

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.

Francine Jones Retires after 42 Years of Service

My dearest residents and program participants,

It is with deep gratitude and admiration that I announce the retirement of **Francine Jones**, Portfolio Manager at the Indianapolis Housing Agency; July 3rd, was her last day.

For **42 years**, Francine has been a steadfast leader and one of the strongest advocates for public housing in our city, leaving behind a legacy of compassion and service that will not be forgotten. We will miss her at IHA, but we know she will get the well-deserved joys of retirement and time with her grandchildren.

I'm excited to share that **Tabitha Smith** has been promoted to **Property Portfolio Manager**, effective **July 7th**. With **over 22 years of housing experience** and a strong portfolio of industry certifications, Tabitha is well prepared to carry the torch forward. Please join me in congratulating her on this incredible achievement—we're so proud of her!

Yours in housing,

Yvonda A. Bean, CEO | Indianapolis Housing Agency

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Walk-In Wednesday Dates

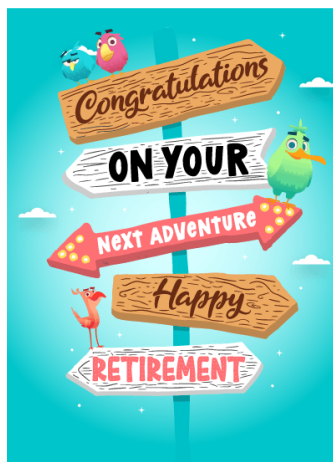
For Voucher Holders and Landlords

1-3 PM

July 23, 2025

August 20, 2025

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take!



The GREAT SWEARING-IN!!



Barton Council Members

- Terri Tuneff-White, President
- Adrienne Miller, Vice President
- George Dresbach, Secretary
- Mark Roberts, Treasurer
- Vanessa Poindexter, Chaplain
- Justin Hart, Sargeant of Arms
- Shawn McMurray, Activity Director

CEO Yvonda A. Bean and Francine Jones are representing IHA.

CEO Bean and the Rise of the Resident Council!

It was a beautiful day in Indianapolis, the kind of day where the sun shines just a little brighter (and definitely hotter these days!) and the laughter of neighbors fills the air. Residents at Barton Apartments gathered with excitement and pride for a very special occasion: ***the public swearing-in of seven new Resident Council members.***

Leading the ceremony was none other than **CEO Bean**, whose unmatched dedication to amplifying resident voices made her the perfect person to usher in this exciting new chapter. CEO Bean reminded everyone that Resident Councils aren't just meetings, they are *powerful partnerships* that help shape the future of public housing communities.

Why Resident Councils are Important

Resident Councils play an essential role in improving the quality of life for all residents. They help create safe, welcoming environments, partner with housing agencies to advise on housing operations, and bring neighbors together to organize events, address concerns, and strengthen community spirit.

By following simple guidelines set by HUD and the local housing authority, Resident Councils can become officially recognized and begin making a real and lasting impact.

Summer Heat Safety Tips

- **Stay hydrated:** Drink plenty of water, especially if you're outdoors or waiting for the bus.
- **Dress smart:** Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes, plan strenuous tasks for cooler morning or evening hours, and use sunscreen or an umbrella for shade.
- **Look out for heat illness:** Recognize signs like heat cramps, dizziness, or exhaustion and call 911 if you suspect heatstroke.
- **Check on others:** Especially older adults, neighbors without AC, children, and pets—don't leave anyone in closed vehicles or unattended in extreme heat.

