

# The Mussell Messenger

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# November 2020



## President's Message ~



**Carolyn  
Cabrera**

We can do this! Do not give up! Reach out if you need help! You can encourage and touch other lives. We all need each other.

There are different things we can do. Getting out in the area parks can help, breathing the air, going for a walk. I even love going in my back yard watching the birds, seeing them wash in my bird baths, chirping away. Enjoy all the moments.

Read books. I am so loving my Samsung Note® and access to any book on Amazon Kindle Unlimited [***or through the Santa Maria Public Library***]. I enjoy reading historical novels about the 1800s and 1900s. I have learned so much about our world and how lives have changed it! If you need me for anything please call! I am here for you!

Love to you all! Stay safe!



## RECREATION & PARKS DEPT. REPORT

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2020 Active Aging Week a success! I heard great feedback about the events all week, and I appreciate all of you who made time in your schedule to participate. If you have any pictures to share from the week's events, please send them to me at [bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org](mailto:bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org).

Our Active Aging Team for the ***"Walk to End Alzheimer's"*** walked at several local parks since it was a virtual walk this year. Last year our team was just my family and this year our team grew to eight members who raised 96% of our \$1,000 goal! ***We can accept donations until December 31st*** in case you want to help us fully reach our goal. Thank you to all those who donated money for this worthy cause. Will you join our team next year? We would LOVE to have you!

We have some fun fall activities available this year so I hope you'll take time to participate. Our staff is busy making some ***Take and Make Holiday Craft Classes*** to help decorate your homes or to make as gifts. We provide the craft supplies and instructions and you make the projects at home. Register online at [cityofsantamaria.org](http://cityofsantamaria.org) or give the Center a call. Please join us for ***Drive-In Bingo*** on Fridays, ***November 13*** and ***December 11***, from 10-11:30 a.m. ***RSVP by calling 805-925-0951 ext. 2207.***

The annual ***Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Contest*** opens Monday, November 16, for nominations of homes within the City limits that have beautiful light displays. All you need to do is let me know the address and send up to three pictures of the light display by emailing it to [rpinfo@cityofsantamaria.org](mailto:rpinfo@cityofsantamaria.org).

In this unforgettable year, I hope you take time to count your blessings this Thanksgiving. Though this holiday may be different, it can still be filled with the sights, sounds, and flavors of all your favorite holiday recipes! Enjoy them all! ***Happy Thanksgiving!!!***

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

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## November Birthdays!

David Garcia	1	Dee Sinor	13
Sandra Krewski	1	Judy Lindquist	15
Dave Carey	4	Edna Breazeale	16
Sue Cavenagh	4	Evalyn France	16
Rose Ograin	4	Sonja Gerfen	17
Cindy Cozart	5	Betty Small	17
Diana Dodos	5	Vahnita Vasquez	17
Connie Van Belleghem	5	Dawn Kamiya	19
Barbara Centeno	6	Sharon Marshall	21
Jerry Lamphier	6	Frances Bryant	22
Dena Soares	6	Monique James	23
Karen Mayes	7	Madeline Permasse	26
Betty Moritsch	10	Steve Hopkins	27
Jadine Roinestad	11	Maria Martinez	29
David Lawler	12		

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## November Anniversaries!

John & Marlene Medeiros	3
Steve & Joanne Hopkins	28

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

## November Days of Note:

- 1 Turn Back Clocks @ 2 a.m.
- 3 Election Day - VOTE!
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 World Diabetes Day
- 16 Int'l Day for Tolerance
- 19 World Philosophy Day
- 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 28 Small Business Saturday



**Renew Your Membership**  
to the Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club  
Send your check for \$20 per person  
to PO Box 6688, Santa Maria, CA 93456

## The Sunshine Corner

*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 & number in case she needs to contact you for any reason. She may be reached at 805-925-6267.*



*Thinking of...*  
Dolores Byron

*In Sympathy to ...*  
the family of  
**George K. Torbert**







**AGES 50+** **FREE!** **PRIZES!**

**REC & PARKS**

**DRIVE-IN BINGO**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2020**  
**10:00-11:30 AM**  
**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 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. 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.

For more information call the Elwin Mussell Center at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260

**RSVP only accepted by phone! Call 805-925-0951 ext 2260 today!**

**SAVE THE DATE: DRIVE-IN BINGO ON Friday, December 11 @ 10 a.m.**

# Christmas IN THE COUNTRY

**November 27, 2020 @ 7 p.m. – January 3, 2021 @ 10 p.m.**



You are invited to the first Annual **“Christmas in the Country”** this Holiday season at the Elks Event Center located at 4040 South Highway 101 in Santa Maria. In true Team Santa Maria spirit, Elks Recreation and the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department are working together to create a new holiday tradition on the Central Coast.

Visitors will embark on a drive through a magical holiday light experience at the Elks Event Center with displays presented by local businesses and families. Children will also have the opportunity to put their letters to Santa in Santa’s mailbox for delivery! Health and safety protocols permitting, “Christmas in the Country” may also include opportunities to enjoy hot chocolate, candy canes, Christmas trees, and much more to help bring out the holiday spirit in our community in cooperation with County and State guidelines.

*The Mussell Center is looking for used western items (wagon wheels, old cowboy hats & boots, lanterns, lasso, wheelbarrow, etc.) and old fence boards for their Country Christmas display. Please, call Barbara Wiley (805-925-0951, ext. 2264) if you have items to donate.*

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## Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club Newsletter

### Important Information for 2021

There is a great deal of uncertainty about what things will be like in 2021, but we are all trying to find our way and make plans anyway! The Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club is no different. One thing is for sure, we want to continue to serve “Central Coast Active Adults”! We need three things in order to follow through on this commitment ~ active members, money, and a full board. You can help with the first two by renewing your membership by paying your dues. ***Mail your check for \$20 per person to the PO Box at the top of this page!*** Your help is needed with the third one, too!

Our bylaws state that: “The President and Vice-Presidents may not serve in the same office more than two (2) consecutive terms.” Normally, we would hold an election for new officers in December. However, these are not normal times. With a year of drastic cuts in duties, the current President (Carolyn Cabrera), a 1st Vice-President (Annie Lawrence), and both 2nd Co-Vice-Presidents (Ray & Alice Torres) have offered to serve for one more year. Although not subject to the bylaws, the current Recording Secretary (Judy Lindquist), Corresponding Secretary (Laura Selken), Treasurer (Christel Kurth), and the Director of Purchasing (George Tise) have also agreed to serve next year. In order for the President and any Vice-Presidents to serve a third term in 2021, we have to have a vote by membership to amend the bylaws. As such, we will have a ***virtual Zoom meeting on Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. Members will vote on the bylaw amendment below, as well as a slate of officers.*** Don’t let this scare you. You can participate **via video OR PHONE!!** We also plan to have a “program” for you that night. The link, phone number, and more details will be provided in the next newsletter.

#### ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4. The President and Vice-Presidents may not serve in the same office more than two (2) consecutive terms. ***They may, however, extend their service one (1) additional year for a total of three (3) consecutive terms with the full agreement of the current board and approval by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a monthly business meeting.*** At no time shall a husband and wife serve concurrent terms as two different elected officers.