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WELCOME

Newsletter - January 2024

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 Extend Hours on Valentine's Day, Offering Unforgettable Marriage Services

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder department is set to make Valentine's Day unforgettable for couples as they celebrate love and commitment by saying "I do" in a romantic setting. 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. Due to anticipated high demand, the department's marriage services units remain open until 6 p.m. 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 one of our most popular days of the year, and I am excited to increase accessibility of our marriage services with extended hours. Our department's priority is to create a memorable start to the new chapter of each couple's love story," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

To ensure a smooth experience, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Couples must complete their marriage application online prior to visiting our offices.
- For couples seeking to obtain a public marriage license and ceremony, at least one witness is required.
- Couples must present valid government issued photo identification at their appointment.
- Payment options include cash, credit/debit card, check, cashier's check, and/or money order, payable to the Orange County Clerk-Recorder.

Another reason to join us, 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.

NEWS



Forever Starts on 2-24-24: Clerk-Recorder to Hold Special Hours for Marriage Services on Unique Date

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is making wishes come true by holding special hours for marriage services on Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. exclusively at the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana. The Orange County Clerk-Recorder department received a compelling number of requests from couples wanting to get married on this memorable and special date. With this highly sought-after date to tie the knot at the elegant and historic Old Orange County Courthouse, appointments are recommended. Walk-ins are welcomed and will be served on a first come, first served basis. Couples must complete an online application prior to visiting the Old Orange County Courthouse. To complete an application and/or to make an appointment, please visit the following link: OCWeddings.ocrecorder.com.

“I am touched by the number of requests from couples who want 2-24-24 to be their special day,” said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. “My department is eager to accommodate all couples with these special hours along with exceptional service for a seamless wedding that they will remember for a lifetime.”

The choice to get married on 2-24-24 holds a personal significance to each couple. Many enjoy the appeal of the date’s special, repetitive numerical sequence which makes an unforgettable anniversary date. With 2-24-24 falling on the lunar date of a full moon, some cultures see the date as lucky and possessing an ideal symbol for a prosperous and harmonious marriage.

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To ensure a smooth experience, couples should review marriage license and civil ceremony requirements at the following link: OCRecorder.com/marriage

For any questions, please call the department’s information line at (714) 834-2500 during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays. For media inquiries, please contact Billy Le at 714-834-2248.



Leap into Love: Clerk-Recorder Celebrates Love with Extended Hours for Marriage Services on Leap Day

Couples, save the date to say “I do” on an extraordinary day that only occurs once every four years, Leap Day. With 2024 being a Leap Year, Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is overjoyed to unveil extended hours for marriage services on Leap Day, Thursday, February 29, 2024 to serve all couples who wish to get married on this special date. The department’s professional and dedicated team will assist couples with marriage licenses and civil ceremonies until 6:00 p.m. at the offices in Anaheim, Laguna Hills, and the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana. Due to the popularity of Leap Day, appointments are recommended. Walk-ins are welcomed and will be served on a first come, first served basis. Couples must complete an online application prior to visiting Clerk-Recorder offices. To complete an application and/or to make an appointment, please visit the following link: [OCWeddings.ocrecorder.com](https://ocweddings.ocrecorder.com).

“Leap Day is the perfect backdrop for couples to let their love take flight into an exciting chapter,” said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. “My department looks forward to making couples’ dreams of a joyous, seamless, and romantic wedding day come true.”

While the typical calendar year is 365 days, it really takes the Earth 365.242 days to complete its orbit around the sun. February 29th is added to the calendar every four years to account for the extra time and keep our seasons aligned yearly. This gift of an extra day in 2024 makes Leap Day a wonderful choice to create lifelong memories, especially celebrating love.

With a strong commitment to customer satisfaction, efficiency, and affordability, the department has one of the lowest costs for a marriage license and a marriage ceremony in the state. Couples can obtain a public marriage license for \$61 or a confidential marriage license for \$66. A civil marriage ceremony can be performed for an additional \$28.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of January:



On January 13, my team had the pleasure of speaking with everyone and answering questions on the department's marriage license and civil ceremony process at BrideCon in Anaheim.

Getting married is truly an exciting time, and our department is happy to help answer questions. A huge thank you to everyone who stopped by our table!



On January 18, my team attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Clickstart Dog Training Academy. It was a great pleasure to attend this special occasion.

We look forward to seeing this business grow as it serves many families and their beloved dogs.



On January 19, my staff was excited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for Allison's Goods in the city of Fullerton.

We wish Allison's Goods continuous growth and success as they provide our community with quality, sustainable vegan body and home products while committing to the future of our planet, our health, and animals.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of January:

On the morning of January 26, I was pleased to participate in the unveiling ceremony for the newly reconstructed Little Saigon monument sign by the City of Santa Ana.

The sign honors the Vietnamese heritage and contributions to the community. The unveiling of this monument sign comes right in time for this year's lunar new year celebrations. I express my gratitude to the leadership of the City of Santa Ana for extending an invitation to participate in this meaningful event.



On January 27, my team had an incredible time participating at the Brea Wedding Show. It was our pleasure to share information about our marriage license and civil ceremony services to support attendees during this special time in their lives. Our priority is to make our marriage services convenient, easily accessible and memorable!

Big thanks to everyone who visited our booth.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Orange County Clerk-Recorder
Employee of the Month



Congratulations!
Dulce

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 Dulce Cuevas as Employee of the Month for January.

Dulce has made great contributions to our department and is an asset to our Clerk Unit. She consistently demonstrates exceptional professionalism, dedication, and a strong commitment to our department's missions. Dulce is well-rounded and knowledgeable in Clerk policies and procedures. She excels in her duties and can always be counted on to complete tasks in a timely manner with accuracy and attention to detail. Dulce readily assists with coverage based on our department's needs. Her excellent attendance and punctuality are commendable, serving as an example for all.

Combined with her fantastic work ethic, Dulce's collaborative spirit makes her so wonderful to work with. She approaches each task with enthusiasm and extends a helping hand to colleagues and supervisors across our central and branch locations. Dulce played an instrumental role in effectively training new colleagues and thoughtfully provided them with support during the learning process. All of Dulce's supervisors express praise and gratitude for her hard work and the significant impact she has made to our department.

Our department is thankful to have Dulce on our team, and we value her many positive qualities that contribute to our collective success.

Please join me in congratulating Dulce on this well-deserved recognition!

OCRecorder.com

CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

Our North County branch office in Anaheim received the following comment cards from customers who recently visited our office. Thank you Matt, Cheri, and all my wonderful staff for always going the extra mile with every customer.

North County

1. Please rate our service in the following areas.

	Outstanding	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Promptness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courtesy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How would you rate our overall service?
(Please circle your selection)

Outstanding Good Average Fair Poor

3. Date of your visit: 1-26-2024

4. Reason for your visit? Recording Deed of Trust

5. How long did you wait in line? 0 minutes

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve our services?
Please continue to be courteous, kind & smile @ Employee # 371 superb.

North County

1. Please rate our service in the following areas.

	Outstanding	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Promptness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courtesy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How would you rate our overall service?
(Please circle your selection)

Outstanding Good Average Fair Poor

3. Date of your visit: 1/9/24

4. Reason for your visit? Property Records

5. How long did you wait in line? 2 minutes

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve our services?
Very impressed with prompt service. The young lady in the lobby is doing a great job directing people.

Cheri
North County

1. Please rate our service in the following areas.

	Outstanding	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Promptness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courtesy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How would you rate our overall service?
(Please circle your selection)

Outstanding Good Average Fair Poor

3. Date of your visit: 1-8-24 - 1-9-24

4. Reason for your visit? marriage license copy

5. How long did you wait in line? 0 minutes

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve our services?
Don't change a thing!

CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

Our South County branch office in Laguna Hills received the following comment cards and Yelp review. Thank you to Sandra, Robert and all my dedicated staff for going above and beyond and for providing excellent service to our customers!



1/17/24



Got married here last year and it was simple and perfect. The parking and process of getting there is very easy and the ceremony was simple and sweet as well. I love the picturesque setting from the front of the building where we were able to take lots of photos.

South County

1. Please rate our service in the following areas.

	Outstanding	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Promptness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courtesy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How would you rate our overall service?
(Please circle your selection)

Outstanding Good Average Fair Poor

3. Date of your visit: 1-8-24

4. Reason for your visit?
Birth Certificate.

5. How long did you wait in line? 5 minutes

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve our services?
No. Robert provided exceptional service. ☺

South County

Sandra

1. Please rate our service in the following areas.

	Outstanding	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Promptness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courtesy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How would you rate our overall service?
(Please circle your selection)

Outstanding Good Average Fair Poor

3. Date of your visit: 1/12/2024

4. Reason for your visit?
Mother's Property doc

5. How long did you wait in line? 0 minutes

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve our services?
great

JANUARY IN O.C. HISTORY



Wanda Road in still-rural Villa Park, Winter 1965.

Jan. 6, 1872

"Orange County" was first suggested as a possible name for a new county at a meeting in Gallatin (now part of Downey). At that point, there were no commercial orange groves in the area.

Jan. 11, 1962

The City of Villa Park incorporated.

Jan. 23, 1890

Cordelia Knott was born. The restaurant she started in the 1930s would be the first step in making the Knott family's berry farm a major California landmark.

Jan. 25, 1980

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the Orange County Marine Institute at Dana Point.

Jan. 26, 1886

The Santa Ana, Orange & Tustin Street Railway Co. was formed. This was Orange County's first horsecar trolley line.

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.

OUT AND ABOUT



One of my staff took this photo while visiting the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

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