

The Mussell Messenger

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President's Message ~



Bruce Rodriguez

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY and happy start to summer!!! We all enjoy this time of the year when we can get out of our houses or spend time with our grandchildren now that they are not in school. Maybe some will even go on a journey with our travel committee!! They are trying so hard to plan trips, but we just can't seem to get people to sign up. As a result, we are going to ask the membership to vote in August on a revision to our bylaws, permitting non-members to travel with us, as well. I know this may not appeal to some of you, but if we don't start selling out our trips, we will no longer be able to offer them. It is that simple! With this change, we will be able to offer more variety in our planned travels. It will be easier for members to bring their friends and family who are under 50. If you have any questions or concerns, please, come talk to me or any board member about this change. We see it as a positive move, and we hope you will, too.

Please, see **ALL** the proposed bylaw changes on pages 4 and 5. They include letting the board set our annual dues without having to amend the bylaws each time, removing the reduced dues for half-year memberships (as we pay the City the same amount for each member no matter when they join), adding the Travel Committee Chairperson to the Board as a voting member, and some minor "fine-tuning" of words or phrases for clarity.

Due to the first Monday of the month being on the 4th of July, our **Monthly Membership Dinner** will be on **July 11th!** We will have a representative of the County Parks Department sharing all the various opportunities we have in our county to get out and enjoy nature! Don't forget we are also having a **FREE dance** at the Mussell Center on **Sunday, July 10**. Hope you will come and enjoy the music by the Riptide Big Band and do some dancing, too!!!



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



Current Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. / Office Phone: 805-349-0688

We are currently planning something for July and August, but we will not be able to go to the Port San Luis Lighthouse. Once the details have been worked out, information will be posted in our office in the Mussell Center, on our Facebook page, via email, and in the next issue of the *Mussell Messenger*.

Seats are still available on the **San Antonio** trip in November. **NOTE: The price may go up, so RESERVE ASAP!**

San Antonio, Texas ~ November 26-30

Double: \$2049 / Single: \$2549

Mission San José, The Alamo, River Walk, Pacific War museum, etc.; includes airfare and 5 meals

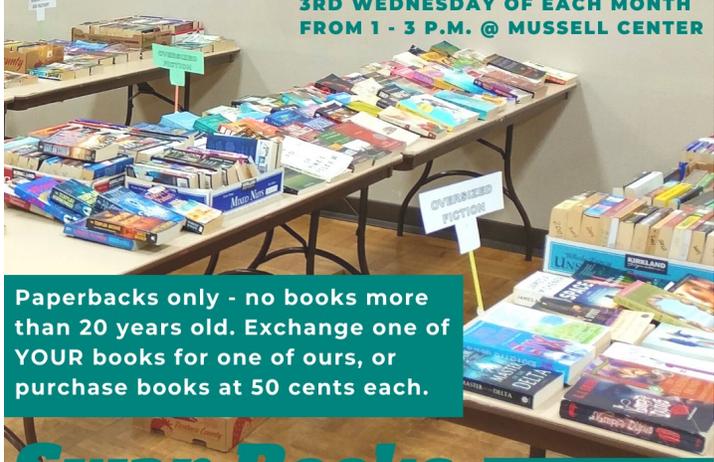
All participants must be vaccinated or have a negative COVID test within 72 hours of departure for all trips.

2022 Officers & Committee Chairpersons

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Sunshine:	Simone Gillogly	805-925-6267	[no email]
Recreation Coordinator:	Wendy Hudson	805-925-0951, ext. 2351	whudson@cityofsantamaria.org

Take advantage of our Book Exchange

3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 1 - 3 P.M. @ MUSSELL CENTER

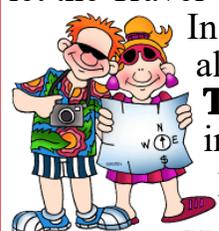


Paperbacks only - no books more than 20 years old. Exchange one of YOUR books for one of ours, or purchase books at 50 cents each.

Swap Books, Swap Ideas

For more info: call Jane at 805-354-0388

The **TRAVEL COMMITTEE** is searching for a new **CO-CHAIR** as Kathy Doty would like to step back from her position. If anyone has experience in working with transportation companies, travel agencies, or touring businesses, or anything similar, she would love to talk to you! If you know of **anyone** who might be interested, **including non-members**, let the Travel Committee people know.



In addition, the Committee can always use more **VOLUNTEER TRAVEL TOUR LEADS**. If you're interested in joining the "team," please visit our travel office for more information!

For Adults 50 Yrs. & Up

Tribute to America

DANCE

FREE

Featuring the Riptide Big Band with vocalists, Bob Nations & Mitch Latting.

Sunday, July 10th
1:30-4:00 PM

Elwin Mussell Center
510 E. Park Avenue

For more information, please call
(805) 925-0951 ext. 2260

This program is made possible with the support of the City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department, PLAY, Inc., Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club, The Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County, and the Riptide Big Band.

NO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED.
For more information about the band, visit www.RiptideBB.com





Visit our UPDATED website: smvsc.org
Find the current month's newsletter on the home page, along with special events and activities. Explore other areas of the site by clicking on the names of sections in the upper right: **Activities Calendar, Special Events, Travel Opportunities, Senior Resources, & Newsletters**. Your dues pay for the website & its upkeep so check it out!



GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT



This month we will be celebrating our country's independence and freedom with family and friends on July 4th. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4th of July began in Philadelphia in 1777. During the first organized celebration of **Independence Day**, armed ships and galleys in the river were drawn up before the city. They were decorated with streamers in the traditional colors of the United States – red, white, and blue. After each ship fired a 13-gun salute with its cannon in honor of the 13 colonies, the festivities continued with a dinner, concert, and military demonstration. The evening ended with a grand exhibition of fireworks that beautifully illuminated the city of Philadelphia. Most cities have continued the tradition of setting off fireworks each 4th of July to acknowledge the anniversary of our independence.

July is also the month our **Summer Concerts in the Park** begin. There will be a total of six concerts this year. The first concert will be the **“Red, White & Boom! 4th of July Celebration”** held at the Elks Event Center, 4040 US 101. The band “Mestizos” will entertain the crowd with their “old school” rock, funk, and reggae music from 5:30-8:30 p.m., followed by a firework show beginning at 8:30 p.m. The second concert is being held on **Sunday, July 24**, at Rotary Centennial Park, 2625 S. College Drive. The band “Babylon Rockers” will be performing from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with crowd pleasing rhythm & blues and funk. For more information on the Concerts in the Park series, check out our website at cityofsantamaria.org.

Lastly, Dignity Health will begin their **Healthy Aging Lecture Series** on **Wednesday, July 13, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**, at the Mussell Senior Center. This month's interactive lecture is **“Eating like the Rainbow: My Plate.”** Please, RSVP at 805-925-0951 ext. 2207. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to stop by our office – the door is always open.

Wendy Hudson • Recreation Coordinator • 805-925-0951 ext. 2351 • whudson@cityofsantamaria.org

**City of Santa Maria
Recreation & Parks
Department**

Knit, Chat & Crochet

Tuesdays • 12:00-2:00 PM • Elwin Mussell Center, 510 E. Park Avenue

Like to Knit, Crochet, or just want to chat?

Grab your latest project and join others for some yarn therapy! Exchange ideas or learn new stitches from those who share a common thread like you. Whether you're a beginner or an expert all are welcome!

Registration not required.

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

Proposed Bylaw Changes

The following bylaw changes have been accepted by the board and are hereby presented to the general membership for approval at the Membership Meeting on **Monday, August 8, 2022**. The proposed revisions are shown in red below (with removed, added, and changed wording) with the final version on page 5.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

Section 1. ~~Dues shall be \$20.00 per year.~~ There shall be annual membership dues set by the Board of Directors. Any change in the amount of the dues shall be initiated and ~~recommended~~ presented by the Board of Directors to the membership ~~as a proposed change to this section of the bylaws in accordance with ARTICLE XI: CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS~~ no later than October 1st in the year prior to the year of the increase via the monthly newsletter. Non-members may attend three (3) ~~membership~~ business meetings, making an advanced reservation and paying any necessary charges for the meeting, before being expected to pay membership dues. Non-members may attend no more than three (3) Club activities before being expected to pay membership dues.

Section 2. The fiscal year is January first (1st) through December thirty-first (31st) of each year. Annual dues shall be due January first (1st) and ~~may be paid as early as November first (1st) of the prior year~~ but must be paid by March first (1st) or member is not eligible for further privileges. All members who are able to do so are expected to assist in the functioning of the organization at no expense to the Club.

~~Section 3. Annual dues payment shall be reduced to \$15.00 for those who join subsequent to July first (1st) each calendar year until November first (1st), at which time new members may pay the full annual amount and be considered in good standing through the following fiscal year. If desired, new members may choose to only pay the reduced amount on or after November first (1st) and will be considered a member solely for the remainder of the current year.~~

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. There shall be a governing Board of Directors which shall be made up of these elected officers: **President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Member at Large**, ~~as well as the non-elected Travel Committee Chairperson or his designee~~. In addition, there shall be one (1) representative from the City, who shall act only in an advisory capacity.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 3. **Travel Committee** – This committee shall plan and arrange trips for Club members. All participants in the Club's travel activities must be members. The Travel Committee may waive this rule under ~~either of~~ the following conditions.

- the member must give a Travel Committee representative a letter from his physician stating that he needs a caregiver to travel with him, and the member must pay the cost of the trip for himself and his responsible adult caregiver. ~~There shall be no additional fee charged to the caregiver as a non-member.~~ It is understood that the members of the Travel Committee are not medically trained and cannot be expected to be caregivers.
- ~~a member chooses to be accompanied by one (1) non-member under the age of 50 but not less than 40 years of age, and the non-member may not register for the a trip at the same time as this non-member no earlier than until one full week after the first day of sales for said trip. Each trip is limited to a maximum of three (3) non-members, subject to space and availability, and no more than one non-member per family unit. The under age non-member must pay the current rate of dues at time of trip registration as a nonmember convenience fee. Club member is responsible for all actions of the under age traveler. The non-member agrees to pay an additional fee over and above the cost of the trip for a member. Said fee shall be established by the Travel Committee. The non-member shall be at least 21 years of age or at the discretion of the Travel Committee.~~

[continued on page 5]

Final decisions in regard to participation by all travelers is at the discretion of the Travel Committee Chairperson.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Section 6. There shall be an annual audit of the Treasurer's books by the Audit Committee. ~~It~~ There shall be an audit performed by a qualified accountant selected by the Board of Directors every five (5) years, or as deemed necessary by a vote of the membership.

Below are how the revisions will read if approved:

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Note: *if you have ANY questions about the changes, please present them at the July Membership Meeting or reach out to any board member (see contact information on page 2).*

July 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Don't miss the</p>  <p>July 10 ~ 1:30-4</p>	<p>OUR MISSION STATEMENT:</p> <p>Our purpose is to promote the happiness of active adults 50+ so they may enjoy life to the fullest. We provide fun and interesting activities, opportunities, and information. We do this while espousing no political, religious, philanthropic, ideological, or social enterprise.</p>			<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>9-4 Billiards*</p> <p>9-10 Zumba Gold*§</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Coffee & Conversation*</p> <p>12-4 Mah Jongg*</p> <p>12-3:45 Bingo (50¢/card)</p>
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NOTE: Classes/activities may be canceled by the instructor, city, or Club as needed.

*City of Santa Maria Rec & Parks Dept. Program §Participants must pre-register at Rec. & Parks Dept. No walk-ins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY July Birthdays

- Tom Porcho 2
- Rosa Rivas 2
- Maria Ahumada 4
- Eileen Krienke 5
- Jim Wyckoff 5
- Bruce Rodriguez 7
- Anna Mae Beall 9
- Arlene Dvorak 10
- John Medeiros 12
- Gloria Ramos 13
- Alzira Sarmiento 14
- Nettie Silva 14
- Karen O'Neil 17
- Marlene Miller 20
- Scott Blanchard 21
- Louise Frye 21
- Gloria Davis 22
- Bob Newman 24
- Emma Rodriguez 25
- Heidi Schreck 26
- Wally Savely 28
- Donna Nisbet 29
- Dennis Parke 31

Happy June Birthdays!



Linda Peterson & Claudia Boyle

Sunshine Corner

Get Well Soon



Jean Roth

Please call Simone (805-925-6267) about any members or their loved ones who should be sent a get well, thinking of you, or sympathy card. Note: when you call her, please leave your name and number.

In Sympathy to ...



the family and friends of



Charles Van De Veer

July Anniversaries

Bob & Joyce Turner July 24

Welcome New and Rejoining Members

- Claudia Boyle
- Lois Jones
- Jennie Payne
- Paul & Carol Silva

If any birthday or anniversary date is not correct or not listed, please contact Laura Selken at 805-406-9989 or at laura.selken@gmail.com.

Note: Only couples who are both members of the Club will have their anniversary listed in the monthly newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS

June Raffle Winners:

Liz Regulski - \$32
& Herb Adams - \$22

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Monthly Membership Meeting
Monday - July 11



Doors Open: 5 p.m. - Dinner: 5:15 p.m.

Chicken Alfredo, vegetable medley, buttered spaghetti noodles, green salad, and banana cake

Reserve/Pay By:
Friday - July 8 @ 2 p.m.

\$12 per person

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Catered by:
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