



# HOME LIFE



Monthly newsletter of housing and community activities published for MHA residents

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## MHA Honors Esteem Graduates with Recognition Luncheon

The Meridian Housing Authority's Resident Work Training Program known as the MHA ESTEEM program held its graduation ceremony on Friday, September 30, 2016. The eight participants were: Kenneth Amerson, Patricia Franklin, Charleston Lanier, Rosland Lynch, Maurice Mosley, Cicely Tart, and James Edwards. The graduates were rewarded



*MHA staff: Trevelle McGlothlin, JaColby Molphus, Doris Benoman, Robin Maxfield, Justin Monette, Glen Bates, Exe. Director, Ronald J. Turner, Sr. with Board of Commissioner, Gregory Lane.*



*Esteem graduates Charleston Lanier, Patricia Franklin, Maurice Mosley, Kenneth Amerson, and James Edwards pictured with Mayor Bland.*

for their hard work and dedication to the two year work training program. The goal of MHA's Esteem program is to provide hands-on training and economic opportunities through a workforce development training program for residents who lives in MHA's nine affordable housing communities.

Mayor Percy Bland, City of

Meridian was the guest speaker at the luncheon. MHA's ESTEEM program manger, Glen Bates and vacancy crew employee, JaColby Molphus gave words of encouragement.

Mr. Greg Lane of MHA's Board of Commissioners congratulated the ESTEEM graduates for their achievements.



*Mayor Bland, MHA Board of Commissioner, Greg Lane, MHA RAB President, Brenda Griffin, MHA staff JaColby Molphus and Glen Bates, MHA Exe. Director Ronald J. Turner, Sr. congratulate Esteem graduate Patricia Franklin (Center).*

## MHA College Prep Workshop Huge Success

Meridian Housing Authority, Meridian Public School District, Get2College, Meridian Community College along with the Boys and Girls Club hosted a free college prep workshop on Monday, September 26, 2016.

Get2College presenter, Danny Thompson provided 11th and 12th graders personalized information on how to choose the right college. The college application and financial aide process along with a guide to completing FAFSA, ACT and SAT testing dates and what your score means for college admission were also available to the participants.



*Danny Thompson conducting real talk about college requirements.*



*Ricky Hood, Boys and Girls Club Director, Danny Thompson, Get2college presenter, Deidre Bland, MPSD Drop out Prevention Specialist, and Ronald J. Turner, Sr. MHA Exe. Director support initiative.*

Adrian Cross, MCC recruiter provided the students with quick facts on Meridian Community College and their admission process.

Deidre Bland, MPSD Dropout Prevention Specialist, encouraged students to take time to meet their school counselor as they begin to make the transition from high school to college or work.

Mr. Ricky Hood, Boys and Girls of East Mississippi Director and Mr. Ronald J. Turner, Sr. Executive Director of the Meridian Housing Authority spoke words of encouragement.

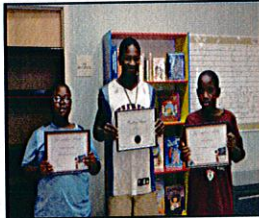
If you are an MHA high school senior and scheduled to graduate in May 2017, you will get a second chance to attend the next MHA College Prep Workshop in the Spring of 2017.



*MHA community partners, Ricky Hood, Deidre Bland, Adrian Cross, and Danny Thompson provided information to the high school students who attended the workshop.*

## MHA Poster Board Winner “What Home Means to Me” Wins Second at State Level

Meridian Housing Authority held its annual poster board contest, “What Home Means to Me”. The judging of the posters took place Thursday, May 12, 2016. Participants were allowed to express through art work what a home means to them. Community partners came out to support this event and served as the judges of the posters. The winners competed in the state competition. MHA winners were: first place; Demetrius Johnson (George Reese Court), second place; Ty’nathian Jones (Mountain View), and third place; Hakeem Doss (Mountain View).



*Ty’Nathian Jones, Demetrius Johnson, and Hakeem Doss proudly hold certificates.*

MHA is pleased to announce that Demetrius Johnson received a certificate, a newly minted uncirculated gold \$1 coin and a \$15 visa gift card for **SECOND PLACE** in the high school division on the state level. Ty’Nathian Jones and Hakeem Doss each received a certificate of participation and a newly minted uncirculated gold \$1 coin.



**Judges: Tonya Morrison (MCC), Mary Zettler (Wesley House), and Terrell Thompson (City of Meridian).**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MHA POSTER WINNERS!!!!**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNUAL PLAN

MHA public hearing is Monday, November 7, 2016 at 5:00pm.

The proposed 5 year Annual Plan of the Meridian Housing Authority of the City of Meridian was made available for public review and comments Monday, September 12, 2016 and will remain on public display through November 30, 2016. The plan can be reviewed in the lobby of the Meridian Housing Authority’s Central office at 2425 E Street between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 4:30p.m. Mon-Fri.

## 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



## Meridian Public School District Encourages School Involvement

Meridian Public School District Coordinator, Gretchen Luvene of Parent Resource Center and Deidre Bland, Drop Out Prevention Specialist joined together to encourage parents and children of the importance of school involvement during a brief meeting Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at MHA’s Community and Supportive Services building.



*Deidre Bland and Gretchen Luvene pictured with Crestwood students and parent.*

Students received FREE school age books and back packs were handed out after the meeting.

Research shows that children benefit from their parent involvement at their school.

Listed are facts checked when parents are involved in their child’s school.

- Children generally achieve better grades, test scores, and attendance.
- Positive attitude about school often result in improved behavior in school and less suspension for disciplinary reasons.
- Junior high and high school students whose parents remain involved usually make better transitions and are less likely to drop out of school.
- Children are happier and more productive.



*Gretchen Luvene encourage parents to get involved in their child’s school.*

## YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE

### Voter's Registration Campaign

Meridian Housing Authority's resident and advisory board sponsored a voter's registration workshop on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the Eugene F. Young, III (MHA Social Service) building.



*MHA residents listens during MHA's voting workshop.*

Ms. Johnnie Delk, workshop facilitator, provided step-by-step instructions on how to cast your vote at a voting machine. On site registration and information on the importance of voting were presented at the workshop.

Residents were encouraged to exercise their right to vote during the next election as well as casting their vote in all forthcoming local elections.

If you did not attend the workshop and you are interested in becoming a registered voter, you have until October 8, 2016 to visit City Hall to register. You must be 18 years or older with a photo ID handy to complete the application. It only takes 2 minutes of your time and a staff person is available to assist if needed. If you do not have a picture ID, you can obtain one free of charge. For additional information or questions, please feel free to make contact with Ms. Johnnie Delk at 601 513-1404. Exercise your right to vote. Contact your resident advisory president for additional information.



*Latoria Brown and Patsy Griggs, both MHA's resident presidents enjoying the workshop.*

## Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the Resident Advisory Board. We encourage all parents to make sure that your child is properly supervised and monitored on Monday, **October 31, 2016** as it is the day in which we celebrate Halloween.

Also, let me take this moment to encourage parents to make sure that your child is going to school every day. Attendance is vital.

The curfew also requires that during the school year, children ages 6-17 must be in school from 8:45a.m. until 2:45p.m. on Monday through Friday. Please adhere to curfew guidelines for your children. Participate in your community meetings. Register to VOTE!!!

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!!!!

*Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President*



**Brenda Griffin**



## Message from the Asset Manager



**Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM**

Children become excited about Halloween and possibly move in unpredictable ways on Halloween night. Listed below are some safety tips to consider

during Halloween night:

- Parent, teach your children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them and watch out for all incoming traffic.
- Kids should carry a glow stick or flashlight to help them see and to be seen by others.
- Children under 12 years of age should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If children are mature enough to be without supervision, please ensure they stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Be safer and have a Happy Halloween!!!



*Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM, Asset Management Coordinator*



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- Donnie Smith Vice Chairman
- Jeanelle Kidd Commissioner
- Rob Arline Commissioner
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**RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER**

- 10/11 George Reese Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 10/12 Magnolia Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 10/13 Oakland Heights @ 10:00a.m. Community Center
- 10/14 Western Garden @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
- 10/17 Sowashee Court @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
- 10/17 Highway Village @2:00p.m. Community Center
- 10/20 Eastern Garden @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
- 10/27 Mt. View Village @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center

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