

## "My Meridian, I Care" Hosts Back To School Rally



*Judge Veldore Young with the Citizens of Meridian and MHA Residents*

To kick off the new school year, several back to school rallies were held at MHA sites during the month of August. The non-profit organization, "My Meridian, I Care," hosted rallies at Mountain View, Eastern Gardens, George Reese Court, Western Gardens, and Frank Berry Court. During the rallies, residents were able to partake of free school uniforms, school supplies, backpacks, and food. Musical entertainment was provided by radio station 105.7 The Beat. Several speakers from Meridian Public Schools, Meridian City Council, local churches, Judge Veldore Young, and Mayor Percy Bland were present to motivate and encourage students to stay focused and have a great school year.

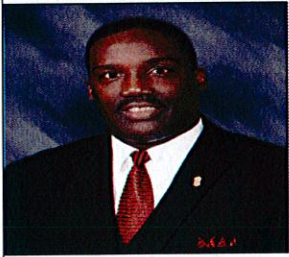
"My Meridian, I Care," is the vision of Pastor James Porter of Kingdom Harvest Church, Inc. Rev. Porter states that the purpose of this organization is not to promote a specific group, individual, or organization, but to encourage every citizen of Meridian to perform their civic duty of being active in their community. Rev. Porter stands behind the belief that when one person in the community is affected by tragedy or lack of resources, the entire community is affected. Therefore, "My Meridian, I Care" solicited the support and partnership of local churches, organizations, and individuals to kick off the school year with these rallies.

Executive Director Ronald Turner Sr. and the residents of Meridian Housing Authority would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a vital role in the making all 5 back-to-school rallies a huge success and truly exemplifying that this is "My Meridian, and I Care!"



# "Committed"

## Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr. PHM

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Pastor James Porter of the Kingdom Harvest Church, Inc. for selecting five Meridian Housing Authority communities to conduct back to school rallies.

Pastor Porter's "My Meridian, I Care" initiative organized the rallies which were directed at encouraging students to achieve their true potential.

Motivational speakers at the rallies including Mayor Percy Bland, Judge Veldore Young, Ward IV Councilwoman, Kim Houston and others encouraged parents to make a vested interest in their children's education. Parents were also provided an opportunity to join their child's parent, teacher organization (PTO). Educators from the Meridian Public School District provided viable information regarding the new Common Core curriculum and Parent Plus tracking system designed to monitor their child's grades.

Other organizations involved in the effort included the Meridian Police Department, Meridian Community College, N'FusionX, Men for Change, various faith-based organizations, and over 600 public housing families. Refreshments were enjoyed by all in attendance and free raffles ensured that a large number of students would receive uniforms, school supplies and other valuable prizes.

The rallies were instrumental in boosting morale and stressing the importance of attending school on a regular basis. The students in attendance pledged to make good grades and exemplify excellent conduct throughout the school year.

Again, hats off to the "My Meridian, I Care" organizers. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.



Ronald Turner, Sr., PHM

## 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. Davis 601 482-0077; MHA Police Liaison Cell (601)527-0407; Meridian Police Dispatch 601-601-484-6845

## Carousel Place Recognizes Shameka Gordon!

The Carousel Place welcomes Shameka Gordon as the new



Shameka Gordon

Assistant Community Manager. Ms. Gordon utilized the computer class and job search assistance offered by Social Services at the Carousel Place. She was able to increase her computer skills, apply for jobs, and compile a professional style resume. While attending the computer class and performing community service duties, Shameka's potential was noticed and it was recommended she apply for an open position in the office. Ms. Gordon submitted her resume, interviewed, and was offered the position. Social Services encourages anyone with a desire to excel, to stop by and take advantage of the free computer class and job-readiness assistance offered at the Carousel Place. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00pm-3:00pm. In addition, knowledge can be gained about local job openings, application assistance, and resume preparation. For more information, contact Case Manager, Kimmea Spears at (601) 482-0085.





# to Excellence"

## Margie Tisdale is a "A WOMAN WHO ROCKS"

Margie Tisdale also known as Margie Faye" of Oakland Heights has committed many years of exemplifying true community service. She goes out of her way to give her time and energy to help people in the Meridian community. She makes regular visits to the sick and elderly to see how they are doing. She prepares home cook meals, runs errands, and perform house cleaning duties for them. She also finds time to volunteer her services during voting campaigns, and elections. She was instrumental in getting families in her community to register to vote as well as being persistent in getting them to exercise their right to vote.



*Patricia Flowers, Margie Tisdale and Pamela Chapman*

Several months ago, Margie Faye was one of twelve women recognized by the R.A.P. Inc., known as "Rise above Poverty" established by the Women who Rock Unsung Sheroes under the subcommittee WOMEN ROCK. She was recognized for her unwavering commitment to do whatever it takes to help families and communities improve their quality of life and living conditions through community service.

Ms. Tisdale is committed to helping others and we congratulate and recognize her for her outstanding community service.

## Resident Advisory Board President's Message

It's that time of year again when school begins, leaves begin to fall and a new season for change takes place.

I want to take this time to encourage all residents without a high school diploma to make an effort to visit the Meridian CC campus and register for classes. Please take advantage of the educational opportunities offered through the MHA partnership with MCC. Education is a very important asset that you can achieve. With an education you will have more opportunities for gainful employment and can improve your chances for greater income and a better way of life for you and your family. On behalf of the Resident Advisory Board, we would like to encourage you to attend your resident monthly meetings. These meetings are designed to help you receive first hand information regarding the various MHA sites.



*Brenda Griffin*

*Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President*

## Message from the Asset Manager

Parents now that school is in session, please ensure the after school supervision of your child. Though some parents are working, please devise an after school monitoring plan for your children. A good plan prohibits disturbances and /or any occurrences that may lead to the damage of your property or someone else. Remember to always report any suspicious activity to your property manager immediately.



*Trevelle McGlothlin*

In the upcoming months there will be representatives from the insurance industry discussing renters insurance. Please make plans to attend your tenant meetings to receive this valuable information. Protection for "yourself and your possessions," when the unthinkable occurs yields a peace of mind.

Also, we want to remind you to take advantage of the Afterschool Program available to residents through MHA's partnership with the Boys and Girls Club.

Be Safe,

*Trevelle McGlothlin, Asset Manager Coordinator*





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Please visit the new MHA website: [www.meridianhousing.net](http://www.meridianhousing.net)

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### RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

9/9 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center  
9/10 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center  
9/11 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center  
9/12 Western Garden @ 3:30 Community Center  
9/15 Highway Village @ 2:00 Community Center  
9/15 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center  
9/18 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center  
9/25 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:

Meridian Housing Authority

Resident Services Department, Attn. Newsletter  
2305 D. Street, Meridian, MS 39301

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