

Seldovia Village Tribe

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SVT Health Center

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

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.

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Prevention Program

SVT Prevention
Program has exciting
events planned for
Summer.
Watch for Signs!

2010 Annual Health Fair

Seldovia Village Tribe's Health Fair will take place at the Susan B. English School this May 15, 2010 starting at 8AM until 12 noon.

The following are some of the tests available during that time. Blood Chemistry \$35, Thyroid (TSH) \$30, Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA). If you are interested in getting your blood drawn one must fast for 12 hours prior to blood draw. Fasting means no food or drink, just water.

Other Booths will include: Blood Sugar Screenings, Blood Pressure, Vision, Height & Weight, Immunizations, Tobacco Prevention, Heart Monitoring, Shaklee Products, Traditional Native healing and much more.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Debbie Hecks CHR @ (907) 435-3255.



Seldovia Bay Ferry

Service between Seldovia and Homer begins
May 26th, 2010

Kachemak Voyager 2010 Season - Schedule

Beginning May 26th, Alaska's newest passenger ferry will commence service between the popular end-of-the-road destination of Homer and the secluded village of Seldovia, located on a roadless area of Alaska's Kenai Peninsula. "Often when people hear the word 'ferry' they think basic transportation," said Sarah Richardson, Director of Public Relations for the Seldovia Village Tribe, the owners of the new vessel. "Our service operates in spectacular Kachemak Bay, so we wanted to offer an experience that would be unique and memorable. Since this ferry was custom-built for us, we took

every opportunity to create an innovative vessel that would showcase this wilderness destination... I think guests traveling in Alaska will be impressed," adds Richardson.

The m/v Kachemak Voyager features innovations such as a stable, twin-hull catamaran design, flat panel LCD displays with real-time route information, a shallow draft allowing for up-close scenic cruising, specially engineered double-paned view windows to reduce condensation and fogging, aircraft-style seating, a wrap-around exterior viewing deck, and a forward solarium. Onboard, amenities include a full galley, coffee and beverage service, loaner binoculars, a gift case, and an array of seating options. The ADA compliant vessel features two passenger levels, plus additional outside seating offering unobstructed panoramic views of the glacial peaks and still-active volcano, Mt. Redoubt. "Since the vessel operates in a National Estuarine Research Reserve, early on in the planning process it was decided that we would lessen our environmental footprint whenever possible," said Richardson.

Innovations continue where the guest may not necessarily notice, including an advanced hull design requiring less fuel

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to operate; high efficiency engines that meet EPA's latest stringent low emission standards; and strict adherence to company Best Management Practices for waste reduction, recycling, and pollution prevention.

The ferry operates May 26th into September and offers three round-trip sailings daily from Homer to Seldovia. En route, travelers pass Gull Island rookery for up-close bird viewing and sail Eldridge Passage for a chance to spot sea otters, whales, and marine life that inhabit these waters. Cost for round-trip sailing is \$59 for adults, \$29.50 for children. Reservations can be made online at seldoviabayferry.com or by calling 877-703-3779.

ABOUT THE OWNERS: The Seldovia Village Tribe (SVT) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe that serves its members and the communities of Kachemak Bay, Alaska. SVT works to preserve their culture, be leaders in community health, promote business enterprise, and foster educational opportunities. To learn more about the Seldovia Village Tribe, visit www.svt.org. By: Sarah Richardson

Sailing Times:

- Depart Seldovia - 8:00 a.m.
- Depart Homer - 9:15 a.m.
(includes sightseeing)
- Depart Seldovia - 11:00 a.m.
- Depart Homer - 12:15 p.m.
(includes sightseeing)
- Depart Seldovia - 5:00 p.m.
- Depart Homer - 6:15 p.m.
- The schedule is subject to change at any time.



~Seldovia~

**Donna Fenske, APRN-C
Family Nurse Practitioner**

**Sue Christiansen, PA
Physician Assistant**

**Open Mondays & Tuesdays
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.

~Homer~

Dr. Margit Sheinmel, 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.

**"COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR
OUR COMMUNITY"**

~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.**

2010 Natural Resources 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) 234-7898 ext. 222 or e-mail 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 8th 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 30th, when the drawing for the \$50 gift certificate will be held.

Michael Opheim
Environmental Coordinator



Alaska Tribal Cache

2010 Summer hours 10AM-6PM
Monday thru Saturday, 11AM-5PM
Sundays begin Memorial Day Week-
end. ATC will be featuring fresh
fudge and Alaska Pure Berry Prod-
ucts. Order online today! Website
www.alaskajamsandjellies.com



Job Opportunities

Play Group Attendant

This position is full time.

Play Group Assistant

This position is part time.

Alaska Tribal Cache Gift Store

This position is part time.

Senior Meals Assistant Cook

This position is part time.

Visitor Center/Museum Greeter

this position is part time

To receive a full job description or
submit a resume' contact Shirley Hur-
ley Human Resources (907) 234-7898
x. 244

Elder Dinners

SVT's Elder Meals are available to our
Native residents over 50 years of age
and their spouses. Guests are wel-
come by invitation. Please notice the
day change. Dinner will begin at 6
p.m. Monday and Wednesday unless
otherwise stated. Meals will be served
at the Seldovia Conference Center. If
you would like to reserve a dinner
you can call 435-3248 and leave a
message stating whom and how
many plan on attending dinner (rec-
ommended) or call in and have a
meal reserved with the option of de-
livery.

SVT Housing Program

SVT Housing has received informa-
tion and application materials from
the U.S. Department of Agriculture
recently announcing a greatly ex-
panded Home loan program. These
programs are open to all rural U.S.
citizens. They are especially generous
for "off the road areas" such as Seldo-
via. Direct and/or guaranteed loans,
some as low as 1% if you qualify in-
come wise, are available. A represen-
tative from USDA will visit Seldovia
in early May to talk make a presenta-
tion for the Tribe and try to assess the
housing needs in the Seldovia area.

In the meantime the SVT Housing
Office can supply you with the infor-

mation we have. The programs in-
clude new construction remodeling
and renovation. There are one or two
programs for renters also.

Visitor Center/Museum

SVT Visitor Center/Museum will be-
gin 2010 Summer operations May
26th, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. We have
had a few improvements in the Mu-
seum over the winter be sure to come
in and check it out. Cost is free but a
suggested donation is always wel-
come.

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Prevention Program

SVT's Prevention Program continues to provide many services for the Seldovia community. From drug and alcohol counseling, to swimming and Easter Egg hunts, we are busy making sure we have a lot of excellent things to offer here in town.



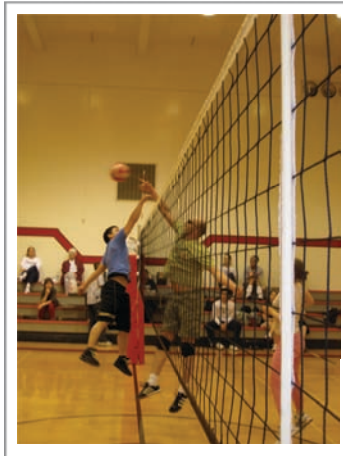
Behavioral Health Aide Alene Hidecker works with folks needing counseling for drug and alcohol prevention, and she advocates against domestic violence by collaborating with the South Peninsula Haven House and hosting a domestic violence education and support group once a month.

The Prevention Program provides regularly scheduled activities for the community's children and adults. Swim and gym nights are a weekly feature on the calendar, as well as Teen Nights. In addition, we offer classes in karate and blues guitar, not to mention many special events. This

Spring, we will begin offering small workshops in town, featuring local talent. We started off with a Spanish Class taught by Susan B. English School alum, Emily Mickelson. Workshops and classes will be offered on a monthly basis, with opportunities for folks to learn how to cook, paint, sew, and create many different items.



Here are a few of the other activities we have going on between April and June, 2010: In April, we hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt for Seldovia's children. An all night Lock-In was held after the school Prom, and the Spring Carnival featured three days of activities for all ages in late April, including volleyball and basketball tournaments, games for kids, community swimming, a contra dance, dinner and a rock concert, plus much more!



In May, Activity Assistant Rob Rurka plans to have a Community Movie Night, with a 60's theme. On May 15th, we will sponsor a Cancer Awareness Walk immediately follow-

ing the Tribe's Health Fair; last year 30 people participated and this year we hope to double our numbers.

The Prevention Program will partner with the school to provide evening activities for their Workforce Development Academy, the two weeks prior to the end of school. The Academy includes visiting students from Port Graham, Nanwalek, English Bay, Tyonek and Hope. As part of the Academy, SVT staff plans to present a Career Day to the junior high and high school students in attendance.

Once school is over and summer vacation has begun, Activities Assistant Al Sughrue will have many activities for kids to participate in. A bonfire will kick off the summer activities, followed by Easy and Play Group Hikes and a Sea Otter Cabins Camp out.

In June, we will continue with hikes for participants of all levels, plus there will be a camp out at Jakalof Bay, an Oyster Farm Adventure Tour (sounds like fun!), a Kasitsna Bay Lab Sleepover, and a Kachemak Bay Summer Solstice Trip.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the activities offered by the Prevention Program. If you are interested, feel free to give us a call at 907-435-3252 for more information.





Seldovia Bay Ferry has arrived in Seldovia

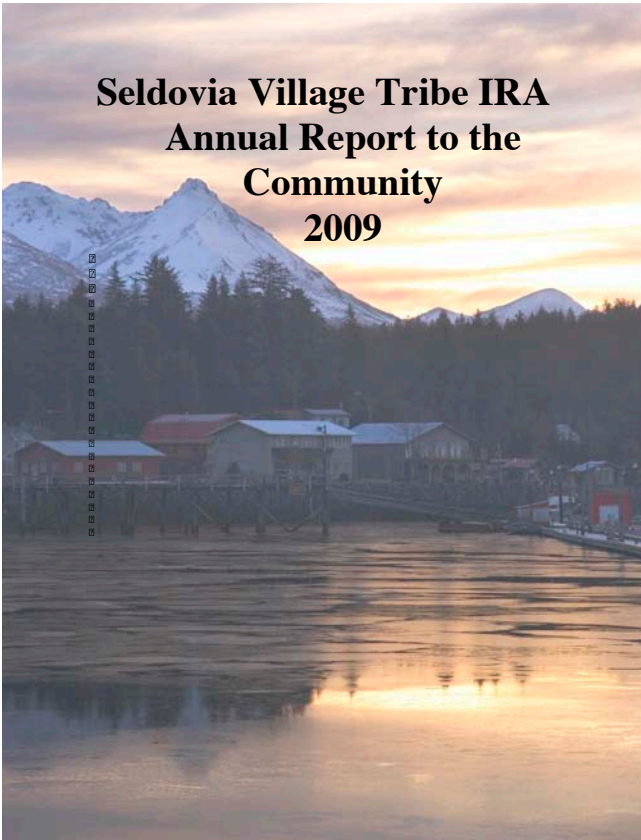
Early afternoon on May 5th, 2010 the Kachemak Voyager arrived in Seldovia Bay.



*Photos provided by
Michael Opheim and
Crystal Collier.*



Seldovia Village Tribe IRA Annual Report to the Community 2009



To receive a full Annual Report go to www.svt.org or call the Tribal Office to have it shipped directly to you at (907) 234-7898. This is a new feature the Tribe has incorporated from our strategic planning sessions in 2009.



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