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Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009

Just another day in paradise

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Boys & Girls Club Garage Sale!



Bobbi Sweat has donated all of her remnants from the closure of her shop, "Yesterdays," to the Boys & Girls Club! We'll be setting everything out today and you are welcome to come on by and look through the items. You name your price! All proceeds go to benefit the continued efforts of the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club. We hope to see you.

You can swing in from 3:00 – 6:00 when the kids are here, any day this week. Early birds are welcome.

Top Stories

HEA Rates Increase 23%

by Tom Glover

I'm not sure what your electric bill looked like this month, but ours was a disaster! As stated in this months HEA Newsletter:

"Under a tariff filed recently with the RCA, Chugach Electric, citing increased fuel costs, will increase both the retail rate charged to its members and the wholesale rate charged to its power purchasers including Homer Electric on January 1, 2009"

The 4 cents/kilowatt hour increase will change our overall HEA energy rate from 17.5 cents to 21.5 cents/kilowatt hour.

North Slope oil closed today at \$32.78; down from \$120+ per barrel last September. Natural gas closed today at \$5.45 per million BTU, down from about \$9.50 per million BTU last September. I think HEA and Chugach owe us a little better explanation than they are "struggling to control rates in the face of increasing fuel costs" . . . don't you?

Marketplace

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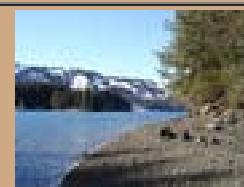


Come In, Browse, Have Fun!

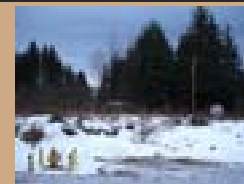
Herring Bay Mercantile
Seldovia, AK

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\$75k Waterfront parcel



\$34k Sunny lot in city limits



\$375k 134acres on the water

▶ Letters to the Editor
- None this week

Spotlight

▶ Tuggle Int-Hout - We Will Miss You



School

▶ Susan B English School by school reporters Katie O'Leary and Rochelle Purpura - Click here



Notices & Newsletters

Senior Meals

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon in Seldovia's MultiPurpose Room. Seniors 60 and over and spouses any age qualify, as well as, disabled persons and their caregivers. Suggested donation \$4

Guests (under 60) \$8

In Memory of Tuggle Int-Hout



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▶ [Click here to view the 2005 Seldovia Summer Visitor article \(pdf\)](#)

Bowdon-Hansen Wedding

by Tom Glover

Congratulations to Tom and Patti Bowdon, they tied the knot last month December 27, 2008!



Left to right: Tommy Bowdon, Patti Hansen Bowdon, Elijah Bowdon, Tom Bowdon, Tyra Bowdon, and Tamara Bowdon. Photo courtesy of Darlene Crawford

Chamber of Commerce Meeting - Jan. 8

by Mary Glover



\$170k Little house in woods



NEW Listing!



\$259k 5 Star home in Seldovia



\$198.5k Lakeside home Seld.



#350k Main Street business



\$549K Business Opportunity

WebSite Favorites

- ▶ AllMyFaves
- ▶ Animal Poison Control Center
- ▶ Bubble Wrap Stress Relief
- ▶ GE Home Energy Cost Calculator
- ▶ Glossarist
- ▶ Google Earth
- ▶ Health Square Medical Information
- ▶ Hand - Eye Coordination
- ▶ Line of Site Calculator
- ▶ Pronounce any Word in ALL Languages



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City Office (907) 234-
7643

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

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May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf
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▶ [Seldovia Summer
Visitor Newspaper
2008](#)

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2008 PhotoStories

NEW! ▶ [Halloween
Carnival](#)

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▶ [Craft Invitational
Chainsaw Carving
Contest - May](#)

▶ [SBE Graduation](#)

▶ [SBE Prom April 12](#)

▶ [B&G Club Talent
Show and Dinner
March 28](#)

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tournament State -
March](#)

▶ [Basketball
tournament in
Seldovia - February](#)

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2007 PhotoStories

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▶ [Halloween Carnival](#)

On January 8th the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting at the Keesecker's home hosting a very good attendance for a winter meeting. Business discussed was about continuing the efforts and support for the Gateway Park Project. The Chamber urges any member in town to be present at the next workshop. The official posting concerning this Gateway Park Project is:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Workshop 1-21-08
January 21, 2009, 7:00 pm

Seldovia Planning Commission
Parks & Rec. Committee
Chamber of Commerce

WORKSHOP Plans for CITY PARKS

The City would appreciate your input. Please, plan to attend. If you cannot, you may submit written comments by email or letter to the City office.

Posted by City Clerk at 1:47 PM on Friday December 19,
2008

Under New Business, Seldovian Tim Dillon (not City Manager Tim Dillon) presented the idea of having a man-powered boat fishing derby during the Chainsaw Carving Contest which is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. The Chamber warmly welcomed and voted for this event to occur. Seldovians – look for something new in 2009!

For the remainder of the meeting, guest speakers were De Ray Jones and Renee Schaffner from the Kenai Peninsula Bureau Audit Department. Mr. Jones presented all aspects of the new sales tax regulations in our borough and was very helpful in explaining the new changes.

City Council Meeting January 14 *by Tom Glover*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: John Colberg, Tom Glover, Dean Lent, Walter McInnes, and Gerry Patrick. Allison Miller had an excused absence. Mayor Keith Gain presided; City Manager Tim Dillon was in attendance with Deputy City Clerk Mary Klinger taking minutes.

Public Presentation Prior Notice

Kenai Peninsula Borough Presentation on New Sales Tax

DeRay Jones of the KPB presented a slide show, explained sales tax filing forms and fielded questions. The presentation was given in order to explain the new KPB procedures recently enacted as a result of the new taxation codes. These changes specifically affect sales tax collected on non-prepared food items sold between May 31 and September 1 every year. Additional information is available at the following pdf document:

[Sales Tax Document \(pdf\)](#)

Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda

1. Walt Sonen asked the City what happened to the waste oil tank that used

▶ [NASA Picture of the
Day](#)

▶ [Reaction Time Test](#)

NEW! ▶ [Shoot the Turkey
Game](#)

▶ July 4 Festival
▶ Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May
▶ SBE Graduation - May
▶ Seldovia Lodge Fire
▶ SBE Prom - "Casino Royale 007"
▶ SBE Last Home Basketball Game of the Season
2006 Archives
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▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2006
2006 PhotoStories
▶ SBE Play - December
▶ Halloween Carnival
▶ Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 3
▶ Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 2
▶ Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 1
▶ July 4 Festival
▶ Summer Solstice Music Festival - June
▶ CofC Chainsaw Carving Contest - May
▶ SBE Graduation - May
▶ SBE Spring Concert - May
▶ SBE School Play - May
▶ SBE Science Fair - May
▶ Prom - May
▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.
▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.
▶ SBE Basketball - Jan.
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to be stationed near the harbormaster office. Mr Sonen was worried that the City is sending the wrong message to the public by not providing a proper way to dispose of waste oil. Mayor Gain stated that he will address the issue with the City Manager.

2. Gerry Willard asked that the City please make arrangements to plough out the drainage ditch for the road in front of his house since it is filled with snow and ice and is flooding his house.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

SOS: The Husky II was boomed, monthly meetings have been changed to the 2nd Thursday of the month and the SOS Office Manager position is open.

Fish & Game: Nothing to report

P&Z Commission Chair, Paulie Carluccio, gave an overview of the recent workshop (January 12th). Comments and suggestions were collect from the 10 individuals that attended the workshop and they will be acted on at the next P&Z meeting in February.

Old Business

Ordinance 09-10, An Ordinance of the City of Seldovia Amending Title 18 of the Seldovia Municipal Code, Section 18.32.080 Building Heights

No Action until after the next P&Z meeting in February

New Business

Recommendations from Planning Commission to Approve a 30' Connection From the Boardwalk to T-28, Submitted by Jerry Stranik.

No Action: City Manager will write a draft letter approving the action and bring it to the next City Council meeting for final approval.

Application for City Credit Card

The City Manager has requested that the City obtain two credit cards. The cards are to be used during travel and for charges that have had to be placed on personal credit cards in the past. The card limits will set at \$2000 each and the authorized signers will be Tim Dillon and Ronda Haynes.

Action: Approved unanimously

City Manager's Report , see below.

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

Several councilmen thanked members of the audience for attending, thanked KPB for their sales tax presentation and welcomed newly elected Councilman Dean Lent back to town.

Next Meeting January 28, 2009.

In Memory of Vern McCorkle

▶ Seldovia Summer
Gazette Newspaper
2004

2005 PhotoStories

▶ SBE Christmas Play

▶ SBE Halloween
Carnival

Photo Archives

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Classified Rates

▶ [Instructions and rate sheet](#)



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Corrections

Vern C. McCorkle, 74, passed away on January 6, 2009 at Alaska Regional Hospital of pancreatic cancer. Vern was a Seldovia City Manager for several years in the early 1990's. Our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

Sen. Gary Stevens Interim Report

Hello again. With only a few weeks remaining in the legislative interim, my thoughts are turning toward the first session of the Twenty-Sixth Alaska State Legislature, which convenes on Tuesday, January 20th. This year marks my ninth in office, and my first year as Senate President. I am greatly looking forward to representing Senate District R in this leadership capacity, and to working with my colleagues in both bodies to meet the many challenges Alaska faces in the coming year.

In addition to my role in Senate Leadership, I will serve on the Committee on Committees, Education Committee, Rules Committee, Resources Committee and World Trade, Technology and Innovation Committee. Additionally, I will again serve on the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics and the Legislative Council, which is responsible for setting the rules and policies of the legislature.

FY 2010 Budget

Boards and Commissions

Permanent Fund Dividend Filing Period Begins New Years Day

Legislative Information Offices Open for Business

Senate District R's Legislative Information Offices (LIO) are currently open for business. I encourage you to utilize the LIO in your community to track bills, participate in teleconferences, offer testimony on legislation and contact other legislators during the coming legislative session.

The Seward LIO is staffed by Marianna Keil and can be reached at 224-5066. Charlene Ditton staffs the Homer LIO (235-7878). Lorna Steelman can be reached at the Kodiak LIO (486-8116).

Office Schedule for the Remainder of the Interim

As my staff transitions to Juneau, my Kodiak office will be closing Friday, January 2nd and will reopen after the session. My Capitol office reopens Monday, January 5th. My Homer office will remain open throughout the year. Please give any of my offices a call if you need assist you with any issues involving state government

Call me in Homer at 235-0690, in Kodiak at 486-4925, and in Juneau at 1-800-821-4925.

You can E-mail me at: senator_gary_stevens@legis.state.ak.us

[Click hear to read the full Report](#)

Special Notices

➡ Kudos to City Manager Tim Dillon

Tim Dillon, Seldovia's new City Manager, ended up being responsible for running the Alaska 50th Anniversary celebration! Governor Palin ask Tim to do the job about seven months ago and he agreed . . . of course *[the*

obvious reason being that Tim was individually responsible for saving Alaska's Arctic Winter Games from disaster]. He hired several good people to handle the three venues and fireworks and finished out the show by grabbing a microphone and doing interviews for the networks. Good job Tim!

SOS Office Manager Position Open

Part-time – 10-20 hours/week-\$10.00-12.00/hr. DOE
Flexible schedule with set weekly hours.

Job description: The office manager must accept total responsibility for maintaining the office. This requires being: punctual, dependable, accountable, detail-oriented and able to work independently without supervision.

Desired skills:

- computer literate
- bookkeeping ability – responsible for accounts payable and receivable
- payroll and associated reports
- prepare treasury reports for Board of Directors. Quickbooks knowledge helpful.
- knowledge of basic office machines
- professional attitude when relating to public
- ability to follow procedures during drills, training's and spill response
- assist trainers in gathering training materials
- monitor contracts
- writing grant applications

Other duties as they arise...

Please call the office at 234-7400 or drop by the SOS office (located in the city offices) to submit your application. Office hours are currently 9 AM-1PM. Monday-Friday.

Honda ATV Stimulus Sale

If you're a Honda ATV fan, All Seasons Honda in Homer (907-235-8532) is running a year-end stimulus sale until January 31, 2009.

[Click here for details!](#)

NO Parked Vehicles allowed on Roadway!

“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

 **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

Tidbits . . .

Winter is definitely here with -9 degrees one night last week and ice building up in the Seldovia Slough.



City Manager's Corner

by *Tim Dillon, City Manager*

City Manager's Report 12-11-08 to 1-14-09

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Economic Recovery Package
- Administrative Order – Husky II
- Denali Commission Planning
- CRW and VSW purchases
- Draft Plan of assisting State DOT with Impound Project
- Met with Tom Owens - Personnel
- Met with Lisa Murkowski - Funding

GOALS

- Finalize flooring plan for the Clinic

- Finalize the Electric Plan for the City Dock
- Work with Denali Commission – Harbor Project
- Finalize Impound Project Agreement
- Husky II
- Continue CRW/VSW Planning
- Implement Personnel Planning Tool
- Establish Conservation/Energy Committee

ACTION ITEMS

- Salary Adjustment for Personnel
- Potential Equipment Purchases

Seldovia Police Report by Chief A.W. Anderson, Seldovia

PD

This report covers Police related incidents from 11/26/08 through 01/15/09, during which Chief Anderson was on vacation from 12/13/08 through 01/12/09.

- Police responded to a report of a chocolate lab on the Seldovia Airport airstrip. The animal was hazed off the runway but the owner is yet to be identified.
- A person made suicidal type statements when angry and the case was referred to the Alaska State Troopers in Chief Anderson's absence.
- A report of sand being taken from the SVT sand stock pile was reported. A man was questioned and denied any involvement in the taking of the sand but it was reported the tracks led to his residence from the location. The sand is for use on the Borough roadways and is not free to the public.
- A lady requested a letter from the Seldovia Police Department regarding her lack of a criminal record in the area which was needed for employment reasons. The letter was written and delivered.
- A report of a man drilling holes in the Seldovia Slough Bridge was received and Police responded. The man stated he was only drilling the ice above the drains so the water standing on the bridge could drain. DOT was called and asked that the citizens leave the drainage of the bridge and State roads to the DOT. They use calcium and salt which has sufficed for years in the opening of the drains both on the bridge and the roadways.
- Police received a report of a vehicle in a ditch at approximately 1.6 mile, Jakolof Bay Road. Upon arrival the vehicle was gone from the location.
- A man, who was locked out of his apartment, requested assistance from the Police. Police responded and access was gained to the apartment.
- A man reported his vehicle had been damaged when it was hit while parked. The driver of the vehicle that backed into his vehicle contacted him and also reported the incident to the Police. Due to her vehicle not having been covered by insurance at the time of the accident, the driver was cited and was summoned into Court on charges of "Failure to Have Vehicle Insurance."
- Two dogs were observed running on the airstrip on two separate occasions. The dogs were hazed off the strip and pictures of the animals were taken but, to date, the owners have not been located.
- Police stopped a lady for running a stop sign. She was given a verbal warning after producing her insurance card and registration.
- A man reportedly lost his telephone communication on 12/30/08 and just regained service a couple days ago. He was told by the

telephone repairman that it appeared the telephone line had been severed with, what he thought was, a .22 rifle or a shotgun.

- Icy streets were named as the reason a lady lost control of her vehicle and slid into a ditch in the East Addition. A local contractor was contacted by the Police, at the request of the lady, and the vehicle was removed without further incident. No injuries occurred in the accident.
- Police provided transportation for one man who needed to deliver his vehicle to the airport for use by a person coming to Seldovia.
- Police received a report of a door open on a motorhome which was located at the Jakolof Bay Harbor. Investigation revealed the door had been forced open but it is unclear as to what, if anything, was taken as it is not known what was left in the motorhome when it was parked in that location. The owner will be notified of the forced entry.

The windy, icy conditions do make for dangerous driving. Be very careful and see that you have adequate studding or chains when navigating the roadways off the main roads. Also make it a practice to drive with your lights on during these dark, dingy days. Stop at the stop signs and watch closely for pedestrians. People walking during the hours of darkness should wear something reflective if you are wearing dark clothing. Be careful out there.

