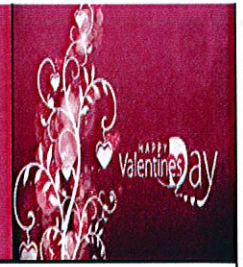


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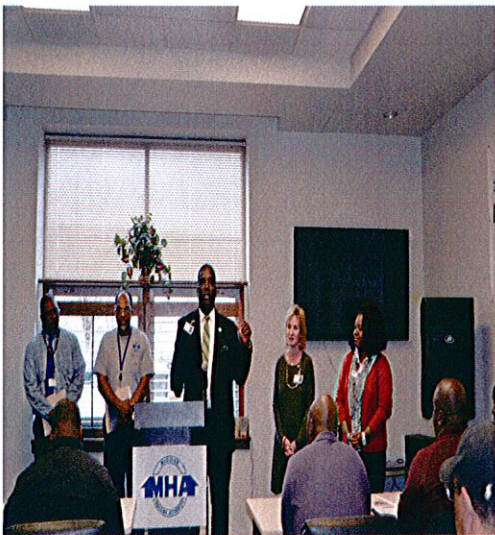
Meridian Housing Authority's Procurement Workshop Draws Huge Response

More than forty (40) business owners from the Meridian vicinity and across the state of Mississippi attended MHA's annual procurement workshop. The event took place in the MHA central office training room. The Meridian Housing Authority is a recipient of federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The agency is responsible for ensuring that all goods and services are procured competitively and in accordance with established HUD procurement rules and regulations.

The vendors received guidance on MHA's procurement policies and procedures. Each vendor



Mississippi Development Authority, Program Manager, Natalie Purvis directs questions to MHA's Procurement Staff.



MHA staff takes questions for contractor (lt to rt) Trevelle McGlothin, Glen Bates, Ronald J. Turner, Sr., Marcy Chatham and Kajsa Cole, Procurement Specialist.

received

a project summary packet consisting of upcoming work items. Contractors were encouraged to complete a profile sheet on their company. Upon completion of the profile update, each business will be placed on MHA's bidder's list. Upcoming projects will include the installation of new roofing and heating systems. Bathroom upgrades including the replacement of outdated sinks and faucets were also included.

Security camera installation is projected in each affordable housing community in an effort to ensure the safety of all MHA families. MHA's administrative staff addressed all concerns from the audience. News media outlets including WTOK and



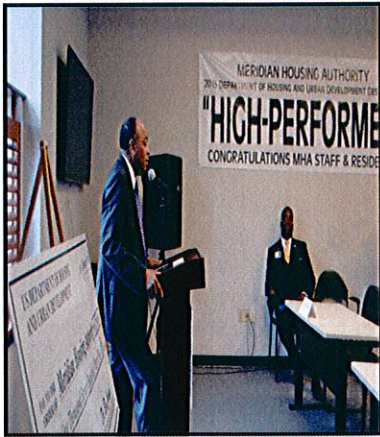
WTOK reporter Amisha Ramsey takes notes as Fannie Johnson of Love's Kitchen and James Lloyd look on.

WMDN-TV station, along with the Meridian Star were present during the workshop. For more information regarding MHA's procurement process, contact Kajsa Cole, Contract Specialist at (601) 693-4285 or visit the MHA website at: www.meridianhousing.net.

Executive Director's Message

The Commissioners, staff and residents of the Meridian Housing Authority remain dedicated to providing quality, affordable housing opportunities to over 1,235 families in its area of responsibility. Several major initiatives ensure that our residents and employees enjoy a friendly, efficient and professional environment.

MHA will continue in its quest to provide quality housing through its newest initiative known as the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing “VASH” voucher program.



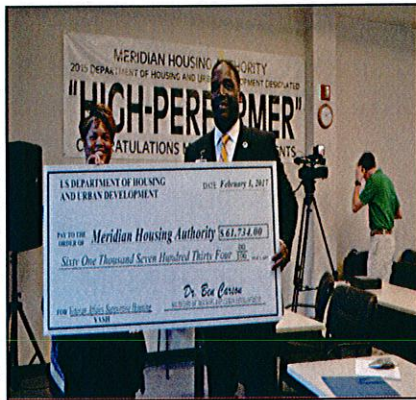
MHA Board Chairman, Wilbert Jones addresses members of the local media regarding HUD-VASH award.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded MHA approximately \$61,734.00 to provide housing assistance to local veterans experiencing chronic homelessness. We are also pleased to partner with the Jackson Veteran Administration Medical Center which will provide care management and clinical services to veteran families qualifying under the HUD-VASH program. After the Veteran's Administration determined the critical need to assist homeless veterans in Meridian, HUD awarded MHA the funding necessary to implement the VASH initiative.

MHA's high administrative performance designation played a key role in HUD's decision to fund the much needed veteran's effort in Meridian.

MHA will provide local office space for the homeless veteran's program in an effort to expedite the VA's ability to provide permanent housing solutions for (10) deserving families. MHA exist to provide affordable housing for over 3,500 eligible citizens.

For more information regarding MHA's VASH award visit www.meridianhousing.net.

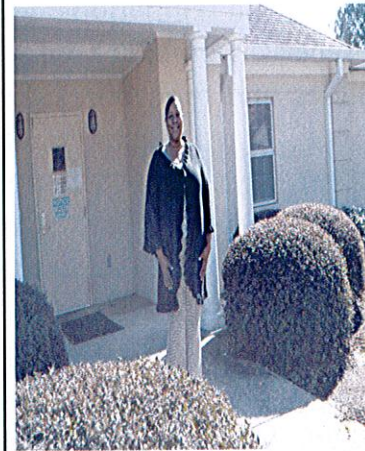


Judge Veldore Young Graham congratulates MHA Executive Director, Ronald J. Turner, Sr. and staff on securing VASH funding.

MHA Resident of the Month

The Resident for the month of February is Patricia Franklin. Patricia resides in the Sowashee Courts Community, and served as an intern with MHA's Esteem Work Training Program. She graduated from the program in September 2016. During her tenure in the program, she gained employable skills for future employment.

The program is designed to provide residents an opportunity to obtain employment skills while receiving on the job training thus increasing employment opportunities.



Patricia Franklin happy to be selected resident of the month.

Patricia began working part-time for a janitorial company after completing the program. She attributes her current success to the skills she mastered while working in the Esteem Program. She proudly reports that she has been promoted to full-time hours at NAS Naval Base. Congratulations Patricia for being chosen the resident of the Month!

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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MHA Student of the Month

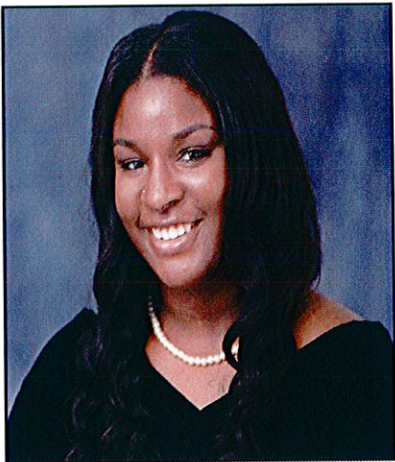
Trayana Carter is featured as MHA's February Student of the Month!

She is a high school senior at Meridian High School.

She currently resides in the Eastern Gardens affordable housing community.

She was selected because of her outstanding academic achievement,

good moral character, and sportsmanship.



Trayana Carter Meridian High School senior portrait

List of scholar achievements :

3.28 GPA

MHS soft ball team member

2015-2016 MVP and Offensive Player of the Year

Member of the Mississippi ALL Star – 5A-6A Slow Pitch Team

Member of the Mississippi All State Team

Delta Gems

Countless community service hours throughout the Meridian community: Merrihope, Salvation Army, Mustard Seed, Candy Crawl, 5K Run, MLK Breakfast, Art Museum and Loves Kitchen.

We salute and congratulate you for being chosen as MHA's February Student of the Month!

Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the Resident Advisory Board.

The Resident Advisory Board would like to take this opportunity to encourage all residents who live in our affordable housing communities to take advantage of the programs and services made available through the Community and Supportive Services Department at MHA.

These programs and services will assist you in your personal and professional growth, help you achieve financial independence, as well as help you achieve your dream of homeownership.

For a list of programs and services available at MHA's Community and Supportive Services Department, contact Shelia Austin at (601) 693-2800, ext. 228 or Elaine DuBose at ext. 230.



Brenda Griffin

**Brenda Griffin,
Resident Advisory Board President**



Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM

Message from the Asset Manager

The Housing Operations Department wants to express the importance of timely rental payments. This may defer court cost that creates a challenge and possibly provide a rent reduction upon review.

Please contact your property manager regarding all rental concerns immediately.

In regards to Community Service, each adult member of the household must perform unless otherwise exempt. You are required to complete 8 hours per month of community service or economic self-sufficiency activities; a combination of both activities. To get a copy of the exemption requirements, contact Keondria Knox at (601) 693-4285, ext. 236.

The community service program is intended to provide a rewarding activity that will assist Meridian Housing Authority residents in improving their own and their neighbor's economic and social well-being and to give residents a greater stake in their communities.

**Trevelle McGlothlin,
PHM -Asset Manager**





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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,
 Attention: Newsletter**

RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

2/8 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
 2/9 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center
 2/10 Western Garden @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
 2/14 George Reese Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
 2/15 Highway Village @ 2:30 p.m. Community Center
 2/16 Eastern Garden @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
 2/20 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
 2/23 Mt. View Village @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center