

NEWS FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS MARY ELLEN VANDERVENTER



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Office Closed

The Lake County Recorder of Deeds Office will be **CLOSED** on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Celebrate our Freedom safely!!



Doing Good Deeds for YOU

Did you know that three of our clerks speak fluent Spanish? There is always someone here to assist those individuals who speak Spanish and need our assistance.

We also have forms available in Spanish!

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/2315/Forms-Spanish>



Plats of Survey

A plat is an officially drawn map of a land area that defines the boundaries between different parcels of property to scale. Typically, when you are buying or selling a home or planning to have work done on your property, you will hire a surveyor to measure subdivision and section corners, existing property monuments (iron rods and pipes, stones, survey markers, drill holes), fence lines, and lines of occupation.



As a general rule the Recorder of Deeds Office is not the place where a plat of survey is filed or recorded. While we receive many requests for copies of surveys, we do not have them on file.

We suggest that you take a look at the papers from your home closing. Here, you will be able to find out if a survey was paid for at that time. This survey may show who the surveyor was. That surveyor could possibly reproduce the plat from that time. You can also check with the building department for the village/town in which you live. It's possible that if a permit was required in the past, they may have the survey on file. Another option is the local historical society. If your home is old enough, this may be the place to look!

While we may not have a copy of your plat of survey in our office, we can provide you with a copy of the tax map that shows your individual lot along with the dimensions, unfortunately it won't show any structures on your property. Ultimately, we always suggest that you check with your village/town on what their requirements are.