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# WELCOME

Newsletter - September 2018

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 us at [ocrecorder.com](http://ocrecorder.com) for more information about the department or the services provided to the public.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Nguyen  
County Clerk-Recorder

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## Mark Your Calendars:

October 8, 2018 - Columbus Day (office closed)

October 20, 2018 - Special Saturday Opening

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# NEWS



## Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department Receives 2018 CSAC Merit Award

The California Association of Counties (CSAC) has awarded the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department with a 2018 Merit Award in recognition of its G2G: Government to Government Recordings Made Easy submission in the category of Government Finance, Administration & Technology. The department received recognition for its efforts to give government agencies the ability to submit document recordings electronically to any participating county using a single computer from anywhere using the G2G component to access the department's SECURE electronic delivery system.

The G2G component to SECURE was created in order to help government agencies enjoy the same benefits that other users of SECURE have come to enjoy. G2G eliminates recording wait times, eliminates the need for envelopes and postage and also eliminates transportation costs. The biggest benefit of G2G is that government agencies now have the ability to submit document recordings to any participating county using a single computer from anywhere. The development of G2G was a collaborative effort with our owner counties – Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego. Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen would like to thank them for their support and for making G2G a possibility.

***"I am honored and pleased by this award," Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. "We wouldn't be able to celebrate this award if it wasn't in large part due to the hard work, dedication and professionalism of my staff."***

This is not the first time CSAC recognizes the department for its innovative spirit. In 2014, CSAC honored the department with a Merit Award for its efforts to make the department's services more accessible to working families through its once-a-month special Saturday openings – a program that continues to be in effect. Each year, CSAC honors the most innovative programs developed and implemented by California Counties through its Challenge Awards. The awards recognize the innovativeness of California counties in finding effective and cost-saving ways to provide services to their residents.

For more information about the Clerk-Recorder Department and the services it provides, please visit

**[OCRecorder.com](http://OCRecorder.com)**

# NEWS



## **Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen Receives Rose Award From The Orange County Taxpayers Association**

During the month of September, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen was awarded a 2018 Rose Award by the Orange County Taxpayers Association recognizing his department's innovations and services while saving taxpayers money. The award was presented to him during this year's 8th Annual Roses, Radishes and Royalty Awards dinner which was held at the Islands in the City of Newport Beach.

Rose Awards are presented to those individuals or organizations that have been friends to the taxpayers. This is Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen's first Rose Award.

Congratulations to Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen on his achievement!!

# NEWS



Staff at our Cental office ready to serve the public during our special Saturday opening.

## **SATURDAY HOURS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 20**

The Clerk-Recorder Department will once again open its doors to the public on October 20, 2018 for its once-a-month Saturday hours. The department's branch offices in Fullerton and Laguna Hills as well as the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana, will be open from 10 am to 3 pm. Customers will be able to obtain marriage licenses, have marriage ceremonies performed, submit passport applications, purchase passport photos 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, please visit us at:

**[OCRecorder.com](http://OCRecorder.com)**

# NEWS

## BUD HURLBUT

### *Master of Amusement*

Wendell "Bud" Hurlbut (1918-2011) of Buena Park, was an entrepreneur, designer, and unsung giant of the amusement park industry. He introduced ideas that became industry standards, he restored vintage attractions, he created Riverside's Castle Park, and he crafted beautiful miniature trains. Only Hurlbut's modesty prevented him from being as famous as Disney's Imagineers. Locally, he is best remembered for the many rides he designed, built and operated for Knott's Berry Farm, including the Calico Mine Ride and the Timber Mountain Log Ride. Such attractions were foundational to the engineering, business operation, and artistic design of the modern theme park.

**Bud Hurlbut: Master of Amusement exhibit now on display!**

### **ORANGE COUNTY ARCHIVES ANNOUNCES NEW EXHIBIT AT OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

The Orange County Archives' new exhibit, "Bud Hurlbut: Master of Amusement" is now open in the first floor lobby of the Old Orange County Courthouse and continues inside the Archive's office in room 108. It will be on display until the end of the year. Photos, drawings, models and artifacts help tell the story of Hurlbut's colorful career and mark what would have been his centennial year. The Hurlbut Collection is just one of countless collections held by the Archives detailing the history of Orange County. This particular collection includes Hurlbut's diaries, home movies, photos, business records, and much more. The exhibit will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except on holidays) at the Old Courthouse at 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, in Santa Ana, California.

**[OCArchives.com](http://OCArchives.com)**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## During the month of September:



My team and I were on KVLA TV 57.8 with a very special guest, CEO Frank Kim. He talked about his role as the County's CEO and gave us an overview of the county.



My team presented a certificate of recognition to IHOP at their ribbon cutting. We wished them the very best and welcomed them to the Santa Ana business community.



My office hosted an informational booth at the 8th Annual Orange County Asian Business Expo in the City of Garden Grove to highlight the services and the locations available to the public. I want to thank my staff for representing our department and always doing such an amazing job of letting the public know what we do.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## During the month of September:



My team was present at the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Holiday Inn Express & Suites in the City of Santa Ana. A certificate of recognition was presented to them to mark the occasion and wished them continued success.



Congratulations to Bill Sampson - State Farm Agent on his grand opening. My staff presented a certificate of recognition to mark the occasion and wished him the best.



My team was invited and attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Wendy's in the City of Stanton. My office presented them with a certificate of recognition and wished them great success.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## During the month of September:



Once again my team and I were on KVLA 57.8 TV show. We helped the public by answering questions, providing information about our services and talked about our next special Saturday opening.



We had the pleasure of having Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich on our KVLA TV 57.8 show. She shared information about her department and talked about her role as the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector.



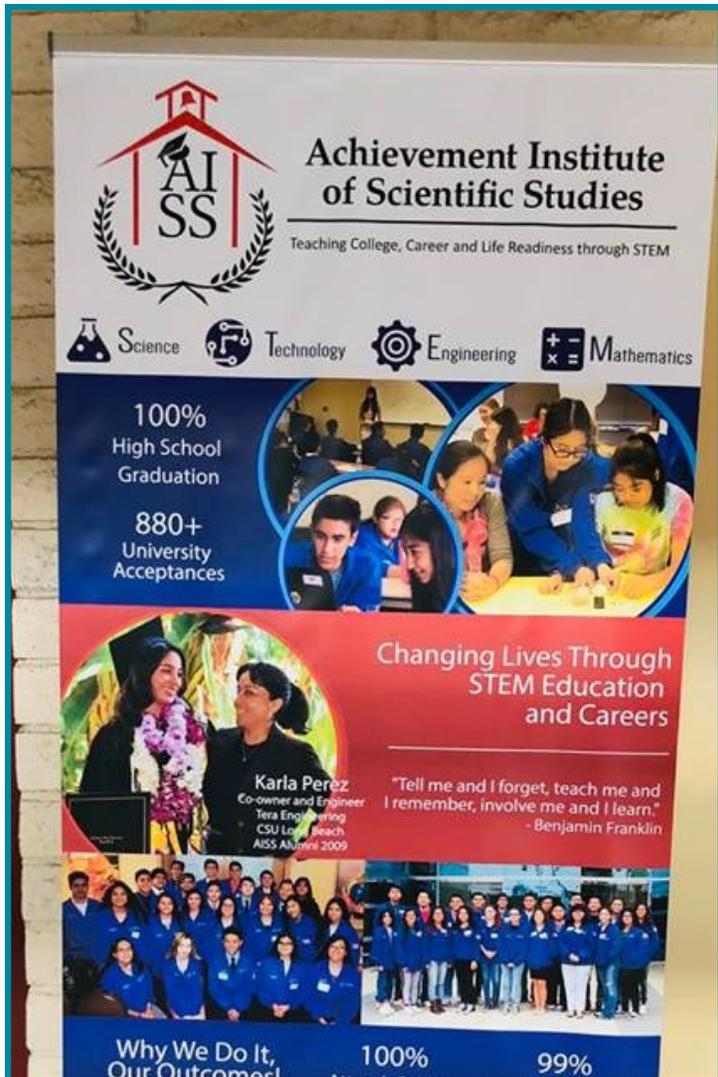
My department hosted an informational booth at the Career Expo and Open House at the Irvine Ranch Historic Park which was hosted by the County. My team was busy answering questions from attendees regarding the department and career opportunities with the County. It was a great turnout!!

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## During the month of September:



My department hosted a booth at the 15th Annual Orange County Children's Book Festival. Thousands of children and their family members attended this great event at Orange Coast College in the City of Costa Mesa. We were able to hand out bookmarks containing pictures of historical landmarks provided by our Orange County Archives and other informational outreach materials.



My team attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Achievement Institute of Scientific Studies. My team presented them a certificate of recognition to honor the work that they do to guide academically motivated, economically disadvantaged students interested in pursuing a career in the STEM education field. We wish you great success in your endeavor.

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

**EMPLOYEE  
OF THE  
MONTH**



## **Matthew Vitalich**

Each month we are recognizing an employee who goes above and beyond their normal duties and offers excellent service to our customers. The Employee of the Month receives a certificate, has their name placed on a recognition plaque, uses the special designated parking space and may dress casual during their month of recognition.

It is with great pleasure that I announce Matthew Vitalich as Employee of the Month for September 2018.

Matt completes his assigned work without difficulty. He is flexible and carries out his duties with minimal supervision. He always displays a harmonious and cooperative spirit. Matt created procedures for the different machines used in the mail room and a cheat sheet of the different mail requests we receive which has led to having less mis-delivered mail throughout the agency. He has a great rapport with his coworkers and supervisors and is always looking for ways to learn new assignments. Matt recently cross-trained in the marriages department and is looking forward to the next cross-training opportunity in Clerk Operations. He is considerate and maintains a professional working relationship with co-workers, supervisors, and the public. Matt takes great pride in his work and makes not only the mail room, but each project his own.

Please join me in congratulating Matt on his achievement!

# CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING . . .

In this section we will share what customers are saying about us. We strive to provide the best customer experience each and every time a customer visits our offices.

We received the following yelp review from a customer who visited our Marriage Services Unit at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana. We would like to thank Matt for making this customer's marriage day extra special.

 9/16/2018

Thanks to Matt, our wedding was amazing. Everything from him giving us a bit of extra time to have our wedding party, to humoring my traditional parents in not allowing the groom to see the bride, and from overall giving our special day his most. We will never forget Matt when we think back on our wedding day. If you ever get the opportunity to be wed here at this courthouse make sure to ask for Matt by name. You will not regret it. Thank you, Matt!

# SEPTEMBER IN O.C. HISTORY



Service medal given to Orange County World War I veterans at 1919 ceremony at Irvine Park.

- Sept. 2, 1985** The Adventure Thru Inner Space ride closed at Disneyland. It opened in 1967.
- Sept. 9, 1919** "Orange County's Welcome Home Celebration" for World War II veterans drew 30,000 patriots to Orange County Park (now Irvine Park).
- Sept. 12, 1913** The Pacific Electric Railway began service to Alamitos Bay and Seal Beach (then called Bay City).
- Sept. 25, 1886** The first edition of the Pacific Weekly Blade newspaper was published. (Later known as the Santa Ana Blade).
- Sept. 26, 1967** Actress Martha Nix Wade, (*The Waltons*, *Days of Our Lives*) was born in Orange County.

Historical facts and photos provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

Courtesy of the Orange County Archives, a function under the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

# 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.



One of our staff took this shot of the location on the East Coast that inspired the TV series *Cheers*.

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