

SELDOVIA VILLAGE TRIBE
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A Quarterly Newsletter

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NEW 2013 SCHEDULE!

ONLY \$33
plus taxes
ONE WAY!

UPDATED SCHEDULE!

May 23rd - September 3rd
Thursday-Monday

9AM & 4:30PM
Departing Seldovia

11AM & 6:30PM
Departing Homer

Additional Dates:

Tuesday, May 28th
Wednesday, July 3rd
Tuesday, Sept 3rd

No reservations needed!



Freight: First box FREE!
Additional boxes \$5 each

Bikes \$10
Kayak \$20
Animals \$8



Choosing Respect!

More than 50 people gathered in Seldovia to take part in the statewide Choose Respect rally, calling for an end to domestic violence, sexual assault and child sexual abuse.

Participants marched from the school to the post office carrying signs calling for Alaskans to step up, take a stand and make a difference. More than 140 communities across the state participated in Choose Respect marches.



Watch the video at youtube.com/seldoviavillagetrive



Come Join the Seldovia Walking Club

Every Wednesday at noon (weather permitting) a group of Seldovia walkers hits the trail, road or beach for an hour of fresh air and exercise. Please join us at the SVT entrance of the Visitor Center building.



Bingo Action Continues

There are still plenty more Bingo games to be had. Join us at the Seldovia Conference Center on:

Tuesday, May 7th

Tuesday, May 21st

The action starts at 6:00pm. A recent winner walked away with \$115. Could you be next?



Community Health Fair: Seldovians Put Their Health First



Women's Health Fair: Springing Into Wellness



Behavioral Health Specialist and Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Now Seeing Patients in Seldovia



Windy Russ, LCSW

- Traumatic stress and crisis management
- Behavioral intervention and education
- Individual, family and children's therapy and skill development

SVT Health & Wellness continues to expand its services to residents of Seldovia with the addition of two new professionals. Behavioral Health Specialist Windy Russ is in Seldovia each Tuesday, and Naturopathic Doctor Hillery Daily is here every other Friday.

Call 435-3262 to make an appointment today!



Hillery Daily, ND

- Treating the whole person, rather than symptoms alone
- Wellness through natural remedies, nutrition and lifestyle
- A fully integrated approach to health care



Join us most Thursdays at the Seldovia Conference Center for live simulcasts of informative and fun health classes, all part of our *Thriving Thursdays* program. Check out svthw.org to stay up to date.



Seldovia Ski Club a Hit With Kids & Adults



Fun with Fiber Arts! Stephanie Blanchard leads a class that demonstrates cleaning, carding and spinning various fibers.



Become a Foster Parent

Open Your Heart & Home

On average, there are approximately 1,200 children each month in foster care in Alaska. Foster homes provide children in care a temporary, safe, stable and nurturing home until they can be reunited with their families. Some children stay in a foster home for days or weeks; some stay for several years. In some cases, children are placed permanently with another family.

You may become a state foster and/or adoptive parent if you:

- are willing to open your heart & home to welcoming foster or adoptive children.
- have a stable home and some solid parenting skills.
- are culturally supportive and make every effort to keep the child engaged in traditional values and activities appropriate to the Tribe where the child is a member.
- are single or married.
- with or without children.
- stay at home or work outside the home.
- meet specific State of Alaska Foster Care requirements.

Types of Child Protection Resources

Tribes and the State of Alaska have concurrent jurisdiction in Alaska Native child

custody matters (Indian Child Welfare Act 1978).

State of Alaska

There are several types of family resource opportunities to provide temporary care for children until a child is reunited with his/her family or placed with an adoptive family. Relative Caregivers, Foster Homes, Therapeutic Foster Care, Guardianship Homes, Adoptive Homes.

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA, 1978)

ICWA is a federal law which requires states to work with Alaska Native and Native American families in an effort to keep a child in the care of family members or an approved tribal placement.

SVT is interested in finding families in the Cook Inlet Area that are willing to become foster parent/parents. Please contact Laurel Hilts, SVT ICWA at (907) 435-3252 email lhilts@svt.org.

Help Protect Our Children—
Make a Difference



Remaining Regular SVT Council Meetings 2013

May 15, 2013

Dimond Center Hotel Anchorage

September 27, 2013

Seldovia Village Tribal Council

Crystal Collier, President

Lillian Elvsaas, Vice President

Trinket Gallien, Secretary

Kim Collier

Suzanne Collier

John Crawford

Brittany Elvsaas

Don Kashevaroff

Helen Quijance

Regular Tribal Council Meetings are open to all Tribal Members.

Job Opportunities

**Prevention Activities
Outdoor Education/Adult
Programmer**

**Licensed Massage
Therapist**

**Seldovia Bay Ferry
Deckhand**

To receive a full job description, submit your resume or application, please visit www.svt.org or contact Shirley Hurley, Director of Human Resources, at (907) 435-3267 or employment@svt.org





Tribal News

Serving our Communities Since 1990

2013 Open Enrollment

Enrollment for 2013 opens July 1, 2013 and will remain open through September 1, 2013.

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. The following 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 contact Trinket Gallien, Enrollment Clerk at phone: (907) 435-3248, email: tgallien@svt.org. Application can be downloaded at http://www.svt.org/SVT_members.html as well.



HOUSING PROGRAM

Low Income qualifying amounts continue to increase for the HUD programs that the Tribe administers.

These new standards may allow some to qualify who previously did not.

For instance a single person household, owner, renter or wanting to purchase can have qualifying

annual income up to \$46,650. A family of four total household income can be \$59,500.

There are programs for college student housing, modernization/ weatherization, first month/ deposits renters help and more.

Contact Rod Hiltz, Housing Coordinator at 435-3260 or email: rhiltz@svt.org.

Elders Meals

Attention: Due to recent cuts to our Federal program funding we are suggesting a \$5.00 donation per meal and guest meals at \$12.00. Thank you for your participation.

SVT's Senior Meals Program provides hot and healthy meals to Seldovia's Native Elders. We also offer home-delivered meals to qualifying Elders with disabilities.

Our dinner programs are open to all Native Elders over 50 and their guests. We suggest a \$5.00 donation for Elders. For guests wishing to join SVT Senior Meals, who haven't yet reached the young age of 50 or are non-Native, the cost per meal is \$12.00.

Please join us Tuesdays & Thursdays 5pm at the SVT Conference Center.

24 hrs ahead to 435-3270 and let us know you will be there.

