



DECEMBER 2020

Office Hours for Upcoming Holidays

The Lake County Recorder of Deeds Office will be **CLOSED** on the following days during the upcoming holiday season...

- Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Christmas Eve
- Friday, December 25, 2020 - Christmas Day
- Friday, January 1, 2021 - New Year's Day

Please note that our office will be OPEN until 1:00PM on Thursday, December 31, 2020 in order to get those end-of-the-year recordings in!

Congratulations

On November 3rd, Mary Ellen Vanderventer was re-elected to serve a seventh term as Lake County Recorder of Deeds. Mary Ellen was the highest vote-getter in Lake County and won by a 60% to 40% margin.

On December 1st, Mary Ellen celebrated with her family and took her Oath of Office at the home of her parents. The Oath was administered by her good friend, The Honorable Judge Charles Smith.



Recorder/County Clerk Merger

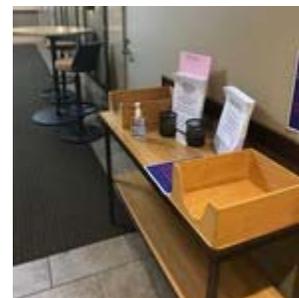
Also on November 3rd, Lake County voters overwhelmingly approved the consolidation of the Recorder of Deeds Office and the County Clerk's Office. The merger will not take place for another two years, but know that our staffs will be working behind the scenes to make this transition seamless. Watch for updates in the months to come!



COVID19 Operations Update

Effective Monday, November 16th, and until further notice, the Recorder of Deeds Office will not be offering in-person services due to the increase of COVID-19 positive cases in Lake County.

The County Administration Building is open for limited public access. If you **MUST** drop off documents to be recorded, you may enter the building and proceed to our office on the sixth floor and leave your documents in the Recorder's drop box.



- **Masks are required to be worn while in the County Administration Building.**
- **Please note that all documents must be left in the drop box and that our staff will not be available to personally assist you.**
- **This drop box will be emptied hourly until 3:00pm daily.**
- **Documents dropped off after 3:00pm will not be removed until the next business day.**

Happy Holidays

The entire staff of the Lake County Recorder of Deeds Office would like to wish all of you a very happy holiday season. During this difficult time, we wish you an abundance of good health. Please stay safe. As we look forward to closing the chapter on 2020, we wish you all the best in 2021!



In closing, let me extend our very best wishes for a most successful new year!