

# The Mussell Messenger

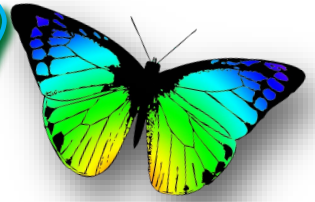
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# August 2021



## President's Message ~



**Carolyn Cabrera**

Congratulations! You all came out of the house to celebrate. What a time we had at the **Monthly Membership Dinner** Meeting on July 12 at the Mussell Senior Center. We had more than 100 in attendance!!

Thank you to all who came and volunteered their help with setting up the table decorations and serving the food. Our next one is **Monday, August 2**, and it will feature a representative of the City's Recreation and Parks Department. Learn how they made the most of the pandemic and continue to offer new and interesting programs throughout the city and at the Mussell Center! Check out the menu on page 8!

We will continue moving forward with activities adding more as we ease into August. Continue to get out of the house and moving on. Join any one of the activities of the Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club or the City of Santa Maria's Recreation and Parks department at the Mussell Senior Center.

If you have neighbors or friends who have not renewed or joined yet this year, the Club membership is reduced to \$15 as of July 1. See the Club receptionists at the front desk Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Love to you all!!

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

You'll find the current month's newsletter on the home page, along with special events and important information. Explore other areas of the site by clicking on various sections in the upper right side, including a calendar of events, senior resources, & past newsletters.

Please, be patient as we update the website to reflect the various returning and new club events and city programs in the coming weeks and months. Thank you!

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## **Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club** *Central Coast Active Adults!* **Our Mission:**

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.

The Mussell Center is open from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Please enter the building during those hours only, unless there is a special event. This will enable the facility staff time before and after to tend to their daily maintenance tasks. The facility staff will unlock the front doors when the building is open. Thank you for your cooperation. ~ *Rec & Parks*

## 2021 Officers & Committee Chairpersons

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## RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED!

We have a need for regular and substitute front desk receptionists. Standard shifts for regular receptionists are weekly (Monday - Friday) from **9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** or **12:30 to 4 p.m.** Substitutes are wanted on an "as needed" basis. Training is provided! If you know of anyone who might be interested but is not a current member, please ask them if they would like to join and help with this need. Call **Carolyn Cabrera** at 805-448-0623 for more info or to volunteer.



**HELP WANTED: Receptionist Chairperson!!!** In addition to needing regular & flexible receptionists, we also need someone to do scheduling & other duties. Please, contact Carolyn Cabrera (see above) for more information & to "step up!"

## Sunshine Corner In Sympathy to ...

Dee Sinor  
whose husband,  
**LeeRoy Sinor**, passed,  
and former member  
Connie Salazar whose husband,  
**Ray Salazar**, a former  
Travel Committee volunteer,  
passed away.

*Please contact Simone (805-925-6267) about anyone who may need a card from the Sunshine Corner (get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc.). Please, leave your name and number when you call in case she needs to contact you for any reason.*



**NOTE:** We plan to have the monthly **Book Exchange** return in August. It will be the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. We need to have "good attendance" (at least 10-20 people each time), so please take advantage of this great opportunity! If you have any questions, contact Jane at 805-937-8859.

**POSTPONED TO SEPT.**





## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

### SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



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

**“FIRST DAY SALES” IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 30 (DUE TO LABOR DAY). DOORS WILL OPEN AT 9 A.M. WITH THE SALE BEGINNING SHORTLY AFTER. SALES WILL CONTINUE UNTIL EVERYONE HAS BEEN HELPED, BUT NO LATER THAN NOON.**

*Welcome Back, Travelers!* We are busy working on some trips. We have contacted the *Chumash Casino* for a bus to take us to the casino on *Tuesday, Aug. 17*. The bus pickup will be at 10:45 a.m. Cost will be *\$40\** (but when you arrive, Chumash provides \$40 in “free play”). Sign up has already began. Call the travel committee office at 805-349-0688 for more information. We have also scheduled a trip to *Riverside Casino in Laughlin*, NV. Stay tuned for more trips!!

**October 18-20 ~ Laughlin, NV**

We will be staying at the Riverside Casino!



**\$272 DbL., \$392 Sgl.\***

**\*All prices are per person**



Check out our Facebook page: “[Santa Maria Senior Travel](#)”



A special thank you to our Travel Committee for sponsoring our “Welcome Back” Membership Dinner on Monday, July 12. They helped cover the cost of the dinner so that we only had to pay \$5. Thanks to Jovi’s Delight for preparing a very delicious menu!! And thank you to Herb Adams for entertaining us with great joy!

~ Attending Members!





## GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

After a year-plus closure, it has been wonderful to see so many Senior Club members visiting the Mussell Center since the re-opening in June. Most City and Senior Club sponsored programs are starting again in August and some are starting in September depending on the facility reservations. Other programs will open once we know we have enough people who want to attend. If you have a specific program idea you want us to start, please let me know. We are always looking for good ideas and some of the best ideas come from the seniors who frequent the Mussell Center.

As we navigate the reopening of the Center, for the safety of staff and patrons, there have been several changes that have taken place. One of these changes includes the implementation of the free **Active Living Access Pass**. The Access Pass is a card with your photo on it that you will scan upon your arrival to the Center each day. (Many of you are already familiar with using this pass system when utilizing the exercise room at the Maldonado Youth Center). This Access Pass not only ensures your emergency contact information is available for staff should the need arise, but it also enables staff to keep an accurate count of patrons visiting the Center each day. This information is very helpful in obtaining appropriate resources and funding to continue to provide free and low-cost programs and services to the active adult community. Thank you to everyone who has already applied. It is going to take a few more weeks for this card system to be implemented, but they should be ready soon.

**National Night Out** is a family-centered event for all ages. It will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 3**, in the new Bobby Acquistapace Park located at 1921 South Western Avenue (at Sonya Lane). The free event is a Police Department-community partnership event and includes live music, food, games, dancing, pony rides, and information about community resources from a variety of local agencies.



The Recreation and Parks Department and People for Leisure And Youth (PLAY), Inc. are pleased to announce the second band performing this summer in the **2021 Concerts in the Park** series, Motel Drive. The concert will be held Sunday, August 15, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Rotary Centennial Park, 2625 South College Drive. Concerts in the

Park are free, fun, and family friendly, so spread the word and be sure to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks. The concerts will continue throughout the summer. The complete Concerts in the Park schedule is available at [www.santamariaatplay.org/](http://www.santamariaatplay.org/).

For a full schedule of events planned for the Mussell Center, please sign up for the City's **EngAGE newsletter**. Just send an email ([bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org](mailto:bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org)) saying you want to be added to our mailing list. **Like us on Facebook!**



CLICK ON ME!

Save the date for **Active Aging Week, Oct. 2-8!** Please, mark your calendars!

I'll see you at the Center!

~ Barbara Wiley

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**NOTE:** Please only use the **MAIN entrance** of the Mussell Center when coming **INTO** the building (both exits are available when leaving).



**THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**  
presents

**Let's Dance!!!**

Featuring the Central Coast's  
Favorite Dance Band

**RIPTIDE**  
**Big Band**

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**  
**1:30 - 4:00 p.m.** **FREE**

**Elwin Mussell Senior Center**  
**510 E. Park Ave., Santa Maria**

*Join us in celebrating our return to the Mussell Senior Center  
with the best in big band dance music  
featuring Riptide Big Band & vocalist, Bob Nations!*

This program is made possible  
with the support of the

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**20 YEARS OF IMPACT**

For more information, please contact  
Judy at 775-813-5186, or visit **RiptideBB.com**  
or on Facebook: **@RiptideBigBand**



## Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Volunteer drivers are always welcome to join the Meals on Wheels dedicated team. You may choose to drive once a week or twice a month. Drivers are needed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. They do not deliver on Thursdays or Sundays.

Meals are picked up at the Marian Extended Care kitchen at 11:00 a.m. and delivered between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The driver will deliver between 10 to 15 meals on their chosen day and the route will take about 2 hours to complete.

Being a volunteer driver is a very rewarding experience. Not only does the client receive a meal, but also has social contact with the driver, which can often be the high point of the client's day.

Please contact the local team through the [Meals on Wheels website](#) or call 805-938-1200 so they may answer any questions you may have, in the hopes that you will consider joining their amazing team.





## LOS FLORES RANCH PARK JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Do you enjoy the outdoors and working with the public?

The City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department is currently recruiting for **Visitors Center Clerks**. Visitors Center Clerks will provide necessary services to the general public at Los Flores Ranch Park.

#### Job Duties Include:

- Visitors Center oversight.
- Providing excellent customer service.
- Promote recreation and leisure opportunities at Los Flores Ranch Park.
- Monitor visitors' attendance, feed barn animals, care of native garden and other duties as assigned.

#### Work Hours:

Morning and afternoon shifts available  
Thursdays through Sundays with some holidays.



Questions may be directed to **Eduardo Marquez, City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department** at (805) 925-0951 extension 2355.



We are planning to Walk in  
person this year!

Join us in your community!



Save the Date ~ Oct. 2, 2021!



Register at [alz.org/walk](https://alz.org/walk)



## Happy Birthday! August Birthdays!

Jean Nanninga	4
Ruth Christiansen	5
Hope Cozart	7
Marjorie Brown	7
Marie Peterson	8
Telly Afi	10
Dolores Armenta	15
Rita Furnberg	15
Jim Keeney	16
Virginia Long	16
Edna Draper	17
Lottie Villalobos	17
Eileen Trujillo	17
Nancy Dewey	18
Herb Adams	18
Elena Chavez	18
Ralph Foster	20
Ruth Adams	20
Kathy Waxman	20
Edward Canales	23
Jackie Jones	26
Robert Gerber	28
Laura Selken	28

## Happy Anniversary! August Anniversaries!

Frank & Emma Rodriguez	5
Alejandro & Maria Ahumada	8
Jim & Pat Keeney	9
Herb & Ruth Adams	26
Richard & Ana Santana	27
Jason & Georgia Schellas	31

## Happy July Birthdays!



*Bruce Rodriguez, Rosa Rivas,  
Pat Keeney, & Bob Newman*

# WELCOME

## New & Rejoining Members!

Paula Brose  
Jackie Brunello  
Ramon & Elena Chavez  
Nancy Dewey  
Edna Draper  
Sue Furchtenicht  
Deedee Hagen

Rose Knopf  
Donald Koloze  
Debbie LeClair  
Margaret Lewis  
Frank & Emma Rodriguez  
Gil Terans  
Hey Yib



## We're glad to have you!

- ❶ If a birthday/anniversary listed here is incorrect, or if your name and special day is not listed, please contact Laura Selken at 1-805-406-9989 or [laura.selken@gmail.com](mailto:laura.selken@gmail.com).
- ❶ Note: only couples who are both members of the Club will have their anniversary listed. Please, notify Laura Selken of any errors or additions (see contact information above).

*Apologies for the lack of a calendar of activities at the Mussell Center.  
I hope to receive all the updated information by the next date of publication!*

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## Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club Newsletter



*Monthly Membership Meeting*

*Monday - August 2*



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

**Meat loaf, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, veggie medley, salad, & white chiffon cake**

*Reserve/Pay by:*  
*Friday - July 30*

*\$12 per person*  
*featuring*

*Catered by:*  
*Jovi's Delight*



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