Beat the Summer Rush and Apply For Your Passports Now!

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen invites the public to take advantage of his special Saturday Openings to get their passports now and avoid last minute travel delays. Clerk-Recorder Nguyen will be opening once again for his one-a-month special Saturday opening this coming Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Passport services will only be available at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana and at the South County Branch Office in Laguna Hills. These special openings make the passport process easier for parents, as both parents must be present to obtain passports for children younger than 16 years of age. Marriage services will be available at the Old County Courthouse and the department’s branch offices in Fullerton and Laguna Hills. Customers can also obtain copies of official records as well as copies of birth, death and marriage certificates at the department’s branch offices. The Saturday openings are geared towards individuals who can’t make it to our offices during normal operating hours due to work, school or other time constraints.

“We have been experiencing a surge in demand for passport services since the beginning of the year,” Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. “I encourage the public to take advantage of these Saturday openings in order to avoid any delays in their travel plans. We are here to help make the process easier for everyone.”

Appointments for passport applications are recommended due to an anticipated increase in demand for services and the fast approaching summer travel season. To save time, passport applications can be completed in advance online at www.ocrecorder.com. Again, please note that passport services are only available at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana and at the department’s branch office in Laguna Hills.

Passports for those age 16 and older cost $135, made in two separate payments: a check or money order for $110 made payable to the U.S. Department of State and a separate processing fee of $25 paid to the Clerk-Recorder Department using a separate form of payment. For those under age 16, the cost is $105 made in two separate payments: a check or money order for $80.00 made payable to the U.S. Department of State and a separate processing fee of $25 paid to the Clerk-Recorder Department using a separate form of payment. As an added convenience, passport photos are available on the spot for $10.

The Orange County Archives will also be open and are located inside the Old County Courthouse.

For more detailed information or to learn about the services available at the Clerk-Recorder Department, please visit: www.ocrecorder.com.