

# Seldovia Village Tribe

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## SVT Health & Wellness

A Community Health Center Providing Primary, Preventative Care, and Naturopathic Healing.

## Going Green

Here is a simple way to Go Green, submit your email address to SVT to receive our Quarterly Newsletter electronically to reduce paper usage.  
email: [tgallien@svt.org](mailto:tgallien@svt.org)

## Seldovia Conference Center

Planning a conference or a wedding?  
(907) 234-7898



## SVT's Housing Program

SVT's Housing Office is still offering 4 programs for low income Ak Native families living in the Seldovia area.

## SVT Community Services

SVT Prevention Program has exciting events planned for Summer. Check out our Calendar!

[www.SeldoviaCalendar.com](http://www.SeldoviaCalendar.com)

## 2012 Open Enrollment

Enrollment for 2012 opens July 1, 2012 and will remain open through September 1, 2012.

### Why should your family members be enrolled?

Being enrolled with Seldovia Village Tribe has many benefits for programs available to Alaskan Natives. Being enrolled in your Tribe can help with housing needs, low income energy assistance heating program, scholarships, and much more. Below is the definition of eligible membership from SVT's Tribal Enrollment Ordinance.

*Section 6 ~ SVT Enrollment Ordinance:*  
*Any blood descendent of any person who was originally enrolled to the Native Village of Seldovia -under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.*

Questions call Trinket Gallien @ (907) 435-3248 if you have questions, concerns or want an application. Application can be downloaded at [http://www.svt.org/SVT\\_members.html](http://www.svt.org/SVT_members.html).

## SVT Health & Wellness



### Welcomes Dr. Downey

We welcome Dr. Downey, MD as SVT Health & Wellness Medical Director. Rob Downey comes to us with his wife and two children from Florence, Montana to Homer. Dr. Downey specializes in integrative and natural medicine, he is a Board Certified family physician and is very excited to be serving our communities.

## and Jennifer Swift NP

After two years of searching for the right candidate for a full time Advanced Nurse Practitioner to provide patient care in Seldovia, Anchor Point and Homer SVT Health & Wellness welcomes Jennifer Swift NP. Jennifer Swift, NP returns to Alaska from Phippsburg, Maine with her family. She received her B.S. from UA Fairbanks, was Associate Director of Alaska Wildlife Alliance in Anchorage from 2001 to 2006 and earned her family Nurse Practitioner training along with M.S in May of 2010 from the University of Southern Maine.





**Dr. Rob Downey, MD**  
**Dr. Margit Walker, DO**  
**Melissa Bunker, ANP**

**Open Mondays 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays- Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

To make an appointment or have questions regarding services please call (907) 226-2228.

**~Homer Dental~**

**Dr. Bill Richardson, DMD**

**Open Mondays - Thursdays**  
**8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**  
**Fridays 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.**

**~Seldovia~**

**Jennifer Swift, NP**

**Open Mondays & Thursdays**  
**9 a.m.- 5 p.m.**

If you would like to make an appointment or have questions regarding services please contact Shirley Hughes, (907) 435-3262.



### Wellness Services

Abby Laing, ND

- **Naturopathic Medicine**  
Healing through natural remedies
- **Nutritional Services**  
Holistic health through diet and nutrition
- **Sauna Services**
- **Massage**  
30 or 60 minutes, deep tissue, full body.

Open every other Thursday and Friday. To make an appointment please call our Homer office at 226-2228.

*Seldovia Village Tribe Contract Health Services will be covering Naturopathic visits.*

### Breast Cancer Detection Center ~Alaska~



Seldovia was fortunate once again to participate in a state wide effort of connecting with rural communities to provide examinations to residents who may not have the means, ability or time to travel for such services. BCDC has been coming to Seldovia for the past 4 years bringing it's state of the art mobile examination vehicle to our SVT Health & Wellness facility in Seldovia. If you have questions about how to receive this service in the future please contact Shirley Hughes, (907) 435-3262.



Rick Harkness, Seldovia Village Fire Chief  
 Barabara Heights Fire Department  
 participates in July 4th Parade

**Go Back To School HEALTHY**  
 NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

- ✓ Immunizations
- ✓ Well-Child Checks
- ✓ Dental Exams (Homer)
- ✓ Healthy Lunch Classes

**Get a FREE Backpack with an exam!**

**And a Chance to Win a New Bike**

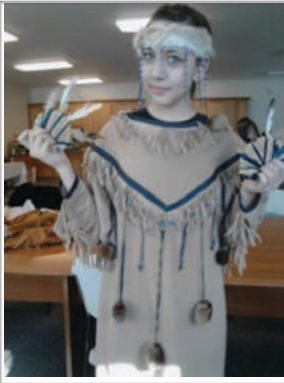
**Tuesday, August 7th, 9am to 5pm**  
**HOMER \* ANCHOR POINT \* SELDOVIA**  
 Call 226-2228 for an Appointment



## SVT Community Service Updates

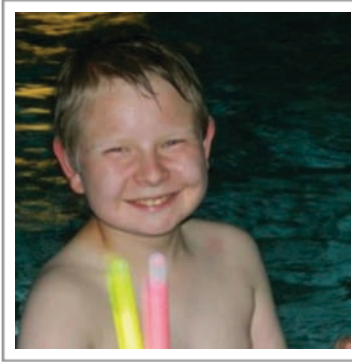
### Sea Otter Dancers

Ariel Anahonak and Sarah O'Leary worked this summer with our Sea Otters Dance Group. The girls learned several songs and dances and helped teach them to our young children at Ch'anik'na ~ Children's House. They all came together on the 4th of July in a float and then for a performance on the main stage. People were so pleased to see the dance group resurrected once again. We are excited to announce that we have received funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to do some wonderful activities this next year with the kids, including regalia and drum making, a special trip to the Alaska Native Heritage Center, and a Gathering in Seldovia next June.



*(Tribal member Arianna Waterbury sporting dance regalia.)*

been a destination twice, and Seldovia's youth have been able to "raft the rapids" of Windy River, and have developed their rock climbing capabilities. This week they will learn the fine arts of kayaking, and next week will be a day sailing trip for older youth.



*(Tribal member Trevor Bond)*

### Seldovia Swim Lessons

Vivian Rojas conducted her annual swim program for SVT. She was supported by lifeguards Ariel Anahonak, Sarah O'Leary and Sherri Burt. All ages were able to learn new skills during the six-week course (only \$25 per child which is a great deal!). Family members came and celebrated with the kids at the swim finale' and barbecue. Thanks to Vivian Rojas for her continued efforts to help our community's children learn how to swim!

### Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Response Training

SVT staffers were joined by other advocates as they learned how best to respond to the tough issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. Presenters from three major advocacy groups in the state came to town to share with our providers, and we are now moving forward with a plan to help respond more effectively if the worst case scenarios come about. (As a bonus, the presenters got to go on a skiff ride with SVT's Housing Coordinator, Rod Hilts and they loved their time out on Seldovia Bay!)



You can keep posted on the Prevention Program activities in many ways: On Facebook, visit "Seldovia Village Tribe Prevention Program" and click "like." On the web, visit [www.svt.org](http://www.svt.org) and select the Calendar of Events. Also on the web, go to the new [www.SeldoviaCalendar.com](http://www.SeldoviaCalendar.com) to see a list of all the activities that are happening in Seldovia each day!



### Visitor Center/Museum

Tribal Member Victoria Ogle and Nancy Opheim have made the Visitor Center/Museum more welcoming this 2012 Season. So far this summer 1,961 visitors have come through the doors of our facility. Hours are 10 am-5 pm daily and we will be open till September 7th. Seldovia Village Tribe is happy to display a informational Kiosk in the Visitor Center area. We are proud to display a monitor showing activity of Gull Island. This project in conjunction with the Pratt Museum of Homer has been a great addition to the Visitor Center/Museum. Cost is free but a suggested donation is always welcome.



### Outdoor Education

Alisha Sughrue continued her annual summer outdoor education activities for SVT's Prevention Program. In June and July, she took kids on great adventures, including a camp at Hoen's Lagoon in partnership with a group from Homer. The weather was incredible and the kids experience a true getaway. Red Mountain has

## Environmental Department Updates



Seldovia Village Tribe's Environmental Office has worked on several projects with the Pratt Museum this summer. One of which was an exhibit panel about Gull Island that we hope to have done by the middle of August. We will have one panel here in Seldovia next to the gull cam monitor and one in Homer at the Pratt Museum next to their gull cam monitor. We were very fortunate to go with an elder from Nanwalek and his nephew to Gull Island and document the collection of Gull and Murre eggs.

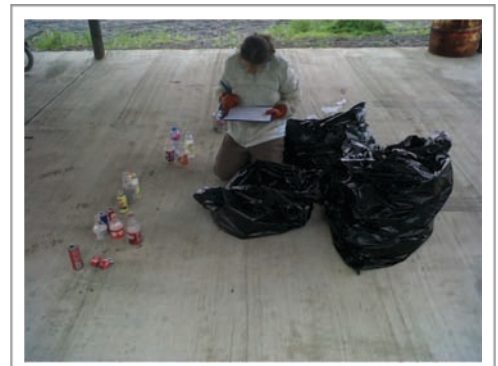


EPA staff worked on the Jakolof Dumpsite Assessment with Shannon & Wilson, Inc. Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants the week of the July 16<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting now for the lab analysis to come back to tell us if there is any contamination on the site. We were able to put in permanent test well sites so we can go back and sample from those as money allows.



EPA staff continues to do air monitoring at mile 2 and 4. We had one community meeting with our project officer from ANTHC. This meeting had several members from the community that turned out to enjoy Fat Olives pizza and learn about our project.

A community meeting was held with the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve who came to Seldovia to talk about a clam monitoring project they are working on in Kachemak Bay. We will be part of the outreach team here in Seldovia. We only had a couple people turn out for this talk but they were very interested in the presentation and asked some good questions so there was good discussion. What they are looking at is PSP and Domoic Acid in the clams.



Tracie continues to collect the recyclables from the bins around town and keep track of weights collected. We also have a Recycling incentive program for kids and adults. For every bag of aluminum cans and plastics, #1 and #2, we give a coupon for a free kids cone at Perry's Café.



### Summer Museum Intern Naomi Szpot

Courtesy of a grant through the Alaska State Museum Naomi has been helping to organize SVT's Museum documents. Naomi has also been developing collections policy, in addition to working on our artifact shadow boxes.



Originally from Wisconsin, Naomi is currently enrolled in the State University of New York History Museum studies graduate program in Cooperstown, New York. She visited the area for a week in 2009 and always wanted to come back, jumping at this internship opportunity. Stop by the Visitor Center check out her great work and say Hello.

### 2012 Schedule

All trips are 45 minutes one way.  
Please arrive 30 minutes before departure.

Depart Seldovia	Depart Homer Ramp 7	Depart Seldovia	Depart Homer Ramp 7
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	4:30 PM	6:30 PM

Thursday through Monday, May 24th through September 7th  
Closed Tuesday & Wednesday (with the exception of July 3rd & 4th)

Reservations not necessary.  
Purchase tickets right on the ferry!



## Behavioral Health Department Update



(Alene Hidecker, Behavioral Health)

The Behavioral Health Department has had a busy and successful jump into Summer season. We participated in the Seldovia Village Tribe's Community Health Fair in May and Cancer Walk. Then went to Homer to Participate in the American Cancer Societies Walk for the Cure, to help represent SVT Health & Wellness with SVT's Michelle Geagel, Emiley Sue Farris and Haven House Advocate Paula Lee. Last count was our team raised almost \$1,000.00 for the cause! We had a great booth set up with lots of informative pamphlets on the many types of Cancer and where to obtain help for your needs.

### Honoring our Veterans!

The Behavioral Health Department sponsored a special event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Baseball Game and BBQ. Honoring the local and visiting Veterans of Seldovia.



(Susan Gruber, Queen of the grill)

A great time was had by all. We are looking forward to doing other activities with our Veterans who have expressed a desire to get together more often.

(Juan Botero, SVT Seldovia Side Janitor up to bat)



(Ian McGaughey, SVT's PR/Marketing Director)



(Tribal Member Katrina Hecks, SVT Prevention Assistant)



### Support Groups.

BHA office continues to provide activities for it's support group here in Seldovia. Local Artist Sandee Elvsaaas has started a very fun series of clay art classes teaching the group who to work with clay in different mediums.



(Tribal Member Melissa Maher, Showing off her hermit crab man)

## Job Opportunities

### Chief Financial Officer

This position is full time. Salary DOE

### Senior Meals Cook

This position is part time. \$12hr

### Marketing Assistant

This position is full time. Salary DOE

### Web and Graphic Designer

This position is full time. Salary DOE

### Ch'anik'na Assistant

This position is part time. \$12hr

To receive a full job description or submit a resume' contact Shirley Hurley, Human Resources  
(907) 435-3267



# ATTENTION KIDS: CANS FOR CONES



Bring in at least half a grocery bag (about six items) of recyclables (aluminum cans, plastic bottles) to either Michael Opheim or Tracie Merrill at the Alaska Tribal Cache building, and you'll get a coupon for a free kid's scoop of ice cream at Perry's Café — **starting immediately!**

That's right....it's that simple. Just bring us some recyclables, and you get a free kid's scoop of ice cream. *So let's get involved in recycling!*

**QUESTIONS?** Contact either Michael Opheim at 435-3247 or [mopheim@svt.org](mailto:mopheim@svt.org) or Tracie Merrill at 435-3261 or [tmerrill@svt.org](mailto:tmerrill@svt.org).



This program is funded by Alaskans For Litter Prevention And Recycling (ALPAR) and being run through SVT's Environmental Department.



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