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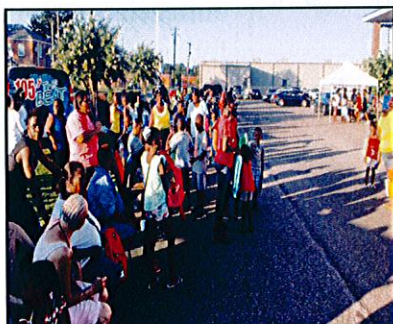
Monthly newsletter of housing and community activities published for MHA residents

August 2016

## Back to School Kid Zone Rallies Conducted at MHA

The Meridian Housing Authority along with community leaders and business owners, partnered with the Meridian Public School District (MPSD) to provide students and parents with vital information regarding the 2016-2017 school year.

Several rallies were conducted at MHA's Central Office, Eastern and Western Gardens, Carousel Place, Frank Berry Court, Highway Village and Magnolia Court. Event organizers declared the rallies a huge success. Refreshments were provided along with school uniforms vouchers and school supplies. Several prize drawings were conducted.



*The Meridian Community shows support to the "Back to School Rally" at MHA Central office location .*

Featured speakers including MPSD Superintendent, Dr.



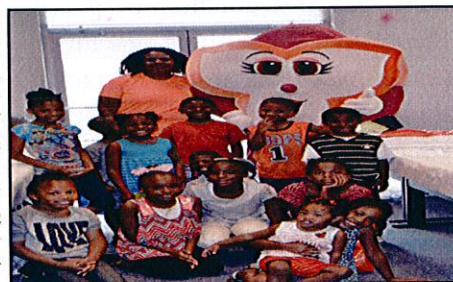
*MHA Executive Director, Ronald J. Turner, Sr., MPSD Superintendent, Dr. Amy Carter, city teachers and principals enjoys the festivities at the Back to School Rally at Eastern Garden.*

Amy Carter, Chief Benny DuBose, Judge Veldore Young, and Mayor Percy Bland addressed school safety and MPSD expectations for the upcoming year. Topics addressed included bullying, dress code, and academic performance. Mr. Terrance Davis along with radio personality Jigga Jay-T provided the entertainment.

On July 30, 2016, the back to school initiative climaxed their last event at Highland Park .

## MHA Summer Reading Luncheon Held

A recognition luncheon was held for school age youths who participated in Meridian Housing Authority's summer reading program. MHA partnered with Meridian Reads and Magnolia Health to promote reading and overall student academic achievement. MHA staff, property managers, and resident leadership came out to support this initiative.



*Cheryl Diss and Maggie (mascot) poses with MHA reading scholars.*

All children who attended the luncheon received a bag filled with reading materials and a snack from Magnolia Health and a certificate of recognition from MHA. Food for the luncheon was provided by MHA's "Grill Team".

The summer reading program was a huge success. Over 25 youth attended the luncheon. The summer reading program involved the children in story time, game activities and a snack was also provided. MHA's Community and Supportive Services looks forward to conducting this program again next year.



*MHA Executive Director, Ronald J. Turner, Sr. recognizes Ebony Luwers, Maggie (Mascot) and Cheryl Smith of Magnolia Health for their support.*

Parents, mark your calendar and save the date to enroll your child(ren) in the summer reading program for next year. The summer reading program will be held during the entire month of July 2017.

We look forward to seeing your child in the summer reading program next year.

For more information, contact your Community and Supportive Services Department at (601) 693-2800, Ext. 228.

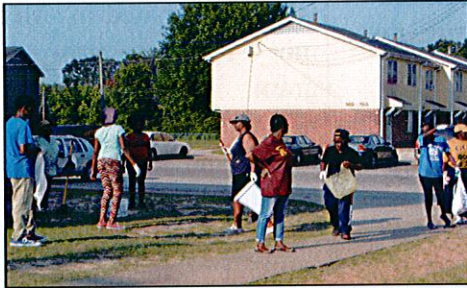
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## Western Garden Clean Up; Huge Success

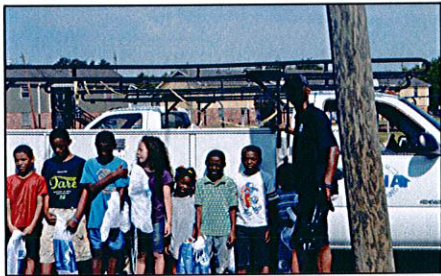
Residents in the Western Garden Community took a stance on showing pride in their neighborhood on Saturday, July 25, 2016. In a collaborative effort with MHA Resident Advisory Board, MHA Police Liaison Officers, local churches, and MHA “Grill Team” came together on one accord in this clean up in the “Clean up in the G” initiative.

The Citywide Resident Advisory Board along with Western Garden president was instrumental in getting the residents involved in this event. Many of the residents participated without hesitation and they heeded to the call to improve the community.

MHA Police Liaison Officer, Devie Freeman solicited support from the community and ensured a successful event.



*Community assists in improving the Western Garden neighborhood.*



*MHA Police Liaison Officer Freeman (far right) talks to the children during clean-up.*

Although it was extremely humid, the residents didn't mind the heat. Bottle water was accessible while gigantic commercial fans were located under several tents.

Children residing on the property had three chances to win donated bikes through a raffle. School supplies, clothing, toys and many other donated items were also available.



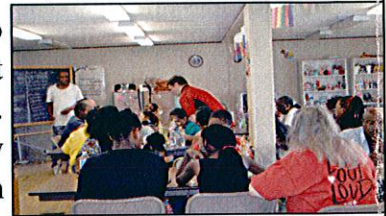
*Lt to Rt: Boys and Girls Club Executive Director, Rick Hood, Western Garden president, Brenda Griffin, MHA Executive Director, Ronald J. Turner, Sr. and Trevelle McGlothlin, MHA Asset Mgmt. Coordinator.*

This initiative brought the community closer while meeting a need through fun and fellowship. An unlimited supply of FREE hotdogs, chips, and juice were readily available during the clean-up.

The residents of the Western Gardens community appreciates your support.

## Love Out Loud Community Outreach at Oakland Heights

Northcrest Church's annual community outreach initiative was held July 11, 2016 through July 15, 2016. MHA was one of several agencies that partnered with Northcrest in their outreach initiative. Members from different denominations rallied together to make this event a huge success.



*WTOK Anchor newsman, Wade Phillips watches during BINGO.*

The community outreach location for MHA was held at Oakland Heights Apartments. Many of the residents came out each day to enjoy the fellowship with their neighbors and to play bingo. Several \$25 dollars gift cards from Wal-Mart and other prizes were made available to the winners.

On the last day of the community outreach, volunteers baked a cake in celebration of the successful event. Oakland Height residents look forward to the community outreach initiative next year.



*Community Outreach L.O.L. volunteers and Oakland Heights residents take photographs.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who took time to come out to show love to the residents at Oakland Heights. For

more information regarding the programs and partnerships at MHA, please visit our website at [www.meridianhousing.net](http://www.meridianhousing.net)

### 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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## Financial Budget Workshop For MHA Residents

All residents are highly encouraged to attend MHA’s budget workshop this month. The workshop will last 45 minutes and no later than an hour for your convenience.

The workshop will provide you with information that will help you gain financial control over your money.

You just may be surprise, most times, it is not that we do not have enough money , we mismanage the money we have.

The budget workshop will cover extensive information on how to track where your spend your money while making tough decisions; NEEDS or WANTS.

This workshop will help you to gain control of your money and lift the financial pressure of allowing your money to control you.

Please pencil in the date and time below so that you are able to attend. Invite your neighbors to take advantage of this opportunity.

### Budget workshop Information :

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2016

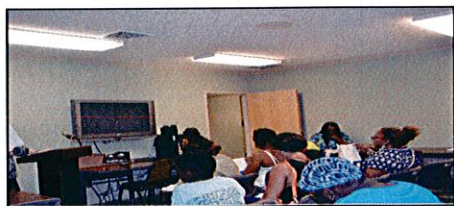
Time: 3:00pm

Location: 2305 D. Street

Eugene Young III Community Supportive Building (housing application building)

For questions or concerns regarding the workshop, please contact Community and Supportive Services Shelia Austin at 601- 693-2800, Ext. 228 or Elaine DuBose at Ext. 230.

Look forward to seeing you.



*MHA residents attend a financial workshop sponsored by the CSS Department.*

## Resident Advisory Board President’s Message

I bring you greetings from the MHA Resident Advisory Board. The school year is here. Parents make sure you maintain a proactive role in your child academic endeavors as you commit to working with your child’s teacher so that your child will have a great 2016-2017 school year. Parents also encourage your child that “dropping out is not an option”. Do not be afraid to reach out to the school for help if your child is experiencing academic difficulty. Let us work together with Meridian Public School District. I am optimistic that this school year will be a great one for all our students. Let your child see you visit the schools more this year. It does make a difference. Congratulations to Meridian High School for achieving an academic rating of a “B”. Parents, continue to do your part.



**Brenda Griffin**

*Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President*



**Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM**

## Message from the Asset Manager

As the summer draws to a close and back-to-school is in full swing, it is the importance to remember school safety as your children return back to school.

Please make sure that you leave early enough to practice safety road courtesy with the school buses and pedestrians as heavy traffic increases during school days.

MHA would like to wish all children a safe and successful 2016-2017 academic school year.

Additionally, the Housing Operation’s Department would like to extend a special “Thank You” to the residents who came out in support to the City’s Back to School Kid Zone Rallies.

Let us continue to encourage all youth living throughout MHA’s affordable housing communities.

Lastly, please report all maintenance items immediately to your property manager or the Maintenance Department at (601) 483-3328.

*Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM, Asset Management Coordinator*





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## RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2016

- 8/09 George Reese Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 8/10 Magnolia Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 8/11 Oakland Heights @ 10:00a.m. Community Center
- 8/12 Western Garden @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
- 8/15 Sowashee Court @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
- 8/16 Highway Village @2:00p.m. Community Center
- 8/18 Eastern Garden @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
- 8/25 Mt. View Village @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center

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