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HOME LIFE

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Monthly newsletter of housing and community activities published for MHA residents

December 2013

MHA Applauds Its Students for Academic Achievement

The Meridian Housing Authority is proud to provide the names of all of our residents who were recognized at school for maintaining at least a 3.0 (B-Average) or higher in all their academic studies.

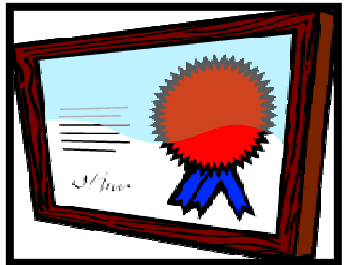
MHA is committed in supporting the youth of our community with an opportunity to achieve and improve academic skills, social and life skills, and career development.

Several years ago, MHA formed a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of East Mississippi in a collaborative effort to provide an after school program. This program is provided at no cost to MHA residents. The afterschool program provided activities and programs that include tutoring, homework assistance, drug prevention, healthy lifestyles habits, and computer class.

MHA students who achieved honor roll or principal list status for report card period include:

Western Gardens Honor Roll Students

Kanyiah Armstrong, Seanblisshe' Atterberry, Jaterence Brewster, Lydia Brown, Takiyia Brown, Jayla Akia Burton, ZyBaria Burton, Jakyron Chapman, Danthony Cole, Natajha Dean, Ji'Quavion Emerson, Ebonique Foster, Deyshaun Hall, Reggie Harris, Ashanti Hoskins, Jamyia Hudson, Alexis Kelly, Monesha King, Dantavis Lanier, Shiqua Leggett, Arianna McClendon, Aretavious Neal, Asia Reed, Sanchez Ruffin, Jordan Siaw, Christan Stringfellow, Tristin Sumrall, Jatasia Triplet, Zi'Princess Winfield, Kenthalla Woodard



Eastern Garden Honor Roll Students

Brandaris Boler, Jamarcus Grace, Janeecia Grace, Simone House, Danesha Hunphrey, Keyshae Moody, Jatorion Moore

Mountain View Honor Roll Students

Ezekeyus Clay, Johntavius Davis, Darion Moton, Ziquaveion Pruitt, Tashiya Spencer, Eriana Turner, Tayden Walker

Sowashee Courts Honor Roll Student

Latonya Glen

Highway Village Honor Roll Students

David Burge, Monesha Dawson, Precious Fleming, Somay Griffin, Cierra Hunn, Sha'mya Hunn, Jonas Johnson, Adrick Tate, Cedrick Truitt

Congratulations to all of the students who achieved honor roll status for the 1st nine weeks report card period!

Announcement Board

Meridian Public School District Christmas Holiday Schedule and Testing Dates:



Event Title: Exam Week for Elementary and Secondary

Event Date: 12/16/2013-12/20/2013

Event Title: Winter Break

Event Date: 12/23.2013-1/2/2014

Event Title: Early Dismissal

Event Date: 12/20/2013


Elementary -12:40pm

Secondary-1:10pm



Students return back to school, Tuesday, January 7, 2014

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31				



The MHA Home Life Newsletter For Residents

The MHA Home Life Newsletter For Residents is published monthly by the Resident Community & Supportive Services Department. We welcome submissions and we reserve the right to edit all materials used. Materials may be submitted to:

Meridian Housing Authority

Resident Services Department, Attn. Newsletter

2305 D. Street, Meridian, MS 39301

OR

E-mail to: saustin@meridianhousing.net

12/10 George Reese @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center

12/11 Magnolia @ 3:30 a.m. Community Center

12/12 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 Community Center

12/13 Western Gardens @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center

12/16 Hwy Village @ 2:00 Community Center

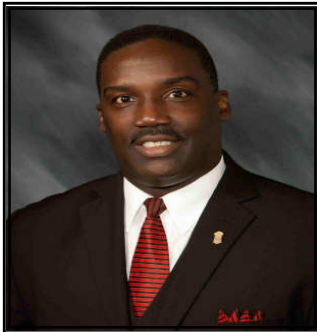
12/16 Sowashee @ 3:30 Community Center

12/19 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center

12/30 Mt. View @ 3:30 Community Center

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Executive Director’s Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr. PHM

As the joy of the Christmas season fills the air, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the successful accomplishments at the Meridian Housing Authority over the past twelve months:

Several MHA residents completed mandatory requirements of the agency’s Family Self-Sufficiency program and are now successful homeowners in the Meridian Community. Concerned citizens of the Meridian East End, along with residents of the George Reese and Magnolia Courts housing developments, participated in two Community Pride Clean-Up Days during the month of April.

MHA received national recognition from the Department of Housing and Urban Development by receiving the HUD “High Performance” designation.

Eight (8) deserving graduating seniors received monetary scholarship awards from MHA’s Board of Commissioners.

In April, MHA received a nine (9%) tax credit allocation from the Mississippi Home Corporation to revitalize (80) units of affordable housing owned by the agency. Pre-Kindergarten educational services through the Meridian Public School District are now available to the residents of the Western Gardens community.

The construction of ten(10) new homes is near completion and will be utilized under MHA’s new homeownership Transition Program (HTP).

Several informative rallies were conducted at six (6) MHA housing communities to inform the public of the new Positive Behavioral Intervention Support Model or (PBIS) geared toward the enforcement of positive behavioral methods throughout the Meridian Public School District.

MHA hosted its first Annual Spelling Bee Contest. The Office Next Door (OND) initiative was implemented along with the development of the partnership with Meridian Community College to start a class at the Frank Berry Center for MHA residents.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the staff, resident advisory leadership and all collaborative partnerships for making these accomplishments possible.

Finally, let us not forget the true meaning of this glorious season. May God richly bless you and your family.

MHA and MCC sponsors a Holiday Education Fair

Meridian Housing Authority in partnership with Meridian Community College hosted its first ever Holiday Education Fair Thursday, December 2, 2013 at Frank Berry Courts Community Center from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Over 30 potential students attended the fair and MCC received at least ten prospective students who made application for the Spring 2014 Semester.



MCC staff, Ashley Brown, Angela Payne, Deanna Smith, Adrian Cross, Ardra Govan, and Oriana Walker

As a way to make it easy, convenient and affordable for our residents to attend a MCC class, MCC is committed to start a class at the Frank Berry Court Community Center. They will also provide book scholarships and financial aid assistance to the residents who enroll, and are in need, as part of the partnership.



Sowashee resident Corey Davis and MCC director of Admissions talk about class enrollment

Diabetic Warehouse Members Visit Oakland Heights for a Diabetic Workshop

During the month of October, Stacy Klinke and Steve Andrews of the Diabetic Warehouse of Meridian hosted a Diabetic Workshop for the residents of Oakland Heights.

A free diabetic check was available to the residents. They were given information on how to manage and control diabetes through a healthy diet and exercise; and how to receive free diabetic medication.



Bobbie Ward of Oakland Heights receives diabetic check

If you are a diabetic and would like to receive more information on leading a healthy life with diabetes, please feel free to contact, MHA Social Service Department and ask for Elaine Mauriscey 601 696-2800 ext. 230 or Sheila Austin at 601 693-2800 ext. 228.

Message from the Asset Management Coordinator



Trevelle McGlothin, Asset Management Coordinator

As we embark upon festivities of the holiday season, we reflect on the accomplishments achieved. A note of achievement this year was MHA’s Annual REAC inspection.

The scorecard results were: Highway Village-80, Mt. View-85, Sowashee Courts-87, Western Gardens/Oakland Heights-87, and Eastern Gardens-98. Housing Operations would like to thank everyone for their support and compliance during this inspection period. Currently we are awaiting with great expectation the results of Magnolia/George Reese REAC inspection scorecard results. Lastly, on behalf of the Housing Operations Department, we would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and may the God of hope fill you with peace believing that the coming year will provide you blessings beyond measure.

Trevelle McGlothin-PHM

Resident Advisory Board President’s Message



Brenda Griffin

The MHA Resident Advisory Board recently had the opportunity to attend a Lunch-N-Learn session sponsored by the MS Tobacco Free Coalition of Lauderdale and Newton Counties. In keeping with MHA non-smoking policy, the RAB was informed of the continued dangers and risks of smoking, second hand smoke, third hand smoke, and the electronic cigarette.

In addition, tobacco cessation was discussed.

If anyone would like any additional information on how to quit smoking, the Mississippi Tobacco Quitline can help. They offer professional guidance and free nicotine replacement therapy. The Quitline can be reached at 1-800-784-8669 or by logging onto the website at www.quitlinems.com.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed holiday season!

Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President

Free Basic Computers Classes offered at Carousel Place



Many jobs and services now require the use of computer for completing applications and training. Therefore, basic computer classes are currently being offered at Carousel Place Computer Lab.

This class will teach residents how to use a computer and navigate internet sites.

Classes will meet every Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00-3:00pm. However, classes will not be held Thursday, December 26, 2013, due to holiday closing.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the class, please feel free to come by the office located at the Carousel Place or call Case Manager, Kimmea Spears at (601) 482-0085 ext. 12.

MHA RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Meridian Housing Authority resident of the month is Renatta Green of Eastern Gardens. Renata assumed the role of the Resident President in November of 2012. She is a single parent raising a daughter. She is actively involved in the Eastern Gardens Community. You will see her monitoring the bus stop, picking up litter from the ground, involved in keeping the playground safe for the children. She works well with property manager, Michael Wallace in a collaborative effort to keep the community informed with update information to improve quality of life for the entire community. MHA would like to congratulate Ms. Renata Green for going beyond the call of duty!



Renata Green

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Maintenance Department 601-483-3328; Social Services 601-693-2800; Frank Berry Courts 601-482-1880; Eastern Gardens 601-482-3312; Mountain View Village 601-481-3424; Western Gardens 601-483-8612; Oakland Heights 601-481-3421; Highway Village, 8th & 9th Ave. 601-483-1816; George Reese Courts/Magnolia Courts 601-693-4586; Mount Barton/Sowashee Courts 601-483-0202; Carousel Place 601-482-0085; J.T. Davis 601-482-0077; MHA Police Liaison Cell 601-527-0407; Meridian Police Dispatch 601-484-6845; Central Office 601-693-4285

