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Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009

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Opinions



Seldovia Oil Spill Response Team
is accepting applications
for workers to assist with the clean up
of the Husky II.

Please pick up and submit applications at the
SOS office located
in the City Office Building.

The job requires minimum 24hr. HAZWOPER Cert. and
may last 10 days to 2 weeks.

For more information call:
Sharon-234-7400
Mark- 299-3224



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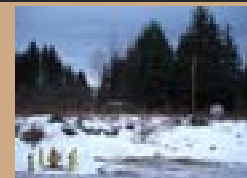


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\$75k Waterfront parcel



\$34k Sunny lot in city limits



\$375k 134acres on the
water



▶ [Letters to the Editor](#)
- None this week

Spotlight

▶ [City of Seldovia Senior Meals Program - Quarterly Rpt. for period ending 12/31/09](#)



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.

Top Stories

Coast Guard Assumes Husky II Clean-up in Seldovia!

Office of Public Affairs, US Coast Guard 17th District

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - The Coast Guard assumed responsibility for the clean-up operations on the 158-foot Husky II in Seldovia today [January 28].

The Coast Guard, operating in full cooperation with the City of Seldovia and the Alaska Department of Conservation (ADEC), is in the process of contracting Alaska Chadux to conduct clean-up operations. The owner of the vessel has been notified.

"We are working with city and the state toward resolution of their long standing issue with a vessel that is not seaworthy and can not be allowed to continue to deteriorate at the dock," said Capt. Mark Hamilton, commander Coast Guard Sector Anchorage.

The Husky II has been moored in Seldovia for over five years. After visiting the vessel Coast Guard inspectors determined it to be an imminent threat to the environment and public health and welfare. The Coast Guard issued the owner a letter requiring the following four items on Dec. 22, 2008:

1. The vessel to be encircled with containment boom for the protection of the environment should an unintended spill occur.
2. The owner to develop a plan to remove the oil and hazardous waste from the vessel and deliver that plan to the Coast Guard within 30 days of the date of the letter.
3. Within 90 days of the date of the letter complete the removal of oil and hazardous waste.
4. Not to move the vessel from its current location in Seldovia without notifying the Coast Guard 72 hours prior to movement.

The owner did not comply with the requirement to place boom around the vessel. The Coast Guard, in the best interest of the community and the environment, contracted with Seldovia Oil Spill Team (SOS) to place containment boom in place and monitor the boom daily. That contract currently remains in effect.

"We really appreciate the Coast Guard and State cooperation on this project," said Tim Dillon, city manager City of Seldovia. "We want to limit any chance of an oil spill in our harbor."

A survey of the vessel by Coast Guard marine inspectors and a representative of Emerald Alaska, an Anchorage based waste management firm, revealed 38,800 gallons of diesel and water mixture, hydraulic oil and lubricating fluids and about 1,000 gallons of hazardous waste to include solvents, various containers holding unknown liquids and marine batteries.

The Coast Guard held a meeting with the city manager of Seldovia and ADEC Jan. 26 to discuss the status of the Husky II. The owner did provide a plan to the Coast Guard at the end of the 30 day term, but it was vague and incomplete.

The vessel has been classified as a federal clean-up site and maybe accessed by authorized personnel only. The owner may assume the clean-up at any time by executing the Coast Guard initiated contract or entering into an equivalent contract with an approved response organization.



\$170k Little house in woods



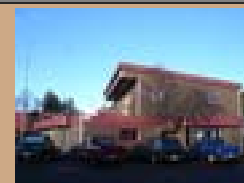
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\$259K 5 Star home in Seldovia



\$198.5k Lakeside home Seld.



#350k Main Street business



\$549K Business Opportunity

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Suggested donation
\$4

Guests (under 60) \$8



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

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programs alive for our
school!

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The Husky II is a World War II era vessel. Currently the engines do not function. According to marine inspectors the vessel is not seaworthy and would need substantial improvements to the engines and hull before it would be allowed by the Coast Guard to sail from Seldovia.

The clean-up is being funded out of the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund established by Oil Pollution Act of 1990. The clean-up is currently estimated to cost roughly \$450,000. To date about \$26,591 has been expended, which can be recovered through pursuit of civil penalties against the vessel owner for up to three times the total costs incurred.

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The United States Coast Guard -- Proud History. Powerful Future.

[Editors Note: a big thank you to Seldovia City Manager Tim Dillon for finally making this happen, it was a major effort on his part and very time consuming!]

HEA's Response to the Rate Hikes

by Joe Gallagher, HEA

"You are right that the rate increases don't seem to match up with the recent commodity prices. The reason for that is Chugach has four different contracts (ConocoPhillips, Marathon, Chevron, and Municipal Light and Power) to purchase natural gas. Those contracts allow for quarterly adjustments based on three commodities that are traded internationally; crude oil, heating oil, and natural gas. The changes in those indexes, averaged over a 12-month rolling period, are what cause the changes in the contract prices Chugach pays. When there is an adjustment to the contract price, the increase (or sometimes, believe it or not, the decrease) is passed directly to Chugach wholesale power customer, including HEA. Due to the 12-month rolling average, it takes a while for the utilities to see the change in the prices. When the crude oil prices were sky high back in the summer, we didn't see that reflected immediately in HEA rates, but now those high prices are affecting us. Hopefully, the commodity price will stay low and we will see a reduction in the fuel adjustment and lower rates this year.

The increases have been directly related to the fuel cost adjustments for natural gas. Homer Electric's goal is to remove itself from this overdependence on natural gas so that we are not at the mercy of the huge swings in the price of the fuel. If we can secure power from a variety of sources (coal, gas, wind, and hydro) we can optimize the use of each of those to keep rates as low as possible."

In response to why the January bill for December usage took place:

"Under RCA rules, a new WPCRA rate is effective with the next bill rendered (synonymous with printed or produced) and is not subject to a special calculation of days of actual usage. This has been the standard approach accepted and approved by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and standard practice of utilities in Alaska for many years.

Future press releases will state something like this: "The rate increase will be made effective for all bills sent out after 1 January which may include December usage."

I apologize for the confusion. "

[Editor note: Thanks to Joe Gallagher at HEA for responding to Seldovia's

▶ [NASA Picture of the Day](#)

▶ [Reaction Time Test](#)

▶ [Shoot the Turkey Game](#)

NEW! ▶ [Spider Walk](#)

This weeks addition to our favorite websites is simply amazing. Poke and prod the spider with your mouse, also 'grab' one of its legs with your mouse and drag it around the screen -- tell me it's not alive! Also anywhere on the map, hold down (or hit) the Space Bar, and it leaves little bugs, watch the spider go after them, this is totally crazy and creepy too! Flash player is required, if your browser asks to download it, say yes.

NEW! ▶ [Inauguration
Gigapan Photo](#)

Regardless of how you voted, this photo is amazing. Use the scroll button on your mouse or click on the zoom in-out area in the upper left corner of the photo. There are literally thousands of photos that make up this one big image. As far as we can tell, an individual photo holds 1 to 3 people!

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2007 PhotoStories
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▶ SBE Graduation - May
▶ SBE Spring Concert - May
▶ SBE School Play - May
▶ SBE Science Fair - May
▶ Prom - May
▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.
▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.
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concerns.]

Public Safety Update

by Lisa O'Leary

The City Council recognized Mike Driscoll and Tim O'Leary as the co-fire chiefs of Seldovia Volunteer Fire & EMS last night at the regular City Council meeting. Mike and Tim have been serving in the capacity of acting fire chiefs since the lodge fire in April, 2007. The Council expressed their gratitude for their service, and encouraged them to keep up the good work!

Seldovia Volunteer Fire & EMS is sponsoring a "red card" class this spring, which gives an individual training in wild land fire fighting, and wild land / urban interface fire fighting. A person with a "red card" certification is eligible to be hired by the Division of Forestry for wild land fire fighting. Interested individuals should contact the SVF& EMS office at 234-7812 for more information. Office hours are 2 pm to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Come and check out fire training Monday, February 2, from 7 pm to 9 pm. Anyone can start training at any time, and immediately start checking off skills to earn the certification of Basic Rural Firefighter. Working with the fire department is a great way to serve the community, ensure that Seldovia has emergency response, and have some fun while you are at it!

City Council Meeting January 28

by Tom Glover

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: John Colberg, Tom Glover, Dean Lent, Allison Miller, Walter McInnes, and Gerry Patrick. Mayor Keith Gain presided; City Manager Tim Dillon was in attendance with Deputy City Clerk Mary Klinger taking minutes and Treasurer Ronda Haynes reporting on financial's.

Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Ronda Haynes supplied a current Treasurer's Report and stated that the General Fund is Ok but there some concerns about the Water-Sewer fund due to the large number of repairs experienced recently. Adjustments to the Major Maintenance and Repair Fund may need to be addressed in order to resolve the Water-Sewer short.

Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda

Tamara Bowdon spoke on her dog being killed by an unleashed dog out the road at her fathers house. The City Manager acknowledged the situation and stated that Alaska State Troopers and the District Attorney are involved.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

SOS: The Husky II boom watch continues and the SOS Office Manager position is still open.

Fish & Game Advisory Board : A meeting has been scheduled for February 5, 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room to discuss Board of Game proposals.

Old Business

Letter written by City Manager granting an easement crossing requested from Planning Commission to approve a

SBE Basketball -
Jan.

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Corrections

30' connection from the Boardwalk to Lot T-28, submitted by Jerry Stranik.

Action: Motion to approve and accept the letter and send it to Mr Stranik. Approved unanimously

New Business

Susan B English School Gaming Permit

Action: Motion of no objection to the permit. Approved unanimously.

Recognizing Tim O'Leary and Mike Driscoll as Seldovia Volunteer Fire and EMS Volunteer Fire Chiefs, Shared Position.

Action: Motion to recognize as written above. Approved unanimously

Reappointment of Dan Blodgett to the Planning Commission

Action: Motion to reappoint as written above. Approved unanimously

Presentation of the 2008 Seldovia Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Lisa O'Leary, Fire Administrator)

This has been a Borough Project which involved hiring a professional planner to work up a "Plan" for Wildfire Protection. Input was provided by both the Seldovia and Barabara Creek Volunteer Fire Departments and the City and Council are encouraged to provide feedback and suggestion to the plan. Items in the plan include such things as how to respond and basis for getting funding.

The plan is available for review from the Seldovia Fire Department or City Office.

Selling Excess Electrical Wire from the Harbor Renovation (Glover)

Although the price of copper is down significantly, it was decided to proceed with the sale of salvage wire once the cannery site thaws out in the spring. Details of the sale and disposition of this scrap copper will be outlined at a later date.

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.

Workshop-Village Safe Water: February 19, 2009
Next Regular Meeting January 28, 2009.

Redoubt Volcano Activity is Possible

KPB News Release

Officials with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) believe there is a high likelihood that an eruption will occur from Redoubt Volcano. The District has an Emergency Action Plan that covers volcanic activity and earthquakes, and will work with the Borough's Office of Emergency Management to respond to any incident. The timing and severity of such incidents will determine the response or responses to be taken.

Parents should monitor the District website and listen to the local radio stations for updates if an event occurs.

Information relevant to volcanic activity and preventive actions can be found on the Borough web sites listed below:

KPB Office of Emergency Management – Volcano Status Report

<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency/default.htm>

KPB Office of Emergency Management – Informational Brochures

<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency/prepared/volcano.htm>

[Click here for pdf on Ash Alert Flyer](#)

[Click here for pdf on Community Preparedness Brochure](#)

[Click here to go directly to Alaska Volcano Observatory's page](#)

On another note, Seldovia got a good rumble and shake from a 5.7 earthquake at 9:10 am on January 24th. The earthquake occurred approximately 35 miles west of Seldovia (half way to Augustine Volcano) at a depth of 47 miles. The shaking lasted for about 10 seconds.

Made in Alaska Workshop to be Held in Seldovia

by Press Release

Made In Alaska will be conducting two free workshops in Seldovia on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the Seldovia Conference Center . The workshops will be on "Marketing to Alaska " from 1:00PM to 4:00PM and "How To: Digital Photography" from 5:00PM to 8:00PM.

"Marketing to Alaska ," will highlight:

- Made In Alaska Program Highlights
- Marketing Basics
- Direct Mail
- Public Relations

"How To: Digital Photography," will highlight:

- Basics of Digital Photography
- Hands on Workshop Photographing Participants' Products Whom Are Current Made In Alaska or Silver Hand Permit Holders
- Participants Will Gain a Photograph of Their Product on CD and the Knowledge to Capture High Quality Photos

The workshops are free and open to all who wish to attend, targeting the Made In Alaska and Silver Hand permit holders, retailers and other small Alaskan businesses that have a limited marketing budget.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling 907-272-5634 or

emailing madeinalaska@anchoragemarkets.com

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter

Greetings from Juneau on this 7th day of the first regular session of the 26th Legislature. We have an unusual number of returning legislators as there were only six non-incumbents elected. However, this is the first time the beginning session is only 90 days long and there is recognition that special effort will be needed to move regular issues in the face of our budget crunch.

We await the Governor's revisions to the proposed budget based on the reality of declining oil prices as she indicated in the "State of the State" address. I anticipate great difficulty in adjusting the budget to revenue reality without using our savings from the previous surplus.

My office is one the few in Juneau that has the advantage of all my excellent staff returning for the session. Katie, Louie and Mary Jane can extend help with state issues in their areas of expertise, as listed at the back of the newsletter. We are also graced with a UAF intern from Homer who will have a section in each newsletter as well.

Hopefully I am able to answer many of your questions through this newsletter, however for additional questions and comments we are scheduling the constituent teleconferences at the LIO for the second Wednesday of each month. The first teleconference will be Wednesday February 11th.

I am pleased to be on four important committee's this year; Education (Chair); State Affairs (Vice-chair); Resources; and Health and Social Services. I have included a description of the duties and authorities of each committee. Following the committee section is a discussion of the legislation I have sponsored.

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Sen. Gary Stevens Interim Report

Greetings from the State Capitol. Unseasonably warm weather greeted lawmakers as the first session of the 26th Alaska Legislature got underway Tuesday, January 20th. As you may know, I have been honored to be elected to serve as President of the Senate. It was a privilege to have my wife, Rita, son, Matthew, daughters, Anna and Natalie, and brother and sister-in-law, Chris and Nancy Johnson, present during my swearing-in ceremony and first floor session as Senate President.

My three years as the Senator Majority Leader, and one as Senate Rules Chair have served as good training for the role of Senate President, and I am looking forward to the challenges and responsibilities that come with this role. In this new capacity, I will continue my efforts to make sure that the many needs of the constituents and communities of Senate District R are well-represented as we craft state policies and the budget.

Again this year, I will be working closely with my counterparts in the House of Representatives Paul Seaton (R-Homer) and Alan Austerman (R-Kodiak) on your behalf. I look forward to the continuing the great relationship I have with both gentlemen and their staff that have yielded so many benefits for our region.

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

Special Notices

Change in Library Hours

For the remainder of winter, the library is discontinuing the Thursday evening opening and instead will be open on Wednesdays from noon-2:00 pm in conjunction with the Senior Meals service.

[Click here for more information on the website.](#)

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.

Summer Music & Dance Camp for Kids

Sitka Fine Arts Camp offers over 60 classes in visual arts, dance, theater, Alaska Native arts, writing, and music for students entering grades 6-12. [View Public Announcement](#)

2009 Camp Dates:

Middle School Session June 14-27

High School Session June 28 - July 12

Costs: The Middle School Session (June 14-27) costs \$965 for students staying in the dorms on campus. The off campus price which students who are local or have family or friends in Sitka to stay with is \$695.

The High School Session (June 28-July 12)

costs \$995 for on campus students and \$735 for off campus students.

Scholarships are available. Inquiries should be directed to Camp Director, Roger Schmidt. More information about camp on our website

at www.fineartscamp.org, including a new movie that was made last summer which may give you more of an idea of what SFAC is all about.
Kenley Jackson kenley@fineartscamp.org
Sitka Fine Arts Camp
(907) 747-3085

 ***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 . . .

A few privileged individuals get to leave Seldovia's dark, cold winter days. . . Mike's email address is mike@driscoll.net in case you would like to send him some hate mail.



City Manager's Corner

by Tim Dillon, City Manager

City Manager's Report 1-15-09 to 1-22-09

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Coastal Impact Assistance Program
- Review Husky II plan with Coast Guard
- Met with Senator Murkowski's staff on funding
- Met with Borough on available grants
- CRW/VSW Planning
- Denali Commission – Harbor Project
- Met with Joe Levesque
- Sanding truck is up and running
- Senior Meals data entered by Sandy Murray and Jan Wyland

GOALS:

- Sell excess wire and electric pedestals
- Finalize flooring plan for the Clinic
- Finalize electric plan for the city dock
- Develop waste oil collection program at the harbor
- Finalize Impound Project Agreement
- Husky II
- CRW/VSW Planning
- Work with Denali Commission – Harbor Project
- Establish Conservation/Energy Committee
- Implement personnel planning tool

ACTION ITEMS:

- To Skype or not?

Seldovia Police Report

by Chief A.W. Anderson, Seldovia

PD

The following report covers the Seldovia Police Departments involvement in incidents occurring between 01/15/2009 and 01/29/2009.

- A call was received in the early morning hours of a man reportedly driving while intoxicated. Police located the vehicle parked near the suspect's residence. Surveillance was held on the vehicle for over two hours without any further movement. No further action taken at

that time but the operator was contacted the following day and advised of the consequences of driving under the influence.

- Police stopped a vehicle on Winifred Avenue after it was observed to have only one headlight working and no tail lights or brake lights functioning. A verbal warning was given with a promise from the operator the violations would be corrected.
- Police responded to the Barabara Heights Subdivision and assisted the EMT's in a medical evacuation of a patient to South Peninsula Hospital in Homer.
- A report of a Domestic Dispute in progress was received from the 911 operator. Police responded finding the male party in the dispute had departed the residence and had flown out of Seldovia. No charges were brought due to the two parties being separated and no injuries being sustained during the dispute.
- Police provided transportation for a man to the Seldovia Airport to pick up a vehicle.
- A lady, while walking her dog on a leash, reported another dog, not on a leash, accosted her animal. The caretaker of the aggressive animal was contacted and admitted the animal was aggressive and she had to physically keep the dog from the other animal. The dog is now being confined and will not be allowed to run at large while she is taking care of the animal for its owner.
- Police received a call of a vehicle driving too fast on Young Street. The Officer responded but the vehicle, when located, was parked and the person thought to be driving the vehicle was later contacted and told of the report and that he would be receiving a citation if he continues to violate the law.
- A man was stopped for failing to stop at a stop sign. Due to the odor of alcohol being detected at the time of the stop, the man was given a series of field sobriety tests, which he completed satisfactorily, and he was asked to submit to a portable breath test, which resulted in a reading of .000. A verbal warning was given for failing to stop at the stop sign.
- Upon observing the lights on in a summer residence, the Police checked the home for evidence of a forced entry. A window was found unlocked but no evidence of entry was found. The owners were contacted and told of the Officer's observations and stated they had been to Seldovia over the week end and probably left the light on and failed to lock the window.
- One man and two ladies have come to the Police Department for fingerprinting for employment purposes since the last Police report.
- A lady reported a window on her vehicle was broken when vehicles were driving erratically on Main Street and spinning their tires and throwing rocks. She heard hitting her fence and observed three vehicles were involved. The incident occurred while Chief Anderson was on vacation and away from Seldovia and the lady called the Alaska State Troopers and reported it. Investigation continues in this matter.
- A report of vehicles being observed on the property of a vacant residence in the Barabara Heights Subdivision resulted in the Police doing a Security Check on that residence. No evidence of forced entry was found.
- A man reported a tire on his vehicle was slashed after he parked it in the Harbor Parking Lot when he went out commercial fishing. Investigation into the matter continues.
- A man reported he had totaled his pickup truck due to glare ice while Chief Anderson was on vacation. An accident report was filled out and filed with the State of Alaska.
- The caretaker of a vessel in the Seldovia Boat Harbor reported a door being open on the boat when he went to check it. The door had

not been locked and no forced entry was made. Nothing could be found missing aboard the vessel.

- Police were notified of a roll over accident in the vicinity of 3.2 mile, Jakolof Bay Road. The subsequent investigation resulted in charges being filed against a local resident for “Driving Under the Influence” and “Driving While License Revoked”. The charges have been filed with the Homer District Court and arraignment is pending.
- The Police observed a vehicle being operated with the driver’s vision being obscured by ice and snow. The man was told to clear his windows prior to further use of the vehicle. (We have a walking town and we will not allow this type activity.)
- A lady reported her vehicle had been taken without permission by a local resident. The subsequent investigation resulted in a local man being charged with “Driving Under the Influence”, (DUI), “Driving While License Revoked”, (DWLR), and “Theft of a Vehicle in the 1st Degree”. The DUI and DWLR are Class A Misdemeanor offenses and the Theft of the Vehicle is a Class C Felony. The charges have been filed with the Homer District Court and arraignment is pending.
- Police were contacted and asked to assist in the removal of a child from a parent. The caller was informed for the Police to become involved without a Court Order, the child would have to be in need of assistance or in harms way. The Police cannot, and will not, make a decision as to who should have custody of a child if that child is not in harms way. The Officer of Children’s Services, OCS, are aware of the matter and will be involved in the outcome.
- The United States Coast Guard, USCG, requested the Police contact a local person for them and deter any future boarding of the Husky II by him or other persons who had been caring for the vessel. The Police made the contact and were told he would not go back aboard in the future without consent from the USCG.
- A lady reported that she was accosted on Seldovia Street, near Main Street, by four dogs. Two of the animals jumped onto her back and it was not clear if they were just playing or being aggressive. Another animal drew their attention and they ran after it. The owner of the animals has been notified in writing of the incident and steps have been taken to control the animals.
- A report of Credit Card Fraud was reported by a local residence. Investigation into this matter is proceeding.
- A lady called the Police and reported her dog, which was being taken care of by her parents, was attacked by four large dogs and the attack resulted in the dog’s death. The incident happened in State territory and there is no criminal law that covers such an attack. The owner of the animals was contacted and advised that her dogs were deemed vicious and she must confine them or they can be destroyed from now on when observed by a Police Officer to be out of the confines of their property. I have been told the dogs have been confined and efforts are underway to insure they do not run at large in the future.

It should be noted that a person has the right to use deadly force to protect his property, his animals, or other person’s against attacks by marauding animals but it is also necessary to note the aggressive animal(s) in question must be on the person’s property, must be a threat to that person, another person or animal, or his property, when the deadly force is used. It is not the right of the general public to shoot an animal just because the animal has been deemed vicious and is running at large. There could be other animals in the area that appear to be the animals deemed vicious and, if fact, are not. If one observes the animals running at large, or animals they think are those deemed vicious, they should call the Police and let the

Police handle the matter. A civil liability could exist for anyone disposing of an animal of another if the criteria aforementioned is not followed.

While I'm on my pedestal, let me inform the public that the running of animals at large within the City Limits of Seldovia will no longer be allowed. In the past the Police have responded only when called regarding an incident with an animal but from this time forward we will be enforcing the City Ordinances regarding the animals. If you do not take seriously this warning we will make it possible for you to go before the Court and explain to the Judge why the law does not apply to you or the animals under your care. Let's work together and see if we can keep our animals contained when they are not in our immediate presence. As an animal owner you do have a responsibility to see that your animal is not running at large.

