

Congratulations to the 2014 MHA ESTEEM Graduates

The Meridian Housing Authority Resident Work Training Program known as the ESTEEM Program was influenced by the Ameri Corp program and implemented by the Meridian Housing Authority. The purpose of the program is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by specific HUD financial assistance funds are directed to residents of the Meridian Housing Authority.

The Meridian Housing Authority's goal is to provide hands-on training, economic opportunities and construction skills through a workforce development training program to deserving residents. Increased job opportunities are made available through this job training program. Resident trainees from the ESTEEM Program acquire increased potential employment opportunities while developing productive work and life skills.

A special graduation ceremony was held Wednesday, September 17, 2014 to honor five participants; Teela McCoy, Sachika Molphus, Willisha Alford, Johnny Holloway, and Darlyn McMillian for their hard work and dedication to the program. MHA Board of Commissioner members Kathy Price and Jeanelle Kidd offered words of encouragement.

As successful program participants, these residents are now able to enter the workforce with employable skills, knowledge



Commissioner Kathy Price, MHA staff Glen Bates, ESTEEM Graduates (Willisha Alford, Sachika Molphus, Johnny Holloway, Darlyn McMillian, Teela McCoy) MHA staff Jocolby Moplus, MHA Executive Director Ron Turner, Sr., Commissioner Jeanelle Kidd pose for a picture



ESTEEM Graduates converse with each other before the ceremony



ESTEEM Graduate Willisha Alford expresses thanks for being in the program

and the experience that employers are seeking in potential employees in today's job market. This program gives them an advantage to obtain and maintain employment.

Again, the MHA staff and Board of Commissioners send a heartfelt "Congratulations" to the ESTEEM team for their achievements. Please contact MHA's Community and Supportive Services Office (CSS) at (601-693-2800 for more information regarding the ESTEEM program.

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Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr. PHM

The Meridian Housing Authority (MHA) and the Meridian Police Department (MPD) are striving to make affordable housing neighborhoods safer and remain committed to strengthening all of Meridian's public housing communities.

National statistics show that public safety is enhanced tremendously when police officers live within the neighborhood. Therefore, agencies are pleased to report the success of the "Officer Next Door Program" approximately one year after its inception.

The Program was created to provide safer neighborhoods by allowing MHA to lease dwelling units to Meridian Police Officers. This collaborative effort began last year in Eastern Gardens, Western Gardens, Frank Berry Courts and the Carousel Place apartments.

Certified police officers are permitted to lease an apartment for a twelve-month period at no cost to the officers. The MPD ensures that officers involved in the program will maintain a high visibility level through active participation in resident association meetings, daily MPD vehicle patrolling and the utilization of other community policing measures authorized by the MPD Police Chief. MHA ensures that all participants are familiar with the special lease agreement. The officers must also reside in the apartment as their primary source of residency during the lease contract period.

For more information regarding the "OND" program contact Asses Management Coordinator Trevelle McGlothin at (601) 693-4285.

Ronald Turner, Sr.
Executive Director



Carousel Place Smoke-Free Soon

Carousel Place begins making preparation for a smoke-free property effective October 1, 2014. Residents and guests at The Carousel Place will no longer be allowed to smoke in housing units.

During this transition, smoking will however be permitted on outdoor property including porches. Residents are reminded of the guidelines in the signed lease addendum that states that infractions will be issued accordingly if evidence of smoking is discovered in housing units.

Residents are encouraged to focus on the positive outcomes that will yield having a smoke-free property. A smoke-free property assists with keeping rental cost down, improves personal health, and is great for the environment. Ultimately, everyone will benefit from this change.

Effective January 1, 2015, smoking will only be allowed in the designated smoking area.

Management and staff encourage all residents to adhere to the new policy. Many more workshops and informative sessions will be held to assist residents in preparing



The MS Tobacco Coalition provide smoke-free information

for this transition. The MS Tobacco Quit Line is available to assist with information, counseling, and free products to help anyone become tobacco free.

Call -800-784-8669 for help today!

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



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Trick or Treat

It's that time of year again, Trick or Treat. Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween but not when it comes to injuries and safety. Halloween is one of the most favorite holidays for children and teenagers.

There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with their kids to help them reduce their risk of injury.

Safety is always first at Meridian Housing Authority. Halloween is Friday, October 31st and we are looking forward to all MHA residents having a great and fun time while trick or treating without encountering any serious injuries.

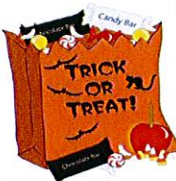
Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the fifth leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for children ages 5 to 19.

Teenagers are now at greater risks. Teens have a death rate twice that of younger children and account for half of all child pedestrian deaths. Here are some safety tips for teenagers while trick or treating. These tips can also be used for any child who will participate in trick or tricking this year.

- Please make sure all costumes and Halloween bags have some sort of reflective tape or stickers
- If at all possible, wear light color clothing
- Make sure children can see clearly through the eyes of the mask
- Use non-toxic face paint and make up
- Please caution your children not to eat open candies and wait until they return home to allow you to inspect all candies
- Make certain that their costumes are safe and allow them to be seen and to be seen after dark
- Make sure you know where your children are going and to have an adult to accompany them while they are trick or treating
- Be aware of your surroundings and notify the proper authorities during an emergency, or if you suspect any criminal activities or behaviors taking place

It is always good to remain safe in a safe environment.

Have a safe and fun Halloween!



Resident Advisory Board President's Message

As we begin to experience seasons change from summer to fall also known as autumn, we will soon feel the days getting cooler. This is a good time for residents to take the opportunity to prepare for cooler days ahead. This is the season for long sleeves, sweaters, and light jackets. It is time to store away our summer clothes and to bring out fall clothing. While you are in your closet, take time to prepare a special give-a-way box of gently worn clothes that are in good condition. You don't have to wait until a special event or holiday to be a blessing to someone in need. It is also a good time to remove your air conditioner from your window. This will save some of your air conditioner fees. Also as a reminder, if you have any maintenance issues, please call in your maintenance work orders. Enjoy the cool brisk fall mornings!



Brenda Griffin

Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President

Message from the Asset Manager



Trevelle McGlothlin

With the implementation of HUD's mandatory Section 210 Ruling, there remains some concerns among the residents regarding the HUD Appropriations Act of 2014, which revised the Flat Rent Table for public housing residents. Information received regarding this HUD requirement has revealed that many residents may have failed to obtain a copy of the HUD 210 Ruling. A copy of this mandatory regulation is available upon request and located in your manager's office. Also there will be ongoing reviews of HUD's 210 Ruling at your upcoming tenant meetings. If you have any questions regarding the mandatory HUD Section 210 Ruling, please feel free to contact your property manager for clarification on this important matter.

Make sure you receive a copy of the new Flat Rent Tablet to determine the affects it may have on your household.

During this welcomed change of seasons, may this autumn season be fruitful for you and your family.

Be safe.

Trevelle McGlothlin-PHM



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Please visit the new MHA website: www.meridianhousing.net

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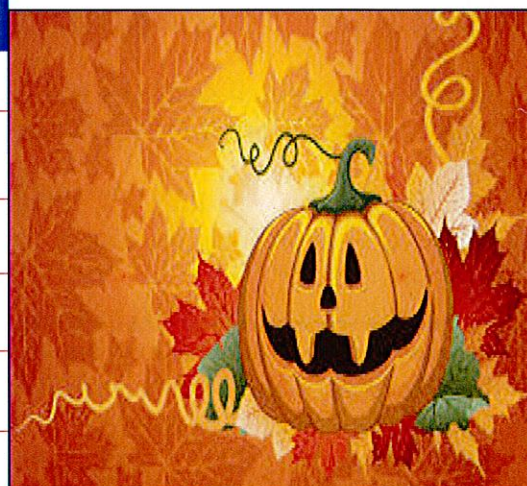
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RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

- 10/7 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 10/8 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 10/9 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center
- 10/10 Western Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
- 10/20 Highway Village @ 2:00 Community Center
- 10/20 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center
- 10/16 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
- 10/23 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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