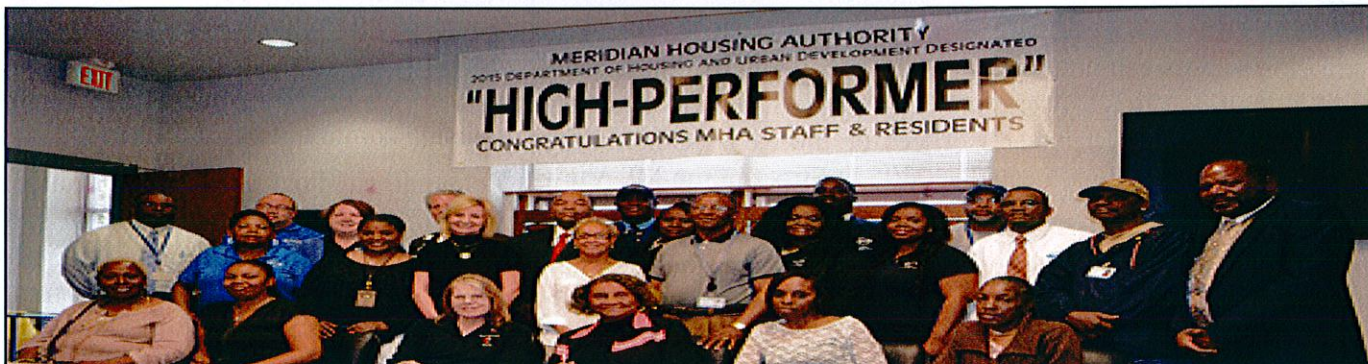


HUD RECOGNIZES MHA AS "HIGH PERFORMER"



MHA Commissioners, Staff and Residents celebrate HUD recognition.

The Meridian Housing Authority has received notification for the fourth year in a row that the agency has received the "High Performer" designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This designation results from the outstanding agency performance and operations under HUD's Public Housing Assessment and Reporting System (PHAS). This recognition is just a testament to the authority's commitment to its motto to remain "Committed to Excellence" while striving to serve the residents of MHA with dedication, concern, courtesy and responsiveness.

MHA most recent score was "93" out a possible "100" points; receiving a perfect score of 25 out of 25 points in the financial assessment, as well as perfect scores in both its management and capital fund assessments. MHA received a score of 33 out of a possible 40 points in its physical assessment.

Maintaining a "HUD High Performer" designation enhances the trust in the affordable housing system for the residents and community. For more information regarding MHA's "High Performer" award, please visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net.

MHA PARTICIPATES IN CAREER DAY

The Meridian Housing Authority's Community and Supportive Service (CSS) staff was excited to receive an invitation to participate in Northwest Middle School's annual career day. The program was geared towards promoting career opportunities. Students in the 6th through 8th grades at Northwest were able to visit various work venues. They were also given an opportunity to learn about the goals and objectives of MHA and its impact in the City of Meridian.

MHA's CSS staff would like to thank coordinator Deborah Ewing for the career day invitation. Additionally, we wish her much success during her retirement from the Meridian Public School District.

For more information regarding the opportunities provided by MHA's CSS department, please visit our website at: www.meridianhousing.net



MHA Staff Shelia Austin and Elaine DuBose are ready to share information with students.

Scholarships Available to MHA Class of 2016

The Meridian Housing Authority (MHA) along with its Board of Commissioners remain avid supporters of continued educational opportunities for all high school seniors residing in MHS's nine affordable housing communities.

MHA graduating seniors can now pick up scholarship application packets from the following locations: Meridian High School Senior guidance counselors; MHA Property Manager's offices or the MHA Community and Supportive Service building located at 2305 D Street in the Mt. View Village Community.

Senior Award's night will be held May 5, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Meridian High School Auditorium. All scholarship applications must be completed and received by MHA's Community and Supportive Services (CSS) department no later than 5:00pm on May 2, 2016.

For additional information regarding MHA's scholarship opportunities feel free to contact Elaine Dubose or Shelia Austin at (601) 693-2800, ext. 230.

Also visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net to learn more about the programs offered by MHA's CSS department.

Congratulations to all MHA Graduating Seniors!!!



MHA Board of Commissioners and MPSD present scholarships to the MHA Senior Class of 2015.

MHA Seeking to Hire Summer Intern

Meridian Housing Authority's Community and Supportive Service department is now seeking qualified applicants for its 2016 Summer intern program. Applicants must be currently enrolled in college and also a resident in one of nine MHA affordable housing communities.

Potential candidates must be available to work Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm during the summer months at MHA's Eugene F. Young's Community and Supportive Service building located at 2305 D Street in the Mt. View Village Community.

Over the past five years, the summer intern program has provided MHA college students an opportunity to gain a positive employment experience in a professional work environment. The MHA summer intern opportunity is made possible through a grant provided by the Riley Foundation. The deadline to apply for the position is May 1, 2016 at 5:00pm. For more information regarding MHA's summer intern program, please contact Shelia Austin or Elaine Dubose at (601)693-2800, ext. 228.



MHA Commissioner Wilbert Jones congratulates 2015 Summer intern, Sophia Daniels.

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



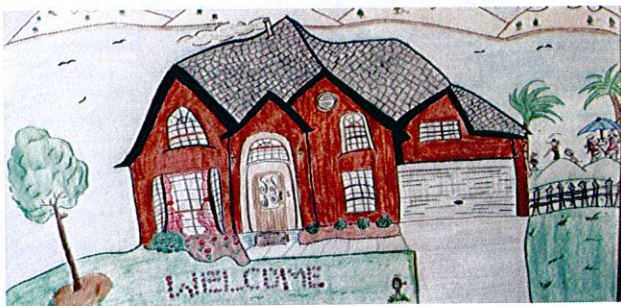
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What Homes Means to Me

Home is a place where the heart is, a place where you live. Meridian Housing Authority will be having its annual poster board contest and the theme is, "What Home Means to Me". The judging will take place on May 5, 2016. Contest participation is open to all children that resides in Meridian Housing Authority properties. Submission must be created by only one person. Entries created by two or more people will not be accepted. There are 3 age categories: Elementary-K to 5th grade; Middle School-6 to 8th grade; and High School-9th to 12th grade. The winners will receive a monetary prize. All entries must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. You may submit your poster board to your property manager or to MHA Community and Support Service or contact Elaine DuBose @ 601 693-2800 ext. 230 or Shelia Austin@ 601 693-2800 ext. 228.



MHA last year winners from left to right are; Alexis Green, Tyrikus Walker, and Kentavious Walker.



Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the Resident Advisory Board. RAB takes this time to encourage you and your children to participate. MHA Poster board contest is for youth Kindergarten-12th grade. MHA also has summer employment opportunities for college students who resides in our communities. For more information regarding the poster contest or employment opportunities, contact MHA's Community and Supportive Services at (601)693-2800.

Also as a friendly reminder, don't forget about your community service responsibilities. Build a rapport with your property manager and attend the monthly resident meetings which are held monthly in your communities. Lastly, take time to visit Meridian Housing Authority website at www.meridianhousing.net to stay current with what is going on at MHA. Don't forget to register to vote.

Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President



Brenda Griffin

Message from the Asset Manager

The City of Meridian's Fire Marshall recommends a minimum of 15 feet clearance between buildings when using outdoor barbecue grills. All residents must be in compliance to avoid fines and lease violations. Additional fire safety tips include:

Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM

1. Reporting inoperable smoke alarms immediately, smoke detectors sense abnormal amounts of smoke or invisible combustion gases in the air. They can detect both smoldering and burning fires.
2. Never leave cooking unattended, always keep this area clean. Food particles and grease residue can ignite and cause a fire.
3. Implement a "Kid-Free Zone" for children that identify certain areas as off limits.
4. Remember being safe saves lives.

Report all emergencies to your property manager immediately, or contact the maintenance department at 601-483-3328.

Housing Operations Department

Trevelle McGlothlin, Asset Manager Coordinator



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

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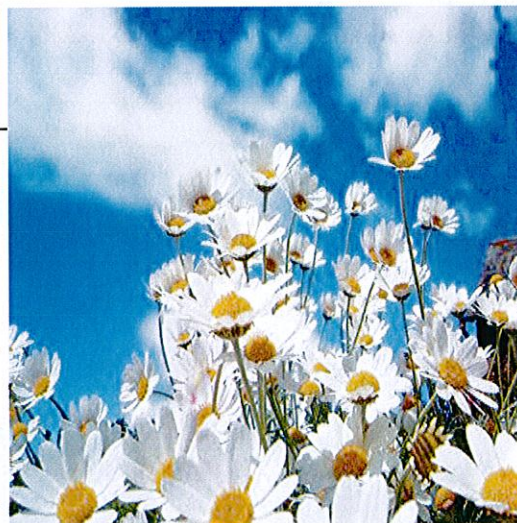
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The MHA Home Life Newsletter For Residents

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

edubose@meridianhousing.net

RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2016

- 4/12 George Reese Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/13 Magnolia Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/14 Oakland Height @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center
- 4/15 Western Garden @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/18 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/19 Highway Village Court @ 2:00 p.m. Community Center
- 4/21 Eastern Garden @ 3:00 p.m. Community Center
- 4/28 Mt. View Village @ 3:30 Community Center