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WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department's newsletter. We will be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news, information and events affecting the department. I am honored and privileged to serve as your county clerk-recorder. Please contact my office at (714) 834-2500 or visit www.ocrecorder.com for more information about the department or the services provided to the public.

Sincerely,
Hugh Nguyen
County Clerk-Recorder

**SATURDAY HOURS
PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 24**



Lauren Morfin from our Admin Support Unit, one of the many employees who volunteer to help make our Saturday office hours possible.

The Clerk-Recorder Department will once again open its doors to the public on September 24, 2016 for its once-a-month Saturday hours.

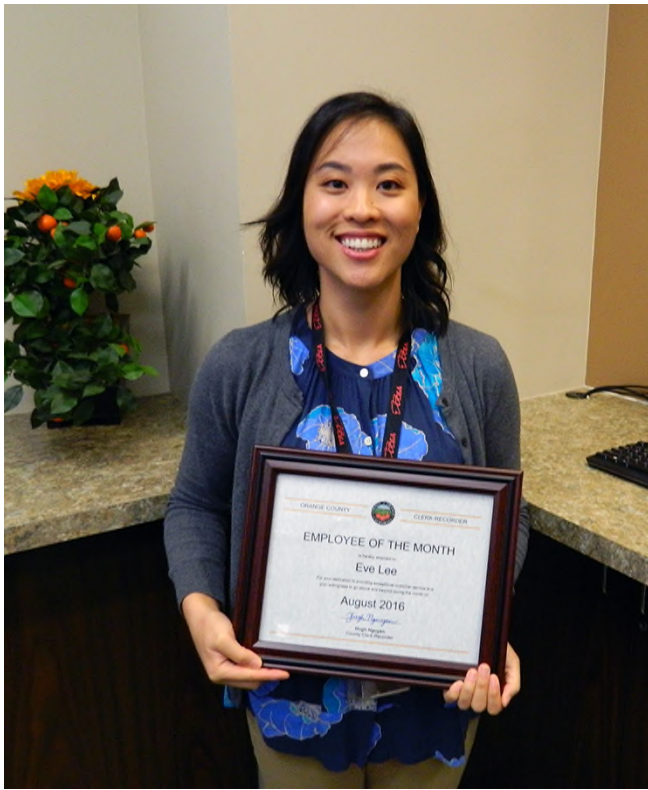
The department's branch offices in Fullerton, Laguna Hills and the Old County Courthouse will be open from 10 am to 3 pm. Customers will be able to obtain marriage licenses, have marriage ceremonies performed, submit passport applications and obtain vital and official records.

The Orange County Archives will also be open from 10 am to 3 pm. The Archives are located in the basement of the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana.

For more information about our Saturday hours, please visit us at:

www.ocrecorder.com

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – Employee of the Month



Every month, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen recognizes an employee who goes above and beyond their normal duties and who offers excellent service to our customers. This month, Clerk-Recorder Nguyen is pleased to announce Eve Lee as the Employee of the Month for August 2016.

Eve works at the department's North County branch office in Fullerton. She continuously displays a gracious attitude in providing excellent customer service and tackles any situation with a smile. She is extremely punctual and dependable. She assists her supervisors beyond her daily duties. She takes initiative and works well with little to no supervision.

Eve is always willing to go the extra mile and even assists customers by speaking Korean when needed. She volunteers for the department's once-a-month Saturday openings on a regular basis Impressing customers with her great customer service. Eve's kindness is reflected in the excellent customer service she provides and it is appreciated by all.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT AT BRIDE WORLD EXPO



On August 14, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen hosted an informational booth at Bride World Expo in Anaheim, which took place in the Anaheim Sheraton Park Hotel.

Department staff was on hand to inform the soon to be brides about the marriage services available to them at the Clerk-Recorder Department.

Clerks Manny Gomez and Frank Cienfuegos volunteered to work at the event. They answered questions about the department's services and about the convenient locations the department has available to the public.

Over 500 people attended the event. Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen would like to thank Frank and Manny for volunteering to work at this busy weekend event.

CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN OPENING OF DANA POINT'S 50 YEAR OLD TIME CAPSULE



Clerk-Recorder Nguyen thanks Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen for the great work the Orange County Archives did to prepare materials from the time capsule for the public.

On August 29, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen joined the Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Lisa Bartlett, 5th District, at the Dana Point Harbor 50 Year Anniversary Time Capsule Opening Ceremony.

The Orange County Archives, a division of the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department, displayed the contents of a time capsule that was originally sealed in 1966. The contents in the capsule included; the original plans for a proposed harbor at Dana Point-San Clemente written in 1949; a San Clemente Sun Post News article about awarding a contract for breakwaters, June 28, 1966; and an American Legion Post No. 222 (Laguna Beach) letter to the future.

The Orange County Archives played a vital role in getting the contents inside the capsule ready for display at the event. Archives staff did an amazing job and the displays were a great hit with the large crowd at the event.

Clerk-Recorder Nguyen was honored to be part of such a historical event.

A MESSAGE FROM CLERK-RECORDER HUGH NGUYEN



Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen

Hello, my name is Hugh Nguyen. I am honored to serve as your Orange County Clerk-Recorder. As you may know, we offer many services that benefit Orange County residents and families at all four of our convenient locations, including; issuing birth, death and marriage certificates, passport services, registering notaries public and real property recordings.

We were the first county in the nation to record 7 million real property records electronically. We have been offering special Saturday hours for the past three years, for which we received a 2014 Merit Award from the California Association of Counties as well as a 2015 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties.

I attribute this success to my hard-working staff. I am proud to have the best county employees. I enjoy watching them provide great customer service. They help keep the department's operations running smoothly. I will be introducing one of my staff members here and on our Facebook page, so that you may get to know every one of my superstar employees. We are all here to serve you and we are proud to serve our County.

Here to Serve – Dana



Today I would like to introduce you to Dana. Dana began working for the County for over 20 years. He most recently started working at the Clerk-Recorder Department in 2013, but had previously worked at the department in the past. He currently serves as my department's director of administration where he oversees general administration, facilities, human resources and information services. His diverse experience makes Dana an extremely knowledgeable and valuable asset to our team.

Dana possesses a vast knowledge of County operations and his many years of administrative experience is of great benefit to the department. I can rely on his advice to help me make the right decisions for the department.

I am grateful to have Dana on my team.

Here to Serve – Adam



Today I would like to introduce you to Adam. He manages the department's accounting unit and develops the department's budget every year. His career with the County began in 2004, at the Auditor-Controller, where he spent over 7 years working at John Wayne Airport. He eventually joined the Clerk-Recorder Department in October 2013.

Adam has become an important member of my management team. He is organized, efficient and is a good leader. He makes himself available whenever necessary, and is always willing to share some of his expertise.

I am thankful to have him on my team.

SHARED MOMENTS

This section is dedicated for our staff members to share special moments with their families.



Vanessa Garcia, from our SECURE Unit, shared her daughter's first day in Pre-K.



Daniela Rivera, from our Marriage Services Unit, shared her daughters return to school.



Isabel Dominguez, from our Marriage Services Unit, shared her son's first day in 4th grade.

AUGUST IN O.C. HISTORY



On August 25, 1956, The Disneyland Hotel held its formal opening

- August 03, 1965** Highway inspector Rex Heflin took several now-famous Polaroid photos of a "UFO" near Myford Road and the Santa Ana Freeway.
- August 04, 1941** The creation of Huntington Beach State Park was approved.
- August 05, 1889** The first meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors was held.
- August 06, 1957** Dairy City changed its name to Cypress.
- August 16, 1878** Isaac J. Frazee made a small sketch of Laguna Beach -- the earliest known image of that area.

This section brought to you courtesy of the Orange County Archives, a function under the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

Historical photo courtesy of the Orange County Archives

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OUT AND ABOUT

This section will feature photos taken by department employees while they were out and about to help close our newsletter on a good visual note.



Lauren Morfin, from our Admin Support Unit, submitted this view of the Old County Courthouse taken by her husband.

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