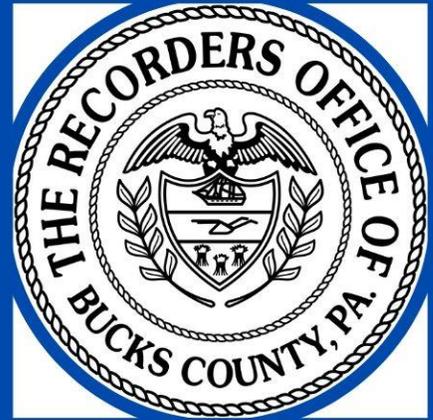


# RECORDER OF DEEDS NEWS BULLETIN



BROUGHT TO YOU BY ROBIN ROBINSON AND HER STAFF

We are still accepting both mail and electronic documents.  
Please call 215-348-6209 to leave a message and we will return your call within the hour.

## IMPORTANT NOTARY NEWS



Appointed notary public have 45 days, by law, to complete the steps to officially become a notary in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are some exceptions to this 45 day rule, such as government office closures for inclement weather, or the 45 day deadline falling on a Saturday or Sunday, when government offices are closed. By operation of law the notary deadline is then extended to the next business day.

With government offices closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, those wishing to become a notary public or those that need to renew their notary commission are wondering what to do now. According to the Pennsylvania Association of Notaries, and in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of State, the notary oath is not required to be taken in the Recorder of Deeds office. This oath can be taken in front of another official authorized to take oaths, such as another notary public or a judge. Once this has happened, the notary would then mail in all executed forms, and a check for \$38.50, to the Recorder of Deeds office to be recorded. In order to have the signature cards filed with the Prothonotary's office, the form will be sent out with the recorded commission by the Recorder of Deeds office. The newly appointed notary is then responsible for sending it in, signed, to the Prothonotary's office with a check for \$4.25.

The mailing address for the Recorder of Deeds office is: 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.  
All checks should be made out to Bucks County Recorder of Deeds.

The mailing address for the Prothonotary office is: 100 N. Main Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.  
All checks should be made out to Bucks County Prothonotary.  
Call 215-348-6191 to contact the Prothonotary with any questions.

On March, 25, 2020, PA Governor Wolf ordered the suspension of the personal appearance requirement of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts for certain real estate transactions. So what does this mean? It means that, for personal

real estate transactions, a notary can still work only if the transaction was in development prior to the stay-at-home order for non-essential businesses. For commercial real estate transactions, a notary can work if the transaction was in process or a new transaction is needed to assist with property transfers during the emergency period. The notary must still perform all notarial acts in accordance with the requirements of the Revised Uniform Law, this includes acknowledgments. This should, of course, be done with precautions in place for both the notary and the individuals being acknowledged.

A notary can use audio-visual technology as a substitute to an individual being present. One way to do this is to become an approved Pennsylvania electronic notary. You can obtain a free application to become an electronic notary here: <https://www.notaries.pa.gov/Pages/NotaryChangeApplication.aspx?AppType=3>

Another solution for title companies and real-estate transactions, approved by the Pennsylvania Department of State, is Pavaso (<https://pavaso.com/>)

If you have any questions please call our office at 215-348-6209

## PRIMARY CHANGED – JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>

A new voting feature is being able to vote with a **mail-in ballot**, which differs from an absentee ballot. These are similar in the sense that voters will receive their ballot in the mail. You also must be already registered to vote in the county you live in to obtain either absentee or mail-in ballots.

**PA House of Representatives approved bill to postpone the 2020 Primary Election until June 2, 2020**

For more information or to print out an application for either absentee or mail-in ballots please go to [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)



## PLEA FROM BUCKS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER



With shortages of toilet paper, due to panic buying amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority is asking that you think before you flush. If an alternative to toilet paper is being used, do not flush it, it can increase chances of sewage spills and backups.

## DON'T FORGET YOU CAN SEARCH FROM HOME

Until further notice, the county has implemented the closure of all offices to the public. Please call 215-348-6209 or email at [recorderdeeds@buckscounty.org](mailto:recorderdeeds@buckscounty.org) with any questions.

Limited contact is the best way to avoid contracting or spreading COVID-19 right now. You can do that and still perform historical research or title work by accessing our recording vendor, Landex, online at [www.landex.com](http://www.landex.com). Currently, all of our records have been opened back to 1684. For more questions or concerns please call us at 215-348-6209.

**NOW OPEN**

**BUCKS COUNTY  
RECORDER OF DEEDS  
ONLINE RECORDS**

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LANDEX.COM

 <b>Landex Remote</b> \$0.15 per minute to search \$0.10 per page loaded	 <b>Landex Webstore</b> \$2.00 for the first page \$0.75 for all other pages \$5.00 processing fee	 <b>Index Book</b> One time activation fee of \$25.00
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Please contact Landex at 1-800-370-2836 for any technical support.

Bucks County Recorder of Deeds - 55 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA 18901 - 215-348-6209

## BUCKS COUNTY FRAUD ALERT IS STILL UP AND RUNNING

**The Bucks County  
Recorder of Deeds Office**  
is now offering the  
**FREE AND NEW  
BUCKS COUNTY FRAUD ALERT SYSTEM**  
to all residents of Bucks County

**Sign-up today at:**  
<https://www.landex.com/recordalert/bucks>

You will receive an alert email from our recording vendor, Landex, anytime a document has been recorded in our office against your name.

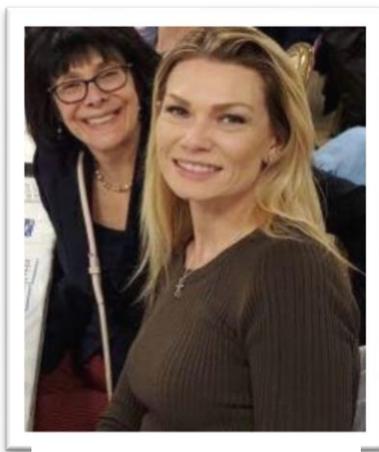
Robin hopes this free service will go a long way in helping you to not fall prey to predatory businesses charging you fees to monitor our property records. Our office can help you do it for free!



**Robin Robinson**  
Recorder of Deeds  
County of Bucks  
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**FREE FRAUD ALERT**  
Protect Your Identity

## COVID-19 ~ DO YOUR PART BY KENDAL BYERS – RECORDING CLERK



*Robin Robinson with Kendal Byers at a charity Bingo game*

What can we do as a community to help boost our economy in this time of crisis?

We all know someone or something that is being deeply impacted by the spread of COVID-19. And for many of us this might be new territory. From the initial start of being told to simply wash your hands, to now being concerned to leave your home and told to shelter in place. That leaves many of us having to adjust our lifestyle in many aspects, whether that be working from home, teaching students via webcam, or limiting our social interactions. For many, the spread of COVID-19 is portrayed as only a crippling effect on our community. Small local businesses letting go of employees or shutting down completely, students on all scales having to adjust their way of learning, and the medical community being overwhelmed by lack of supplies, understaffing, and need for testing. While the negative deeply outweighs the positive, the environment is seemingly starting to thrive again. Limited transportation and manufacturing have reduced air pollution, cleaned up our bodies of water, and brought

wildlife back to previously uninhabited areas.

So, you might ask yourself, “What can I do to help support our community in this time of need?” **Take it seriously!** Being aware and taking precautions to help prevent the spread is the first step. **Support** those who are more at risk than you, by doing their shopping and leaving them safe at home. Try to buy from small and local businesses. Mom and pop shops will suffer, while big commercial retail stores will survive. **Always try to be productive!** Take care of our earth by collecting trash on your daily walk, being mindful of harmful waste products and don’t forget: reduce, reuse and recycle. Don’t buy excessively, there is always someone else in need. **DON’T PANIC!** Please read reliable sources and understand the facts, not everything portrayed through social media is true and remember that now is the time to appreciate what and who you have.

***Protect yourself, your family, and neighbors and love those around you...at least 6 feet apart.***