

The Mussell Messenger

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Carolyn Cabrera

President's Message ~

Here Comes September!! Please keep your masks handy when outside. That smoke is really hard on us. I am driving in Colorado and my eyes and nose have been giving me fits. I put my mask on and wow it sure helped.

I decided to take a road trip and visit my Nebraska roots. I always love seeing the farm my mom was raised on and my dad was a hired hand while going to the University of Nebraska. This past month before the trip, I spent time looking at old family pictures, framing ones I liked, and putting them on the walls around my home. It is such fun for me to piece together the past and enjoy everyone's accomplishments.

Some family members I have never met but feel so close to them now. Another reason to go to Nebraska and ask my cousin some questions.

Another month has passed ... keep going ... we can do this! Stay safe and love to you all!



REC & PARKS

DRIVE-IN BINGO

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 and markers will be 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. 2207.

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.

For more information call the Elwin Mussell Center at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2207



DRIVE-IN BINGO

AUGUST 28, 2020
10:00-11:30 AM
ELWIN MUSSELL CENTER
510 E. PARK AVENUE

FREE! RSVP: 805-925-0951 ext. 2207 PRIZES!

DRIVE-IN BINGO

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
ELWIN MUSSELL CENTER
510 E. PARK AVENUE
RSVP: 805-925-0951 ext. 2207

DRIVE-IN BINGO

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
6:00-7:30 PM
Doors open at 5:00 PM
ELWIN MUSSELL CENTER, 510 E. PARK AVENUE

ALL AGES! RSVP: 805-925-0951 ext. 2260 PRIZES!

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September Birthdays!

Laurie Maxson	1	Les Christiansen	23
Judy McConnell	2	Lee Diaz	23
Liz Reynertson	2	Nancy Dort	24
Lucy Osborn	3	Patricia Grigg	24
Ron Johnson	4	Ann Kneer	24
Spence Stimler	4	Ken Combs	27
Sharon Moore	7	Marge Lipscomb	27
George Perryman	7	Sally Symonds	27
Kathy Sherwood	7	Ben Pavri	28
Jonnie Donars	13	Ana Santana	28
Jean Draeger	13	Bonnie Smith	28
Ed Imperato	14	Marilyn Tefft	28
Glenn Battles	17	Grace Jarvis	29
Kathleen Marshall	17	Jean Letman	29
Karen Iliff	20	Wilma Fee	30
Carolyn Cabrera	21		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

If any birthdays/anniversaries listed here are incorrect or missing, please contact the editor: Laura Selken at 1-805-406-9989 or laura.selken@gmail.com.

September Anniversaries!

Duane & Virginia Long	3
Mike & Juanita Rosas	5
Larry & Jeri Peterson	7
Rik & Diana Dodos	21

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September Days of Note:

- 1 World Letter Writing Day
- 7 Newspaper Carrier Day
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 13 Grandparents Day
- 17 Constitution Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 24 National Punctuation Day

The Sunshine Corner

*There is no report for this month. **REMEMBER**, if you are aware of ANY members who need some "sunshine" ~ not feeling well, hospitalized, going through a difficult time, or have suffered the loss of a loved one, **PLEASE call Simone**. Leave your name and telephone number in case she needs to contact you for any reason. She may be reached at (805) 925-6267.*



RECREATION & PARKS DEPT. REPORT

Remember the old game called “Telephone”? Messages were shared from one person to another, and we laughed when the comments got jumbled and twisted into some hilarious sentences. The messages we are receiving during the COVID-19 pandemic can feel kind of like that game. Information is coming from many sources and the messages do not always match ... in fact they often contradict each other! Some things are left up to interpretation. This can cause confusion and disappointment and it’s anything but hilarious.

One strategy I use to stay positive is to listen to the voices of the people I must follow and then tune out the rest. Each month I will share any updates I have about when the Mussell Center and our programs can re-open. Up until August 12, we were planning to open specific outdoor classes (yoga, Zumba, Ukulele, etc.) in September. However, when we received new information from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, we had to postpone all outdoor classes except the Drive-In events where people stay in their cars (bingo and movies). In the meantime, our staff will create more online activities, and we hope you will avail yourself of those.



The County officials spoke. We listened. There are City, County, State, and Federal guidelines to consider, but please know that our staff is working diligently to bring you activities to do on your own at home and here at the Mussell Center once we re-open. We’re being creative, but we must work within all the mandated restrictions. Thank you for your patience.

The first edition of the **EngAGE** newsletter will be sent in an email in late August. If you did not receive one, please send an email to whudson@cityofsantamaria.org to be added to our email list. Since newsletters are sent just once per month, watch for regular updates on the



Elwin Mussell Center Facebook page. That’s a much faster way to receive communication than waiting for the next month’s newsletter! Feel free to share it with your own friends on Facebook, too! *(Click on the Facebook logo at left to go directly to our page!)*

The first **Drive-In Bingo** at the Mussell Center was a big hit, and we’ve received many calls asking for more. We’ll have Drive-In Bingo for the 50+ crowd on **August 28th** and **September 25th** from **10-11:30 a.m.** You **MUST** call to make a reservation (**805-925-0951 ext. 2207**).

We’re also hosting a free **Family Fun Night Drive-In Bingo** for **all ages** on **September 18th** from **6-7:30 p.m.** For the evening event, you can bring your whole family! In September, there are two **Drive-In Movies** on **September 4th and 5th** at the Elks Unocal Event Center. Advance reservations are required for the movies, and there’s a different movie each night! Hope to see you there! **(Call 805-925-0951 ext. 2260 to make reservations for family bingo or movies.)**

Finally, I hope you will check out the fall projects Wendy and Evelyn have created for our **“Take and Make” Craft Classes**. There’s a new project each month and the kit includes nearly all the supplies to complete it using a video link to see the demonstration. We’d love to see photos of your finished projects, so please email them to Wendy (address above).

Speaking of the telephone game ... Wendy and I are both available to answer any questions you may have, either by phone or email. We miss hearing from you and would be pleased to offer some help to you during these challenging times.

Active Aging Week is October 3-9, 2020 and a full list of the week’s events will be in next month’s newsletter. Please save those dates!

Stay safe and please keep in touch!

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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



The office is not open at this time. Please call and leave a message: 805-349-0688

UPCOMING TRIPS ARE ON HOLD FOR 2020:

Unfortunately, all our trips have been postponed or canceled. We are doing our best to keep travelers informed of all updates, including refunds and rescheduling. Please be patient.

September 30-October 8 ~ Eastern Canada

\$3549 Dbl., \$4499 Sgl.

Niagara Falls • Ottawa • Quebec City • Montreal • Toronto • Thousand Islands • Mackinac Island • Shaker • Montmorency Falls, etc.

We are STILL waiting to hear from the tour company as to status of this trip.

We are expecting to know by the end of August. Thank you for time and patience as we manage the effects of COVID-19.



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

