

Monthly newsletter of housing and community activities published for MHA residents

Meridian Housing Authority Promotes Breast Cancer Awareness



From Lt. to Rt. Elaine Mauriscey, Octavia White, Linda Peevyhouse, Sarah Johnson, Marcy Chatham, Ron Turner Sr., Dewauna Cooper, Muriel Sutton, Shelia Austin, Evelyn Love, Dennis Granger, Pam Graham

Breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer among American women. One in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer during her lifetime. But advances in breast cancer treatment mean many women can expect to beat the disease and maintain their physical appearance.

To show our support, beginning October 2, 2015, Meridian Housing Authority employees wore pink throughout the month of October. Each Friday at MHA, all the staff participated in "PINK FRIDAY." On Pink Friday each department was responsible for a

table display that symbolized their support for cancer awareness. The display included informational pamphlets, pink pencil and pink pens. MHA also provided "pink snacks" such as pink lemonade, pink donuts, pink cupcakes and pink bags full of popcorn. The general public was invited to indulge as they entered MHA's Central office. Listed below are facts about breast cancer in the United States;

- One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.
- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women.
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death among women.



Breast Cancer Awareness Display at MHA Central Office

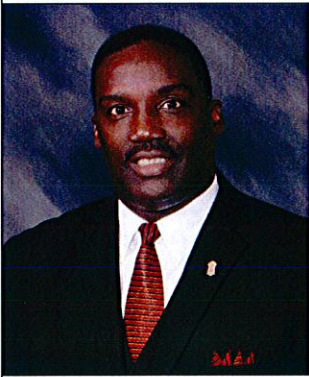
- Each year it is estimated that over 220,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 will die.

Although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated 2,150 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 410 will die each year. Lets's all support this great cause...



"Committed"

Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr.

As we embark upon the 2015 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 12 months.

Many of us have suffered personal losses and our local government is currently enduring hardships due to the declining state of the economy. Criminal activity is surging throughout the city. 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 special season, let us also remember the gift of family and friends and the meaningful relationships that have enriched our lives. As 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 Brenda Griffin and the city-wide resident leadership of the MHA Resident Advisory Board for constantly reminding us to be good neighbors by, checking on our senior citizens and others who may be experiencing 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.

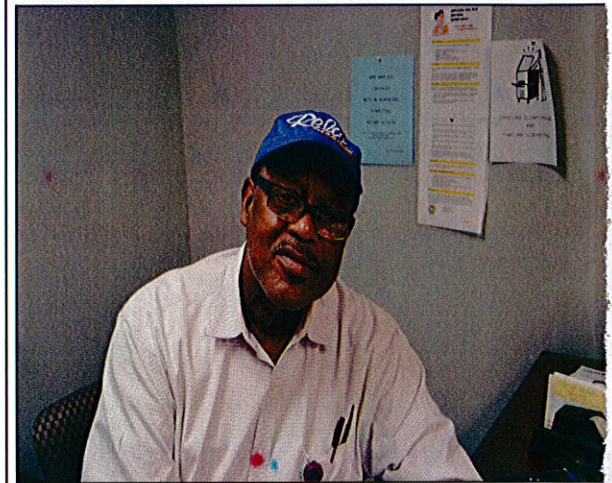
Again, I wish you and your family the best during this "Season of Thanksgiving".

Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM
Executive Director



HQS INSPECTOR JOINS MHA FAMILY

Meridian Housing Authority would like to welcome Mr. John Griggs. Mr. Griggs is the new Housing Quality Standard inspector and will be assisting Mr. Larry Jones, MHA Tenant Selection Manager with inspecting homes for Housing Choice Voucher participate as well as apartments. Since 2005 Mr. Griggs has been inspecting the Queen City Apartments complex. If Mr. Griggs shows up at your door step let's greet him with a welcome smile!



John Griggs, HQS Inspector



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 601 484-6845



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MHA Liaison Officers Encourages Safety

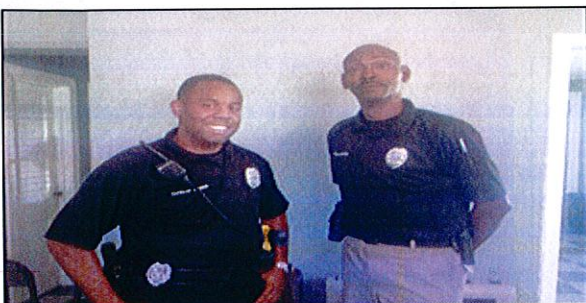
Meridian Housing Authority police liaison officers are advising all residents to practice safety precautions in performing daily activities. These measures will ensure a better quality of life for all residents and make the community a safer place.

Please be reminded that the City of Meridian has a curfew schedule for all minors under the age of 18. MHA liaison officers will be strictly enforcing the curfew hours through out MHA affordable housing communities. A summary of the city's youth and local ordinance is cited below.

"It shall be unlawful for any minor under eighteen (18) years of age to remain in or upon any public street, highway, park, vacant lot or other public place within the city between those hours beginning at 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. next following, Sundays through Thursdays, and between those hours beginning at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on Saturdays to 6:00 a.m. next following."

"It shall be unlawful for any compulsory school age child to remain or upon any street, highway, park, vacant lot or other place within the city during the following period: 8:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the school term in which [a] compulsory school age child is enrolled in a public or private legitimate non—public school, as required by the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law (Section 37-13-19)."

We hope that each resident will adhere to the curfew hours cited above. With your cooperation all MHA properties will remain safe for all of our residents.



*Left to Right; Officer Laws and Officer Freeman
Meridian Housing Authority Police liaison officers.*

Resident Advisory Board President's Message

This is the time of year to reflect on the blessings in our life, such as health, family, and friends. Let's take the time out to monitor our children to ensure their safety this Holiday season. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all residents to attend the Annual Plan public hearing on **November 9, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. at the agency's central office located at 2425 E Street. This is a very important meeting where resident input is needed. The Annual Plan includes the concerns of all residents as it relates to the continued success of the Meridian Housing Authority. The Annual Plan establishes the projects that Meridian Housing Authority will undertake during the next five years to improve the quality of housing offered to the residents. Lastly, don't forget to exercise your civic duty. GO VOTE on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Be Safe and have a blessed, prosperous holiday season and a Happy Thanksgiving!



Brenda Griffin

Brenda Griffin, President, RAB Advisory Board

Message from the Asset Manager



Trevelle McGlothlin says pedestrians are "nearly three times more likely to be struck and killed by cars in the days following the end of daylight savings time." Parents know where your children are and what they are doing. Be safe and report any suspicious activity to MPD at 601-484-6845 or your property manager. As always report all maintenance concerns to your property manager or the maintenance department at 601-483-3328.

Finally, even in the midst of life's difficulty's always give Thanks. We all have so much to be Thankful for; family and friends, jobs, old and new relationships etc., Thankfulness is key to a successful life, it turns your situations around because it changes you from the inside out, your outlook and your attitude, so look to Him who is able to keep you from falling with Thankfulness, for there is power in a Thankful Heart.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Trevelle McGlothlin-Asset Manager



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November 2015

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RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

11/10 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
11/11 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
11/12 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center
11/13 Western Garden @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
11/16 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
11/17 Highway Village @ 2:00 p.m. Community Center
11/19 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
11/23 Mt. View Village @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center



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