

Seldovia Village Tribe

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A Quarterly Newsletter

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SVT Health & Wellness Adds a New Range of Services

With the arrival of Medical Director Rob Downey, MD, SVT Health & Wellness has been on a roll. Services have been expanded to include a larger focus on preventative and holistic health.



Robert Downey, MD

The new "Thriving Thursdays" classes have begun, featuring a variety of presenters discussing topics relating to wellness—and many classes are available in Seldovia via live simulcast. Watch, listen, ask questions and engage in the presentation as if you were there! Check svthw.org

for the current schedule, or like [facebook.com/SVTHealthWellness](https://www.facebook.com/SVTHealthWellness) to keep up to date with all the programs and services.

Meet Your Seldovia Clinic Health Provider

Kristin Booth, ANP came all the way from Alabama to work at SVT Health & Wellness in Seldovia. She is credentialed with The Alaska Native Medical Center and has an Alaska Advanced Nurse Practitioner license. Stop by and say "Howdy."



Kristin Booth, ANP



Food Distribution Program

Seldovia Village Tribe's Food Distribution Program is a federal program that provides commodity foods to low-income households residing in the Seldovia area.

Each month participating households receive a food package to help them maintain a nutritionally balanced diet. Participants may select from more than 70 products.

Applications for this program are available from Debbie Cameron at the Alaska Tribal Cache building. Please call 435-3255 for more information.





Another Great Season for the Seldovia Bay Ferry

Seldovia Bay Ferry's Kachemak Voyager is more than just a ferry—it's a vital road that links Seldovia to Homer. With 10 round trip voyages a week in 2012, the fast ferry makes it possible for residents, businesses and travelers to make the quick 45-minute trip, without spending a small fortune on airfare or enduring a nearly two-hour one-way narrated nature tour.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2013!



Captain Joe and First Mate Clayton ensure passengers travel safely and comfortably



One happy family—Camille, Mariah and Barbara



Chimney Brushes for Your Use—Free!

November is always a good time to sweep the chimney. With winter on its way, wood stoves will be used to heat many of our homes. Seldovia Village Tribe has chimney brushes available for your use at no charge. Contact Tina Yuth at the SVT offices, 435-3246, to learn more.



Have Fun, Win Cash—Play Bingo!

The ping-pong balls are jumping, numbers are being called and the winnings are big during Bingo at the Seldovia Conference Center! The fun starts at 6:00pm. Upcoming dates are: Tuesday, November 20th Tuesday, December 4th Tuesday, December 11th You've got to be there to win!

Back to School With a New Bike

Congratulations to Kyla Apeles of Seldovia—she was the winner of a free bike during the Seldovia Clinic's National Health Center Week celebration.



Building a First-Class Road



Superintendent Bill Luebbert has been leading a crew of eight constructing a one mile length of road in the Barabara Heights subdivision of Seldovia Village, called Mine Loop Road. They've stopped for the winter, but will be back in the spring to apply the finishing touches.

Gathering Together for Culture Camp 2012

Seldovia Village Tribe's Environmental Program held its 2012 Culture Camp August 6-11. The camp theme was "Gathering Together", and 36 youth and adults from Seldovia, Port Graham, Nanwalek, Tyonek, Homer, Kenai, Anchorage and Palmer did just that. Participants taught and learned from each other as they celebrated the traditional cultures of the Cook Inlet area. Activities included Native Youth Olympics, dancing and singing, exploring, campfires and enjoying an outdoor life framed by the tides at Hoen's Lagoon.





Tribal News

Serving our Community Since 1990

2012 Open Enrollment

Seldovia Village Tribe's Open Enrollment closed September 1st for 2012. The Seldovia Village Tribal Council met September 27, 2012 and approved the Enrollment applications for 2012.

A BIG WELCOME to the following new members:

Grace Carlson, Teresa Carlson, Maxamillion Carlson-Minks, Tamara Elliott, Audrey Juliussen, Jens Juliussen, Hannah Karis, Jacqueline Karis, Michael

Karis, Nicholas G Karis, Jack Koldeway, Crystal Marrs, Jacob Nelson, Jordan Nelson, and Genelle Lopez.

New members should have received a Tribal Enrollment card in the mail. If you or a family member have not received a Tribal card please contact Trinket Gallien Enrollment Clerk as soon as possible.

If any Tribal member has misplaced or need corrections made to Enrollment cards feel free to contact Trinket Gallien, Enrollment Clerk at the Tribal Offices (907) 435-3248 for a new card.

Energy Assistance



Seldovia Village Tribe has applications available for Energy Assistance.

Those household residing in the Seldovia area that need assistance with heating bills this winter are welcome to apply.

For more information and an application contact Debbie Cameron at 435-5255 Monday through Friday 9am-5pm. Debbie's office has been relocated to our Alaska Tribal Cache building.

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.

MISSING ADDRESSES

**Your Address is important to us!**

The following Seldovia Village Tribal Members do not have a current mailing address on record and should contact Trinket Gallien Enrollment Clerk by calling (907) 435-3248 or email: tgallien@svt.org.

- 👤 Anna Darwin
- 👤 Beau Brady
- 👤 Brandon Stewman
- 👤 Brenda Kehl
- 👤 Brittany Landrum
- 👤 Charles Gilligan
- 👤 Charles Mumchuck
- 👤 Christopher Honegger
- 👤 Deanne Eads
- 👤 Edward Kehl
- 👤 Eva Jensen
- 👤 Fredrick Josefsen
- 👤 Hoyt A. Ogle
- 👤 Jean Moonin
- 👤 Jennifer Markey
- 👤 Jesse Mauer
- 👤 John Simeonoff
- 👤 John C. Eads
- 👤 Judy Moonin
- 👤 Julia Markey
- 👤 Justin Keef
- 👤 Leonard Medley

- 👤 Linda S. Raatz
- 👤 Mallory Huntsman
- 👤 Mary Beth Richardson
- 👤 Max Ollestad
- 👤 Michael Diamond
- 👤 Michele Meehan
- 👤 Nolan Ogle
- 👤 Philip D Kehl Jr.
- 👤 Rachel Newell
- 👤 Richard Ollestad Jr.
- 👤 Shayna Muffoletto
- 👤 Sidra Rednall
- 👤 Steven Suydam
- 👤 Susan Gibson
- 👤 Teresa S. Thiele
- 👤 Terry Gilligan
- 👤 Thaddaeus Peppinger
- 👤 Thomas Bowdon
- 👤 Travis Helms
- 👤 Tristan Muffoletto

With our 2013 Tribal Council Election approaching fast the addresses for missing Tribal Members are important. Thank You in advance for you help in locating our members.



*Linda Meyers & Nancy Ophiem
Senior Meals*

Regular SVT Council Meetings 2013

January 10, 2013

Seldovia Village Tribe Board Room

February 7, 2012

Seldovia Village Tribe Board Room

May 17, 2013

Dimond Center Hotel Anchorage

September 27, 2013

Seldovia Village Tribe Board Room

Regular Tribal Council Meetings are open to all Tribal Members.

Elders Meals

Seldovia Village Tribe Elder Meals have been a great success. Dinners are served to Natives ages 50+ Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5PM. Menus are mailed out to participants in the Seldovia area monthly. It is very important for everyone to call in advance if you plan to attend meals the day before. Elder donation is \$4, guests must pay at the door \$10. If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact us.



Volumes of Fun at the Seldovia Library



The youngsters from Ch'anik'na House in Seldovia were very excited for their twice-monthly trip to the local library. Ch'anik'na Director Heidi Geagel along with Ariel Anahonak accompanied the children where they explored all kinds of books. The adults read what the children chose. Everyone had a great time!

This is just one of the many fun and educational activities provided by Ch'anik'na House.

A Big Halloween Bash in Seldovia



The Prevention Program staff helped put on another wonderful Halloween Carnival in Seldovia. Ariel Anahonak, Valisa Higman and Ronene Gain worked with Laurel Hilts to coordinate and decorate for the annual event. Many other SVT employees pitched in with set-up, decorating,

running a booth and clean-up. It was a great crew.

The Tribe partnered with the City of Seldovia's Fire/EMS Department to put on the event, and also had great support from the teachers, students and staff at Susan B. English School.



SVT Health & Wellness Teams Up With The Veterans Administration

SVT Health & Wellness has entered into a new sharing agreement with the VA. Some of the benefits veterans may be eligible to receive include:

- Health Care
- Counseling
- Disability Compensation
- Pension Benefits
- Burial Benefits
- Mental Health Services
- Vision and Dental Treatment
- Educational Benefits
- Nursing Home and Community-Based Residential Care

Interested veterans should contact Emiley Faris at 435-3232. Both Native

and non-Native veterans are encouraged to apply.



Be Safe This Winter

Seldovia Village Tribe has ice cleats for sale. Contact Alix Chartier at 435-3250 or visit the ATC Building at 328 Main Street.



More News from Environmental Services

Seldovia Village Tribe's Environmental Services team has been busy as usual with a variety of projects. Here are just a few highlights:

- The Jakolof Creek study has been successfully completed after numerous water samples were taken. The verdict? The water is clean.
- A detailed fish-consumption survey of Cook Inlet communities was completed, demonstrating the importance of clean water and healthy fish.
- The Seldovia Museum will begin housing a reference library to include items of historical significance to the area.

Greetings from Seldovia Village Tribe



Our mission is to promote the wellness of our people and communities through health care and social services, economic development and education.



Congratulations are in order for a newly retired Seldovia Village Tribe employee, Ruth Alene Hidecker. Alene received an *In Appreciation Behavioral Health Aide Recognition Award* on November 6th. She'll be missed!



Current Job Openings

Seldovia

Chief Financial Officer

Prevention Support Staff

Homer

Licensed Massage Therapist

Medical Assistant

Nurse Practitioner

Visit www.svt.org for more details, or call Shirley Hurley, Human Resources at 435-3267

