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WELCOME

Newsletter - January 2023

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 for more information about the department and the services provided to the public.

Sincerely,

*Hugh Nguyen
County Clerk-Recorder*

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ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

CALL CENTER

**WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

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Clerk-Recorder to Offer Extended Valentine's Day Hours

Looking to get married on what is the most romantic day of the year? We are here to help you! This upcoming Valentine's Day, Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen will be offering extended hours at his offices in Anaheim, Laguna Hills and at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana. Instead of its normal closing hours, the department will be keeping its marriage services units open until 6 p.m. Due to high demand, appointments are highly recommended. Walk-ins are welcomed and will be served on a first come, first served basis; however, couples must complete an application online prior to visiting any of the offices. To complete an application and/or to make an appointment, please visit the following link: <https://ocweddings.ocrecorder.com/#/>.

“Valentine's Day is always one of the most romantic, happiest, and busiest days of the year for the department. I'm excited to making it easier and more convenient for couples, especially for those who must work on this special day,” said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

To make this day smoother for the couples, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Couples must complete their marriage application online prior to visiting our offices.
- For couples looking to obtain a marriage license and ceremony, a maximum of ten guests may attend the ceremony.
- Couples must present valid government issued photo identification at their appointment.
- Payment can be made by cash, credit/debit card, check, cashier's check, and/or money order. Make checks and money orders payable to the Orange County Clerk-Recorder.

Another reason to join us on this special day, the department has one of the lowest costs for a marriage license and a marriage ceremony in the state. In Orange County, couples can obtain a public marriage license for \$61 and a confidential marriage license for \$66. A civil marriage ceremony can be performed for an additional \$28.

For more information, please call the department's information line at (714) 834-2500 or visit us at OCRecorder.com. The information line is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of January:

On January 28, our Clerk-Recorder team participated in the City of Brea's Wedding Show.

We had a great time meeting everyone and sharing the knowledge on our department's services. Attendees learned about our department's marriage license and civil ceremony services along with our other essential services. With getting married, there can be many things to think about, we hope we made the marriage license process easy to understand!



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Orange County Clerk-Recorder
Employee of the Month



Congratulations!
Melissa

Dedicated to Providing Excellent Customer Service

Each month we recognize 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 of recognition, has their name placed on a recognition plaque, and may dress casual during their month of recognition.

It gives me great pleasure to announce Melissa Gomez as Employee of the Month for January.

Since joining our department, Melissa has quickly proven to be a valuable and dependable addition to our team. She possesses an incredible work ethic and excellent customer service skills that exemplify the quality of service our department strives to provide. Melissa demonstrates a clear understanding of our department's policies and procedures. Her great ability to convey information to the public and assist them in a thoughtful, calm, and composed manner in all circumstances is noted by her supervisors.

Melissa maintains her friendliness and professionalism while going the extra mile when assisting customers and colleagues alike. Staff who have had the pleasure of working with Melissa appreciate that she is always willing to lend a helping hand to all who ask. Her dedication and attention to the needs of the department, her perfect attendance, and her low error rate in tasks make her a valuable asset to the department and great example for all to follow.

Melissa's positive contributions to our department are appreciated by all. We are thankful to have Melissa on our team.

Please join me in congratulating Melissa on this achievement!

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CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

Our Passport Agents April and Jennifer at the County Service Center received the following review. Thank you April and Jennifer for your exemplary service!



1/13/23



I would love to review your passport application service. It was so convenient & flexible schedules compares to USPS. I love your beautiful office too. :)

Especially thanks to April & Jennifer, they were super helpful & friendly.

Thanks

DON'T FORGET!



**HUGH NGUYEN
CLERK-RECORDER**

*Save the Date
Valentine's Day*

February 14, 2023

Extended Hours:

Marriage licenses & civil ceremony services available until 6:00 PM



Our Anaheim, Laguna Hills & Santa Ana locations

Appointments recommended & Walk-ins are welcome

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JANUARY IN O.C. HISTORY



Carl Karcher (1917-2008) opened his first real restaurant, Carl's Drive-In Barbecue, in Anaheim back in 1945. As his Carl's Jr. chain grew, he kept the company's headquarters near his Anaheim home. The short-lived Anaheim coffee shop in this photo was open in the 1960s and '70s.

Jan. 9, 1847

Last battle between the Californios and the Americans was fought. Articles of capitulation were signed four days later at Rancho Cahuenga, ending the fighting of the Mexican-American War within Alta California.

Jan. 14, 1875

The first scheduled train arrived in Anaheim, bringing Orange County into a new era of transportation and commerce.

Jan. 10, 1969

The new County Courthouse at 700 Civic Center Drive was dedicated. It was designed by famed architect Richard Neutra, working in conjunction with the local firm of Ramberg & Lowrey.

Jan. 11, 2008

Carl's Jr. founder and noted Anaheim resident Carl Karcher died at age 90.

Jan. 9, 1913

Future U.S. President Richard M. Nixon was born in the house his father built in Yorba Linda.

Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

Photo: Courtesy of the Orange County Archives.

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

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OUT AND ABOUT



One of my staff took this photo near the tidepools in Dana Point, CA right before the recent storms.

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