



APRIL 2021

Office Closed

The Lake County Recorder of Deeds Office will be CLOSED on Friday, April 2nd in observance of a court holiday.

ESSENTIAL WORKERS doing GOOD DEEDS

It is hard to believe (or is it) that we have been living in the “covid-era” for just over a year now. Throughout that year our office has, like so many others, seen many changes in how we serve the public while keeping our customers and employees safe.

We have had rotated shifts, remote workers, “closed doors”, open doors; we have tweaked operations, tried new practices...but throughout it all, the RECORDER OF DEEDS employees have worked diligently every step of the way! And, throughout this bewildering year, our staff has also dealt with our introduction of the eRecording of deeds and a completely new telephone system and overall, a new way to work!

When you hear the term “ESSENTIAL WORKER” you may not instantly think of our staff but I assure you, these amazing folks have kept Lake County’s land records system humming. What PANDEMIC?

We have continued to tweak operations, change duties, rotate shifts and introduce new programs. And while digging in to get the job done, the real estate market and interest rates were BOOMING! Homes flying off the market, refinancing—you name it. What did that mean for the Recorder of Deeds Office!?! Well, we have been busier in the last year than we have been IN YEARS! Deeds, mortgages, re-fi's filling our office on a daily basis! This BOOM is great news for our Lake County residents!

Just take a look:

- March 16, 2019 thru March 13, 2020: 92,440 documents filed
- March 16, 2020 thru March 12, 2021: 121,104 documents filed

Over the course of the last year, the Recorder of Deeds Office has seen recording volume increase 31% and revenue increase 13.9%.

And yes, have we seen some back-ups and lag times? WE SURE HAVE! And, we apologize for the delays! But I can assure you that our amazing staff has been digging in to get the job done!

Our hardworking staff has definitely made significant progress in catching up and we assure you that we continue to do everything in our power to get these documents recorded and decrease lag times! Thank YOU for your patience and understanding!

Please know that once documents are recorded, the information and images are immediately accessible in our ONLINE SEARCH TOOL!

To say I am INCREDIBLY PROUD OF OUR STAFF IN AN UNDERSTATEMENT!

In a time of uncertainty, fear, frustration and concern—our employees, our RECORDER FAMILY, more than rose to the occasion—they went ABOVE AND BEYOND!

And, we THANK YOU, Lake County, for your patience and understanding during these trying times! Stay safe!

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