



## Oakland Heights Residents Receive Holiday Acknowledgements

Each year the Meridian Housing Authority staff is committed to spreading holiday cheer to its residents. This year's special initiative was entitled, "Holiday Hats, Gloves for Gifts, and Santa Scarf's for the Elderly." The event focused on providing scarves, hats, and gloves for the elderly. Employees of MHA partnered with Multi-County Community Service Agency, The Boys and Girls Club of East Mississippi, Sally Gray of Parents for Public Schools, and Gretchen Luvene of The Parents Resource Center to provide much needed items to our elderly population. Residents gathered at the Oakland Heights Community Center and enjoyed breakfast refreshments and Christmas carols while choosing a scarf, hat, and glove set of their choice.



**Oakland Heights Residents along with MHA Christmas Committee during the "Annual Holiday Initiative".**



**Pictured are MHA Christmas party committee: Left to right; Shelia Austin, Kajsa Cole, Kimmea Spears, Ronald Turner (MHA Executive Director), Johnny McGlothin (Oakland Heights President), Elaine Mauriscey and Evelyn Love.**

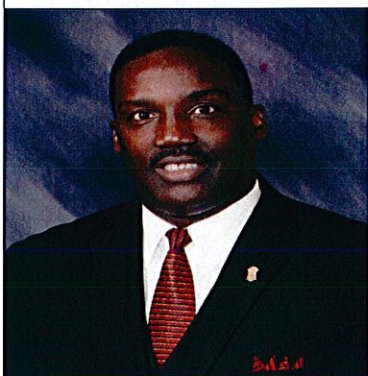
President Johnny McGlothin expressed his sincere thanks to the community on behalf of all Oakland Heights residents. MHA staff would also like to give a special thanks to our community partners

making this beneficial event a huge success. We would like to also give special thanks to the 2015 Christmas committee for doing an outstanding job with the agency's special initiative. The committee included: Elaine Mauriscey, Shelia Austin, Kajsa Cole, Kimmea Spears, and Evelyn Love. Job well done!



# "Committed

## Executive Director's Message



**Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM**

Although 2015 presented several challenges for both employees and residents of the Meridian Housing Authority (MHA), I remain in deep appreciation for the effort, persistence and commitment exemplified at our agency over the past twelve (12) months. We must now approach "2016" with an even greater determination to succeed and a renewed dedication to our motto "Committed to Excellence".

In order to continue to provide adequate and affordable housing opportunities to all eligible citizens in Meridian, we must remain:

- Committed to Excellence as we promote and encourage the highest level of ethics within our organization.
- Committed to Excellence as we serve over 1,297 families with dedication, concern, courtesy and responsiveness.
- Committed to Excellence as we strive to build strong viable communities for all Meridian citizens, particularly those with low and moderate incomes.
- Committed to Excellence as we strengthen the participation of our Resident Advisory Board (RAB).
- Committed to Excellence as we partner with the Meridian Police Department to maintain crime free neighborhoods for our residents.
- Committed to Excellence as we continue to adopt the MHA team concept and support each department within our organization.
- Committed to Excellence as we continue to receive HUD recognition as a high performing housing authority.

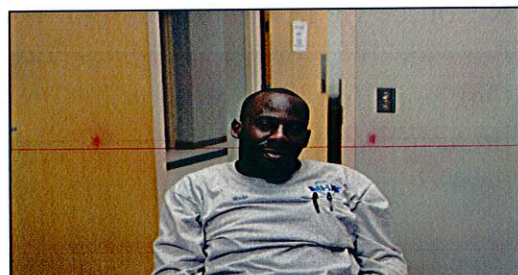
Thank you for your loyalty and effort. I look forward to a great, productive and successful new year. Please visit our website at [www.meridianhousing.net](http://www.meridianhousing.net) to learn more about the programs and purpose of the Meridian Housing Authority.

Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM  
Executive Director

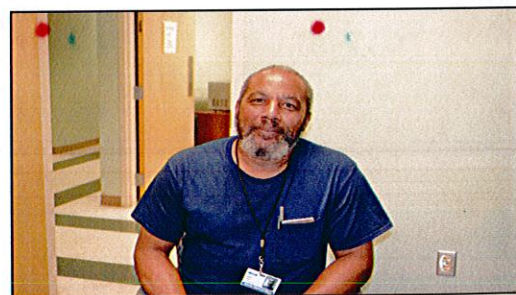


## New Editions to MHA Family

Meridian Housing Authority family is continuously growing. The MHA Maintenance department has gained two new employees. The two new staff members will be working diligently to make sure MHA affordable housing remain decent and free of hazardous conditions. MHA would like to welcome Mr. Wade Clarke, Jr. and Mr. Percy Lett. Mr. Clarke is the new Maintenance Mechanic for Mt. View Village, Mt. Barton and the Scattered Sites. Mr. Percy Lett, will be providing services to eliminate pest control and preventive maintenance. If you hear a knock on your door from our new maintenance staff, please greet them with a smile.



**Wade Clarke, Jr.; Mt View Village Maintenance Mechanic**



**Percy Lett; Preventive Maintenance Assistant, Agency Wide**

## 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"

## Tips on How to Recover Financially From the Holidays

January can be a difficult time of the year. The festivities of the Christmas season are over, and it's back to reality for many of us. January is also the time that you may realize "Whoops. I spent a little too much on Christmas gifts and outings." The Christmas season can be a big hit on our wallets— even for those of us who may have budgeted for it.

Here are four steps that can help you get back on track financially.

### Tip #1

**Create a Budget.** A budget is just a spending plan for your money. It's a way to allocate how your hard-earned money should be spent ahead of time which helps control impulse shopping.

A budget should also be a flexible document that changes depending on what's going on in your life.

### Tip #2

**Give the credit card a break** by leaving it at home and using cash for purchases. If you don't like carrying a lot of cash on you, only carry what you need.

### Tip #3

**Distinguish between needs and wants.** Use your budget to identify your necessities. After identifying your needs, budget for them and set aside some money for savings. If you still have money left over, sleep on that new outfit for a night to make sure you really want it and that it's not just an impulse buy.

### Tip #4

**Get an accountability partner** – someone who is honest and supportive of your financial goals. Sometimes it's easier to overspend when you're going out with a group of people because you don't want to say no or you may feel pressured to keep up with everyone else. Make sure it is someone you can trust to give you money advice and who will be brutally honest with you.

Stay focus and committed to your goal!!!!

## Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the members of the Resident Advisory Board. 2015 has come and gone. We will visualize the New Year with new opportunities and challenges. It has been a pleasure to work with the many community partners of MHA. I would like to thank all the groups who assisted the RAB in 2015. This year it is my hope that more community organizations will express their willingness to share their support by partnering with MHA to improve the quality of living in the MHA communities. May the new year offer you growth and blessings. I encourage all residents to become an active member of your resident association.



Brenda Griffin



Happy New Year!!!

## Message from the Asset Manager



Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM

Happy 2016 to all. May the New Year offer more opportunities than the previous one. Eliot said "For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice." MHA's voice remains 'Committed to Excellence' and together 2016 will be one of many accomplishments.

Lastly, as REAC inspections are fast approaching, be mindful of MHA's Random Inspections that are now underway in preparation for upcoming HUD inspections. Please report all maintenance concerns immediately to your property manager and or maintenance at (601) 483-3328, emergencies include but are not limited to: broken receptacle covers, broken window panes, inoperable GFCI's, smoke alarm/carbon monoxide detectors beeping, loose toilets and toilet seats, damaged doors and door knobs, dripping faucets and any water leaks. Timely reporting makes all the difference.

Happy New Year!

The Housing Operations Department

Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM -Asset Manager







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

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Board of Commissioners**

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### RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

1/08 Western Garden @ 3:30 Community Center  
1/12 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center  
1/13 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center  
1/14 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center  
1/18 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center  
1/19 Highway Village @ 2:30 Community Center  
1/21 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center  
1/28 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

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