

Meridian Housing Authority Awarded \$2.9 Million for Upgrades



MHA Commissioner, Greg Lane along with George Reese Court President, Marshall McKey and Citywide President, Brenda Griffin are elated.

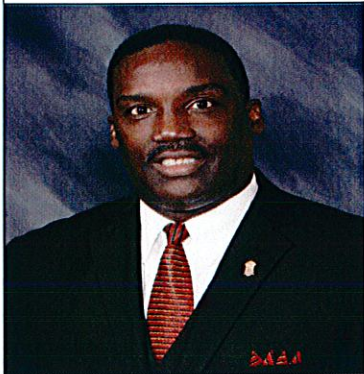
provements will include the installation of smoke detectors in every bedroom, repairing buckling sidewalks and sinkholes and the installation of storm doors across the agency. Several communities will receive new stoves and refrigerators. Roofing and heating system upgrades are scheduled for Highway Village and Magnolia. Interior painting will also take place in several communities. The replacement of kitchen cabinets, countertops, new flooring, sinks and faucets will also be included in the renovation process. Much needed upgrades are also scheduled to take place at the Oakland Heights Community Center. For more information regarding the HUD Capital Fund Financing Program visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net

Citywide leaders including Meridian Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners, staff and Resident Advisory Board members shared excitement as HUD officials announced the approval of over \$2.9 million in Capital Fund Financing proceeds to MHA. The Department of Housing and Urban Development approved the funding for MHA which will allow the administration to expedite much needed improvements throughout the agency. Upgrades will include the installation of security cameras at Highway Village, Eastern Gardens, Western Gardens, Sowashee Court, George Reese Court, Magnolia, Mt. Barton and Mt. View Village. Other im-



Eastern Gardens Manager, Michael Wallace and Sowashee Court Manager, Denise Malone applaud HUD Award. HCV Coordinator, Larry Jones looks on.

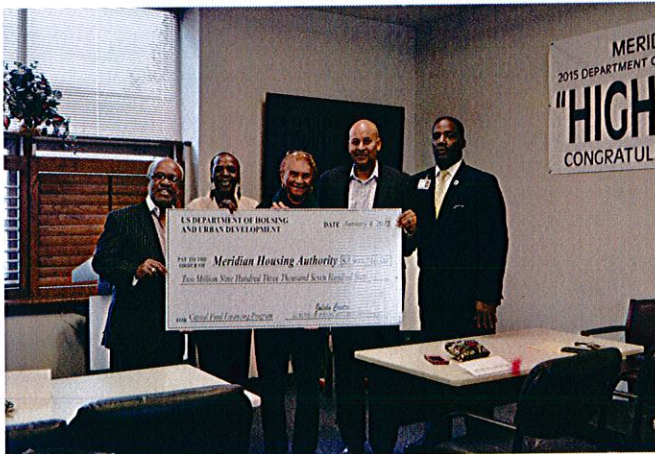
Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM

As we embark upon the dawning of a New Year, I want to congratulate the staff and residents of the Meridian Housing Authority for efforts which contributed to a highly successful 2016. The 2017 year has started out with a bang as the Department of Housing and Urban Development approved funding in the amount of \$2,903,760.00 (see picture below) to assist the agency in improving the

quality of life for all it's residents. I want to continue to encourage each resident to take full advantage of the programs made available through MHA's Community and Supportive Services Department. The agency is looking forward to increasing the number of participants who are participating in the Homeownership Transition Program (HTP). One of our main objectives for 2017 is to ensure that each resident will receive the opportunity to own their own home. Contact your property manager for more information regarding our "HTP" initiative. For additional information regarding the programs of the Meridian Housing Authority please visit: www.meridianhousing.net.



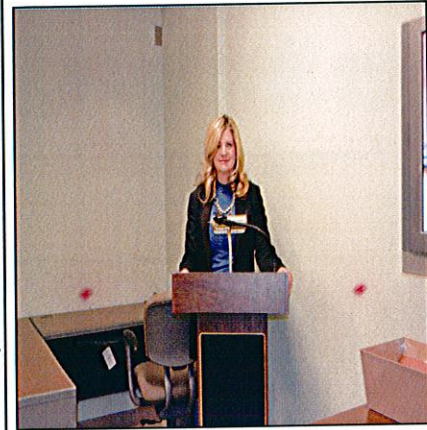
Left to Rt. Commissioner, Greg Lane, RAB President, Brenda Griffin, Commissioner, Jeanelle Kidd, Mayor, Percy Bland, MHA Executive Director, Ronald J. Turner, Sr.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year!

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

Family Self Sufficiency Budgeting Workshop

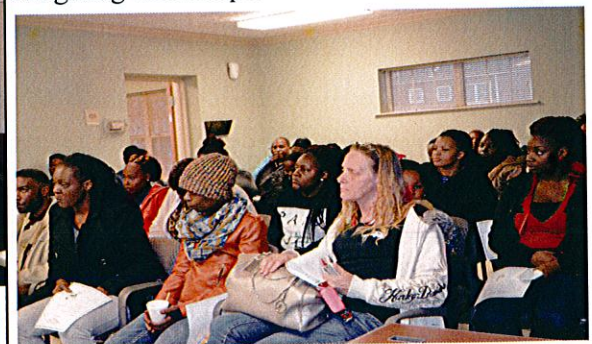


LaVisa R. Glass, 1st Mississippi Federal Credit Union, Marketing Specialist.

LaVisa Glass of 1st Mississippi Federal Credit Union facilitated a budgeting workshop on December 28, 2016 at the Eugene F. Young, III Building.

The workshop was extended to all MHA

family self sufficiency participants and housing transition participants. The workshop also received community-wide participation. Some of the topics of discussion included: managing housing, food, transportation, health, personal and family finances. We are looking forward to having future budgeting workshops.



MHA Family Self Sufficiency Participants listen intently.

If you are interested in participating in the Housing Choice Voucher/Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency programs contact Elaine DuBose or Shelia Austin at 601 693-2800.



I'M A MHA WINNER

During the month of December, the Meridian Housing Authority featured an ad explaining the steps on becoming a winner of a Butterball turkey prize. The drawing took place on Monday, December 19, 2016. The lucky winner was Ms. Markeshia Carter of Mt. View Village Apartments. Congratulations!



Ms. Markeshia Carter, along with her children, accepts their prize from the drawing.

MHA STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MHA would like to start the New Year by recognizing our graduating seniors. MHA senior day is May 26, 2017. Each month until May 26, 2017 we will feature one senior. In order to qualify:

- Must be a resident in one of MHA's affordable housing communities.
- Must be a current Senior at Meridian High School
- No office referrals
- Write a paragraph stating why you should be the student of the month.

You can email the information to Elaine DuBose, edubose@meridianhousing.net or Shelia Austin, saustin@meridianhousing.net. You can also bring your information to the Community and Support Service building or your property manager's office. Please turn the information in by the 3rd of each month.

The winner will be featured in the HOMELIFE newsletter. You will also receive an opportunity to take an 8X10 picture with MHA's Executive Director and also receive a Gift Certificate at a local restaurant.



Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the Resident Advisory Board. This is the beginning of a new year and a time for a fresh start. It is a time that many of us reflect on the last year and begin to set new goals for ourselves. Let's make 2017 a better year for each and everyone of us. Let's be proactive starting today. I want to start the new year by encouraging all residents to discuss any current issues with their property manager and to attend your monthly resident meetings. Attending these meetings and voicing your concerns can improve the quality of living on your site. Join your resident association today.

Have a prosperous and happy New Year!!!

Brenda Griffin, Resident Advisory Board President



Brenda Griffin



Message from the Asset Manager

The Housing Operations Department would like wish all of its residents a Happy and Safe New Year for 2017. Resident Safety is our goal on a daily basis. During the period of daylight savings, statistics report that fires were more frequent during months of darker shading. Therefore, never leave your apartment with an unattended open flame, especially candles. Make sure you do not overload electrical outlets. Excessive extension cords may potentially pose a dangerous fire hazard. When cooking ensure all pots and pans have covers and monitor them closely, if grease spills and starts a fire on the stove, remember to use your fire extinguisher to terminate the fire. If your smoke alarms beeps for any reason, report this incident immediately to your property manager or our maintenance department at 601-483-3328. January is known as National Stalking Awareness Month. For more information regarding the awareness please visit www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org. Always be careful of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity to the police and your property manager immediately.



Trevella McGlothlin, PHM

May ~~this~~ New Year be a divinely blessed one for you and your family.

The Housing Operations Department

Trevella McGlothlin, PHM - Asset Manager

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Happy New Year



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

Meridian Housing Authority

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 Greg Lane Commissioner
 Rob Arline Commissioner

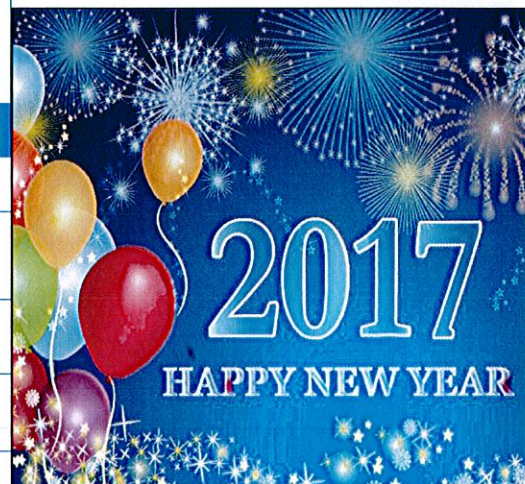
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RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

1/10 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
 1/11 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
 1/12 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center
 1/13 Western Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
 1/17 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 Community Center
 1/17 Highway Village @ 2:30 Community Center
 1/19 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 Community Center
 1/26 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
 2305 D. Street, Meridian, MS 39301

OR

E-mail to: saustin@meridianhousing.net
edubose@meridianhousing.net