

# The Mussell Messenger

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# May 2021



**Carolyn  
Cabrera**

## President's Message ~

Ok, May ... here we come! We are making progress!! There is a world out there that needs us! I would like to continue to encourage all of you to start considering venturing out and getting back into life. If you are able, get vaccinated!! Either way, wear your masks around others that are not family. Go for walks – keep moving! On **Monday, June 21** – “the Longest Day” – the Riptide Big Band will be giving a “free” concert in front of the Mussell Center. The Club is joining forces with the Alzheimer’s Association to raise funds on the Longest Day to help fight this disease. The “gates” open at 6:00 p.m. and the concert will be taking place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. See page 3 for more information. See you all soon and save the date!



## RECREATION & PARKS DEPT. REPORT

Hello All! It's May! My favorite month of the year!

The question we hear most often is, **“When will the Mussell Center be open?”** Although there is progress towards that goal, we simply do not know when it will re-open to the public. I can tell you that our staff has been attending online meetings with senior center directors from all over California. It has been extremely helpful learning what other senior centers are doing to support their clients during COVID-19 and hear their plans to re-open. Very few centers are open now. Most of them are hosting drive-in events and outdoor fitness classes similar to what the City of Santa Maria has been providing. I am happy to report that **the City increased the number of fitness class attendees to 20 per class**. Online registration for Zumba Gold, Chairometrics, Build Your Own Body, and Yoga classes is available at [www.cityofsantamaria.org/register](http://www.cityofsantamaria.org/register). For more information regarding these classes, contact 805-925-0951 ext. 2260.

They say that April showers bring May flowers, but I have it on good authority that it is actually **Jim Morrow** who brings all the beautiful flowers each week to the Mussell Center. Thank you for sharing your incredible blossoms with us. They sure brighten up our days! Jim only asks for one thing in return ... please leave all the containers at the Mussell Center so he can bring more flowers the following week!

The Recreation and Parks Department is offering a **“Take and Make” class** for participants to create their own live **“Spring Succulent Garden.”** The take-home kit includes everything to make a table-top garden in a galvanized metal container (container, soil, decorative rocks, wooden birdhouse, paint, brushes, ceramic frog, directions, and plants). To register online, visit [www.cityofsantamaria.org/register](http://www.cityofsantamaria.org/register). Cost is \$22.00.

If you are not receiving our monthly **EngAGE newsletter**, please send me your email, and we will add your name to the list. We are also working to increase the number of people who see our **Mussell Center Facebook** posts. Please “Like” us and share with your friends.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions. **Happy Mother's Day!!**

~ Barbara Wiley, Recreation Coordinator • 805-925-0951 ext. 2264 • [bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org](mailto:bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org)

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## May Birthdays!

Alice Torres	3	Sharon O'Neil	21
Rosalie Foster	4	Janet Sobottka	21
Don Eames	6	Gilbert Harper	22
Sue Park	6	Nita Wilson	22
Elaine Anes	7	Kathy Gutierrez	23
Gloria Scozzari	8	Cynthia Isorda	27
Peter Stonehewer	12	Mary Johnson	28
Barbara Laurienti	13	Harold Marsh	28
Bill Richards	13	Jennie Razo	28
Rose Devine	20	Fran Sobisky	31
Patty Porcho	20	Ofelia Tise	31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## May Anniversary!

LeeRoy & Dee Sinor ~ May 11



## New Member!



Elaine Anes



If any dates are incorrect or missing,  
please contact Laura Selken at either  
805-406-9989 or [laura.selken@gmail.com](mailto:laura.selken@gmail.com).

## Sunshine Corner

Get Well Soon!

Jean Nanninga

In Sympathy to ...

Jackie Narachi

whose husband, Bud,  
passed away in April, and  
whose daughter, Roxanne,  
passed away in February



Please contact Simone (at 1-805-925-6267) about any members or their loved ones who need a get well, thinking of you, or sympathy card sent to them. If she is not home when you call her, she would greatly appreciate it if you would leave your name and telephone number in case she needs to call you back. Thank you!

Visit our website: [smvsc.org](http://smvsc.org)





## Reservations Required!



AGES 50+

REC & PARKS

# DRIVE-IN BINGO

MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

10:00-11:30 AM

ELWIN MUSSELL CENTER  
510 E. PARK AVENUE

FREE!

PRIZES!

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.



ALL AGES

## FREE DRIVE-IN BINGO Family Fun Day

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

1:00-2:30 PM

Elwin Mussell Center  
510 E. Park Avenue



## Reservations Required!



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

Bingo will be held in the Elwin Mussell Center parking lot so that everyone can participate from the safety of their own car.



One bingo card is provided for each player age 5 and older.



Non-cash prizes will be awarded for each game.



Bingo games will be transmitted and announced over your car radio.



Participants must remain in their car at all times.

Reservations are required for admittance.

Call the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department to reserve your space at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260

THE LONGEST DAY  
alzheimer's association

Save the Date!!!  
Monday, June 21

6:30-8:30 p.m. outside the Elwin Mussell Center  
Outdoor Concert Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association!  
Featuring your Favorite Big Band!

RIPTIDE  
Big Band

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## Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club Newsletter

### Monthly Virtual Program

**Tuesday, May 11 @ 3 p.m.**

### 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

**Don Bock**, with the Alzheimer's Association on the Central Coast, will be speaking to us on the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's Disease. We hope that many of you will be able to attend this very informative program. ***PLEASE, NOTE THE DAY & TIME OF THE MEETING*** (it's a bit different than previous programs).

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 in advance at 805-406-9989.

Click on this link on the day of the program to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82444487408> or use **any** phone to join the meeting by dialing: 1-669-900-6833 and providing the Meeting ID when prompted: 82444487408.

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