sets on forested land or who leaves such a fire unattended is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) In a criminal action brought under this section, the escape of the fire is presumptive evidence of negligence by the person responsible for starting the fire and unless rebutted is sufficient to sustain a conviction.

HEA Customer Appreciation Day & HEA Board Meeting

News Release

Don't miss HEA Customer Appreciation day in the MultiPurpose Room on October 15th at 1:30pm. Great food, come enjoy the fun!



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Corrections

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HEA Member Appreciation Day

Wed., Oct. 15
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
At the Seldovia Multi-Purpose Room

Food Refreshments
\$50 Energy Credit Prize

Homer Electric Association, Inc.
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative *The power of human connections*

You are also welcome to attend the HEA Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, October 14 at 5:30pm.

**Notice of
Homer Electric
Association
Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 14
5:30 p.m.

**Seldovia
Conference Center**

Homer Electric Association, Inc.
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City Council Meeting - October 8

by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Allison Miller, Walter McInnes and Gerry Patrick. Councilman John Carluccio was excused. New City Manager Tim Dillon attended his inaugural meeting with Deputy Clerk Mary Klingler taking minutes and Mayor Dick Wyland presiding.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

SOS will present HAZWOPER training on the 16th through the 19th of this month. There is a sign-up sheet posted at the Seldovia Post Office. *Councilman McInnes* mentioned that it is "noteworthy" that there are more people that will attend than are currently signed up.

Chamber of Commerce had a well-received meeting in which a by-law change was implemented that will allow non-business residents to join for an annual fee of \$25.00. The Chamber would like to see younger people and others whom are interested in helping with Chamber-related activities to participate in regular meetings, planning and voting.

Old Business

The City Manager Position

The Letter of Employment has been signed for Tim Dillon as the new Seldovia City Manager. Mayor Wyland said, "...he expects a long and happy relationship with Mr. Dillon."

Action: None, information only.

New Business

Legislative Priorities

Mayor Wyland commented he felt this years' list would be better received if the top four or five priorities, (leaving lesser but still important line items omitted) were the only items on this year's list. Wyland said that a, "...bigger list did not mean a better list." Furthermore, Wyland would like to encourage each Council Member to make up their own list to initiate Council discussion and help in this selection process.

City Manager Dillon concurred, saying that keeping it short would be helpful and that submittal was coming up soon and he would like to see a finalized and approved list by the October 22nd Regular City Council Meeting.

Although he conceded he had not been in town long enough to have an intimate understanding of the communities needs for the list, he felt comfortable suggesting that the following three items may be considered: economic development, health/well-being and infrastructure.

Action: None, information only.

Husky II Disposal (Executive Session)

The auction of the Husky II which was scheduled for this Friday, October 10, has been postponed. There are some technicalities that need to be addressed

before the City proceeds any further. The problem is being dealt with by the City Manager, the Mayor and the City Attorney. An update on the progress will be forthcoming.

Action: None, information only.

Informational Items Not Requiring Actions

Councilman McInnes clarified a VSW Act monetary figure which was resolved.

Councilman Glover commented it may be a great time to contact Senator Stevens and Representative Seaton to find out what *their* priorities are. This insight was met favorably by Council.

City Manager Dillon said he would make those calls.

City Manager's Report, see below.

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

Council Members Gain, Glover, Miller and Patrick wished to express their thanks to Mayor Wyland for a job well done.

Councilman McInnes wished to thank the audience for their attendance and also thanked the community for their support in his (uncertified) reappointment for his seat on City Council.

A member of the Public, *Kris Lethin*, spoke on the subject of future fiber optic technology becoming available in Seldovia. He wished to ask the Council for their support in possibly communicating this desire to the entities (such as ACS and HEA) that would be directly involved in its inception.

Mayor Wyland said it's been, "...a fun go!" Additionally, he said that if anyone "needed assistance from the sidelines," he would be available to help.

A member of the Public, *myself*, wished to thank Mayor Wyland for his work on our behalf and that it was my pleasure to cover the Council meetings he presided over.

Deputy City Clerk, *Mary Klinger*, restated the need for the Special City Council Meeting scheduled for the 13th (in which election votes will be certified).

Next Meeting: October 22, 2008 .

Adjournment: Time elapsed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Boot Camp...Chicago-Style *by Tamara Blodgett*

Getting "swept away" in the windy city...

Taking advantage of our eldest son's boot camp graduation from the United States Navy was fair sailing for my former sailor husband and I. The nostalgia was thick as we entered the same gates that Dan graduated from in the winter of 1986. Now having come full circle, Josh has graduated from the same place two decades later.



Dan, Josh and Tamara Blodgett

Pomp, circumstance and pride...

Seeing the graduation amongst four thousand extended family members of graduating sailors from all around America was an experience in and of itself. There were thirteen graduating divisions, a fifty-state flag parade, marching band, choir and brief but heartfelt testimony to the rigor endured by the recruits. Especially comedic was actual footage via power point presentation of the recruits from their first day in boot camp. They all had identical shell-shocked expressions of transition into the discipline of their division and it's requirements. At the end of the hour and a half long ceremony when "liberty" was announced there was a rowdy cheer among the recruits and a mass exodus ensued. We were some of the first to leave the base to seek the most important thing...pizza!

Culture shock...

Josh graduated last year from Susan B. English school and has lived in Alaska, Hawaii and Washington state. Spending time in Chicago was a unique experience (understatement).

We made sure that one tourist destination was visited and headed straight to the Sears Tower. The perspective was awesome and the height truly phenomenal. It was so high up that my ears popped trying to adjust to the altitude while in the elevator! A couple of terrific factoids: the tower is the tallest office building in North America with *restroom facilities that are located the highest above ground in the world!*





The biggest city I have visited is Seattle (population shy 600,000), with Chicago at 2,900,000 souls! There was no comparison! The feel of the place, coupled with the sheer amount of older and different “flavored” architecture was an eye-opener. The climate can only be described as “muggy,” with the entire stay (except for the last day) marked by a constant deluge. There was no keeping dry! Traveling from comparatively arid Seldovia with “misting” rains was quite a change. We gave up before we started on figuring out where we were by using a GPS navigation system in our rental car which was an invaluable tool while we were driving unfamiliar terrain and experiencing the “fun” toll booths. This singular device made the entire trip streamlined and less stressful.

Life rolls on...

Josh has now moved to Monterey, California where he will study Arabic at the Defense Language Institute < Foreign Language Center>. What would be the chance that he would be so fortunate to move from one beautiful coastal location to another? One can only hope that a visit will come about to Monterey as well. Not a bad place to pass the time while studying...

Monterey is located eighty-six miles south of San Francisco and has a population of 28,000 people. It's temperate location is renown, having an average temperature of 60-72 degrees during the dry summer months. Their “rainy season” begins in November and will last through April with average annual precipitation of just under 20”. Monterey is home to a wonderful aquarium, is located very close to the beautiful town of Carmel and boasts the origin for Monterey Jack Cheese (we are most grateful).

Deja vu times two...

Next year will bring a second trip to the windy city as the second one flies the coop in preparation for *his* naval career. It will be hard to beat the majesty of the Sears Tower but we'll give it a try!

Special Notices

Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale

The Seldovia Crafters are having a Craft Bazaar on Saturday October 18th 2008, 10am to 3pm at Lakeside Terrace.... The Booster Club will also have its bake sale at the same time and place.

We will have free hot apple cider...and of course to get everyone in the moodChristmas music. We hope everyone will come out and support the Booster Club Bake Sale and pick up a few early Christmas items.

Hope you can put this in your paper....Thank you so much. Also if you need to talk to Sandee her number is 234-7465.

All crafters are welcome and new crafters are encouraged to come join us.....Hope to see everyone there.

Boys & Girls Club Update . . . *by Laurel Hilts*

Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Newsletter - [Click here . . .](#)

Well, it seems the kids are keeping busy each day with school in full swing. If you stop by the Susan B. English School 's Home Ec room after school, you'll find the Boys & Girls Club's Power Hour program in full swing. Students gather there each afternoon, Mondays through Thursdays, get a good sandwich to fill their stomach, pull out their assignment books, and then get to work. Vivian Rojas runs the homework club, with great support from volunteers Michelle Massion (a master teacher), Chelsea Suydam (an excellent high school student), and also substitute Ronene Gain (a dedicated and ardent supporter of our kids).

Our Power Hour program is a great partnership with the Club and with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District . The school provides the facility, the Boys & Girls Club provides the staffing, parents encourage their children to attend, and teachers connect with students and staff to ensure everyone's got the right stuff to get done.

Now sports seasons are going strong, with high school volleyball and wrestling, and junior high basketball. These student athletes can hit Power Hour before or after practice, and the coaches are great to encourage them to attend. Eligibility or ineligibility can last a long time, so we want to be sure to help these students have the best chance at succeeding on and off the court (or wrestling mat) as possible. Let's be sure to get out this weekend (Friday and Saturday, October 10th and 11th) to cheer on our Lady Otters' volleyball team. Go, Otters!

On another note, this past Wednesday the Seldovia Village Tribe and the Seldovia Volunteer Fire Department coordinated together to provide a Fire Safety Day at the B&G. Club members had a chance to watch a safety video, to conduct a safety survey of the Club (yes, Miss Hilts does need to get the furnace inspected!), and to take a tour of the huge fire truck. A highlight of the

event was the blasting of the water cannon. If the tennis courts needed a cleaning, they've had one now.

Here are a few photos of the fun times the kids had. Thanks, SVT and the SVF/EMS Department, for taking the time out to share with our kids.





The Clubhouse is open from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Pottery is open Mondays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Power Hour is open Mondays – Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
The Seldovia Village Tribe offers Teen Night on Fridays from 9:00 – midnight.

Any questions, contact: Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia
234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours
lilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

Seldovia Gazette Schedule Change

Summer is over and we have made a decision to stay with the bi-monthly publishing schedule of the Seldovia Gazette. The paper will be published on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

News Flashes will continue to be published as they occur in the area above the "Top Stories" line at the top of this page.

Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic

CORRECTION: This clinic is NOT coming to Seldovia, it is in Homer. Sorry for the error . . .

Homer Animal Friends is conducting a special Spay/Neuter Clinic for cats only during the month of October. Appointments with the Homer Vet Clinic will be taken for Wednesday's only. The cost to the owner is only \$10. Homer Animal Friends will cover remaining fees for the Spay/Neuter procedure. Call the Homer Veterinary Clinic at 235-8960 to schedule an appointment. If you have questions about this special clinic call Homer Animal Friends at 235-SPAY. Your call will be returned.

Tidbits . . .

This little Merlin Falcon comes around about this time every year to chase the Stellar's Jays in the trees off our back deck. We've never seen him catch one and since they are about the

same size, we're wondering if they just do it for entertainment.



City Manager's Corner

by Tim Dillon, City Manager

City Manager Report - October 8, 2008

Accomplishments during this period:

- Developed staff questionnaire
- Reviewed status of pending contracts
- Held staff meeting
- Finalized conditional approval to construct a wastewater collection system main replacement and repair - CRW Engineering
- Began reviewing issues with individual council members
- Prepare Husky II auction documents

Goals during next period:

- Meet with each staff member
- Finalize Trooper contract
- Finalize Jakolof Bay Float contract
- Finalize lease and dock license agreement
- Dispose of Husky II
- Get certification for water testing lab
- Review Seldovia Arts Council request
- Review Seldovia Chamber of Commerce request

Seldovia Police Report

by Chief A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

This report covers Police activities from 9/25/08 through 10/9/08.

- Police assisted a local resident after he locked his keys in the office area where he works.
- A vehicle was moved off City property at the request of the City Manager. No impound was necessary.
- Following a complaint of noise after 10:00 pm, Police contacted persons over seeing activities and explored ways the matter could be addressed. Hopefully no further problems will continue in this matter.
- Police responded to a report of a very loud party during the late night, early morning, hours and contacted persons responsible. A verbal warning was given regarding their disturbing others in the neighborhood and promises of a Court appearance for any future

offenses, was given. The Police have been assured their will be no repeat performances. This was the second of two parties in as many days. The Officer was out of town when the noise persisted through the night on the first occasion and couldn't respond but they were made aware the Officer had been informed about both occasions.

- The owner of a boat, which was parked on private property near the harbor, reported an attempted theft of gasoline from the vessel. The gas cap was left off when the party(s) left, or was frightened away, which left the tank open to rain water. No gas was taken but a definite attempt was made.
- A man asked for assistance in getting into a locked hanger where his plane was stored to access some personal belongings. A person with keys was contacted and transported to the location and the man was able to get his belongings prior to having to catch a flight out.
- A cell phone was found in the SBE School area. If you lost a cell phone call the Police Department and describe it to us.
- Since last report two bears have been sealed and assistance was given to a person who needed transportation.

