

Meridian Housing Authority Receives 2014 HUD High Performance Recognition

Meridian Housing Authority's mission is to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities with reasonable accommodations for over 3,500 eligible citizens of Meridian, Mississippi. MHA partners with over 15 local organizations and conducts several community service programs that promote self-sufficiency, empowerment and respect. A press conference was held on Monday, March 2, 2015 at the Meridian Housing Authority's Central Office training room to inform the public of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recognition of MHA for achieving the "High Performer" designation for the third consecutive year. The agency scored 94 out of a possible 100 points assessed by the department. Local MHA community partnership leaders attended the



MHA is proud to achieve 2014 "High Performer" HUD Designation



Lauderdale Supervisor Joe Norwood, Community Foundation President Becky Glover, MHA Board of Commissioners Wilbert Jones, and Pastor Kathy Price, MPD Superintendent Dr. Taylor, and MHA Exec. Director Ronald Turner, Sr. stress community partnerships.

meeting to show their support. MHA will receive a Certificate of Commendation from HUD at the Mississippi Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials State Conference to be held in Biloxi, MS. Because of this national distinction, MHA will receive an additional 3% funding allocation from HUD which will be

used to make much needed capital repairs throughout the agency. The agency will also receive relief from specific HUD requirements including fewer mandatory reviews and less monitoring from both the local and national offices. MHA currently owns and operates 1,249 viable housing apartments and administers 215 Housing Choice Vouchers throughout the city of Meridian. Additionally, the agency manages eighty-seven market rate apartments. GREAT TEAMWORK!!!!



MHA staff listens very intently during Mass Employee Meeting

MHA Offers Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

The Meridian Housing Authority is very supportive in the academic future of our residents and youths. It is the belief of MHA that all youth should be given the opportunity to pursue any career path without the burden of being financially stressed. Because of this belief, Meridian Housing Authority is awarding eligible 2015 graduating seniors from within the community, scholarships up to \$1,000.00. MHA graduating seniors interested in this scholarship, can pick up an application from your senior guidance counselor at Meridian High School, property site manager or the MHA Eugene Young III Community Center at 2305 D Street. You are required to attend the Senior Award Night on Thursday, April 30, 2015, to receive a scholarship award letter.



MHA 2014 scholarship recipients. Lt to Rt: Corey Davis (EMCC), Kissy Watkins (MCC), Robert Peden (Alcorn State University)

The deadline to return application is April 24, 2015

MHA Summer Internship Program

The Meridian Housing Authority was recently awarded a grant from the Riley Foundation of Meridian, Mississippi to provide a summer internship opportunity to a current college student who is seeking professional experience in housing development. The award also affords an opportunity to work with a community service program.

We are now accepting resumes for interested students who are currently enrolled in college and plan to return in the Fall/2015. 2015 High School graduates are **not** eligible. You are required to be available to intern in the Community and Supportive Service Department from May – August 2015.

For more information regarding the summer internship, please contact Community and Supportive Service; Shelia Austin at (601) 693-2800, ext.228, Elaine Maurissey at (601) 639-2800, ext. 230, or Evelyn Love at (601) 693-2800, ext. 229.



"Committed"

Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr. PHM

On February 25, 2015, the Department of Housing and Urban Development completed its annual Public Housing Assessment System's analysis of the administrative operations at the Meridian Housing Authority for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014.

I am pleased to inform the Meridian community that following the HUD review, MHA was designated a "High Performer" for the third consecutive year.

HUD evaluated the management of 3200 public housing authorities across the country in the following categories: (1) Finance (2) Management (3) Facility Management and (4) Capital Funding. After completion of the HUD review, MHA scored 94 out of a possible 100 points assessed by the Department. MHA will now receive an additional 3% funding allocation from HUD which will be used to make much needed capital repairs throughout the agency. MHA will also receive relief from specific HUD requirements including fewer mandatory reviews and less monitoring from both the local and national offices.

I want to thank the staff, commissioners and residents for making this prestigious award possible.

Enjoy your Easter celebration.

For more information regarding MHA's HUD Higher Performer Designation, visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net and click on press release.

Ronald J. Turner Sr.

Executive Director



Community Event Announcements Smarter Choices Youth Festival

Meridian Housing Authority residents are encouraged to participate in the Smarter Choices Youth Festival. The Smarter Choices Community Coalition will be hosting their annual event, Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Frank Cochran Center located in Highland Park. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. until noon. The festival is for youth 17 and under. Youths under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be fun interactive games and activities as well as food and drinks. This event is FREE to the public.



Financial Education Workshop

MHA has partnered with Bank-Plus to provide a financial Education Workshop for MHA residents. Please make plans to attend the workshop to obtain information on repairing your credit score and improving your savings. This workshop is at no cost to the residents. The workshop will be held at the Community and Supportive Service building..

When: April 24, 2015

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: MHA Community and Supportive Service Building

For more information contact Community and Supportive Services at 601-693-2800.



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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It's Time For RAB Elections

The Resident Advisory Board would like to give each resident an opportunity of becoming the next RAB member for their site. The RAB is an organization within the Meridian Housing Authority which provides activities to residents to further their knowledge of, and involvement in the issues and operations of running a public housing agency. These activities includes resident training in community organization and leadership, training in skills directly related to operation, management, maintenance, and financial systems; surveying residents input; resident council elections and other outreach activities that inform and acquaint residents of MHA with the MHA plans for developing and implementing Federal programs. If you feel that you have what it takes to be a leader on your site, then you are the person for the job. Please go out NOW and start campaigning by encouraging your neighbors to vote for you. Elections will take place on each Housing Authority site Community Center on Tuesday, May 10, 2015 between the hours of 9:00am-3:00pm. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact your Property Manager, RAB president or Community and Support Services at 601-693-2800.



Pictured Lf to Rt: Rosland Lynch, President, Highway Village, MHA Asset Coordinator, Trevelle McGlothlin, Marshall McKey, President, George Reese, Latoria Brown, President, Magnolia, Marilyn Davis, President, Sowashee Court, Wilbert Jones, MHA Board Chairman, Brenda Griffin, President, Western Gardens, Renata Green, President, Eastern Gardens, Patsy Griggs, President, Mt. View, Johnny McGlothlin, President, Oakland Heights, and Ronald Turner, Sr., MHA Executive Director

Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the Resident Advisory Board. It has been a while since Meridian Housing Authority held an election to elect or re-elect a resident to serve as president within their specific community. The month of April will be "campaign month" for any residents who have an interest in becoming the president. There are currently eight Resident Advisory Board (RAB) members who represent each MHA property site. RAB would like to encourage all residents to participate in this election by voting in the month of May at the resident meetings. Elections will be held at the following sites: Magnolia Courts, George Reese, Eastern Garden, Western Gardens, Oakland Heights, Highway Village, and Mountain View.

Happy Easter !

Brenda Griffin, President, Resident Advisory Board



Brenda Griffin



Message from the Asset Manager



Trevelle McGlothlin

It's spring time again, a time for budding flowers, extended hours of sunshine, packing winter up, and clearing the way for spring and summer activities. In the coming month all properties will undergo UPSC and or REAC Inspections. Please be sure to report any and all maintenance concerns to your property manager or the maintenance department. There will be a series of mock inspections to ensure all units are inspection ready;

i.e. stove, refrigerators, smoke alarms, etc.

While enjoying the warm spring temperatures, please be mindful of our city's ordinance regarding your barbeque grills. All grills must be a minimum of 15 feet away from the building. Also please monitor your guest and report any and all suspicious activity to our OND (officer next door) MHA liaison Officer Freeman at (601)527-0407 or police dispatch.

Our Community Service Department will be providing an updated list of agencies that are in need of volunteer services. A notice will be sent to your property manager upon completion.

Be Safe and Enjoy Spring 2015!

Housing Operations Department

Trevelle McGlothlin-Asset Manager



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

**Meridian Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners**

Wilbert Jones Chairman
Donnie Smith Vice Chairman
Jeanelle Kidd Commissioner
Kathy Price Commissioner
Rob Arline Commissioner

Mail To:

April 2015

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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
emaauriscey@meridianhousing.net

RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

4/8 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
4/9 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center
4/10 Western Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
4/14 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
4/16 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
4/20 Highway Village @ 2:00 Community Center
4/20 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center
4/23 Mt. View Village @ 3:30 Community Center