

# IMMOKALEE BULLETIN

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## Snell named Co-Christmas Parade Marshal

Rev. Lori Snell is an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and she has served as the senior pastor of Allen Chapel A.M.E Church (208 S. 3rd St., Immokalee, FL) since October 2010. Pastor Snell is a Collier County Public Schools' educator. She teaches at Pinecrest Elementary School in Immokalee. Rev. Snell is a published author and has written two children books and is in the process of writing a series of children books as well as, one that focuses on the biblical principles of giving. She is married to Rev. Kelvin Snell and they have three sons.

This Mass Communication graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C, is a community-minded pastor. She is always finding ways to reach out to and assist the people of community. She established and served with distinction the South Immokalee Ministerial Alliance, which later became the Immokalee Ministerial Alliance. Under her leadership, the organization gave out thousands of dollars of scholarships to the Immokalee High School students. Under her leadership, Allen Chapel has served thousands of hot meals on the streets of Immokalee through their Table of Bountiful Blessings ministry as well as, established a food pantry that serves the people every Monday and Wednesday. Pastor Snell believes in the ministry of encouragement, and she does so Monday through Friday on Facebook, through her ministry that is called Words of Encouragement. Because of her dedication to ministry and the community, she has received several awards from the community, her church district, conference, and Episcopal levels for outstanding ministry.



Submitted photo

## Pathways' StoryBook Parade

On Wednesday, October 31, Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee (formerly known as Immokalee Child Care Center), 415 Colorado Ave brought childhood stories to life with a storybook parade at the center.

**What:** Pathways' students have been using their creative minds to bring their storybook characters to life. They have been working with their teachers and volunteers to create a fun, homemade costume to wear for a parade around the center. These storybooks are a critical piece of the student's learning because 75 percent of the students come from non-English Speaking homes and when they start at Pathways they assess significantly lower than their expected developmental levels. Additionally, 60 percent of students come from single-parent families. The literacy-based education that Pathways is providing is setting them on the path to success. Above: Little four year old Sofia was all smiles as she took part in the parade. See more pictures on page 3.



# Collier County Public Schools CCPS 5K Walk-Run

**By Jennifer L. Kupiec**

Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools

Fruits and vegetables. They are full of nutrients and taste great, so why is it so hard to get children to eat them? We have been working hard to solve the mystery.

Here at Collier County Public Schools, we are fortunate to partner with the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). Each of our Immokalee elementary schools offer a fresh fruit or vegetable to students three times each week to get them to try something new—and something healthy. According

to Nutrition Services Director, Dawn Houser, “We have found that children are much more prone to try a new fruit or vegetable if all of their peers and their teacher are trying the product together.” An added benefit of the program is that the school district uses as many local farmers as possible. “We try to focus on fresh locally grown produce working with Florida farmers. It’s a win/win for our children and the farmers!”

With health and nutrition top of mind, our annual CCPS 5K Walk-Run is only a few weeks away. We hope everyone will join us on Saturday, December 1, at 8:00 am. The

event begins at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Administrative Center (5775 Osceola Trail) in Naples and ends on the Barron Collier High School football track.

The Barron Collier Drum Line plans to get the party started, while our local high

school cheerleaders and mascots will cheer you on along the course. For more information, please visit [www.collierschools.com/ccps5k](http://www.collierschools.com/ccps5k). And remember, all proceeds benefit the wellness initiatives at each of our schools. Hope to see you on the track!

Collier County Public Schools  
**WALK-RUN**  
2018  
Saturday, December 1st  
#CCPS5K REGISTER TODAY  
Visit [www.collierschools.com/ccps5k](http://www.collierschools.com/ccps5k)

## Collier County UF/IFAS Extension Hosts ‘Gifts from the Garden’

Start planning for the holiday season with the UF/IFAS Extension Collier County team as they present the ‘Gifts from the Garden’ workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, November 10, at the Pioneer Museum at Robert’s Ranch, 1215 Roberts Avenue, Immokalee, Florida 34143.

This workshop will teach participants how to make homemade gifts using fresh ingredients and materials from their home garden and local farms.

Project demonstrations include making

soap, jams, meat salt-rubs, hot pepper honey, native-plant bouquets for your dinner table, and ways to use reuse items around the house for wrapping paper.

This two-hour event will be hands on with samples to take home. Participants can enjoy the grounds of the Pioneer Museum and Robert’s Ranch.

Register online at <https://giftsfromthegarden2018.eventbrite.com>. Tickets are \$15. Registration includes refreshments and educational materials.

## UF | IFAS OPEN HOUSE

November 15, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Lunch served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

You are invited to an open house at the University of Florida/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center. Enjoy casual tours of our laboratories, guided trolley tours of our farm facilities and educational science demonstrations.

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Please RSVP to Jennifer Derleth at  
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### Pathways' StoryBook Parade

ABOVE: Four year old Emily works on finishing her basket for the parade. RIGHT: Yellow-Duck-Classroom read and acted the part of Who-Stole-the-Cookies-From-the-Cookie-Jar.



Camp

# MendingHeart

November 30<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Nestled along the Caloosahatchee River in Fort Denaud, Florida.

Transportation provided to/from the retreat center. This session is facilitated by Avow bereavement professionals. Call or visit:

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### Campamento de duelo Fin de semana para niños

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Ubicado a lo largo del río Caloosahatchee en Fort Denaud, Florida. Transporte proporcionado desde / hacia el centro de retiro. La sesión es facilitada por los profesionales del duelo de Avow.

Consentimiento y registro previo de los padres requerida antes del 16 de noviembre. Llame al 239-261-4404 para obtener más información o visite [avowcares.org/campmendingheart](http://avowcares.org/campmendingheart)



# Candidate Caldwell stops in Immokalee before winning the seat

**By Fred N Thomas, Jr**  
Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

On October 31, Danny Gonzalez, President of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce and Lozano's Mexican Restaurant hosted one of Immokalee's hometown candidates the new Agriculture Commissioner

for the state of Florida.  
His name is Matt Caldwell. Matt is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Medina of Immokalee. Juan works with the Migrant Program at Immokalee High School.

Matt as our Commissioner of Agriculture, has committed to us and the state :

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- Increasing Florida's production of quality foods.
- Protecting Florida consumers from fraud.

these candidates a platform to tell the community of Immokalee why they are running and what changes could be made to improve the community of Immokalee if they won!

Danny is very committed to the community of Immokalee and thought that giving the candidates a platform at the restaurant was an excellent way of knowing the facts.

"What better way to host the running candidates for various offices to hear first hand what they are planning to improve for Immokalee and for the State of Florida," Danny said.



**Matt Caldwell and Danny Gonzalez.**

Submitted photo/Fred N Thomas, Jr.

## Immokalee Foundation's Charity Classic Celebration

The Charity Classic Celebration is The Immokalee Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Students will participate in the 2018 event, including on-stage presentations, musical performances, guest interaction and video presentations.

The event features Fund A Dream™, a unique live bidding experience that enables donors to contribute to the future of Immokalee's children in specific and tangible ways.

This year's Charity Classic Celebration marks the unveiling of the foundation's new programmatic focus, "Rewarding Careers in the New Economy." Bold and significant changes in curriculum and guid-

ance will help students and their parents identify well-paying jobs in rewarding professional careers in Southwest Florida that may or may not require a college degree.

The event will be on Friday, Nov. 9, with a 6 p.m. reception and dinner starting at 7:15 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton, Naples, 280 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples, FL 34108.

The Immokalee Foundation is nonprofit organization that provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to professional careers through support, mentoring and tutoring, and life skills development leading to economic independence.

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# Domestic Animal Services offers free adoptions for Veterans and active Military

Collier County Domestic Animal Services (DAS) is honoring those who have and are serving in the military the week of Veterans Day, through Saturday, November 10 active, retired and honorably discharged veterans can adopt pets at no cost.

“Veterans Day is a time to show our respect and honor

those who have sacrificed so much to defend our country,” said DAS Director Darcy Andrade. “We would like to show our appreciation by offering free adoptions to those who have made this sacrifice,” Andrade added.

Adoption hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at DAS’ main Naples shelter, 7610 Davis Blvd., Naples, Florida 34104. The Immokalee shelter is open for adoptions from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday

through Saturday, at 405 Sgt. Joe Jones Road, Immokalee, Florida 34142.

Adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, microchip, age appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, heartworm test for dogs, FELV/FIV test for cats, and 30 days of free pet insurance. That’s a value of more than \$400.

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:30 P.M., located at I-Tech, 508 N 9th St, Immokalee, Florida 34142

#### ANNUAL MEETING & EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Public Comment/Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Employee Recognition
    1. Employee of the Month for September-Raul Cano
    2. Employee of the Year 2018-Norma Garcia
  - E. Public Concerns
  - F. Staff Good Cause Items
  - G. Board Concerns
  - H. Old Business
  - I. New Business
3. Consent Agenda
  - A. Adoption of Minutes
    1. October 17, 2018, Regular Meeting
4. Action Agenda
  - A. Amendment of 2018 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution 19-01
  - B. Election of Officers
5. Discussion Agenda
  - A. Attorney's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

"Public discussion will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless additional information is requested, and additional time is granted by the Board Members."

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## Community Briefs

### After School Program open

Immokalee South Park, 418 School Drive, has an After School Program, **Monday - Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** We have homework help, games, arts and crafts and more, plus snacks will be provided. Sign up today! Call (239) 252-4677 for more info.

### Dreamcatchers plan event

Florida Dreamcatchers invites sixth grade students to walk the boardwalk at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in Naples on **Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** There is no cost to participate in this trip. Lunch and Transportation are included. Space is limited. Reserve your spot by calling: (239) 238-3094

### Christmas Around the World Parade and Snow Gala

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce (ICOC) is hosting the Annual Christmas Around the World Parade and Snow Gala on **Dec. 8 starting at 5:30 p.m.** All the applications for the parade, Little Mr. and Ms. Snowflake, vendors for the Snow Gala at the Park and Recreation field, and the 5th Annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Zocalo Plaza are available NOW at the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce Office-1255 North 15th Street, Suite #3 in Immokalee. For details and applications contact Cherryle Thomas at 239-657-0080. The Christmas Parade line-up and staging area is located at 212 Jerome Drive, directly behind The Jack & Ann's Feed Store.

### Christmas Tree

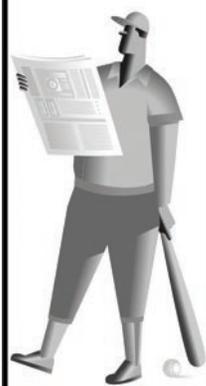
### Lighting to be held

The Fifth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on **Thursday, Nov. 29 starting at 6 p.m.** at the Immokalee Zocalo Plaza, 107 First Street, Immokalee, FL. There will be Santa's Personal Mail Drop Station, live performances, photo props for pictures with Santa, refreshments from the North Pole and the Coronation of the Little Mr & Miss Snowflake. Decorations for the event donated by the Seminole Casino Hotel. For more info contact Leonor Montelongo at 239-252-4677.

### Big Cypress National Preserve

Mark your calendars and learn about the ranger lead activities during Lisa Andrews' presentation on the Big Cypress National Preserve at the Hendry-Glades Audubon monthly educational program on **Monday, November 12 at 7 p.m.**, at the Dallas Townsend Agricultural Extension located at 1085 Pratt Blvd LaBelle, FL 33935. Lisa Andrews has worked for the National Park Service for the past 25 years and has been the Outreach and Education Coordinator at Big Cypress National Preserve for 20 of those. During her time at Big Cypress she has developed and manages the preserves curriculum-based environmental education program, S.W.A.M.P., for all sixth grade science students of the Collier County public schools reaching nearly 3,000 sixth graders each year. She also manages the interpretative outreach program supervising staff and providing special events, trainings and interpretive programs for a variety of organized special interest groups of all ages. For information about the driving trips or information about Hendry-Glades Audubon Society, please contact Steve Buczynski, stephenbuczynski@gmail.com or Margaret England 863-517-0202 visit www.hendrygladesaudubon.org or like our Facebook page, Hendry-Glades Audubon.

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# Collier County Road Watch

**I-75/Alligator Alley Southbound Rest Area (mile marker 63):** Construction project: Motorists should expect the southbound rest area closed from Wednesday, October 17 through Friday, November 9 while crews resurface the roadway and upgrade the water system at the rest area. The contractor is West Construction, Inc.

**I-75 from Alligator Alley (mile marker 61) to mile marker 146 (just north of SR 78, exit 143):** Construction project: Work is underway to replace 24 Dynamic Message Signs. Project is currently

in the testing phase. No lane closures are anticipated at this time. Estimated project completion is fall 2018. The contractor is Horsepower Electric, Inc.

**US 41 from Shadowlawn Drive to Commercial Drive:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, while crews perform underground utility work, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Ones calling the shots?
  - Rock blasters
  - Californie, for one
  - Apple variety
  - Goal for a runner
  - Renaissance painter Veronese
  - Deep-sea creature, literally
  - Mozart's "King of Instruments"
  - Seat of Dallas County, Alabama
  - Alternative strategies, literally
  - Churchill, for one
  - "Who, me?"
  - 1,000 G's
  - Goes out for a bit?
  - Fusion, for one
  - Receptionist on "The Office"
  - It's frowned upon
  - Yellowish tone
  - Infomercial offers, literally
  - Time to say "¡Feliz año nuevo!"
  - Pioneers' journey, say
  - Unpopular spots
  - Buck
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  - Dennings of "Thor"
  - \_\_ lane
  - "Who, me?"
  - Toddler's transport, literally
  - Alley wanderers
  - Certain Middle Easterner
  - Preflight purchase, literally
  - Pirouette, essentially
  - Settled down
  - "Truth in Engineering" automaker
  - First place?
  - Bothersome parasites
  - Block (up)

- Surface fractures
- Blockhead
- Fire proof
- Courses taken consecutively?
- Depressing atmosphere
- Energy
- "Downton Abbey" title
- Draped garment
- The first "A" in A.A. Milne
- Piles
- Michael Jackson, e.g.
- Tip off
- One on the other side
- Half a philosophical duality
- "The Seven-Per-Cent Solution" author Nicholas Adler of Sherlock Holmes lore
- Look down
- Snideness
- Numerical prefix
- "Look at this!"
- Battleground
- Start over, in a way
- Sushi seaweed
- Layered snack
- Venue involving a lot of body contact
- "Right Now (Na Na Na)" artist
- Rogers Centre team, on scoreboards
- Majestic display
- Like some popular videos
- Big brass
- "Heavens to Betsy!"
- Crossword component
- Collapsed
- Aware of
- Where many subs are assembled
- Really, really cool
- Stir
- Pass over
- Downed

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Estudio de Desarrollo y Ambiente del Proyecto de la SR 29 de Oil Well Road al sur de la SR 82

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El Distrito Uno del Departamento de Transporte de Florida (FDOT) celebrará una audiencia pública para debatir el Estudio de Desarrollo y Ambiente del Proyecto de la SR 29 (PD&E) en el Condado de Collier, Florida. El área de estudio se encuentra a lo largo de la SR 29 existente desde Oil Well Road hasta el sur de la SR 82. Esta audiencia pública se lleva a cabo para dar a las personas interesadas la oportunidad de expresar sus criterios acerca de la ubicación; diseño conceptual; y consecuencias sociales, económicas y ambientales de las mejoras propuestas. La audiencia pública se celebra el jueves 15 de noviembre de 2018 en Career Source Southwest Florida, 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, Florida. La audiencia comenzará como una jornada de puertas abiertas a las 5:00 P.M. con una presentación formal a las 6:00 P.M. En caso de producirse una tormenta tropical o huracán, la otra fecha de audiencia es el 29 de noviembre de 2018 a la misma hora y en el mismo lugar.

El estudio propone mejoras a la SR 29 desde Oil Well Road hasta el sur de la SR 82 en el Condado de Collier. El estudio PD&E aportará un diseño conceptual para la aceptación de la Oficina de Gestión Ambiental del FDOT. La Opción Recomendada es Alternativa Central #2. Esta proporciona una sección típica de 4 sendas dividida con sendas de circulación que varían de 11 pies a 12 pies de ancho. El derecho de vía, el tipo y ancho de la faja central y las adaptaciones para bicicletas y peatones varían a lo largo de la alternativa de construcción.

A partir de las 5:00 P.M. los presentes pueden ver los planos de opciones recomendadas en el anteproyecto en fotografías aéreas, hacer preguntas y hacer comentarios a los representantes del FDOT. La audiencia pública formal comienza a las 6:00 P.M. Un moderador de la audiencia ofrecerá comentarios introductorios y a continuación se exhibirán unas diapositivas para ilustrar el proyecto. Durante el receso, los presentes pueden apuntarse para hacer comentarios verbales. Los que no desean hablar pueden presentar comentarios por escrito o hablar directamente con la taquígrafa.

Los documentos del anteproyecto estarán a la disposición para su revisión del 25 de octubre hasta el 26 de noviembre de 2018 en la Biblioteca Filial de Immokalee situada en 417 N 1st Street. Las horas de apertura de la biblioteca son de 11 A.M. a 7:00 P.M. los lunes y jueves; de 9:00 A.M. a 5:00 P.M. los martes, miércoles y viernes; y cierra los sábados y domingos. Los documentos del anteproyecto también están disponibles en la Oficina de Área de Suroeste del FDOT situada en 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913. El horario del FDOT es de 8:00 A.M. a 5:00 P.M. de lunes a viernes. Los documentos del anteproyecto están a la disposición en la página del proyecto en [www.SR29Collier.com](http://www.SR29Collier.com).

Las mejoras propuestas requieren una franja de terreno del Immokalee Airport Park propiedad del Condado de Collier y el Immokalee Airport Conservation Easement que gestiona la Comisión de Conservación de Peces, Flora y Fauna de Florida. Como parte del proceso de desarrollo del proyecto y de acuerdo con el Artículo 4(f) de la Ley del Departamento de Transporte de 1966, el FDOT busca comentarios y opiniones de la población, las partes interesadas y las agencias oficiales acerca de las consecuencias del proyecto sobre las actividades, características y atributos de estos recursos, así como las opciones de mitigación en consideración para los impactos propuestos. El FDOT se propone hacer una determinación de impacto mínimo de acuerdo con el Artículo 4(f) para estos recursos.

El FDOT solicita la participación de la población independientemente de la raza, color, origen nacional, edad, género, religión, discapacidad o estado civil. Los que requieran adaptaciones especiales de conformidad con la Ley de Norteamericanos con Discapacidades o las personas que necesiten servicios de traducción (gratis) deberán comunicarse con Cynthia Sykes, Coordinadora del Título VI del Distrito Uno llamando al (863) 519-2287 o por correo electrónico escribiendo a [Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us) no menos de siete días antes de la audiencia.

Si necesita más información acerca de este proyecto en español, por favor comuníquese con el Sr. Marlon Bizerra en la Oficina del Departamento de Transporte de Florida llamando al (863) 519-2250.

El estudio ambiental, la consulta y otras acciones que exigen las leyes ambientales federales aplicables a este Proyecto se llevan o se han llevado a cabo por parte del FDOT de conformidad con 23 U.S.C. §327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento con fecha 14 de diciembre de 2016 y celebrado por la Administración Federal de Carreteras y el FDOT.



Si ou ta renmen resewwa enfòmasyon-sa an Kreyòl, tanpri kontakte Jimmy Vilce nan Depatma Transpotasyon Eta Florid, nan (863) 519-2311.

**Hora:**  
5:00 P.M. jornada de puertas abiertas  
6:00 P.M. Disertación

**Fecha:**  
Jueves, 15 de noviembre de 2018

**Lugar:**  
CareerSource Southwest Florida  
750 South 5th Street  
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## Dreamcatchers Explore Lake Trafford

Florida Dreamcatchers, a 9-year comprehensive mentoring program, held their first “Dreamcatchers Day” at Lake Trafford on Saturday, November 3. With the support of five caring adult leaders, twenty 6th grade students learned about the Everglades and experienced Immokalee through the thrill of riding on an airboat. The students saw native birds, giant alligators and other swamp creatures while meeting new friends and having fun. The airboat tour was followed by lunch at the gazebo and team building activities. Florida Dreamcatchers Inc. helps build the aspirations of students growing up in Immokalee by expanding their horizons and surrounding them with a multi-layered support system that stretches over 9 years of their adolescence and beyond. For more information about the 6th grade program and opportunities to get involved, please contact us at (239) 238-3094 or visit our office at 1400 N. 15th Street, Immokalee (inside Florida Community Bank).

## Collier County Recycling Centers offers shredding

Beginning Saturday, November 3, Collier County’s Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division will offer free paper shredding on the first Saturday of each month to Collier County residents at three of its recycling centers. The shredding service is free for the first 20 pounds; additional shredding will be charged at \$1.00 per pound.

Shredding trucks will be on site, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the North Collier Recycling Drop-off Center, 9950 Goodlette-Frank Road North, Naples, Florida 34109, and at the Naples Recycling Drop-off Center, 2640 Corporate Flight Drive, Naples, Florida 34104. Secure, locked bins will be at the Marco Island Recycling Drop-off Center, 990 Chalmer Drive, Marco Island, Florida 34145, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and noon to 2:00 p.m.

Collier County currently has a 68 percent recycling rate, well above the state’s average of 52 percent (2017). To help the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division reach Florida’s 75 percent recycling rate goal, residents are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to purge their old and/or confidential documents. Secure shredding services are provided by Shred It® Document Destruction Services.

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