

# Seldovia Village Tribe

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## Tribal Election Results Newsletter

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### SVT Food Distribution Program

Seldovia Village Tribe's Food Distribution Program serves Natives and non-Natives in the Seldovia area.

### Seldovia Conference Center

Is now available for reservations. If you are planning an event for 2010, call (907) 234-7898

### [www.svt.org](http://www.svt.org)

To see Seldovia Village Tribe's upcoming events check out this website.



### SVT Health Center Seldovia Side

A Non Profit Community Health Center Providing Primary and Preventative Care.

Serving both Native and Non Native Clients. Located in the SVT Admin building across from the Harbor. To make an appointment contact (907) 435-3262

## Tribal Council Election Results

Seldovia Village Tribe has a total of 469 Enrolled Tribal Members, 345 of these Members are eligible Voters.

Thursday, February 11, 2010 the Tribal Election Committee convened at the SVT Administrative Offices to count ballots. Another year of just under 50% voter turnout was received. (158 ballots received-17 were invalid). Thanks to all who took the time to return their ballot. This is a very important privilege of being a voting Tribal member. Those elected to Council Seats are as follows:

Three year terms:

Trinket Gallien

Kim Collier

Don Kashevaroff

Officers were elected during SVT's Council meeting certifying the 2010 Election.

**President - Crystal Collier**

**Vice President - Lillian Elvsaa**

**Secretary - Trinket Gallien**



Regular SVT Tribal Council Meetings are open to all Tribal Members. Our next meeting is May 14, 2010 at the Tribal Offices Board Room, Seldovia Alaska

## EARLY BIRD DRAWING WINNERS!

Every vote counts.... This year 110 ballots were returned to the Tribal Offices by January 25, 2010. These ballots were then added to the Early Bird Drawing. 10 Lucky Winners were drawn and received New Berry Product of Blueberry and Cranberry Sauce. Congratulations to the following:

Tamara Bowdon, Colton Collier, Lars Moonin, Katherine Gottlieb, Charles Patton Jr., Frantz Hil-donen, Joyce Nelson, Dexter Ogle, Robert V. Meehan Sr., Marty White Jr.

## 2010 GRAND PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS!

**GRAND PRIZE, \$500** ~ Spencer Giles  
**2nd Prize, Plane Ticket**~ Jeannie VanHove  
**3rd Prize, Tribal Jacket** ~ Herman Elvsaa  
**4th Prize, \$100** ~ Kim Collier  
**5th Prize, Tribal Vest** ~ Coby Brodigan  
**6th Prize, Tribal Vest**~ Mickey Balashoff  
**7th Prize, \$50**~ Heather Betts  
**8th Prize, \$50** ~ Margaret Gauthier  
**9th Prize, Berry Product** ~ Patrick Marrs  
**10th Prize, \$25** ~ Edward Fox

## Seldovia Village Tribe Scholarships Applications Available

It's that time of year again already, Scholarship applications are available. To be eligible for a Tribal Scholarship you must be **enrolled** in the Seldovia Village Tribe.

SVT Achievement & Student Exchange Scholarships deadline is May 1, 2010 5PM. To obtain an application visit our website: [www.svt.org](http://www.svt.org) or contact Trinket Gallien, (907) 435-3248



# Seldovia Village Tribe Food Distribution Program

## What is the Food Distribution Program?

The Food Distribution Program is a federal program that provides commodity foods to low-income Native American and non-Native household residing in the Seldovia area.

Eligible households are certified based on income and resource standards set by the federal government and must be recertified at least every 12 months.

## How do I apply?

Applications for the SVT Food Distribution Program are available at SVT's Admin Offices. Households may file an application with Debbie Hecks SVT's CHR. All applications received by the program will be processed within seven days (excluding weekends & holidays) of the date received.

## What Foods Does the Program Offer?

Each month participating households receive a food package to help them maintain a nutritionally balanced diet.

Participants may select from over 70 products including:

- \* Canned meats, poultry, and fish.
- \* Canned fruits and vegetables.
- \* Macaroni and cheese, pastas, cereals, rice and other grains.
- \* Cheese, egg mix, nonfat dry and evaporated milk.
- \* Flour, cornmeal, bakery mix, and reduced sodium crackers.
- \* Low-fat refried beans, dried beans and dehydrated potatoes.
- \* Canned juices and dried fruit.
- \* Peanuts and peanut butter.
- \* Corn syrup, butter vegetable oil, and shortening.

## DUAL PARTICIPATION?

Household members are NOT permitted to participate in both the Food Stamp Program and the Food Distribution Program at the same time. Dual Participation by any household member in the Food Stamp Program or the Food Distribution Program is prohibited.

## LIHEAP

Seldovia Village Tribe has applications for Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program. Those households residing in the Seldovia area that are having trouble meeting their heating bills this winter are welcome to apply. For an application contact Debbie Hecks at the SVT Admin office (907) 234-7898 x. 230 to make an appointment Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

## Elders Meals

Seldovia Village Tribe Elder Meals have been a great success. Dinners are served to Natives ages 50+ Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6PM. Menu's have been mailed out to participants in the Seldovia area. We have to apologize for not including the call in number 435-3248 for reservations or prices on the last menu. Elder donation is \$4, guests must pay at the door is \$8. If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact us.

## Employee Feature



**Laurel Hilts ~ Prevention Coordinator:**  
Hello, folks.

Greetings from the SVT Prevention Program. My name is Laurel Hilts and I am pleased to have just recently joined the Tribe as the Prevention Program Coordinator.

This position is one that I have some familiarity with, having partnered with the program throughout my time as the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director. I worked at the local Boys & Girls Club for three and a half years, and prior to that I taught in the public school system for seven years, including one year at Susan B. English School.

I returned to Seldovia in 2005 after I taught in Yakutat, Alaska where I adopted my first child, Devon, a Tlingit Indian and member of the Tlingit/Haida Central Council. In 2008, I adopted two more children, Adam and Chaela, who have a rich Seldovia heritage and are members of the Seldovia Village Tribe and also the Bristol Bay Native Association.

Prior to teaching and raising children, I worked in media relations for a semi-professional soccer team in Charlotte, North Carolina, designing promotional material and coordinating large events.

All of these opportunities have given me practical experience that I believe can now be utilized in this new position. The Prevention Program works to provide activities that benefit the whole community and that promote drug and alcohol education. I am working with SVT staff to bring quality programs to Seldovia's children and adults, and also to folks in the surrounding communities. Additionally, I serve as the ICWA (Indian Tribe Welfare Act) representative and provide support for tribal children that enter the State of Alaska's Children's Services.

On a personal note, I enjoy playing the piano, practicing karate, and playing bass guitar and singing from time to time as a member of a local band, The Xtratufs.

Also, I grew up here in town and am a proud Seldovia Sea Otter!

If you are ever in the SVT offices in Seldovia, feel free to stop by my office and say hello. I would love to fill you in on the many activities we have to offer.

Laurel

## 2010 Natural Resource Priority Survey

This past February, the Environmental Office sent out natural resource priority surveys. We hope that every Tribal Member has received a survey so that you can help us to know what issues you would like our office to focus on. If we have missed you and you would like to fill out a survey please contact us at (907) 435-3247 or e-mail [mopheim@svt.org](mailto:mopheim@svt.org). We hope that you take the time to fill out the survey and send it back with your contact information so that your name can be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the ATC gift store. Laurel Hilts was our 8<sup>th</sup> person to return a survey so she won a \$25 gift certificate to the ATC gift store. In all, 378 surveys were sent out and we have had 22 returned to date. We are accepting surveys till April 30<sup>th</sup>, when the drawing for the \$50 gift certificate will be held.

Michael Opheim  
Environmental Coordinator

about \$208 back in your pocket every year (replace them with a 20-watt CFL and save more – but slightly less light.)

Bring your bulbs to the Environmental Office between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and we would be happy to exchange them for you (five bulb limit per household). You can contact the Environmental Coordinator at 234-7898 ext.222 or [mopheim@svt.org](mailto:mopheim@svt.org) with any questions about this program.

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**SVT has received a lot of returned mail from Tribal Members. Please Keep Your Address UP to Date with our office. Call or Email Us. Thank You!**



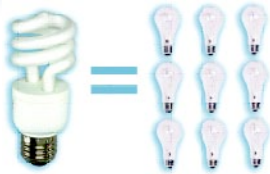
## Join us on Facebook

Seldovia Village Tribe would love for all interested people to partake on Facebook. SVT, SVT Health Center and Alaska Pure Berry all have a facebook page. Please check them out and feel free to offer suggestions on what you would like to see more of.

Save paper, cost, and extra mail get your newsletter via email. Email us at [svt@svt.org](mailto:svt@svt.org) and we will add your name to our electronic list.



## Light Bulb Exchange



We still have compact florescent lights (CFL) from our collaboration with HEA's Kick InCan program at the Environmental Office. If you have any incandescent bulbs that you would like to turn in we can replace them for you with new CFL's.

Incandescent bulbs waste 90 percent of their energy generating heat. The "fuel" efficiency of a CFL is like replacing a car that gets 20 miles per gallon with one that gets 100 miles per gallon.

Replacing incandescent bulbs with CFLs lower the electrical bill for lighting up to 75%. If you replaced 20 75-watt incandescent bulbs with 23-watt CFLs, you would save 1,040 watts for every hour that the lamps burned. At five hours per day, this means saving over 2,000 kWh or



## SVT Dental Services

Provider:  
**Bill Richardson DDS**

**Angela Duke**  
Dental Hygienist

**Health Center Hours**  
**Monday-Friday 9am-5pm**

**Phone: (907) 226-2311**

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## “COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY”

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## 2010 US Census

*It's Easy ~It's Safe ~It's Important*



*Interested in receiving a Tribal Census  
Sweatshirt?*

To promote 2010 U.S. Census SVT is giving away sweatshirts to anyone willing to call or email SVT's Census Liaison with why it is important to fill out the U.S. Census. [tgallien@svt.org](mailto:tgallien@svt.org). Still have quite a few sweatshirts remaining.

and the information we ask of you.

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark ☒ one or more boxes.

- ☐ White  
☐ Black, African Am., or Negro  
☒ American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.   
**Seldovia Village Tribe IRA**  
☐ Asian Indian ☐ Japanese ☐ Native Hawaiian  
☐ Chinese ☐ Korean ☐ Guamanian or Chamorro  
☐ Filipino ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Samoan  
☐ Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.   
☐ Other Pacific Islander — Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.

☐ Some other race — Print race.

Asked since 1790. Race is key to implementing many federal laws and is needed to monitor compliance with the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act. State governments use the data to determine congressional, state and local voting districts. Race data are also used to assess fairness of employment practices, to monitor racial disparities in characteristics such as health and education and to plan and obtain funds for public services.

All should be receiving 2010 US Census forms either via mail or a Census taker has come to your door. As Alaska Natives it is important to fill out question number 9 ethnicity as "Alaska Native" and tribal affiliation as Seldovia. Questions regarding this subject can be answered by calling SVT tribal offices. (907) 435-3248.