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FW: Seldovia Pool

On Aug 5, 2025, at 10:23 AM, Ila Dillon <iladillon@gmail.com> wrote:

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I am resending my letter in support of keeping the Seldovia pool open.
Please work to keep this vital component up and running for our community.
Sincerely, Ila Dillon

On Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 11:28 AM Ila Dillon <iladillon@gmail.com> wrote:

I have lived in Seldovia 40 years, raising my kids here, who learned to swim at Susan B English pool, and I have taught WSI and Lifeguarding courses. I'm writing with regard to the possibility of Susan B. English pool closing. I feel this would be detrimental to our community.

We are surrounded by water and depend on boating for our livelihoods, transportation, and subsistence harvesting. It's important that we are taught to be comfortable in the water and are able to swim. I can mean life or death.

Personally, swimming is one of the few physical activities that I am still able to do due to leg and foot issues. It is my physical therapy. I don't have the option of driving to another pool.

Swimming is also a great activity for our kids to stay healthy and happy through our long, dark winters.

Please keep the pool open for the well-being of Seldovians.

Sincerely, Ila Dillon

From: [Ashley Keithley](#)
To: mayor@kpb.us
Cc: [Liz Diament](#); [Heidi Geagel](#); [Jeremiah Campbell](#)
Subject: Support for Ordinance to Fund Seldovia Pool Operations
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025 10:09:31 AM

Dear Mayor Micciche,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed ordinance to allocate \$200,000 from the school maintenance funds to ensure the Seldovia pools remain open and operational for the coming year, particularly as the borough considers establishing a service area to sustain this vital community resource.

The decision to keep the pools operational is critical for our community, the school district, and the borough. While no solution is perfect, closing the pool for even one year would have a significant negative impact on Seldovia. As a new mother and lifeguard at the pool, I am deeply concerned about the loss of regular access for my son to practice essential water safety skills. Living in a community surrounded by water, early exposure to swimming—beyond what a bathtub can provide—is crucial for teaching infants to become comfortable with water, practice turning, and float, skills that can be lifesaving.

The Seldovia pool serves as more than a recreational facility; it is a cornerstone of our community, especially during the winter months when other activities are limited. It provides a space for residents to gather, exercise, learn, and build connections. The pool's role in fostering community well-being and safety cannot be overstated.

I fondly recall our conversation at the last AML conference over dinner, where we shared enthusiasm for the new waterfront ice rink, a project I was grateful to have your support for. The pool is equally, if not more, significant, as it serves the entire community and addresses critical safety needs in our water-centric environment.

I respectfully urge you to support this ordinance to ensure the Seldovia pools remain open. Your leadership on this matter would have a lasting, positive impact on our community's safety, health, and cohesion.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your support and am happy to discuss this further if needed.

Cheers,
Ashley Keithley
Seldovia City Council
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