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WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the newsletter for the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. We'll be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news and information in the world of public records, vital records and personal privacy, as well as more about Orange County's history.

Sincerely,

MULTI-COUNTY RECORDING LAUDED AT WORKSHOP

The benefits of recording documents electronically in multiple counties through a system pioneered in Orange County was lauded recently at a workshop in Santa Ana by Property Records Education Partners, a national industry group. Speaking to the group were Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly, Riverside County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Larry Ward and Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan. The three counties, with San Diego County, are co-owners of the statewide SECURE electronic document recording system. SECURE has been honored by the National Association of Counties and the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University.

PARENTS AND KIDS MAKE "PASSPORT DAY" A SUCCESS

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department processed 55 applications for passports during a special "Passport Day" on Saturday, Sept. 17. Little Blake Jamieson, right, had his passport photo taken on the spot, a service offered to ease the process for travelers. Passports are needed by everyone entering or re-entering the United States.



The special Saturday hours made it easier for parents to complete the application process because both parents must be present to obtain passports for children younger than 16. "Our goal was to help parents who work normal business hours and can't come in with their children on weekdays," Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly said. Thanks to employees Brynn Esparza, Mary Jack, Tiffany Nguyen, Gloria Serrano, Robert Uristequi and Cyndi Viall for making the day such a success! (For more photos, see below.)

NEW LOOK FOR NORTH COUNTY BRANCH OFFICE IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FULLERTON



The Clerk-Recorder Department's popular North County branch office in historic downtown Fullerton has a new look! The peach exterior is now grey and the corner sports new black awnings with white lettering and the County Seal to better identify the office to travelers. The branch office, located at 201 N. Harbor Blvd., opened in 2009, joining the South County branch office in the Laguna Hills Civic Center. The branches are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and offer convenient free parking. Services offered at the branches include obtaining copies of birth, death or marriage certificates; obtaining a marriage license and having a civil marriage ceremony performed; filing a fictitious business name and recording a real property document. For more information, visit www.ocrecorder.com.

FREE ANTI-FRAUD WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department offers free workshops to community groups about combating real-estate fraud plus ways to thwart identity thieves. Workshops can be tailored to fit your group. For more information or to schedule a workshop, call the Department at (714) 834-2248.

STAFF FAMILIES' MILITARY HEROES HONORED AT SANTA ANA OFFICE

To honor the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania, and the upcoming Veterans Day remembrance on Nov. 11, employees provided photos of their family heroes serving in the U.S. Armed Forces for "having the courage to make a difference."



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: JUNE

Name: 

Martha Arteaga

Job Title: Senior Office Supervisor

How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? 14 years.


What is the best part of your job? The best part of my job is making customers happy with a great experience when they visit our office.

Favorite book? Twilight—Breaking Dawn

Favorite movie? Wizard of Oz. It reminds me of watching it with my parents as a child.

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. I grew up in Santa Ana and am the youngest of 10 kids in my family. I also have three wonderful kids, who I adore.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: JULY

Name: 

Nancy Malone

Job Title: Office Specialist

How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? 6 years.

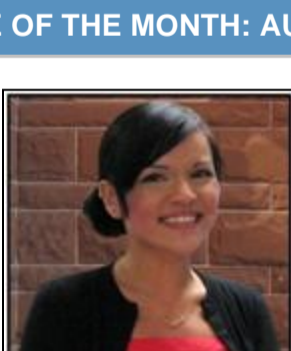
What is the best part of your job? The very, very best thing about my job is our staff; everyone at the Clerk-Recorder office is wonderful. I am proud to be a part of this exceptional group of people.

Favorite book? Jane Austen or Ayn Rand. I love mysteries by Linda Lairstein, Louise Penny and too many more to mention and currently am listening to David McCullough's The Greater Journey. Books on tape are more enjoyable to me. Doing chores, cooking and cleaning are so much easier when you are transported by books to other worlds.

Favorite movie? I love movies, too, especially watching them with Lucas Malone, otherwise known as my new grandson. He's not talking yet, but when he smiles, the world is heaven.

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. One of my favorite things is taking pictures of wild animals. You are looking at them and you know they are looking at you and there is a connection which is beyond my words

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: AUGUST

Name: 

Luz Suazo

Job Title: Office Specialist

How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? 8 years including my time as a temp.

What is the best part of your job? The flexibility as well as the interaction with my co-workers.

Favorite book? The Twilight series. (It's a guilty pleasure.)

Favorite movie? Blow.

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. I currently reside in Anaheim where I was born and raised. I have a passion for fashion and music and I live for good times with my family and friends. I push myself to do the best I can in everything I do. This year I'll be attending school for court reporting. I'm extremely anxious and excited to start in October.

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Passport Day Popular at Old Courthouse



It was Family Day on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Clerk-Recorder Department at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana as parents brought their kids with them to apply for passports.

