

# GOOD DEEDS



A collaborative effort between

Lake County Probate Court Judge Mark Bartolotta,

Lake County Recorder Ann Radcliffe, and

Lake County Clerk of Courts Maureen G. Kelly,

to present information regarding ways to minimize the probate process.

This is a free public service to the residents of Lake County to assist them and their families in planning ahead to minimize probate court involvement in estates after losing a loved one.

“Good Deeds” is a deed review process for all Lake County homeowners to:

1. Identify whether their current deed would require transfer through Probate Court upon ones death;
2. Consider other options that could possibly minimize Probate Court involvement.

The first “Good Deeds” program will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:30PM in the lower level of the Lake County Administration Building, located at 105 Main Street in downtown Painesville.

If you would like to have your deed reviewed at this program we recommend you obtain a copy of your current title deed prior to this event.

This can be accomplished by:

- Calling the Auditor’s Office to obtain the deed number at (440) 350-2528 or accessing the information online: <http://www.lake.iviewauditor.com/Search.aspx>
- Emailing the Recorder’s Office for a copy of the deed: (please include the document number or deed volume and page and owner name as it should appear on the deed) [publicrecords@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:publicrecords@lakecountyohio.gov)

If you are not able to obtain your deed prior to this event, Recorder Radcliffe will have staff available to assist homeowners in obtaining a copy of their title deed that evening beginning at 5:30p.m.

Judge Bartolotta will discuss the Probate Court procedure as it relates to the transfer of real estate, and explain the necessary language in a deed that may help transfer the property without passing through the Probate Court.

Lake County Clerk of Courts, Maureen G. Kelly will be on hand to discuss the procedure of listing either “Transfer on Death” or “With Rights of Survivorship” on your title documents to minimize Probate Court involvement for transfer of a vehicle or watercraft that you own.

Local attorneys will be available to review the homeowner’s current deed to look for survivorship language.