

## Meridian Housing Authority Hosts 2014 Fatherhood Initiative



*Guest Speakers James Carter (2nd left) is joined by his mother (left) and family members during MHA's Fatherhood Initiative Workshop*

The Meridian Housing Authority hosted its 2nd Annual Fatherhood Initiative and Workshop. The theme of the workshop was *"Fathers Make A Big Difference."* MHA's Fatherhood Initiative supports HUD's nation-wide outreach effort to encourage the bonding of fathers and their children in addition to connecting fathers to healthy choices and economic development. HUD statistics show that nearly 64%, or two out of three African American children live in "father absent" homes. Studies show that children suffer greatly when there is no father present. Children who live apart from their biological fathers are on average at least 2 to 3 times more likely to: use illegal drugs; experience educational, health, and behavioral problems, or engage in criminal behavior than their peers who live with their married, biological or adoptive parents. A child with an absent father is 54% more likely to become a victim in the vicious cycle of poverty.



*Fatherhood Participants engage in workshop activities*

The workshop featured several guest speakers which included; Dan Derrington of First State Bank, Detective Deareall Thompson, Meridian Police Department, Terrell Thompson (City of Meridian), Jennifer Mackrell of the Care Lodge Domestic Violence Shelter and James Carter of The Carter Foundation.

For more information regarding MHA's Fatherhood Initiative and Workshop, visit [www.meridianhousing.net](http://www.meridianhousing.net) and click on "press releases."



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## Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr. PHM

The Meridian Housing Authority is pleased to partner with the Meridian Public School District to ensure that all students are properly registered for the 2014-2015 school year. Parents and guardians of new and returning students must go to your child's school during the week of July 14-18 between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm to complete registration for the 2014-2015 school term. All returning students must have photo identification, two (2) proofs of residency and verify information on the student data card. All new students must also provide photo identification in addition to two (2) proofs of residency as well a birth certificate and social security card. All incoming 7th graders must provide proof of the Tdap immunization prior to the beginning of school. Meridian High registration for "Seniors" will be Monday July 14; "Juniors" will register on Tuesday July 15; "Sophomores" will register on Wednesday July 16; "Freshmen" registration will be held on Thursday July 17, 2014.

Proof of residency can include: homestead exemption, mortgage documents, apartment or home lease, one utility bill, driver's license or voter precinct card and automobile registration. Contact your principal if additional information is need.

Have a super year!!!

Ronald J. Turner, Sr., Executive Director

## Carousel Place and JT Davis Smoke and Tobacco Cessation Workshop

The residents of Carousel Place and J.T Davis apartments recently participated in a Second-hand Smoke and Tobacco Cessation Workshop. Sabrina Wilson, Director of MS Tobacco Free Coalition, served as facilitator for the event. Residents were educated on the benefits of living in a smoke-free environment and presented with information to obtain assistance with breaking a tobacco habit. In addition, the dangers of the electronic cigarette and second-hand smoke were discussed. The Interstate Realty Management Company which operates the Carousel Place, Frank Berry and J.T. Davis apartments, is making preparations to be a smoke-free property within the upcoming year. Many more workshops and informative sessions will be held to assist resident



Director Sabrina Wilson conduct smoking cessation workshop

in preparing for this transition. The MS Tobacco Quit Line is available to assist with information, counseling, and free products to help anyone to become tobacco free. Call 1-800784-8669 for help today!

Smoking is currently prohibited in all MHA facilities and apartments. Contact your property managers for more information.

## MHA IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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. 483-1816; George Reese Courts/Magnolia Courts 601 693-4586; Mount Barton/Sowashee Courts 601 483-0202; Carousel Place 601 482-0085; J.T.





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## HATS OFF TO HIGHWAY VILLAGE RESIDENT

Patricia Shamburger has a kind heart, she is helpful, and determined to improve her quality of life. She is the groundkeeper at Highway Village and will go out of her way to help out at other MHA property sites. In addition, she spends

time interacting and encouraging the children in her community. Also, Patricia has been working very hard on one of her personal goals. She recently attended a six weeks Ethics and Professionalism course at MCC and received a certificate for completing the course.



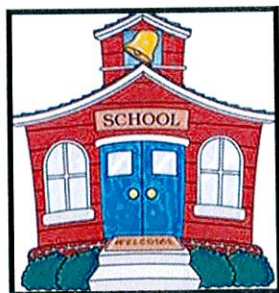
*Patricia Shamburger with Highway Village RAB president, Rosland Lynch*

Patricia future plan is to continue her education by enrolling in another workforce Development course at MCC in the 2014 fall semester.

**PATRICIA ROCKS!!!!** We salute you for making a positive impact in the lives of children and the community.

## SPECIAL REGISTRATION FOR EASTERN GARDENS AND SOWASHEE COURTS

Principal Angela McQuarley of Magnolia Middle School will conduct a special school registration session at both Sowashee Court and Eastern Garden on July 22nd from 8:00 am-3:00pm .



Contact Magnolia Middle School for more information .

## Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the members of the Resident

Advisory Board. On last month, MHA and RAB hosted its 2nd annual Fatherhood Initiative Workshop. I am encouraging all fathers to step up and become a positive role model in your child's life and help reverse the vicious cycle of poverty.



**Brenda Griffin**

I sincerely hope that everyone exercised their right and voted in the senatorial runoff election. Continue to enjoy your summer and check out all the fun things to do in Meridian and surrounding areas, such as, the Public Library Reading program, the water parks, The Natural Science Museum and Zoo in Jackson, MS, or simply visit your movie theater to enjoy a funny family movie.

Lastly, let me encourage you to attend your monthly Resident's meetings. Your participation and attendance is important to your community.

Again, Have a Great Summer !

*Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President*

## Message from the Asset Manager

The heat wave of summer brings unusually high temperatures, therefore please drink plenty of fluids, dress appropriately; lightweight light-colored clothing reflects heat and sunlight and helps the body maintain normal temperatures. Eliminate or reschedule strenuous activity to the coolest time of the day. Check-in on your neighbors in the community, especially the elderly and spend more time in air conditioned places. Remember all A/C units must not exceed 18,000 BTU, this avoids any socket overloads that may create a hazard.



**Trevelle McGlothlin, Asset Manager Coordinator**

During your Independence Day celebrations, please use the following safety tips: outside grills must be in accordance with The City of Meridian Ordinance that states barbecue grills must be at least '15 feet' away from buildings. Also City Ordinance prohibits the use of fireworks. As a reminder, please be respectful of your neighbors when entertaining guest during the upcoming holiday. Guests may need to carpool when visiting to avoid any parking problems.

Practice safety at all times and report all suspicious activity immediately to police dispatch at 601-484-6845 or your property manager.

Have a wonderful and safe Independence Day

*Trevelle McGlothlin, Asset Manager*





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### RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

7/8 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center  
 7/9 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center  
 7/10 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center  
 7/11 Western Garden @ 3:30 Community Center  
 7/21 Highway Village @ 2:00 Community Center  
 7/21 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center  
 7/17 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center  
 7/24 Mt. View Village @ 3:30 Community Center

#### 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:

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 Resident Services Department, Attn. Newsletter  
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