

Back to School Health Fair Huge Success at the Meridian Housing Authority

The Meridian Housing Authority, Greater Meridian Health Clinic, and Magnolia Health partnered in a Back to School Health Fair: KNOW, CHECK, and PROTECT YOUR HEALTH as a way to support and encourage the community to take a more proactive role in taking better care of themselves and their families through preventive care. We are committed to this community through partnerships to improve the quality of life for the residents residing throughout our affordable housing communities.

The event was held Wednesday, July 22, 2015 from 11am to 4pm at MHA Central office building. A lot of time and effort was put into this event to provide dental, medical and vision screenings at no out of pocket cost for children or adults who attended this event. Free snow balls, hotdogs, and water were a delightful treat in the blazing heat. A cooling area was also provided during the hours to prevent heat exhaustion.



The community assembles together for the opening ceremony at the health fair

The event was fun for the adults as well as children. Inflatable jumpers, ring toss, face paintings, and other activities were on site for the children to enjoy while the adults were given the opportunity to receive basic medical screening. Prize drawings were held including a chance to win a 2015 KIA. The final drawing will take place at the end of the month at the KIA car dealership. With the help of our community sponsors, many of the children and adults left the event with a prize. Uniform vouchers, haircuts, toys, were just a few incentives for children ages 0-19 years of age. The prize drawings for adults included gift certificates and food coupons from local business and restaurants.

Meridian Mayor Percy Bland along with Chief Dubose and Judge Robby Robinson attended the event to show their support. Children and parents were able to meet and greet the mayor and city officials during the event.

Many thanks to the community and, partners for their support and donations to help make this event a success!!!!

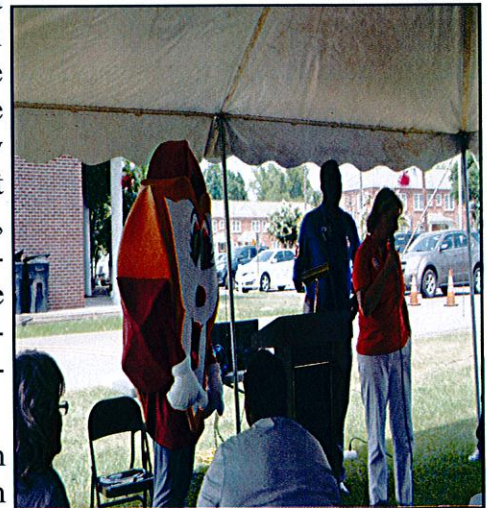
For more information regarding upcoming events at MHA, please visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net.



MHA's Edward Griffin stops by Weems table to receive wellness information



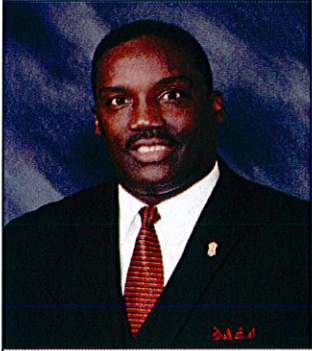
Children from the community are able to enjoy the inflatable jumper



Magnolia representative and mascot provides information during the opening ceremony

"Committed"

Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr.

As we approach our annual strategic planning process, the Board of Commissioners, staff, community stakeholders in conjunction with our residents, remain focused on enhancing new and innovative programs at the Meridian Housing Authority.

Our Family Self-Sufficiency programs are geared towards providing affordable housing opportunities and improving the quality of life for all of our residents. Whether it's through expansion of our housing transition program or partnering with local officials to create communities of choice, MHA strives to provide over 1,214 families with stability and promising futures. Our programs remain more vital than ever for our city's low income and working class families seeking decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities. I look forward to working with each of our community partners to ensure that MHA remains a "high performer" in the affordable housing industry.

We will continue to foster relationships which ensure that we are meeting the critical demands for the HUD resources necessary to improve the quality of our housing stock and the revitalization of our neighborhoods. Our ultimate goal is to remain on the cutting edge of affordable innovation as we strive to provide struggling families with the support they need to realize their full potential.

For more information regarding the mission of MHA, please visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net

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"School Begins August 6th"

Meridian Housing Authority encourages all parents and guardians who have school age children in the Meridian Public School District to attend the open house events scheduled at their child's school. Make plans to tour the school, meet the teachers and pick up your child class and bus schedules.

Parental involvement is important for the success to your child's academic success.

Below is each school open house schedule:

MPSD OPEN HOUSE EVENTS:

Meridian High School:

Sunday, August 9th from 2:00pm -5:00pm

Middle Schools:

Carve, Magnolia and Northwest Tuesday, August 4th, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Elementary Schools:

Poplar Springs Wednesday, August 5th, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Crestwood and West Hills Wednesday, August 5th, 2:00pm-4:00pm

T.J. Harris Lower and Upper Wednesday, August 5th, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Parkview Wednesday, August 5th, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Oakland Heights Wednesday, August 5th, 2:00pm-4:00pm

DON'T MISS IT

Welcome Back to school!



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



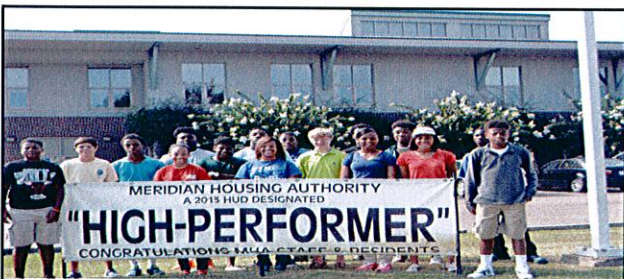
to Excellence"

MHA Supports STEM Summer Program

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math initiative, better known as STEM, is strongly supported by the administration of the Meridian Housing Authority. The month long summer enrichment program, initiated by the City of Meridian, provided local high school students with an opportunity to gain 21st century learning experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Although numerous jobs are available in these fields, many positions remain vacant due to the lack of skills and education needed to meet the demand for these positions. MHA was selected to serve as a training site for ten (10) STEM students. These students gained valuable work experience in the agency's modernization, facilities, and social services departments. The students received "hands on" experience in reviewing plans and specifications, inventory upkeep along with understanding the importance of providing quality customer service to the residents of MHA. The program engages students and equips them with critical thinking and problem solving skills and ultimately establishes vital connections between the school, work place, community and global economy.



Mr. Ron Turner, Sr., MHA Executive Director addresses STEM students during the Back to School Health Fair



2015 STEM students volunteer their services during Community Health Fair at MHA

Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the Resident Advisory Board. We would like to remind all residents **NOT** to keep any abandoned or inoperable automobile that does not bear a current or valid license plate. All resident-owned vehicles **MUST HAVE** a parking decal. As a reminder also, there are no assigned parking for residents and visitors. Keep in mind as you have guest visiting you on the development site, that your neighbor has a right to have parking as you.

Your guest and household members shall conduct themselves in a manner which shall not disturb his/her neighbor's peaceful enjoyment of their home. Loitering, drinking, unusual amounts of traffic, loud music, harassment of any kind, any illegal activity, and unsupervised children has a negative impact on maintaining the development in a decent, safe, and sanitary condition.

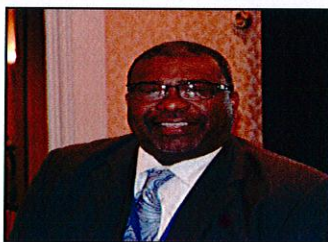
Lets us show pride and unity in our community by adhering to the dwelling lease and respecting our neighbors. Remember to support your monthly resident community meetings.

Brenda Griffin, President, Resident Advisory Board



Brenda Griffin

Message from the Asset Manager



Trevelle McGlothlin

We are experiencing a very hot summer this year and I want to make sure that you take precaution to prevent heat exhaustion. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and stay in shaded area if possible if you have to be outdoors. Please check on your elderly neighbors to make sure that they are OK. Although we are experiencing high 90 degree temperatures,

criminal activity has increase on several properties. You are responsible to report any suspicious or criminal activity in your community. Don't hesitate to make contact with MHA OND liaison officer Freeman or Laws. If they can not be reached, please call police dispatch or call 911. Remember also, you are responsible for your guest and the activities that goes on in your apartment from your guest, so make sure you are not leaving your guest alone in your home. Again, you are solely responsible for your guest and their activities as well as yours. Take time to know where your children are during these hot summer days as well. Children have been reportedly seen on the playground and on MHA properties unattended. This is definitely not acceptable and can be reported as child neglect. Please know where your child is at all times. Have a pleasant summer.

Trevelle McGlothlin-Asset Manager



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

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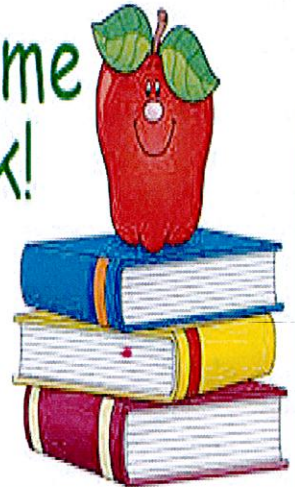
August 2015

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RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

8/4 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
8/5 Magnolia @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
8/6 Oakland Heights @ 10 a.m. Community Center
8/7 Western Gardens @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
8/17 Highway Village @ 2:00 Community Center
8/17 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center
8/20 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
8/27 Mt. View Village @ 3:30 Community Center

Welcome Back!



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

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