

NEWS FROM THE  
**RECORDER OF DEEDS**  
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## Office Closed

The Lake County Recorder of Deeds Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.



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## Did You Know?

- All Lake County Board weekly committee meetings are available to watch on <http://www.lakecounty.tv> and Lake County's public access television channel (LCTV). At the committee level, board members spend a significant amount of time discussing and evaluating significant financial and policy matters before these items are sent to the full board for final approval. Filming committee meetings allows the public to see all the work that goes on at the committee level and have a deeper understanding of the issues. The Lake County Recorder of Deeds Office reports to the Financial and Administrative Committee, which meets on Thursdays at 8:30am at the County Building in downtown Waukegan. The meetings will not be broadcast live but recordings will be available within 48 hours after the committee meeting. The meetings also will be replayed frequently on LCTV, which is available on Comcast Cable, either channel 18 or 30, depending on where you live in the county. AT&T Customers can view LCTV on channel 99. [View the LCTV Coverage Area](#)
- Before you consider submitting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, please know that most of our information is available to you right away; either in person, by mail, fax or email. There is no need to go through the formality of a FOIA request. Please visit our website at <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/2316> to review detailed information regarding our office, including our budget, fees and much more. If you do not find the information you are seeking, call the Recorder of Deeds Office at (847) 377-2575 before preparing your FOIA request. All land records are open to the public and are accessible and available to you immediately. It is our goal to provide you the needed information right away, without having to file a FOIA request.
- We are honored to be the keeper of the military service discharge records, also referred to as DD214's. Our office is pleased to work with the [Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission](#) to provide a [Veterans Services Brochure](#) to highlight benefits and services throughout Lake County. A DD214 is often required to obtain and verify eligibility for veterans' benefits. Certain requirements must be met to obtain discharge records. Please visit our website at <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/2323> to review and print the form.
- Every single phone call is personally answered!! There are no buttons to press or menus to scroll through. Feel free to call our office at (847) 377-2575 with any questions or concerns. We always enjoy speaking with you and welcome your feedback!