



HOME LIFE

MERIDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY



Monthly newsletter of housing and community activities published for MHA residents

December 2016

Oakland Heights Residents Give Thanks

Hats off to Oakland Heights Resident President, Johnnie McGlothlin, for spearheading a successful Thanksgiving fellowship luncheon in the historic Eddie L. Griffin Sr. community center in the Oakland Heights affordable housing community.

President McGlothlin along with other Oakland Height resident leaders provided the luncheon in an effort to show the residents how much they were appreciated. Turkey and dressing and all of the trimmings was the order of the day.



Property manager, Justin Monette, Councilwoman, Kim Houston and MHA Executive Director, Ronald Turner, Sr. support RAB President, Brenda Griffin as she presents Johnnie McGlothlin a fruit basket for his service to the community.

Councilwoman Kim Houston attended the fellowship and also donated several nice door prizes. Wal-Mart gift cards were drawn at random throughout the luncheon and presented to the lucky recipients.

Meridian Housing Authority's resident Advisory Board President, Brenda Griffin presented Mr. McGlothlin with a lovely fruit basket to express the community's gratitude for his commitment and dedication to the residents of the Oakland Height Community.

Several members of the community expressed sincere words of gratitude for the strong support that they receive from each other.

Dinners were also delivered to several elderly families who were unable to attend the luncheon. Because of the success of the event, it is scheduled to take place on annual basis.

You can join your resident association by contacting your property manager.

For more information regarding the programs and initiatives for residents at the Meridian Housing Authority, please visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net. Have a prosperous holiday season.



Oakland Heights residents and friends join Resident President, Johnnie McGlothlin, Councilwoman, Kim Houston and MHA Executive Director, Ronald Turner, Sr. for a photo.

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Meridian Housing Authority's 2016 Christmas Charity Initiative "Cozy Christmas Toes"



During the Christmas season, the Meridian Housing Authority staff has decided that the Grinch will not steal Christmas but will celebrate Christmas with presents, food, and good fellowship. We believe we can influence the Grinch to have a change of heart regarding the Christmas. Spirit.

We are excited about this year's special charity theme "Cozy Christmas Toes". The Grinch and the MHA staff

will bring Christmas smiles to school age children who reside in our affordable housing communities. A special presentation of the gifts will be made to the families on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 10am at MHA's central office training room.

If you are a MHA community partner or a local agency interested in making a charitable donation (decorative Christmas socks for school age children) towards MHA's Christmas charity initiative, you can contact Shelia Austin or Elaine DuBose at (601) 693-2800, ext. 228 or 230 . You can also drop off your donations at 2305 D. Street (Eugene F. Young III Community Service) or 2425 E. Street (Administrative Building).

HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



WIN A BUTTERBALL TURKEY

MHA's Community and Supportive Service Department will sponsor a Christmas drawing, Monday, December 19, 2016.

You are eligible to participate in the drawing if you are at least 21 years of age and a resident of the Meridian Housing Authority. Your name must appear on the housing lease in order to be eligible for the drawing.

RULES AND DRAWING GUIDELINES

You may stop by MHA's Community and Social Service building (Eugene F. Young, III Community Service Center) at 2305 D. Street from 10am-3pm Tuesday through Thursday from December 13, 2016 to December 15, 2016 to place your information in the box located in the building's front entrance.

You do not have to be present to win during the drawing.

A MHA Community and Supportive staff will notify you by telephone. Please be sure to provide a good working number. You will be contacted the same day of the drawing and you will have 24 hours to claim your prize of a butter ball turkey.

If you do not notify MHA within the 24 hours allotted, you will not be able to claim your prize after the deadline.

For additional information, please contact Shelia Austin or Elaine DuBose at (601) 693-2800, ext. 228 or 230.

Good Luck to all of you! Have a Merry Christmas.



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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Meridian Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Program Finishes the Year Strong

Meridian Housing Authority's mission is to provide affordable, safe, decent and sanitary housing with reasonable accommodations for eligible citizens of Meridian and programs that promote self-sufficiency, empowerment, and respect. Throughout the year, housing choice voucher and public housing participants who have successfully completed the program by meeting the FSS criteria were recognized in MHA's Home Life Resident Newsletter. Over five 2016 FSS graduates were able to use their escrow money to assist them in becoming a first time home owner. The four remaining graduates were able to complete college and professional courses to obtain employment and/or to receive increases in wages.

Ms. Brandy Little is one of the 2016 graduates who recently obtained a mortgage loan from Bank Plus. During the five years in the program, she also obtained a License Practical Nurse certification and a certification as a Pharmacy technician and works in her field of study. She is a prime example of remaining **FOCUSSED, COMMITTED and CONSISTENT**. These qualities resulted in her successfully achieving homeownership and obtaining better wages. Congratulations to Brandy Little for successfully completing the Family Self-Sufficiency Program!



Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the Resident Advisory Board. As we approach the Christmas season, let us be reminded that the Christmas season is not ALL about gifts. It's a good time to spend this holiday with family and friends with a heart of gratitude of thanksgiving for life and Christ.



Brenda Griffin

Celebrating the true meaning of the season will help you to enjoy this holiday season. Take time to visit your neighbor to wish them a Happy holiday season. If every person will take time to do this, it is sure to bring unity and peace to your community but most of all, it will make your neighbor smile and have a more pleasant day.

Have a bless and Merry Christmas!



Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President



Trevell McGlothlin, PHM

Message from the Asset Manager

The Housing Operations Department sends out a big "Thank You" to all residents for making this year a success. Working together makes all the difference.

A few holiday reminders: Do not use your stove as a source of heating. Turn off your lights on your Christmas tree while you are away or before going to bed. Unplug extension cords when not in use.

During the Christmas break, parents make sure to monitor your children and guests, etc. Practice safety at all times and report any suspicious activity to your property manager. Report all unit emergencies to maintenance (601) 483-3328.

This season make time for family and friends, count your blessings and be kind to everyone.

Mark Twain said it best, "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see".

Wishing you a Blessed Holiday!

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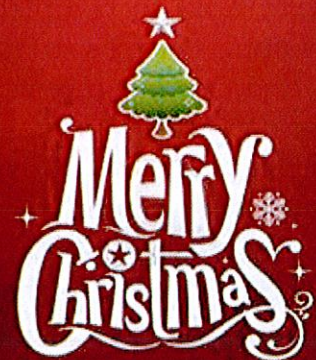
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RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER

12/6 George Reese Court @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
12/7 Magnolia Court @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
12/8 Oakland Heights @ 10:00a.m. Community Center
12/9 Western Garden @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
12/9 Sowashee Court @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
12/10 Highway Village @ 2:00p.m. Community Center
12/20 Eastern Garden @ 3:30p.m. Community Center
12/29 Mt. View Village @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center



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