

# The Bean Blast



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The Bean Blast is a monthly communication from the desk of CEO Yvonda A. Bean to IHA residents and program participants. It's our promise of transparency and accountability.

## IHA Community Corner

**My dearest residents and program participants,**

I hope this message finds you well and thriving. As we continue this journey together, I want to take a moment to thank you for your patience, your voice, and your belief in a brighter future with the Indianapolis Housing Agency.

Earlier this year, I launched our **"New Day & Better IHA" 12-Month Action Plan**—a bold, transparent commitment to rebuild trust, strengthen services, and create safer, more supportive communities. I am proud to share that we are making steady progress across all five of our focus areas: **Operations, Finances, People, Properties, and Safety & Security.**

From updating outdated systems and moving closer to launching IHA's new website, each milestone we reach brings us closer to the agency we all deserve. I have set ambitious goals—and the organization is going to meet them quarter by quarter!!

**This is more than a plan.  
It's a promise!**

Everyone at IHA is fully committed to delivering on every action item, and to continuing our work with transparency, accountability, and heart. **You** are at the center of everything we do, and your continued feedback, engagement, and support inspire us daily.

Together, we are not just imagining a **better IHA**—we're building it.

Yours in housing,

Yvonda A. Bean, CEO | Indianapolis Housing Agency  
**#IHAStrong #StrongerTogether**

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**Upcoming Walk-In Wednesday  
For Voucher Holders and Landlords  
1-3 PM**

August 20, 2025  
September 3, 2025  
September 17, 2025

**Try to be a RAINBOW  
in someone else's  
cloud! Maya Angelou**



## Hello, August! Let's Have Some Fun 😊

Did you know the month of **August** is named after **Emperor Augustus Caesar**? Yep, he was such a big deal in ancient Rome that they named a whole month after him! He even had the calendar adjusted so August would have 31 days, just like July (named after Julius Caesar). Talk about keeping up with the family!

### ♥ Fun August Facts & National Days to Celebrate

- 🥫 **National Mustard Day** – Celebrated the **first Saturday in August!** Time to show some love for this classic condiment on hot dogs, pretzels, or however you like it!
- 🦶 **August 6th: Wiggle Your Toes Day** – A silly reminder to kick off your shoes, relax, and enjoy the little things (like toes in the grass or cool water!).
- 🖐️ **August 13th: Left-Handers Day** – A special shout-out to all our lefties in the community - you deserve a hand (pun intended)!
- 👴 **August 21st: National Senior Citizens Day** – Established in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to recognize the wisdom, contributions, and value of our senior citizens. **We see you and we celebrate you!**
- 🐕 **August 26th: National Dog Day** – Whether you've got a playful pup or just love furry friends, this is the perfect excuse to give a treat, take a walk, or simply share the love. ❤️



So go ahead, mark your calendar, spread a smile, and enjoy all the quirky, heartwarming, and just plain fun things that make August special!

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**And, while we are on the topic of August** - the weather is...well, let's face, it's **HOT!** We know that colder days are ahead and with them, higher utility bills. At the Indianapolis Housing Agency, we want to make sure you and your family are prepared well in advance, especially if heating costs might become a burden this winter.

The **Energy Assistance Program (EAP)**, also known as the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**, is a federally funded program that helps income-eligible households cover heating costs during the winter season.

This assistance is especially helpful for families, seniors, and individuals living on a fixed income. Eligibility is based on household income from the past three months, and households earning at or below 60% of Indiana's State Median Income may qualify. All adult household members' income is taken into account (any adult 18 years and older).

We strongly encourage our residents who think they may qualify to learn more and apply early. Visit [www.indyeap.org/eligibility](http://www.indyeap.org/eligibility) to review the income guidelines, gather your documents, and begin the application process.

Please **don't wait until winter arrives**. Planning now can bring peace of mind and ensure your home stays warm and safe throughout the season.