

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

The Lake County Recorder of Deeds Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.



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## Recording Fees in Lake County

### New Rates to Begin December 1, 2017

Pursuant to the provisions of Illinois Statute, 55 ILCS 5/3-5018, the Lake County Board approved a recording fee increase. Effective December 1, 2017 the Geographical Information System (GIS) Fund fee will be increased to \$23 and the Automation Fund fee will be increased to \$15. This will raise a standard, 4-page recording fee to \$60. This is a flat fee and no additional charges will be included.

A revised, complete fee schedule can be found online at <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3205>. (Note: The last two pages of this file contain the new rates effective December 1, 2017.)

Please know that Lake County's recording fees have not been raised in over 13 years.

In an effort to record all of your documents, and not reject based on fees, we will do our best to process your documents for a limited "grace" period in December.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 847-377-2575 or email us at: [recorder@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:recorder@lakecountyil.gov)

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## Homeowner Scam PSA

Lake County homeowners have been receiving letters from two companies regarding the deed to their homes. The letters look very official and threatening, but the true purpose of the mailing is to get you to spend your money with a fake company. If you have any questions, concerns, or need a copy of your deed, contact the Lake County Recorder of Deeds Office at 847-377-2575.



Here is a link to the PSA video... <https://youtu.be/2q11wtOuWcQ>

## Mission Accomplished!

Recently our office underwent a facelift! Walls and counter tops were taken down and moved and thankfully, much of the work was done behind the scene.



Several work stations were re-purposed, which allows for a more organized and efficient work flow. Our customers will now notice a smaller, more accessible front counter and a new and improved "public search" area.

We appreciate all of the positive feedback!! We think it looks great, too!



*office renovation underway*



*new front counter / reception waiting area*