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

"PUBLIC NOTICE"



Winter is here and with it comes the snow. Due to problems in the past concerning snow removal and vehicles being parked on the roadway, we are going to be enforcing "Off Road Parking" starting immediately. Please do not park on the streets or roadways. Those of you who do park on the streets at your homes must now make other arrangements for parking your vehicles. With enforcement comes "Citations" and/or "Impounds", neither of which we wish to do. We will, however, do whatever necessary to insure the snow removal can take place without any obstructions on the roadways. Thank you, in advance, for taking necessary steps to comply with this request.

A.W. Anderson
 Chief of Police

Top Stories

Seldovia's New Mayor and Councilmen

by Tom Glover

Congratulations to Keith Gain, Seldovia's new Mayor.

Senior Meals

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

Spotlight

▶ Susie Stranik - Enjoying the Good Years



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



Seldovia Mayor Keith Gain (left) and departing Mayor Dick Wyland (right)

Congratulations to Walter McInnes and Dean Lent for winning the two 3-year City Council seats. Congratulations also go to John Colberg for being appointed by the City Council to fill the City Council seat vacated by Keith Gain after he won the mayors seat. Mr. Colberg's term will be one year, which is the time remaining on Keith Gains City Council seat. Photos of Mr Lent will be included at a later date.

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

All Seniors Welcome

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**Chamber of Commerce Report***by Shirley Hurley, Secretary*

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce held their October meeting at Seldovia Bayview Suites on October 2nd. Each month, a business member will be spotlighted. President Peggy Keesecker presided over a tremendous turn out. Guest speakers from Homer Wells Fargo Bank were Christine Tocherman, Business Banking Specialist and Jennifer McLay, Senior Relationship Manager. Winner of this months door prize was Greg Davis. The Chamber is currently conducting a membership drive. Members passed a motion to change individual memberships to \$25. to encourage residents of the community who do not own businesses to take part in joining us to make Seldovia a special place to live and work. Our newly formed hospitality committee will be contacting both old and new residents to say hello and invite you to join us for a fun-filled year. It's time to renew or place your business ad in the annual Seldovia Visitor Guide for 2009. Contact Mary Glover if you would like to put an ad in the Visitor. Memberships must be paid to have your business on the 2009 Seldovia Walking Map. Next meeting is November 6th, Location to be determined.

We have a new website address: www.seldoviachamber.org

City Council Meeting - October 22*by Joel Blodgett (through New Business) and Tamara Blodgett (Old Business to the end)*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following Council members present: John Colberg, Tom Glover, Dean Lent, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. Mayor Keith Gain presided with Deputy

other pages on this site.

Corrections

▶ None this week

City Clerk Mary Klinger taking minutes. City Manager Tim Dillon was in attendance.

Line item M-4 under New Business was changed to L-1 under Old Business with the Approved *amended* Agenda.

Ordinance Introduction

Ordinance 09-06, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Amending Title 2 of the Seldovia Municipal Code, Section 2.52.095 Official Travel, item #2. c).mileage reimbursement.

Action: Approved for introduction.

Ordinance 09-07, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Amending Title 2 of the Seldovia Municipal Code, section 2.22.010 Fire Department, Changing the Name of the Seldovia Fire and *Rescue* to Seldovia Fire and *EMS* .

Action: Approved for introduction.

Public Presentation Prior Notice

A member of the Public, *Kris Lethin*, representing Chamber of Commerce, would like the City Council members (as many as possible) to help with a plan for the beautification of the City for the year of 2009. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 27 at 1:30 pm in the Multi Purpose Room.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

Fish and Game has nothing to report at this time.

SOS finished HAZWOPPER training using the Husky II as the subject and it went well.

Planning and Zoning has a regular meeting scheduled at 7 PM on November 3rd to discuss building heights.

Old Business

Letter of Interest for Vacant Council Seat

Motion was made to appoint John Colberg to the City Council vacated by Keith Gain.

Action: Approved unanimously.

John Colberg took an Oath of Office for a one-year City Council seat.

Ordinance 09-05, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Seldovia , Alaska , Amending Title 15 of the Seldovia Municipal Code, Adding Section 15.20.015.

We are amending and adding to our current ordinances on vessel removal and seizure.

Action: Adopted unanimously.

Legislative Priorities (Resolution 09-07)

The Legislative top five items are as follows:

- EPA Match Grant \$237,091

Water Distribution and Wastewater Upgrade/Replacement
\$10,000,000.

- Water Filtration Plant as recommended by DEC \$3,000,000.
- Continuation of Small Boat Harbor repairs \$1,000,000.
- Consolidate City Operations' Buildings \$1,500,000.

Mayor Gain added line item #18 as the following: Industrial Support Facility \$500,000.

Councilwoman Patrick added line #17 as the following: Survey of Seldovia Cemetery \$15,000.

A member of the Public, *Dick Wyland*, thanked Council for the inclusion of the Smolt Stocking for Seldovia Slough for \$50,000, and requested that it be removed to line item #1 or #2.

Action: Approved as amended.

New Business

Approving VSW Contract Amendment, Subject: Filtration Cost Analysis

The total amount of this amendment is \$23,385, bringing the total not to exceed amount of this contract up from \$1,260,480 to \$1,283,865.

Councilman McInnes urged the Council not to be “pushed” from the filtration by avoidance method by the DEC. Furthermore, “... too much water study, without one pipe laid for delivery...” is McInnes' primary concern. McInnes feels that water delivery infrastructure is more important than water filtration at this time.

City Manager Dillon is going to get a “ball-park” estimate on the two systems.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Resolution 09-06, Adopting the Alternative Method FY 09 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program

The allocation of 50% of funding to be divided equally among all communities and 50% divided on a per capita basis.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Letter of Recognition and Thank You to Ed Pefferman and AML for Providing the Interim City Manager Program (McInnes)

After Council discussion, it was determine that Deputy City Clerk Klinger would draft a letter reflecting the Councils' appreciation.

Councilman McInnes wished to emphasize how fortunate, grateful, thankful and appreciative he was for AML 's support of these “professional services” during a time of transition for the City.

Action: None; consensus only.

Authorized check signers

Former Councilman John Carluccio and [former] Mayor Dick Wyland have been removed as check signers with the additions of Councilmen Lent and John Colberg.

Action: Approved unanimously.

City Manager's Report, See below.

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

Councilman Glover expressed interest in any updates forthcoming about the infrastructure work operation currently going on at the intersection of Seldovia and Winifred Streets.

Councilman McInnes noted that he has physically visited the above site numerous times and says that the corner contains several issues of delicacy of operation. It is not a simple, dig and replace. Some of the piping dates from 1963 and additional thin-wall steel was discovered along with a myriad of additional connections and obstacles; not the least of which was impeding rock. This has slowed the time line of the project considerably.

In addition, McInnes thinks CRW is striving to utilize the City's money in a conscientious manner by the use of Hopkins ' equipment on an hourly rate when it is actually *inuse*, rather than a flat monthly rate that may not accurately reflect *actual use*.

The Council membership, including Mayor Gain gave a warm welcome to the two, newest additions to City Council [Colberg and Lent].

Due to holiday schedule conflicts the **Next Meeting** will take place on **November 19, 2008** .

Adjournment at 9:04 PM .

Lethin's Celebrate 45th Anniversary

Kris and Judith Lethin just celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary! They came to Seldovia in the summer of 1979 with their four sons Bill, Dan, Kris and Tim. They love Seldovia and it was a wonderful place to raise kids.





**HEA Hosts a Great Lunch for Customer
Appreciation Day in Seldovia** *Photos by Melissa Carlin*



Thank you HEA!

Special Notices

Seldovia Lutherans Welcome New Pastor

Faith Lutheran Church of Homer and Prince of Peace, Seldovia welcomed a new Pastor on October 5th, 2008

Reverend Gerald Rabe accepted the appointment as Interim Pastor to the Homer area from Oregon. He follows Reverend Denny Neels who recently retired after more than 16 years of service in the Homer area.

Church services in Seldovia have been rescheduled to 1:30 pm on the first and third Sundays of each month. All persons in the community are cordially invited to fellowship with us. For more info please call Jan Wyland 234-7462

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 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.

 ***Boys & Girls Club Update . . .***

by Laurel Hilts

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

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.

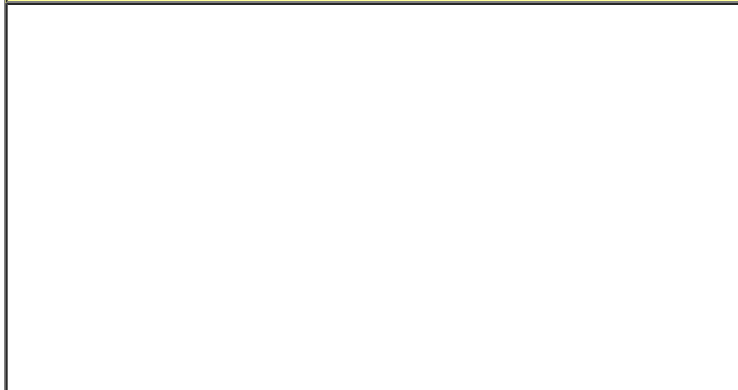
 ***Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic***

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 . . .

In case you didn't notice, the length of daylight time is still decreasing . . . the photo below is a Seldovia moonrise a couple of nights ago.





City Manager's Corner

by *Tim Dillon, City Manager*

City Manager Report - October 9 - 22, 2008

Accomplishments during this period:

- Met with several staff members
- Began transition process
- Finalized Trooper Contract - not signed
- Finalized Jakolof Bay Float contract - signed and the City should have the money by November 1
- Finalized lease and dock agreement with AMHS - signed
- Reviewed unplatted public lands adjacent to Main Court
- Reviewed Lot 1, Block 13
- Prepared plan and timeline for clinic upgrades
- Took ownership of the street sweeper
- Prepared funding priorities draft
- Met with and conducted a site evaluation with VSW and CRW

Goals during next period:

- Dispose of the Husky II
- Get funding priorities into legislators hands
- Get certification for water test lab
- Work with the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District
- Begin Harbor planning
- Explore an Alternative Energy Committee
- Work with Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District
- Continue to meet with staff and community members
- Prepare for winter

Seldovia Police Report

by *Chief A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

This report covers Police activities from 10/10/08 through 10/22/08.

- Police received a report of numerous food items, money and a boom box taken from the SBE School. The thefts were discovered during the week of 10/06/08 and it's suspected the items were taken during the weekend of 10/4/08. Anyone having information regarding these thefts is asked to call the Police Department.
- A resident of Seldovia found she was a victim of "Identify Theft"

following her receipt of invoices she for accounts and credit cards accounts she did not have. Information was taken and a joint investigation with a Sheriff's Office in North Carolina will, hopefully, reveal the guilty party and the ladies credit can be restored. Debts over \$5,000.00 were found to have been charged to different accounts in her name.

- A report of youngsters possibly being involved in "Huffing" was taken after numerous empty containers were found in an area on Church Hill. For those of you who are unaware, Huffing is the inhaling of gas, paint or other fumes which tend to produce a high, or euphoria, when inhaled. This also causes brain damage and is very, very dangerous. Anyone having any information about this activity taking place, or anyone finding a number of aerosol cans or paint cans, is encouraged to contact the local Police or someone in authority. You could very well be saving someone's life.
- A man was stopped for excessive speed on Jakolof Bay Road at approximately ½ mile and was verbally admonished. The speed limit for the first mile on Jakolof Bay Road is 25 mph. Many people exceed this limit and could be cited.
- A man observed driving a vehicle with expired registration was cited. The citation will cost him \$100.00 and he still must register his vehicle prior to further use.
- Visitors to our community observed a tent awash at the Outside Beach Park. They were able to save three blankets from the camp site but the rest of the property was destroyed. The blankets have been laundered and are available to the owner upon contact. If you lost the tent and your belongings call the Police to get them back.
- A blue bicycle was located on road right of way by DOT and delivered to the Police Department. The bike is being kept at the Police Department. If you lost a bike, or discarded one in the vicinity of 2 ½ mile, Jakolof Bay Road, contact the Police Department to regain your property.
- A vehicle was observed running a Stop Sign by the Police and the subsequent contact revealed the driver was not licensed and the vehicle was not insured. A citation for running the Stop Sign was issued and the lady was summoned into Court on charges of "Driving Without a License" and "Driving a Vehicle Without Insurance". Arraignment on the charges was set for October 28, 2008, at 0900 hours.
- A lady called and reported that she had hit a dog on Fulmore Avenue and that the dog ran in front of her. The animal was sent to Homer for treatment. No action was taken by the Police.
- A report that 2 young Husky type dogs, and a third dog, were running at large on Fulmore Avenue and were causing a hazard. The owner of the two pups was contacted and told to keep his dogs up and not to let them run free. More and more the dogs are becoming a problem. Please see that your animal is not running at large in the City.
- A vehicle was observed with expired registration and a warning notice was attached to the vehicle. The vehicle is to be parked until it is road legal. The owner of the vehicle was out of town and could not be located at the time of the observation.
- The Police were contacted by a person whose business is the sale of vehicle warranties. He was upset that the Police were encouraging citizens to avoid these kinds of sales, in that they could be fraud. The caller was informed that a person telephonically selling items, who is legitimate, should not have a problem giving information about themselves and their company. He agreed that a legitimate warranty salesman should give the caller the information they request so they could be checked out. If you are interested in extending, or buying, warranties on your vehicle, and you receive one of these type calls, you should make sure the caller is legitimate. Ask the name of the salesman,

his/her company's name, where they are located and a contact number and tell him/her you will get back to them. If he/she gives you this information go on line and check the business out with the Better Business Bureau. (BBB) Not all vehicle warranty salesman are trying to rip you off but be very sure you can tell the two apart and never give them any personal information over the phone. If they are legitimate they will be more than willing to deal with you through the mail.

- A report of suspicious circumstances was taken when a man reported a vehicle, with a number of amber lights across the cab, pulled into his driveway in the Barabara Heights Subdivision at 1:30 a.m. and lit up his home. Anyone knowing persons with a pickup truck that has amber lights on the cab are asked to contact the Police. Possibly there is an explanation for this activity but the Police and the home owner would both like to know what it is.
- With the weather getting below freezing we are again experiencing frost on our windshields in the mornings. It is very dangerous to drive without first clearing the frost, or snow, from the windows. Many people walk to work or school and, for this reason, there safety is at risk so citations will be issued for this offense. The fine will cost \$70.00 and could very well be saving you a lot of grief. I'm sure no one would intentionally create a hazard for others but that is what is taking place if you drive without first clearing your windows. I sure you don't want the fine or the embarrassment but now you are making an informed decision. So, it's up to you.
- Two people requested Police assistance since last report.

