

The Bean Blast



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The Bean Blast will be a monthly communication from the desk of CEO Yvonda Bean to IHA residents and program participants. We will be transparent, accountable, and inclusive.

Community Corner

Dear Community,

I am deeply honored to introduce myself as Yvonda Bean, the newly appointed CEO of the Indianapolis Housing Authority. I have recently moved here from Columbia, South Carolina, where I had the privilege of leading a full transformation of the Columbia Housing Agency—an experience rooted in partnership, perseverance, and care for the community I served.

I understand the challenges our community faces, and I want to assure you that I am here to help. Throughout my career, I have prioritized resident-focused improvements, ensured compliance with HUD standards, and implemented operational efficiencies that made a real difference. These are not just professional goals—they are personal commitments.

My priority is to make sure that every resident has access to quality, affordable housing. The Indianapolis community deserves a housing authority that is fiscally sound, trustworthy, and reflective of the pride we take in our city. Together, we will rebuild and reimagine IHA as the strong, essential agency that it must be—a cornerstone for stability and opportunity in our community.

Please know that I care deeply about each of you. I have heard your concerns and understand your frustrations. My goal is to work alongside you to build a better community and bring about **the transformation our community deserves.** #IHAStrong

Sincerely,

Yvonda A. Bean CEO |Indianapolis Housing Authority

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Upcoming Walk-In Wednesday's

March 19, 2025

April 2, 2025

April 16, 2025

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Local Resources

The Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA) collaborates with several local organizations to address housing and community needs. Some of their partners include:

- **CHIP Indy** (Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention): Works to prevent and address homelessness in Indianapolis.
- **Adult & Child Health**: Provides integrated healthcare services to support equitable and healthy communities.
- **Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis**: Focuses on helping homeless families find stability and housing.
- **Horizon House**: Offers services and support to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- **HVAF** (Helping Veterans and Families): Provides housing and reintegration services for homeless veterans.
- **Marion County Public Health Department**: Promotes health and well-being through various community programs.
- **Partners in Housing**: Helps individuals achieve self-sufficiency through supportive housing and services.



These collaborations aim to create a stronger support network for residents and address critical housing challenges.

Stay connected to IHA Updates and CEO messages by sending your email to: assistant@indyhousing.org.

Spring begins March 20, 2025



Spring officially begins March 20th, and with it comes the perfect excuse to shed those winter blues and embrace the great outdoors. Whether you're nurturing your green thumb, seeking an adrenaline rush, or simply wanting to soak up some sunshine, Spring brings sunshine, wind, and rain for gardens to grow.

Adventures in the Garden and Beyond

Veggie Gardens: In March you can plant “cool season” crops such as: peas and lettuce

Plant a Butterfly Garden: Plant things such as Lavender, Milkweed, Shasta Daisies, Snapdragon and a host of many other plants to attract beautiful butterflies



Links below share many FREE Spring events!

- [Do317 Free Link](#)
- [All Events Free Link](#)
- [Eventbrite Free Events Link](#)

Spring Safety Tips

- **Drive Safely:** Children will be outside more when the weather is nice.
- **Always** be aware of your surroundings.
- **Lock** your doors and windows.

Start seeds indoors or on a sunny windowsill: Get a head start and transfer them outside later