# 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.

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

May 21, 2025 June 4, 2025 June 18, 2025

"For there is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." Amanda Gorman







## **IHA Community Corner**

My dearest residents and program participants,

I hope this message finds you well and thriving! I'm excited to share some welcomed updates and reaffirm my heartfelt commitment to our collective journey to a better IHA.

Together, we have been making incredible progress. Each day, I am inspired by the work we do and the dedication of our committed team to moving this agency forward. It is your trust and support that fuels our drive to innovate and improve our organization and remarkable community.

One of our most recent improvements is aimed at enhancing our ability to serve you better. To improve efficiency and modernize our operations, we have invested in 2 new servers, new computers, and the activation of a new phone system. These advancements will enable us to serve you with even greater speed and effectiveness, ensuring that every interaction you have with us is seamless and fulfilling.

This milestone represents just the beginning of our ongoing efforts to improve and adapt to the evolving needs of those we serve. We are deeply committed to delivering excellent customer service and fostering a partnership that thrives on mutual respect and collaboration.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. As we continue to move forward, I remain steadfast in my promise to prioritize progress and embrace every opportunity to better serve you.

Let's look forward to even greater achievements together!

Yours in housing,

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

**RESIDENT COUNCIL REMINDER** The Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA) and the City of Indianapolis have launched RESIDENT COUNCILS in every IHA community! This initiative *empowers residents to be heard*, *drive positive change*, and build thriving neighborhoods. We already have residents excited to join – **if YOU are ready to make an impact**, email **residentscouncil@indyhousing.org** to learn more.

### **Barton Annex Celebrated Earth Day!**

Earth Day is a global event celebrated every April 22 to promote environmental protection and sustainable practices. It began in 1970 and has since united over a billion people worldwide in the fight against climate change, pollution, and habitat loss.







**Barton Annex** celebrated Earth Day with residents and cleaned up their community space by removing old branches and sticks and planting flowers. We also cleaned out the resident horseshoe area for those that enjoy a friendly game with their neighbors. Check out the great work that took place at Barton Annex!!



I am proud to share with you that I unveiled my new <u>12-month Action Plan</u>, "A New Day & Better IHA" during a media event, Monday, May 12, 2025.

This is more than just a plan, it's my commitment to a brighter future for you, our residents and program participants.

As IHA charts the course toward **#ANewDay**, we stand ready to embrace innovation, strengthen our services, and build a better IHA for all!

Look for more information in the upcoming issues of The Bean Blast.



### **Indianapolis, Start Your Engines!**

Get ready, race fans! The roar of engines and the thrill of speed are about to take center stage as the world-renowned Indianapolis 500 revs back to life May 25, 2025! The fun is not just at the track, the month of May is packed with exciting events and celebrations, including the (free) 500 Festival Kid's Day and the 500 Festival Parade.

### **Spring Weather Watch: Stay Ready!!**

Indiana's spring weather is anything but predictable! One moment it's warm and sunny, the next you're dodging pop-up thunderstorms or waking up to a chilly frost. Sudden temperature swing and potential for tornadoes make it essential to stay prepared.

Keep an eye on severe weather alerts, dress in layers, and be read for whatever Mother Nature throws you way!

Stay safe and stay weather-aware!