Seldovia Village Tribe



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Seldovia Bay Ferry

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Homer Location -Freight Dock Road / Ramp 7 Next to the new Harbormaster's Office

Seldovia Location Seldovia Harbor

SVT Health & Wellness

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- Homer Location -880 East End Road 907-226-2228
- Anchor Point Location -34361 Old Sterling Highway 907-226-2238
- Seldovia Location -206 Main Street 907-435-3262



Thank you all for your participation in and support of the Seldovia Village Tribe's numerous programs and events for the communities of Seldovia, Homer and Anchor Point. We as a Tribal Government are entirely communitybased, and all of our services are open to ALL PEOPLE, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, or residency.

We, as the Tribe are fully committed to our mission of promoting and supporting the communities through our health care, social services, economic development, and education. Since 1989, we have continued our dedication to the betterment and enrichment of the people of our area.

We foster our vision and mission through our daily programs and activities, dedicated to walking with each of you in this wonderful journey of life.



Crystal Collier President/CEO

If you haven't had the opportunity to be part of our offerings, please be sure to engage with us in the future.

Our administrative offices are located in Seldovia, where the coffee and tea are always on, and the door is always open. Feel free to stop in anytime. Please enjoy the report, and your comments and feedback are always welcome.

Seldovia Village Tribe is a Federally Recognized Tribe under the provisions of the U.S. Federal Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and a Federally Recognized Government that serves everyone — both Native and non-Native in communities from Seldovia to Anchor Point.



We promote the wellness of our people and communities through health care and social services, economic development and education.



We are leaders in partnering with our community to strengthen our economy, facilitate healthy lifestyles, and maintain our cultural identity



Crystal Collier - President Lillian Elvsaas - Vice President Trinket Gallien - Secretary Kim Collier Katherine Gottlieb Suzanne Collier Don Kashevaroff John Crawford Helen Quijance





Cultural Identity

Through the wisdom of our elders, promise of our youth, and commitment of our heritage, we remain true to our tribal identity and stewards of our culture.

Determined Self Sufficiency

We believe our independence and autonomy are the strength behind our resourcefulness.

Excellence in Service

We provide quality service to our clients and customers in a responsible and supportive environment.

Integrity

We practice reliability, honesty and accountability in all that we say and do.

Partnership and Collaboration

Through teamwork, cooperation and sharing of resources, we accomplish more together.

Respect for Self and Others

We place the highest value on the people in our organization and those we serve. We respect each person's unique abilities and contributions.

Visionary Leadership

We achieve excellence through innovation and flexibility, creativity and insight.

SVT Health & Wellness

Seldovia Village Tribe operates three Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in Seldovia, Homer, and Anchor Point, with the following mission: SVT Health & Wellness is dedicated to improving the health of all people in our communities by providing quality, respectful, caring and culturally-appropriate primary, holistic and preventive care.

Our team of health care providers offer quality services including primary and acute care, massage, acupuncture, health and wellness coaching and counseling. They work collaboratively with local and statewide agencies and providers.

2017 was a year of improvement and growth.

Highlights include:

- Received 2017 Health Center Quality Leader Award
- Received Electronic Health Record Reporting Award
- **Received Clinical Quality Improvers Awards** As the Health Center Quality Leader, our sites are recognized for top clinical performance among Alaska Community Health Centers.
- Received recognition as a Level II Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) from the National Center for Quality Improvement. PCMH medical practices provide a system of care where "patients get the care they want and need, when they want and need it," by their own care teams. We are very proud of this achievement and we look forward to maintaining this status going forward.







- Expanded health center hours in all three locations.
- Added Saturday hours in Homer.
- Increase in the number of patients, and medical, dental and behavioral health visits.
- Added part-time acupuncture and massage services - a 29% increase in visits!
- Hired a Licensed Professional Counselor.
- Hired Dr. Carey Gear as our full-time Family Physician/Medical Director.
 In addition to his duties as Medical Director, Dr. Gear provides patient care in Homer, Seldovia and Anchor Point.



Pauli lida Acupuncturist





Sarah LaQue Massage Therapist



Osi Kaspi Counselor

Dr. Carey Gear Family Physician

 SVT Health & Wellness began plans to build a new medical health center in Anchor Point! Currently nearing completion of the design and architecture phase, we expect to go out to bid for contractors, break ground as early as May, and anticipate construction will be completed in late 2018. (Read more on next page.)



Our friendly staff greet folks in our front lobbies and assist in getting them the services they need.



SVT Health & Wellness donates a bike annually for the Homer Safe & Healthy Kids Fair.



Dental Hygienist Jennifer Hayes greets folks with a smile at the Homer Rotary Health Fair.



Dr. Gear waves as he and our team of health care support staff catch the State Ferry to travel back to Homer from Seldovia.

Anchor Point Expansion

The new SVT Health & Wellness Anchor Point

> Health Center: at the corner of the Sterling Highway & Milo Fritz Road



Open in late 2018

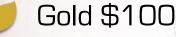
- Last year, we provided care to 449 Anchor Point residents.
- Since 2015, patient visits in the Anchor Point Health Center have increased 17%.
- To meet increasing demand, we are building a new permanent medical home in Anchor Point.
- The new 2,600 square foot facility more than doubles our current health center space and includes community space for group health and wellness education.
- Set to open in late 2018, this new medical home represents a community commitment to a healthy future for Anchor Point and the surrounding area.



Family Nurse Practitioner, Christine Brubaker - provides health care services in Anchor Point on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Support YOUR Community Health Center

Individuals, families, and businesses can purchase an inscribed leaf to be hung on the Anchor Point Family Tree, which will be located in our Health Center lobby.



- Silver \$50
- Bronze \$25

Call 907-226-2228

to purchase a leaf. Tax-deductible receipts are available, plus business sponsorship opportunities.

Serving the Anchor Point area since 2007.

Health & Wellness Education

Seldovia Village Tribe seeks to educate and encourage our community members as they strive to improve the quality of their lives.



- Weekly Thriving Thursdays classes featured presentations on a whole range of topics, including cooking demonstrations, natural remedies, methods for improving quality of life, farm and garden tours, and instruction on a range of medical topics.
- Monthly Healthy Cooking classes took place in Homer, with health center staff leading participants in the creation of meals that are beneficial to their bodies, hearts and minds.
- Fitness classes were offered at SVT Health & Wellness, with an emphasis on Tai Chi, Qigong and Yoga.
- Walking programs included an annual walking challenge and an indoor walking program.
- Presentations were held at Chapman School in Anchor Point, teaching middle-schoolers on healthy life choices.
- Clinic staff participated in the Homer Rotary Health Fair, the Seldovia Health & Safety Fair, the Homer Safe & Healthy Kids Fair, and the Seldovia Women's Health Gathering.









Join our classes!

Call 907-226-2228

for more information.

From Left to Right: a happy cooking class participant, Osi Kaspi leads a mindfulness exercise, Atz Kilcher gives a farm tour, a kids health fair participant practices brushing teeth

Seldovia Bay Ferry

Seldovia Village Tribe owns and operates Seldovia Bay Ferry and is proud to serve our communities through transportation at a low-cost rate. Not only does the

Seldovia Bay Ferry serve Seldovia by providing reasonable and reliable travel for locals (and their freight) five days a week, but it also brings tourists to the community, enhancing the local economy.

The Seldovia Bay Ferry had a fantastic 2017 season. Our average ridership steadily increased while Captain Janel Harris and the crew provided excellent customer service, ensuring a safe passage for everyone.

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More than 9,800 one-way tickets were purchased by passengers over the season, with July being our busiest month.

Locals were able to use the Fast Ferry for daytrips to Homer, for grocery shopping, and to haul

freight. Tourists brought bicycles, kayaks, fishing gear and many more things, so they could take full advantage of all Seldovia has to offer. We are always proud to offer this service to everyone on a quick 45-minute trip across Kachemak Bay with views that never disappoint.





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A highlight of crossing Kachemak Bay is possible sightings of whales in the water, always a spectacular sight to see.



9,800 one-way tickets in 2017! Seldovia Village Tribe was also able to provide additional days of service as well as increased sailings over the holidays - Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, and extended the schedule into the month of September to better serve our communities' needs. Special trips over the summer included:

- The Seldovia Summer Solstice Music Festival musicians' Ferry Jam in June.
- A special sailing for all of our Coming Home 2017 participants in July, traveling up beyond Nanwalek, around Flat Island, and then back home.

The Seldovia Bay Ferry transported Medicaid patients, plus offered discounts for elders, children and large groups.

SVT looks forward to expanding services for the 2018 season, and we hope to see YOU aboard the Kachemak Voyager! Be watching for upcoming announcements on the schedule and additional sailings.



Coming Home 2017

Seldovia Village Tribe hosted a wonderful Coming Home 2017 this past summer, with reunion events and activities starting June 30th and ending with the 4th of July/ Independence Day festivities. Folks traveled from near and afar to reunite with friends and loved ones, and to enjoy a good old-fashioned Seldovia celebration.

Our staff put together a schedule packed full of activities for all ages, also collaborating with other community groups and volunteers, including:

- Seldovia Chamber of Commerce
- Seldovia Bible Chapel
- Seldovia Recreational Service Area/ SOCC
- City of Seldovia
- Seldovia Fire/EMS



Robbie and Noah Custer battle it out in the body races.



Our future is bright!



Teens floating on air!





BBQ Grillmaster and Volunteer Fire Chief for SVT, Rick Harkness



Staff and volunteers served the roasted pig at the beach picnic.



Late-night shenanigans

Seldovia's All-School Reunion Participants



Events included:

- Chinook Fishing Derby
- Photo Scavenger Hunt
- Daily Talking Circle
- Old Photos Display
- Mapping of Historic Seldovia
- Picnic/Pig & Salmon Bake/Games at Outside Beach
- Live Music each night at the Linwood
- Alaska Blaskapelle German Band Concert
- Daily Kid Games
- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- Evening Cruise on the Seldovia Bay Ferry.
- Patriotic Service & Potluck
- Alaska Native Dolls Presentation
- Tie Dyeing
- Patriotic Bingo
- Bike Decorating
- Softball & BBQ
- All-School Reunion
- Independence Day Festivities



Trinket Gallien, Seldovia Village Tribe Assistant Director, did a tremendous job coordinating the Coming Home 2017 festivities.



Mike proudly sports his new hat.



Grace holds one of the dolls in the Tribe's collection.



Bidding friends and family farewell.



Honoring our oldest alumni present at the reunion: John Crawford and Charlotte Halverson.



Peter gets the catch of the day on the 4th of July!



Seldovia Village Tribe is committed to providing community services and programming ranging from drug and alcohol prevention to environmental stewardship, social services and more. These programs are available to all ages, ranging from infants and toddlers to adults and elders, and are available to all community members. 2017 brought many changes as we saw growth taking place in Seldovia and beyond.



Prevention Program

Promoting a healthy, drug and alcohol-free lifestyle is the mission of the Prevention Program, offering activities, education and cultural outreach yearround. Through weekly programming, our staff are able to develop positive relationships with our children, serving as role models and mentors. Classes and presentations create opportunities for healthy adult relationships, as well.

Weekly programming in 2017 included:

- K-6th Grade After School Activities Basketball, Crafting/Cooking, Swimming
- Elementary Winter Fun Hikes
- Middle School / High School Power Hour Homework Club
- Gym/Pool Times: Teen Gym, Volleyball, Open Gym/Swim, Men's Ball
- Alaska Native Arts & Crafts Class
- Healthy Chatter Luncheon/Presentation



The Teen Lock In had the youth all twisted up.



Santa's Shop was a huge success for kids.



Children learned the love of nature from Tania.



Katrina and James had a roaring time at the Halloween Carnival.

Special events were also scheduled throughout the year for the community of Seldovia, ranging from workshops and presentations to specialty classes and more:

Where the Wild Women Are Fashion Show Fundraiser

Valentine's Craft-A-Palooza
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Fall Carnival
Annual Spring Carnival
Walking Challenge
Monthly K-6 Movie Parties
Clothing Swap
Native Youth Olympics
Red Ribbon Week
The Winter Bear by Perseverance Theater

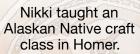
- Tutka Bay Camping/Trail Clearing Trip
- Bike Rodeo
 Running Clinic
 Women's Health Gathering
- Chess Time
 Santa's Shop
- •New Year's Eve Teen Lock In

Classes & Presentations -

- Alan Haskins Busy Boards
- Tina Haugstad Cinnamon Rolls
- Suzie Stranik Cucumber Making
- Christina Wilson Octopus Painting
- Sunni Hilts Soup Making, Wreath Making
- Tania Spurkland Harvesting Seaweed, Paella
- Dr. Sarah Spencer Opiod Risks/NARCAN training
- Pumi Kashevarof Cooking with Seaweed/Korean Foods

In Homer -

Alaskan Native Arts & Crafts Classes
 Specialty Soccer Clinic







Raewyn created a Christmas Wreath.



Sunni taught a soup making class.



Sage and Ray participated in the Spring Carnival.



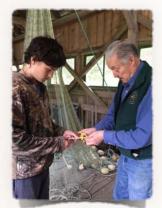
Ellie and Tessa tried out paddle boarding.



Seldovia Village Tribe hosted Gathering Together Culture Camp for ages 10 years-12th grade, plus Ch'anik'na Culture Camp for 0-10 year olds, both collaborations between our Prevention Program and Environmental Department staff. Additionally, we hosted our World Cup Soccer Camp, plus played a key role in coordinating the Seldovia Fine Arts Camp.



Crystal teaches Native Youth Olympics skills.



John Crawford teaches a youth how to mend a net.



Fine Arts campers perform for their parents and friends.



Jocean learns to dribble the ball with his foot.



Coach Kenny celebrates with the soccer campers.



Ch'anik'na Culture Camp participants and staff gather together at Outside Beach.

Child Welfare Services

Federal law (the Indian Child Welfare Act) sets forth the right for tribes to intervene on behalf of tribal children who have entered state custody. In 2017, SVT worked to support children who were needing advocacy and to help strengthen families in crisis. Our staff partnered with the regional Child Welfare Team for training and support, worked alongside the State of Alaska's Office of Children's Services attending home visits and planning meetings, plus participated in court hearings in order to advocate for the children. The Tribe's number one priority is ensuring they have safe, healthy and supportive homes.

Ch'anik'na -Children's House



Ch'anik'na staff love going on outings with the children, vear-round!

As Seldovia has grown, SVT has strived to adapt to meet the needs of our new children and their parents. In 2017, we lowered the age range of our child enrichment program to 0-6 years old, due to the higher numbers of infants and toddlers in the community. We increased our staff to meet the need of the children, and our facility received a makeover (including a paint job, new cabinets, and fridge) in order to make it a more comfortable and adaptive space. Weekly activities include science exploration, outdoor experiences, library visits, arts and crafts, socialization practice, and energizing play times,

plus much more.

Playing in the mud with a friend.





Baking treats together.



Giving the baby dolls a warm place to lay down.

SVT provides meals for our older community members, serving dinners three nights a week in our Elders Room; an opportunity for seniors to gather together and share stories while enjoying a delicious meal. Dinners are also delivered to those who qualify as home-bound.

Bingo is held weekly for adults 19 years and older and the proceeds go back into Senior Meals/Elders programming. Special bingo nights in the year included Valentine's, St. Patrick's Day, and Patriotic/Coming Home 2017 bingo on the 4th of July weekend.

Seldovia Conference Center

Our beautiful Seldovia Conference Center, overlooking Seldovia Bay, was host to a number of events throughout the year, including Healthy Chatter luncheons and presentations, classes, specialty workshops and training, receptions, concerts and business meetings. The facility is available for rent year-round. 17

Environmental Department

Seldovia Village Tribe prioritizes the sustainability of the in and around Seldovia. Our Environmental Department staff members also serve as role models and mentors for tribes and other agencies around the state and nation, sharing their methods and the information they gather.



Monitoring the Jakolof Watershed

2017 projects included:

- Jakolof Watershed Project: This project at the head of Jakolof Bay encompasses the watershed from the switchbacks to the Tutka Bay Lagoon trail. In 2017, staff worked with a contractor to put in a weir, tagged outmigrating Coho, trapped minnows from the intertidal to Kingfisher Lake, and studied the biological, chemical, and physical features in Kingfisher Lake.
- Recycling Program: Recycling bins were placed around Seldovia for the summer season. In 2017, we kept out 322 pounds of aluminum cans and 262 pounds of plastics number one and number two from the landfill.
- Network Node/Spatial Viewer: SVT manages an information database and this year shared Water Quality Data for Seldovia Bay, Windy River, and Fish Creek. We have many different map layers from Sea Otter Winter Mortality to the recent dust monitoring, and Air Monitoring Data is included from outside data resources. Visit the database at http://svtnode.com/ spatialviewer/.
- Alutiiq Pride Shelfish Hatchery: SVT worked with the Alutiiq Pride Shelfish Hatchery, helping dig clams for breeding spat at the hatchery for planting at Port Graham Bay, and collecting water samples for their Ocean Acidification project, sending the bottles to Seward.
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service: Our Environmental Department staff are trained Sea Otter and Black Bear taggers, tagging pelts as they come available. Additionally, SVT partners with USFWS, receiving Sea Otter hides to be used for Tribe sewing projects.



Environmental staff members monitor and sample water quality and tidal species.

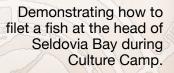
- Environmental Protection Agency Indian General Assistance Program:
 - Our staff completed a draft report for our Phase II fish tissue report.
 - Collaborated to remove approximately 14 vehicles from the areas of the log yard to the old dump site at Jakolof Bay.
 - Helped the communities of Nanwalek and Wrangell with their air monitoring projects.
 - Rescued two eagles and ensured their arrival at the Bird Treatment and Learning Center in Anchorage.
 - Picked up several dead Sea Otters and shipped them out of town for necropsy.
 - Helped develop and lead two summer Culture Camps for area children.
 - Removed approximately 5400 pounds of e-waste from Seldovia, sending it to Total Reclaim to be broken down and shipped out of state.



This injured bald eagle was rescued and sent to Anchorage.



Partnering with other communities to monitor air quality.





More than a dozen vehicles were removed from the head of Jakolof Bay.



This weir was built to help in our fish tagging efforts.

Seldovia Visitor Center & Museum

- Seldovia Village Tribe welcomed more than 5,000 guests into our Visitor Center and Museum during the summer season.
- The museum housed a new exhibit featuring fishing themes of "Bringing in the Catch" and "Tools of the Maritime Trade."
- Museum staff hosted a mount-making workshop in Seward for small museums statewide
- Worked on adding to the Tribe's archives and on UAF's Project Juke Box. jukebox.uaf.edu
- Ongoing projects include collecting photos and memorabilia regarding Seldovia's St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church.



Museum Display



Happy workshop participants

Community Support Services

- SVT's Community Health Representative served residents in need of health and wellness checks in their homes.
- Ran our local Food Bank and supervised the Tribe's Fitness Center in Seldovia.
- Provided Fee Agent services for many community members, helping them fill out paperwork for various government agencies, including Medicare, Medicaid, Denail KidCare, the Veterans Administra

Medicaid, Denail KidCare, the Veterans Administration, and Indian Health Services. CHS also arranged medical travel for qualified patients.

Coordinated our annual Health & Safety Fair in Seldovia.

Housing / HUD

The Housing Office provided assistance and advocacy to tribal and community members, helping with home loan applications, home ownership programs, housing cost assistance for college students, emergency assistance, plus modernization, rehabilitation, and weatherization support.

Debbie checks blood pressure with a smile!

SVT Barabara Heights Volunteer Fire Department



SVT's rural fire department serves the area of Seldovia Village, that includes from just outside of City of Seldovia limits, along Jakolof Bay Road, to Red Mountain, plus lands surrounding Seldovia Bay.



The SVT Barabara Heights Fire Department's new Fire Station at Mile 4.

At Mile 4 of Jakolof Bay Road, we have built a fire station to store our fire engines and brush truck, plus our apparatus and equipment (including: woodland fire hose, tanks with foam extinguisher, pumps and small generators). Each year we work to add fire suppression and communication equipment, plus other supplies.

SVT's volunteer fire fighters train two to three times each month, led by Fire Chief, Rick Harkness. The department distributes fire safety and prevention information, as well as conducts fire extinguisher training at the Seldovia Health & Safety Fair. SVTBHVFD is actively recruiting new

Seeking Fire Department Volunteers!

volunteers. To sign up, please contact our offices at 907-234-7898.





Community members practice extinguishing fires under the supervision of our Fire Chief.

Injury Prevention: SVT focused on injury prevention by providing an exercise time for elders (Seldovia Sneakers), selling ice cleats and other injury prevention items, a chimney brush loaner program, and smoke alarm installation. We also provided CPR and First Aid classes for staff and community members. AHA HeartSaver and First Aid classes are offered, as well.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department supports SVT's vision through recruitment, retention efforts, employee



Staff members model our Coming Home 2017 apparel.

development, and by seeking workplace solutions to optimize operations through the Tribe's core values.

Highlights included:

- Achieved a reduction in turnover and accomplished the recruitment of a new Medical Director, with the addition of Dr. Carey Gear in September.
- Staff Growth the addition of two full-time Prevention Specialists, a full-time Care Coordination Assistant, a full-time Medical Assistant, and a full-time Patient Services Representative.
- Recruiting at the end of the year for a Clinic Operations Project Coordinator; position filled in early 2018.
- For the third year in a row, we conducted an organization-wide Staff Satisfaction Survey which included eight statements on a rating scale and two open-ended questions, allowing employees to provide feedback that led to management team work plans to improve the workplace and our services to the communities we serve.

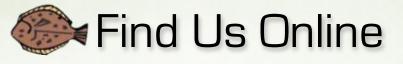
For next steps, Human Resources will walk a path determined by goals set during strategic planning sessions with the Tribal Council. While SVT is pleased with the progress to date, we look forward to a gain in momentum in the years to come with new initiatives and envisioned changes. We must continue to make improvements to our efficiency and effectiveness while supporting the ongoing operational needs of Seldovia Village Tribe.







- Left to Right:
- Culture Camp Staff
 skiffing out of the harbor.
- Health Center staff gather in Homer.
- Celebrating health, wellness, and family in Seldovia!



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Pediatric Screening Tool: Ages & Stages Qu







Also on Instagram and Twitter!





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