

The Mussell Messenger

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December 2020



President's Message ~



**Carolyn
Cabrera**

The holidays are upon us! I am looking forward to seeing all your happy faces at our Virtual Holiday "Party" via Zoom on Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. ... via laptop, personal computer, tablet, or smart phone!! We will have entertainment by our very own Herb Adams!! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and share in the joy of the holiday season! See more party information and Zoom link on the back page.

I have been thinking a lot about motivation these last few months. How about you? You can look at challenges so many different ways. Try to look at them as an advantage instead of disadvantage ... helpful instead of hurtful ... a chance to move forward instead of backward. Oh, how hard it CAN BE ~ I agree. Just make your mind up to – "Just do it!" as my late husband would have said. Then we would both laugh and move forward. "See you" at our meeting on December 14th! Happy holidays everyone!!!



RECREATION & PARKS DEPT. REPORT

As we close one year and welcome the next, there are a few dates and reminders to share.

- 🔔 Enter yourself or a neighbor in the annual **Lights, Sights and Holiday Nights contest** by submitting their address, phone number, if available, and up to three photos. Send to: rpinfo@cityofsantamaria.org no later than Dec. 8.
- 🔔 The City **Community Tree Lighting** will be held virtually this year on Tuesday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. Hop onto Facebook Live [@smrecandparks](https://www.facebook.com/smrecandparks) to join in the festivities and possibly win a free Christmas tree.
- 🔔 The **Monotones Trio Drive-In Car-o-ling Concert** will be on Thursday, December 3, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Mussell Parking Lot. Bring a lunch or snacks, wear holiday clothes, and join the singing from the comfort of your car. **RSVP required, 805-925-0951 ext. 2207.**
- 🔔 **Senior Drive-In Holiday Bingo** is Friday, December 11, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Mussell Parking Lot. **RSVP required, 805-925-0951 ext. 2207.**
- 🔔 **Family Holiday Bingo** will be on Saturday, December 12, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. This event is for all ages, including seniors. **RSVP required, 805-925-0951 ext. 2207.**
- 🔔 **Simply Saxes Quartet Holiday Concert** is Thursday, December 17, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Mussell Parking Lot. Enjoy the jazzy songs of the season and join in the finale sing along. **RSVP required, 805-925-0951 ext. 2207.**

Last December I closed the column with this sentiment: *A hug. A kind word. A hand to hold. The greatest gifts of all. May you give them freely and receive them abundantly this holiday season and throughout the New Year.* Little did we know ... [continued on page 3]

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December Birthdays!

Don Sylvester	1	Carolyn McCall	15
Don Pfingsten	4	Mary Jane Niccoli	15
George Tise	4	Jason Schellas	16
Jill Balezentes	5	Art Thaler	17
Joanne Hopkins	5	Kay Register	20
Pat Rae	5	Liz Regulski	20
Susan Daughtry	7	Marilyn Stanley	22
Mary Jane Diaz	7	Marlene Medeiros	23
Nancy Neville	7	Wes Bruxvoort	24
Barbara Scheideck	7	Darlene Vidal	25
Jean Roth	10	Trish Stewart	26
Evelyn Delany	12	Betty Baxter	27
Rik Dodos	12	Joyce Cox	28
Elaine Brown	13	Joyce Hershberger	29
Janet Donaher	13	Leon Permasse	29
Ron Evey	14	Susan Friesen	31
Duane Long	15	Georgia Schellas	31

December Anniversaries!

Roberto & Ruth Limon	17
Ray & Alice Torres	17
Dale & Karen Iliff	29

If any dates are incorrect or missing, please contact Laura Selken at 805-406-9989 or laura.selken@gmail.com.

Renew Your Membership

to the Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club
We need your support to keep going!
Please, send your check for \$20 per person
to PO Box 6688, Santa Maria, CA 93456



I would like to extend a BIG, BIG THANK YOU to Grace Jarvis for once again supplying the Santa Maria Times to "Sunshine" for 2020! Love you, Grace!

~ Simone

The Sunshine Corner

*If you are aware of any club members who need a bit of "sunshine" ~ not feeling well, hospitalized, going through a difficult time, or have suffered the loss of a loved one, **PLEASE call Simone** at 805-925-6267. Leave your name & number in case she needs to contact you.*

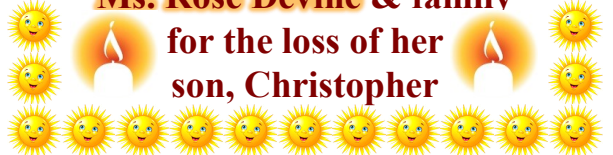


Get Well Soon

Bonnie Smith

In Sympathy to ...

Ms. Rose Devine & family
for the loss of her son, Christopher





City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department

REC & PARKS

Active Aging Committee
"Changing the Way You Age"

FREE!

AGES 50+

PRIZES!

HO HO HO! IT'S ACTIVE AGING BINGO!

December 11, 2020 • 10:00-11:30 AM
Elwin Mussell Community Center, 510 E. Park Avenue

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

Bingo will be held in the Elwin Mussell Community Center Parking lot to allow for adults 50 years and older to participate from the safety of their own car.

Bingo cards and marker 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 Community Center at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260

RSVP only accepted by phone! Call 805-925-0951 ext 2260 or 2207 today!



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"Changing the Way You Age"

SENIOR CLUB

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Drive-In CAR-O-LING Concert

FREE

FESTIVE SURPRISES!

with music by the Monotones Trio

December 3, 2020 | 12:00-1:00 PM
Elwin Mussell Community Center
510 East Park Avenue

HOLIDAY RAFFLE!

Let's ring in the season with holiday tunes & celebrate safely from the comfort of your car.

Wear your favorite seasonal clothing or your ugly Christmas Sweater to spread good cheer!

Bring your lunch and sing along to the music!

Call now to reserve your space at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260
Advance registration required.

We care about the health of our community. All staff and participants must wear a mask and practice social distancing.
For more information, contact the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department at (805) 925-0951 ext. 2260

Holiday DRIVE-IN CONCERT

December 17, 2020 | 12:00-1:00 PM
Elwin Mussell Community Center
510 E. Park Ave.

The Simply Saxes Quartet will perform a variety of seasonal songs and spread Christmas joy through music!

Bring your lunch and get ready to hum or sing along with the music while staying socially distant.

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Advance Reservations Required for All Above Events!

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This year, hugs may be fewer in number ... hands we love to hold may be out of reach ... yet we can always share a kind word. It is my privilege to share kind words with you each month, and I miss doing so in person. Whether near or far, may you find joy during this holiday season. I wish you good health in the New Year!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year from all of us at the Recreation and Parks Department!

~ "Santa Barbara" Wiley, Recreation Coordinator • 805-925-0951 ext. 2264 • bwiley@cityofsantamaria.org

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SMVSCC Virtual Holiday Party


Monday, December 14 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Don't forget
to wear your
Christmas
sweater!





featuring

Herb Adams



performing some of your favorite holiday songs!



The link to the meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81060026555>
Or call from any phone: 1-669-900-6833; Meeting ID: 810 6002 6555
(long-distance charges may apply if you use a land-line phone)

As a reminder, we will also be voting on **amending our bylaws** to permit our President, one of our Co-1st Vice Presidents, and both our Co-2nd Vice Presidents to serve another term. We will also vote on the slate of officers for 2021. The amended bylaw was presented for your review in the November issue of the **Mussell Messenger**. Provided the amendment passes, our slate will be: Carolyn Cabrera (President), Annie Lawrence (Co-1st Vice-President), Ray & Alice Torres (Co-2nd Vice-Presidents), Judy Lindquist (Recording Secretary), Laura Selken (Corresponding Secretary), Christel Kurth (Treasurer), and George Tise (Director of Purchasing). ***If you are interested in serving as a Co-1st Vice President in 2021, please contact Carolyn as soon as possible!*** (Note: a description of the duties was listed in the [August issue](#).)

Thank you to those who have already renewed your membership. Your card will be kept for you until the Center reopens. If you want it sooner, please include a self-addressed-stamped envelope with payment!