



The Mussell Messenger

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**Carolyn
Cabrera**

President's Message ~

Good Afternoon! Well, anyway, it IS in my world! Hope your all are able to get your COVID-19 shots and soon we will be back together again. I just finished a walk around the block with my dogs. Even the wind feels good! Sun is in and out, but at least it is shining.

Please, continue to renew your memberships and mail payments to Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizen Club, PO Box 6688, Santa Maria, CA 93456.

Remember, all memberships are due for renewal by March 1 of each year.

If you do not renew by March 15, this will be your last issue of *The Mussell Messenger*. Don't forget that S.A.S.E. if you want your card mailed to you.

My doctor's office is scheduled to open in April, that sounds like a good target date in my mind. Hoping and praying it will happen. Have not heard from the City's Recreation & Parks Department as to a reopening date for the Mussell Center, but we WILL make it back. Thank you all for your support and continue to do all that you can to stay safe. Till we see each other again!



RECREATION & PARKS DEPT. REPORT



Top O' the Morning to all the lads and lassies from the Mussell Center! I am encouraged by the calls from seniors letting me know they are getting their vaccines. I hear hope in their voices ... especially since each caller has described the process to be a positive one. When it's my turn, I'll be rolling up my sleeve to receive mine, too!

In March, we have scheduled the **Senior Bingo** event so that it will be held on St. Patrick's Day, **Wednesday, March 17, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.** at the Mussell Center parking lot. Please note this date change so you can join the fun. To encourage you to wear green and your Irish finery, **we will have a prize for the best dressed individual and the best decorated car.** We still need to play bingo inside the cars, but it's OK to decorate your car once you are parked as long as you maintain a six-foot distance and wear masks. You do not have to dress up to attend, but **please RSVP** (805-925-0951 ext. 2260) to let us know you're coming. Wendy ordered a new style of bingo cards, so try them and let us know how you like them. Some who attended the February Bingo events liked them too much and they decided to take the cards home with them after the event. **Please return them to the Mussell Center so that we can continue providing these free events.**

I had several people tell me they did not know about the programs we have been offering during the facility closure. Obviously, a lot has changed in the past year due to COVID-19. One of the things that has changed is how we advertise our programs. Since we can't pass out flyers at the Mussell Center, we now communicate mostly through *The Mussell Messenger* newsletter and the City's *EngAGE* newsletter, both of which are sent monthly via email. (Note: The Mussell Messenger is also available via the mail.) To sign up to receive the City's *EngAGE*

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March Birthdays!

Roberta Stanford	4	Judy Garrett	19
Pauline Bishop	5	Jo York	19
Grace Kalal	5	Donna Jenkins	20
Marijane Marshall	6	Nancy Low	21
Erwin Forrest	7	John Regalado	23
Joe Santana	7	Sonny Russell	24
Bob Viadella	11	Kay Hosepian	25
Malvina Cox	12	Romé Richardson	26
Marty Mathisen	12	Dorothy Abel	27
Verna Racansky	13	Kathy Doty	27
Dana Scott	13	Steven Lopez	27
Diane Joseph	15	Peg Miller	27
Charlie Willcox	15	Thelma Parfett	27
Jeri Peterson	16	Gloria Lopez	30

*If any dates are incorrect or missing,
please contact Laura Selken at 805-406-9989
or email her at laura.selken@gmail.com.*

Dial 211 for Vaccine Information!

Tax Preparation

The Area Agency on Aging reports that there are several services in our area for seniors who want assistance filing their taxes, but they will be done remotely. Filers will drop off their tax information and tax filers will contact the senior to finalize the return. Call **805-928-2552** for info.

March Anniversaries!

Tom & Patty Porcho	8
George & Ofelia Tise	21
Lee & Vanette Diaz	27

New Members!



Kathy Nicholson
Deb Prestridge



The Sunshine Corner

*If you are aware of any club members who need a bit of "sunshine" ~ not feeling well, hospitalized, going through a difficult time, or have suffered the loss of a loved one, **PLEASE call Simone** at 805-925-6267. Leave your name & number in case she needs to contact you.*

In Sympathy to ...

the families of
Monique James
and
Sharron Branco

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newsletter, just send your name and email address to whudson@cityofsantamaria.org.

The Recreation and Parks Department is also utilizing several social media platforms including [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). Very soon we will be having a contest on Facebook to get more people signed up to receive information through the Mussell Center Facebook page. We are preparing a step-by-step guide on how to sign up on Rec & Park's Facebook page and the [Mussell Center Facebook page](#). If you join during the contest period, you will be eligible to win some prizes. The City website and both newsletters are also the best ways to get updates from the Mussell Center about recreation classes and progress to re-open the facility.



For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way.
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day!



We miss you all, and that's no Blarney!

~ Your Irish Recreation Coordinator, Barbara O' Wiley (bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org)

**AGES
50+**

REC & PARKS

**This event is
FREE,
and that's
no blarney!**

DRIVE-IN BINGO

MARCH 17TH

10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

ELWIN MUSSELL CENTER
510 E. PARK AVENUE

Join us for a fun filled morning of Drive-In Bingo!

Bingo will be held in the Elwin Mussell Center parking lot to allow for adults 50 years and older to participate from the safety of their own car.

Bingo cards are provided. Non-cash prizes will be awarded for each game. Bingo games will be transmitted and announced over your car radio. Participants are asked to remain in their car at all times.

Call now to reserve your space at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260.

Please be sure to leave a message with your name, phone number, and the number of players.

RSVP only accepted by phone.

Only registrants that RSVP in advance will be allowed to enter.

Top O' the Mornin'

Erin Go Braugh

Be sure to wear your green!

Prizes for best dressed and most decorated car!

For more information call the City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260



TRAVEL NEWS



SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



Hello Travelers!! The travel committee would like you to know that we have **NOT** forgotten you. We miss you and the travel adventure's we all had. We hope to be traveling together by the end of the year. We will update you as we learn anything new. Thank you for your continued patience! We hope everyone is staying safe!

~ Kathy Doty

RENEW by March 15 to continue to receive The Mussell Messenger.
Send check for \$20 per person to PO Box 6688, Santa Maria, CA 93456

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Monthly Virtual Program **Monday, March 1, at 4 p.m.** **Scams & Fraud ~ Protect Yourself!**



Vicki Johnson, Santa Barbara County Deputy District Attorney, specializes in elder abuse and scams. She will be sharing the latest fraud and scam techniques that are targeting seniors and providing various ways to protect you and your loved ones. Sadly, there are always new scams popping up, and right now, many involve the pandemic or take advantage of the issues surrounding the pandemic. Don't miss this very informative session.

This presentation will take place online via Zoom. Keep in mind that you do NOT have to have a video camera to participate, or even a computer or smartphone. You can always use ANY telephone (long-distance charges may apply). If you would like some assistance with joining the event, please contact Laura at 805-406-9989.

Click on this link on the day of the program to join the Zoom meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83942920387> or use **any** phone to join the meeting by dialing: **1-669-900-6833** and providing the Meeting ID when prompted: **83942920387**.

