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## WELCOME

Newsletter - June 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](http://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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**CALL CENTER**

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

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# NEWS

Our June 10 Special Saturday Opening was a big success! I was happy for the opportunity to make our marriage and passport services more accessible and convenient through this Special Saturday Opening.

We issued 144 marriage licenses, performed 92 civil marriage ceremonies, took 36 passport photos, and accepted 51 passport applications.

Thank you to my incredibly dedicated and hardworking staff who made this day a success. A big thank you to everyone who came to our offices. It was a pleasure to assist you.





**Hugh Nguyen**

Orange County Clerk-Recorder

## 2023 SPECIAL SATURDAY OPENINGS

**August 19, October 21, December 16**

**10 AM to 3 PM**

*Appointments & Free Parking Available*



### Old Orange County Courthouse

211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Rm 202,  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

#### Services available:

- ✓ marriage license
- ✓ civil ceremony
- ✓ new passport
- ✓ passport photo



### North County Branch Office

222 S. Harbor Blvd.,  
Ste. 110A & 110B,  
Anaheim, CA 92805

#### Services available:

- ✓ marriage license
- ✓ civil ceremony
- ✓ new passport
- ✓ passport photo



### South County Branch Office

24031 El Toro Rd., Ste. 160,  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

#### Services available:

- ✓ marriage license
- ✓ civil ceremony
- ✓ new passport
- ✓ passport photo

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## During the month of June:



On June 10, my staff attended the grand opening of Our Community Multicultural Center in Garden Grove. It was our pleasure to celebrate this day with you.

We commend your dedication and efforts to foster inclusivity, diversity, and cultural exchange within our community.



On June 10, I was honored to join the Orange County Vietnamese-American community and civic leaders in the city of Westminster to celebrate Little Saigon's 35th Anniversary and to recognize the achievements and great contributions of Vietnamese-Americans to our community.

As a Vietnamese-American, I am so proud to celebrate the rich history of this first "Little Saigon" in the nation and the significant cultural impact it has made not only to our local Orange County community, but also to visitors from all over the world.



Congratulations to the Advance Beauty College Class of 2023! It was our pleasure to celebrate this special occasion with your graduates. We wish the school continuous success as they educate and prepare students to become beauty professionals.

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



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 Ali Salami as Employee of the Month for June.

Since joining our department, Ali has become a valuable asset to our Finance Unit. Ali is knowledgeable, dedicated, well-organized, and highly efficient when it comes to completing tasks that require timeliness and accuracy.

One of Ali's primary duties includes managing our department's house charge accounts. With a strong understanding of our department's electronic payment policy, Ali is quick to respond to all client inquiries and actively monitors for any clients that fail to meet their obligations under the policy. Ali shows great communication skills and professionalism when working with clients to resolve pending issues and get their accounts back in compliance. Many of Ali's responsibilities are time-sensitive such as accurately recording and processing payments as well as preparing reports. His supervisors appreciate how Ali takes pride in his daily work and can always be counted on to get things done on time.

In addition to his outstanding job performance, Ali's approachability and positive demeanor make him a pleasure to work with.

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

Please join me in congratulating Ali on this achievement!

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# CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

The following reviews are from customers that recently visited our office inside the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana. We are happy we are able to assist couples near and far. Congratulations to our Marriage Services Unit for providing exemplary service!

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department - Old Orange County Courthouse [🔗](#)

211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Room 201, Santa Ana, CA 92701



Alenna Gatti

★★★★★ 1 week ago

I cannot thank the people at Old Orange County Courthouse enough for such an amazing experience. I live in Carlsbad and was in a tight situation where I needed a passport appointment. Everything in San Diego is appointment only and didn't have anything for months. We drove up to Santa Ana and were crossing our fingers that the walk-in wouldn't be too stressful. To my surprise, we were called within 5 minutes and the whole thing was super seamless and everyone was so nice and helpful. They took my daughters passport photo and walked us through the process and got us the sealed envelope to send off for an expedited passport. THANK YOU for your kindness and for making this experience much easier than I was anticipating. I wish I remember the woman helping us because she was so attentive and nice. I highly recommend going here for a passport or marriage license!!



6/19/23

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We had the most perfect elopement here and I would recommend it to anyone in SoCal (we drove here from LA after seeing the Beverly Hills courthouse looked more like a DMV than a place to celebrate a marriage) !! If you're looking for a great place for a civil ceremony, this is it. We had a photographer come and just one guest/witness but I believe you can bring quite a few people if you wanted. The photos turned out beautifully and it was fairly empty so we didn't have to worry about anyone in the background of our pictures. The building is historic and beautiful and the staff were SO kind and friendly. It was really special and memorable for us.

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department - Old Orange County Courthouse

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SANGITA PATEL

★★★★★ 5 days ago

Very Efficient and great service!

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# CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

**A customer left a review for staff at the County Service Center in Santa Ana. Keep up the great work!**

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**Eddie Nahigan**

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

Went to pick up my wedding certificate. The whole process took less than 10 minutes. Staff was friendly and the facility was nice.

**We received the following review commending Kalci for her excellent customer service at the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana. Thank you Kalci for going above and beyond!**



6/23/23

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Just wanted to say, what a seamless and efficient process getting our marriage certificate it was! Also, Deputy Commissioner Kalci was so helpful and reassured us on all the next steps. She even took a picture with us! Thank you for everything!

**A customer wrote the following review for my staff at our South County branch office in Laguna Hills. Thank you for always providing great customer service!**

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department

24031 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, CA 92653



**Parcel Plus**

★★★★★ Yesterday

Quick and easy. Great customer service.

# CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

Our customers wrote the following reviews for our North County branch office in Anaheim. Thank you for providing our customers with fast and efficient customer service every day.

## Orange County Clerk-Recorder - North County Branch Office Anaheim

Wells Fargo Building, 222 S. Harbor Blvd., Ste. 110, Anaheim, CA 92805



**Tara Thompson**

★★★★★ 3 weeks ago

The workers were very helpful and pleasant. Great service!!



6/21/23

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Good friendly service.

I went to get a certificate, there was automated sign in, quick in and out.  
No complaints



6/27/23

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I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for everything Billy Le has done for me. He had assisted me getting my son's passport done in a timely manner. He was very nice, helpful and supportive during the whole process. Much appreciated!

# JUNE IN O.C. HISTORY

Orange County Archives



*The Santa Ana Fire Department poses in front of the new Santa Ana Public Library, circa 1903.*

**June 11, 1979**

Actor and Newport Beach resident John Wayne died of cancer. Soon after, Orange County airport was renamed in his honor.

**June 14, 1925**

World champion swimmer and surfer Duke Kahanamoku rescued seven men from a capsized boat at the mouth of Newport Bay using his surfboard. Soon thereafter, surfboards become standard issue for all lifeguards

**June 17, 1994**

Murder suspect O. J. Simpson led law enforcement on a nationally televised slow speed freeway chase from Irvine to his home in Brentwood.

**June 23, 1935**

James "Jase" Irvine, Jr., heir-apparent of the Irvine Ranch, died at age 42 in Los Angeles.

**June 26, 1903**

The City of Santa Ana moved its library books into their new Carnegie Library building, located on Sycamore St. at 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

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# OUT AND ABOUT



One of my staff took this photo at June Lake while on a trip to Mammoth Lakes, a town in California's Sierra Nevada mountains.

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