

MHA POLICE LIAISON PROGRAM



MHA Officer Next Door Participants: Lt to Rt; MPD Officers, Devie Freeman, Marcus Overton and Edwin Laws.

The Meridian Housing Authority (MHA) and the City of Meridian Police Department (MPD) strives to make affordable housing neighborhoods safer, viable, and stronger and remain committed to strengthening all of Meridian's public housing communities. National statistics show that public safety is enhanced tremendously when police officers live within the neighborhood. MHA, along with MPD has implemented the HUD approved "Officer Next Door" Program to assist in ensuring crime-free communities throughout MHA's portfolio.

Over the past several years, cities across the country have been challenged with increased criminal incidents and growing signs of gang-related violence. In an effort to reverse this upward surge, MHA has partnered with MPD to implement the "Police Liaison" and "Officer Next Door" security initiatives throughout all nine of its affordable housing communities.

During both crime-reduction initiatives, MHA provides dwelling space to three full-time sworn Meridian Police Officers at no cost to the officer. While participating in these viable programs, the officers must maintain a high visibility level, patrol the properties, participate in monthly resident association meetings, provide specialized community-policing services in and around all properties managed by MHA, provide daily incident reports on criminal activities in addition to ensuring the enforcement of MHA's non-resident banned list. Other collaborative efforts between MHA and the MPD include opening of the East End Choice Neighborhood Police sub-station in the George-Reese Court Affordable Housing Community. Please come out and meet these dedicated officers at your next scheduled resident association meeting.

For more information regarding MHA's security initiatives, visit www.meridianhousing.net and click on "press releases".

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Recognition Received During MHS Senior Night

The Meridian Housing Authority's (MHA) Community and Supportive Service (CSS) department would like to congratulate twelve (12) Meridian High School (MHS) seniors who currently reside throughout MHA's affordable housing communities.

Each year MHA's CSS administrators along with Meridian Public School District's staff identify deserving residents who meet MHA's scholarship eligibility requirements. All qualified residents will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship which will allow them an opportunity to further their educational endeavors. The scholarship also defrays the cost of books, lodging and college tuition.

MHA's commissioners, staff and resident advisory board members will host a recognition luncheon for these deserving students on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 11:30am at Meridian Community College's Magnolia Hall (located behind the Frank Cochran Center). Congratulations to Travis Reed (pictured below) for being nominated "Mr. Meridian High". Ward Four Councilwoman, Kim Houston will be the guest speaker for the event. MHA would like to congratulate all MHS Seniors on their upcoming graduation ceremony which will be held on Friday, May 20th at 7:00pm at Ray Stadium. For more information regarding opportunities provided by the Meridian Housing Authority, please visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net.



Left to right-Nakita Davis, Jacqueta Williams, MHA Executive Director, Ronald J. Turner, Sr., Darrin Powell, Rai'necia Miller and Mr. Meridian High School 2016, Travis Reed.

HCV FSS Participates Graduate

Graduation day is fast approaching for all of the high school and college students across the United States. The Meridian Housing Authority is proud to announce two graduates who



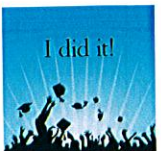
Marilyn Cole, HCV FSS Graduate



Kedunda Stevens, HCV FSS Graduate

were honored from the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program. The Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program is a voluntary work-based program designed to assist in education, job training, and ongoing support to

aid each family in making positive changes in their lives. Residents interested in the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program should contact Shelia Austin, PH FSS Coordinator at 601 693-2800 ext. 228 or Elaine DuBose, HCV FSS Coordinator at 601 693-2800 ext. 230.



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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The Carter Foundation Visits George Reese Courts



Elsa, the character from Frozen the movie along with MHA residents.

Residents of George Reese Court enjoyed a day of activities and an Easter egg hunt sponsored by James Carter, CEO of the Carter Foundation. On Saturday, March 26, 2016. The kids enjoyed refreshments donated by Mr. Carter. The Carter

foundation was founded in May 2014 by James Carter. Its a non profit organization. The Foundation dedicates time and effort by creating a positive envi-

ronment for youth residing in the city of Meridian. It's mission is to reach out to the youth and unite the citizens in our community. Mr.

Carter provides an array of extra curriculum activities for the youth of Meridian. Some of the activities includes; basketball tournaments, educational field trips, village fun days, and he also partners at other organizations. The Meridian Housing Authority greatly appreciate the partnership and the work of the Carter Foundation.



James Carter, founder/owner of Carter Foundation and the residents of George Reese Court.

Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the MHA Resident Advisory Board. The end of the school year is approaching and many teachers and students are getting ready to implement required state testing. We are encouraging all parents to contact their children's teachers/counselors to obtain information concerning study skills and practice tests to help your children to succeed. You may also access Meridian Public School website at www.mpsd.k12.ms.us. Education is the key to a successful life and MHA and RAB would like to encourage all residents to get involved in their children's education. Also, you can enroll your children into summer programs such as MCC's College for Kids, Boys & Girls Club and other camps and programs. **HATS OFF TO OUR 2016 GRADUATES !!!!!!!!**



Brenda Griffin

Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President



Message from the Asset Manager



Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM

Be prepared for the summer heat waves by drinking plenty of water and natural juices, even if you don't feel thirsty. Dress properly and check on your neighbors. As a precaution, your A/C unit should not exceed MHA's 18,000 BTU limit. During periods of

extreme heat, people tend to use a lot more power for air conditioning, therefore ensure your A/C unit maintains a standard cooling setting to avoid socket overloads that may create a hazard.

Please remember that all barbecue grills must be at least 15 feet away from the building. As outdoor activities increase, maintain proper supervision of your guest. Keep your properties clean and report any suspicious activity to MPD or your property manager. Always remember that smoking is not allowed in your apartment.

The Housing Operations Department would like to take this opportunity to thank its residents for their participation with MHA's recent REAC Inspections. All properties received a passing score, together we can do anything.

Trevelle McGlothlin, Asset Manager Coordinator



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

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May 2016

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RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2016

5/10 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
 5/11 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
 5/12 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center
 5/13 Western Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
 5/16 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center
 5/17 Highway Village @ 2:30 Community Center
 5/19 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
 5/26 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

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