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 regarding the department. I am honored and privileged to serve as your County Clerk-Recorder.

Please contact my office by phone at (714) 834-2500 or visit us at www.ocrecorder.com for more information.

Sincerely,
Hugh Nguyen
County Clerk-Recorder

SATURDAY HOURS PLANNED FOR APRIL 23
The Clerk-Recorder Department will once again open its doors to the public on April 23, 2016 for its once-a-month Saturday hours.

The Old County Courthouse and the department’s branch offices in Fullerton and Laguna Hills 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 about our Saturday hours, please visit us at: www.ocrecorder.com
ORANGE COUNTY ARCHIVES ANNOUNCES NEW EXHIBIT AT OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Orange County Archives is pleased to announce “The Life of a Citrus Label.” The exhibit is now on display in the lobby of the Old Orange County Courthouse, located at 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana.

These colorful paper labels decorated the ends of wooden crates that transported Orange County’s once biggest crop to the world.

This small exhibit shows styles, types of labels and locales used to promote the citrus industry.

The exhibit is made possible thanks to the donation of hundreds of citrus labels by historian and collector, Tom Pulley. This unique collection will be on display through July 2016.

To learn more about the Orange County Archives, visit www.ocarchives.com

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Each Month, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen recognizes an employee who goes above and beyond their normal duties and offers excellent service to our customers. Clerk-Recorder Nguyen is pleased to announce Idalia Aguirre as Employee of the Month for March 2016.

Idalia is valuable to the department and currently serves as a passport agent at our South County Branch office in Laguna Hills.

She played an instrumental role in earning the department an “excellent” report during its annual passport outlining observation audit. Idalia is a dedicated employee who carries out her duties with extreme attention to detail and her customer service is exceptional.

Please join the department in congratulating Idalia on her achievement!

EMPLOYEE RETIRES AFTER 42 YEARS OF SERVICE

On March 30, the department came together to say goodbye to one of the department’s long time employees, Kevin Brewer. Kevin decided to retire after working at the Clerk-Recorder Department for the past 42 years. He was a member of our Imaging Unit.

During a small reception full of well-wishers, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen presented Kevin with a resolution from the Board of Supervisors and a certificate of recognition from the department in recognition of his 42 years of service to the County of Orange.

We would like to congratulate Kevin and thank him for his exemplary service to the County and the department. We wish him a happy retirement!!

DATA ENTRY SUPERVISOR RETIRES AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE

On March 31, staff gathered to say goodbye to Data Entry Unit Supervisor Jan Castorena who decided to retire after 31 years of service to the County of Orange.

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen was on hand to present her with a resolution from the Board of Supervisors and a certificate of recognition from the department in honor of her 31 years of service.

We would like to wish Jan a happy retirement and thank her for her hard work and dedication to the department and the County of Orange!!
This section is dedicated for our staff members to share special moments with their families. Daniela Rivera from our Marriage Services Unit shared this photo of her daughters, Victoria and Vanessa, taken during their vacation in Oregon.
On March 10, 1933, a severe (approx. 6.4 on Richter scale) earthquake hit Orange County at 5:54 p.m. It was centered three and a half miles southwest of Newport Beach. Four Orange County residents were killed and many buildings were damaged or destroyed. (Including the Old County Courthouse above)

March 02, 1934
Police radio was used for the first time in Orange County. The first broadcast, which was sent from the County jail, stated that the outlaw Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been seen west of Anaheim.

March 05, 1991
Lake Forest voted to incorporate as a city. The measure passed 5,590 to 2,614.

March 08, 1992
Christian Nelson, resident of Laguna Hills and inventor of the Eskimo Pie ice cream bar, died at age 99.

March 11, 1889
California Governor Robert Waterman signed the bill allowing the election that ultimately created the new County of Orange

March 18, 1967
Pirates of the Caribbean opened to the public at Disneyland. Its official grand opening followed on April 19th.

March 21, 2006
"The Real Housewives of the OC," a "reality" series set in Coto de Caza, debuted on the Bravo cable network.

March 27, 1955
Rev. Robert Schuller of Crystal Cathedral fame preached his first sermon in Orange County from the roof of the snack bar at the Orange Drive-In Theater.

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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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.

Zafar Chaudhry from our IT Unit took these photos during his visit to the Huntington Gardens in Pasadena.

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