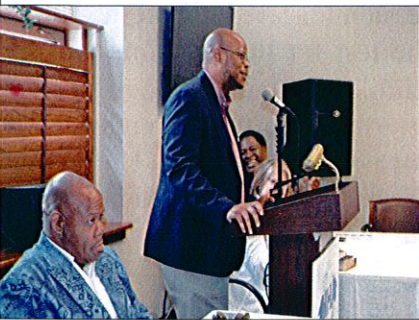


## Meridian Housing Authority Rewards Academic Success

The Meridian Housing Authority's 2015 scholarship award ceremony was held Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. MHA awarded scholarships to eight promising Meridian High School graduating seniors: Shalisa Cole, Tina Harris, Tarik Hopper, Mhi Jai Johnson, Ruebreon McWilliams, Andrea Romero, Christian Stringfellow and Joe Womack. A special reception was held to celebrate their accomplishments.



**MPSD, Superintendent, Dr. Alvin Taylor addresses the MHA seniors and parents**

WTOK-TV also highlighted the achievements of the MHA graduates during several of its news broadcasts.

Featured speakers included: Superintendent of Meridian Public Schools, Dr. Alvin Taylor, Principal Victor Hubbard of Meridian

High School, MHA Board Chairman, Wilbert Jones, along with board commissioners, Kathy Price and Jeanell Kidd. Brenda Griffin, RAB President, MHA staff and proud parents were present to show support. Each senior presented their parent with a single red rose as a sentiment of their appreciation.



**MHA staff and family members honor students at MHA Scholars Recognition**

MHA's Community and Supportive Services staff strives to ensure that all youth receive an opportunity to pursue selected career paths which will lead them to becoming productive citizens. The eight scholarships were awarded to encourage graduating seniors to move forward with their educational goals of obtaining a degree from an institution of higher learning.

MHA salutes these graduating seniors on this milestone. For more information regarding MHA's Scholarship Program, please contact PH FSS Coordinator, Shelia Austin or HCV FSS Coordinator, Elaine Mauriscey at (601) 693-2800.



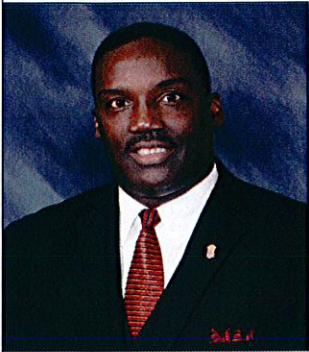
**MPSD Superintendent, Dr. Taylor, MHS principal, Victor Hubbard, Pastor Kathy Price, MHA Exec. Dir. Ronald Turner, Sr., Terrance Davis, MHA Commissioner, Jeanelle Kidd, MHA Board Chairman, Wilbert Jones and MHA 2015 Scholars**



**MHA Commissioner, Kathy Price gives graduating seniors words of encouragement**

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## Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr.

Last year the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved the Meridian Housing Authority's annual plan request to place approximately seventeen single family homes under a Homeownership Transition Program (HTP) developed by MHA. Eight of the seventeen homes were constructed in the Carousel Place Community.

Plans are currently underway to build the final two HTP homes through the utilization of the agency's Replacement Housing Factor funding source. These houses will be included in the Homeownership Transition Program to encourage a successful path to homeownership.

All eligible participants of the HTP must be enrolled in MHA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Each registered member must be in full compliance with current FSS contractual obligations. Participating families must also comply with MHA's three bedroom occupancy policy requirements. Tenure in MHA's HTP shall not exceed an occupancy period of twenty-four (24) months.

For more information regarding MHA's Family Self-Sufficiency or Homeownership Transition Programs, contact your property manager or Shelia Austin PH FSS Coordinator at (601) 693-2800, ext. 228

Ronald J. Turner, Sr.  
Executive Director



## MPSD 3rd Grade

### Summative Assessment Results

The first week in May, Meridian 3rd grade students were given a reading assessment test to score their reading and comprehension skills before entering the 4th grade for the 2015-2016 school year. In February, MHA provided reading programs at each property site to ensure that students have the opportunity to receive extra reinforcement in reading.

The MPSD received MKAS2 3rd Grade Summative Assessment. Over 500 3rd grade students were administered the test. Students who fail the test for the 2nd time will be required to enroll in summer school for tutoring and will have the opportunity to retest between June 29, 2015-August 7, 2015. Unfortunately, if a student does not pass the reading test after three attempts, he or she will be retained in the 3rd grade.

The MPSD will provide the teachers and reading materials to improve and secure a possible passing score on the test. If your child has been identified as one to attend summer school. Parents please give your child the opportunity to take advantage of the resources made available to secure academic success now and in the future.

Schools recorded percentages of pass and fail test results:

School	Pass	Fail
Crestwood	80%	20%
Oakland Height	88%	12%
Parkview	70%	30%
Poplar Springs	93%	7%
TJ Harris	77%	23%
West Hills	83%	17%



Mt. View school age youths participates in the afterschool reading program

## 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



## Resident Advisory Board Election Update

The Resident Advisory Board provides activities to residents to further their knowledge of, and involvement in the issues and operations of running a public housing agency. The activities include 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 with MHA's plans for developing and implementing Federal programs.

In the month of April, MHA residents were given the opportunity to campaign for one of the eight offices available as an elected Resident Advisory Board (RAB) member and resident president of their property.

The Resident Advisory Board elections were held on all MHA sites Tuesday, May 12, 2015. MHA is proud to announce that all eight previous RAB members/resident presidents were re-elected. The re-elected presidents are Rosland Lynch, Highway Village, Renata Green, Eastern Gardens, Marshall McKey, George Reese Court, Latoria Brown, Magnolia Court, Marilyn Davis, Sowashee Court, Johnny Davis, Oakland Heights, Patsy Griggs, Mountain View Village and Brenda Griffin, Western Gardens.

It takes a village to raise a child but it takes a community to make a difference.

Congratulations to all the re-elected presidents !



Pictured It to rt: Trevelle McGlothlin, Asset Coordinator Manager, resident presidents Rosland Lynch, Latoria Brown, Renata Green, Patsy Griggs, Johnny McGlothlin, (seated) Marshall McKey and Brenda Griffin,. Not pictured, Marilyn Davis and Ronald Turner, Sr, Executive Director

## Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the Resident Advisory Board. This month, we will recognize and honor all Fathers on Sunday, June 21, 2015. Please remember to take time out of the day to show love to your father. It is also the first day of summer. I would like to encourage parents to remember to maintain a safe environment for you and your children. Please be aware of the type of clothing that should be worn during these hot upcoming days. Also remember to often drink plenty of liquids when you allow your children to play outside. Most important, watch your children and know where they are at all times. It only takes a second for a tragedy to occur when children are left unattended and please parents remember to accompany and stay with your young children at all times.

Have a great summer and a Happy Father's Day!

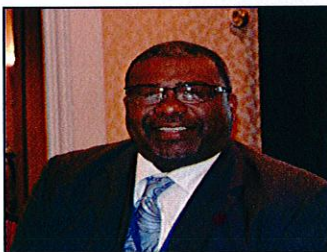
**Brenda Griffin, President, Resident Advisory**



**Brenda Griffin**



## Message from the Asset Manager



**Trevelle McGlothlin**

For everyone's safety, we urge children to stay clear of the mowers during the grass cutting season to prevent injury from airborne debris. Now that school is out and some parents have to work and run daily errands, please ensure the safety of your children. Serious harm may occur if you allow your child to be left unattended in the home or in the community without parental supervision. Also again as a reminder, please monitor your household members and guests to prevent disturbances that may result in lease termination. If at all possible, I encourage you be a good neighbor and check on the elderly residents during this summer season. Lastly, with REAC inspections fast approaching, please report all maintenance concerns immediately to your property manager and or maintenance department at (601) 483-3328, especially emergency items; i.e. broken receptacle covers, broken window panes, inoperable gfci's, beeping smoke alarms and any water leaks. Timely reporting makes all the difference.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!  
Housing Operations Department

**Trevelle McGlothlin-Asset Manager**



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

## June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

6/9 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center  
6/10 Magnolia Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center  
6/11 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center  
6/12 Western Garden @ 3:30 Community Center  
6/15 Highway Village @ 2:00 Community Center  
6/15 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center  
6/18 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center  
6/25 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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