

MAGNOLIA COURT RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD APPRECIATION DAY



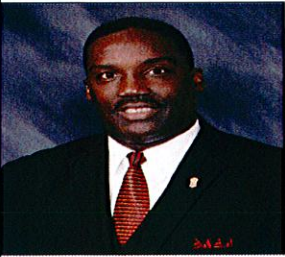
Left to Right: Mattie Lewis (Magnolia Resident), Robin Maxfield (Magnolia Court Manager), Latoria Brown (Magnolia RAB President) Anna Burrage(Magnolia Resident), Kathy Price (MHA Commissioner), Annie Glass (Magnolia Resident), and Shelia Austin (PH FSS Coordinator)

Residents of Magnolia Court were recognized on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 by Magnolia Court president, LaToria Brown. Ms. Brown recognized several of the residents that have shown great interest in their community by volunteering and giving a helping hand. Ms. Brown has been the Magnolia Court president for several years and she stated, *"It takes a village to raise a child"* and without the help of her neighbors her success of being the president could not exist. Mattie Lewis the grounds keepers and Anna Burrage is a volunteer of Magnolia Court. They both received a Certificate of Appreciation for doing a wonderful job. Annie Glass received a Certificate of Appreciation by helping the residents in numerous ways. There were several Meridian Housing Authority representatives present during the Resident Appreciation meeting. Meridian Housing Authority would like to salute the residents for working together and keeping their community clean and safe. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK MAGNOLIA COURTS!!!**



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Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr. PHM

As we embark upon the 2014 Thanksgiving season, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the MHA Board of Commissioners, staff, residents and the many collaborative partnerships forged over the past year.

Many of us have suffered personal losses and our local government is currently enduring hardships due to the declining state of the economy. It is challenges such as these that provide the perfect opportunity to pause and reflect on what is really important to us. We must stop and realize how precious the gift of life really is

As we count our blessings during this season, let us also remember the gift of family and friends and meaningful relationships that have enriched our lives. While we plan those grand turkey dinners and elaborate celebrations, let us not forget those who are not quite as fortunate as we are.

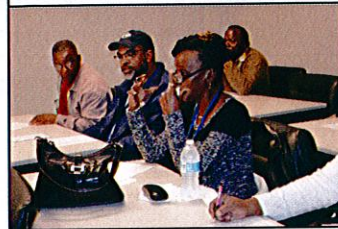
Hats off to the leadership of the MHA Resident Advisory Board for constantly reminding us to be good neighbors by checking on our elderly residents and others who may be suffering daily hardships.

Finally, let us not forget our courageous men and women at home and on foreign soil who are rendering undying services to this country. Because of their sacrifices and dedication to us, they will not be able to be surrounded by loved ones during this special time of the year. Again, I wish you and your family the best during this “Season of Thanksgiving.”

Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM



2014 Annual Plan Public Hearing



MHA Staff & RAB at 2013 Annual Plan Public Hearing

The Meridian Housing Authority will conduct its 2014 Annual Plan Public Hearing on

Monday, November 10, 2014, at 5:00 pm at 2425 E Street, Administrative Office Building. The proposed annual plan has been on display in the lobby of the central office for review by residents and other interested parties since September 1, 2014.

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) leadership received special training regarding the importance of resident participation needed prior to finalizing the Annual Plan.

Included in the plan are comments and suggestions from the RAB along with actions MHA might undertake in the upcoming year. The plan contains MHA's efforts to address issues to maintain and improve the quality of life for all MHA residents.

Once the plan is adopted, it will be submitted to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development for approval. The public is invited to attend the hearing on the 10th.

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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Financial Education Seminar at Meridian Housing Authority

Meridian Housing Authority has partnered with First Mississippi Credit Union to bring valuable financial information to help you improve your quality of life and obtain self sufficiency. If you lack the knowledge on how to make good financial decisions or manage your money, then this financial education seminar is for you. It will provide you with the information you will need to take control of your finances. The seminar is designed to equip and to educate you on:

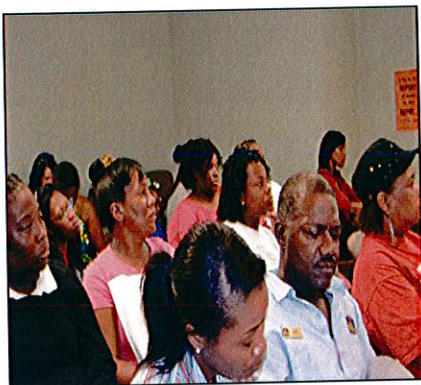
- financial opportunities
- basic money management
- debt and credit management
- how to get pre-qualified for financing with a credit union or bank

The seminar will take place on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 2pm at the Community and Social Service building located at 2305 D Street.

For additional information regarding this seminar, please contact Elaine Mauriscey at (601) 693-2800, ext. 230 or Shelia Austin at ext. 228.

We encourage you to save the date to attend!

Looking forward to see you there!



MHA Resident Attends Financial Workshop

Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all Resident Presidents to attend the Annual Plan Public Hearing to be held on November 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the MHA Central Office Building. This is a very important hearing where resident input is needed to ensure the Annual Plan includes the concerns of all residents as they relate to the continued success of MHA. The Annual Plan establishes projects that MHA will undertake during the next five years to improve the quality of housing offered to residents.

Be safe and have a blessed and prosperous holiday season.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President



Brenda Griffin



Message from the Asset Manager



Trevelle McGlothlin

In accordance with Section 12 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, 'Community Service' was incorporated, and is defined as "the performance of voluntary work or duties that are a public benefit and serves to improve the quality of life, enhance self-sufficiency, in addition to increasing residents self-responsibility within their community."

Residents who are governed by MHA's community service policy must complete 96 hours of service per calendar year. However, the status of many residents remains at a pending or non-compliant level. For a listing of agencies that welcome community service volunteers, please see your property manager, or contact Keondria Knox at 601-693-4285, ext. 236. Also by attending your monthly resident meetings you may receive up to 2 hours community service credit. A good way to improve your community is to remain active at all levels.

Finally, with the return to central standard time, please ensure the safety of your household. Studies suggest auto accidents increase after the clock falls back an hour. In addition to a lack of visibility, pedestrians walking around dusk are three times more likely to be struck by oncoming traffic. Therefore, as a community ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Trevelle McGlothlin-Asset Manager



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RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

11/11 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
11/12 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
11/13 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center
11/14 Western Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
11/17 Highway Village @ 2:00 Community Center
11/17 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center
11/20 Eastern Garden @3:30 Community Center
11/20 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

OR

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