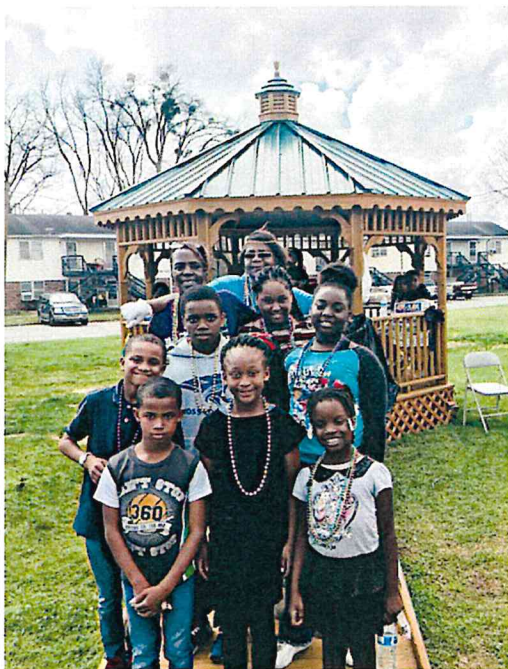




Western Gardens Students Celebrate Black History



RAB President Brenda Griffin and Western Garden students make presentation

Meridian Housing Authority's Resident Advisory Board Presidents Brenda Griffin, of Western Gardens and Jennie Alford of Oakland Heights held a successful Black History program during the month of February. Students from Western Gardens Affordable Housing Community shared black history moments with senior citizens of the Oakland Heights community. Both RAB Presidents said that the students worked very diligently and did an outstanding job with their presentations. Presentations included: Iyana Gray who portrayed Harriett Tubman, Markeshia McKey gave outstanding facts regarding civil rights activist Rosa Parks. Nylasha Gray represented blues singer Billie Holiday. Other black leaders recognized during the event included: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President Barack Obama and Underground railroad leader, Sojourner Truth. Many of the participants are students from Oakland Heights Elementary School. Food, facts, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance. Become an active member of your Resident Advisory Board, See your property manager for details.



Oakland Heights President Jennie Alford sing negro spiritual during celebration

Making Homeownership A Reality



Don't live your dream live your life

Many residents of the MHA affordable housing communities have expressed a desire to own their own homes, start a business, or return to college to complete their degree. MHA has a variety of programs that will assist in making these dreams come true. Workshops to assist anyone who wants to develop skills that will make it possible for them to start and run a business are being scheduled for later this month, if you are interested contact Kimmea Spears at 601-693-4285 ext 227.

Although owning your own home has been a dream that many have felt unattainable, MHA is determined to provide assistance to anyone willing to put forth time and effort into their dream of home ownership. MHA is working with a number of agencies and banks to give anyone desiring a home the opportunity to own a home of their own. Homeownership workshops are held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Frank Berry's Community Center from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Contact Cecil Johnson at 601-693-4285 ext 239 for more information.

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Executive Director's Message

As we embark upon the Spring season, it is a pleasure to report that the Meridian Housing Authority is working diligently to provide its residents with a variety of opportunities which will empower and enhance their ability to become self-sufficient. MHA's property managers are engaged in meaningful dialogue with residents in an effort to resolve matters before they become major issues.

MHA's Community and Supportive Services (CSS) Department conducts routine group meetings to inform residents of the possibilities available for homeownership, advanced education and entrepreneurship opportunities. Group meetings are held for MHA's senior population to provide activities and engagement that allows these individuals to comfortably age in place.

MHA's housing transition program is available for residents enrolled in our Family Self-Sufficiency programs who are close to purchasing a home of their own. CSS program advisors are partnering with local realtors to assist mortgage ready families in locating homes and successfully navigating through the mortgage closing process.

MHA will continue its mission to implement programs which will allow residents to climb the ladder of success. I want to encourage each of you to become an active member of your resident advisory council. Your community needs you...

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

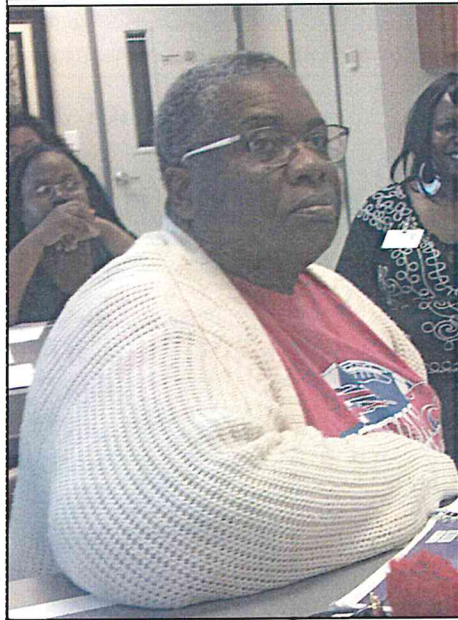
All residents are encouraged to keep your ears open as healthy living activities are soon to be announced! MHA is partnering with health representatives to provide nutritional, basic health, and exercising classes for all interested residents.

Some things to remember as the seasons change: when it is chilly do not use your oven to heat the apartment. This practice can be very dangerous. If your apartment's heating system is not working properly, you should immediately call maintenance.

In order for our sites to have great curb appeal, the RAB is asking all residents not to park on the grass and pick up any papers and trash around your unit. Remember, parking on the grass and excessive trash in and around your yard may result in a minimum fine of \$25. Let show everyone that we are proud of our communities.

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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Ms. Annie N. She cares for her grandchild because her bed is her own bed. She experienced a move forward with MHA's ROS: gage and buy If

SO YOU WANT TO START A BUSINESS?

All residents interested in starting your own business are invited to enroll in the Basic Business Workshop offered by MSU. The workshops will start March 8 at MSU's downtown campus from 2:00 to 4:00p.m. All sessions are free. You must register before March 3, 2018.

For more detailed information and to register contact Cecil Johnson at 601-227-0579.

MHA Welcomes New Property Manager

MHA's Human Resource Department is pleased



Tracy Anderson

to announce that Mrs. Tracy Anderson has been hired as the George Reese and Magnolia Courts Property Manager. Mrs. Anderson is an experienced professional who brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her new position. Welcome to the MHA team.



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MARCH MHA STARS OF THE MONTH

GRANDMOTHER OF THE MONTH

McClelland is the perfect grandmother. She has many children and is the best grandma for them. She is motivated to buy a home of her own. Her beautiful and smart granddaughter wants to live with her. Ms. McClelland states that she has overcome many difficulties but with God's grace, she is now ready to purchase her own home. She is enrolled and working with the program and Citizens National Bank staffs to secure a mortgage on her home by the end of this year. Ms. McClelland's motto is : **if you can Dream, you can dare , then you must Do!**

We wish Ms. McClelland all the best.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

CiNyla Griffin is the daughter of Monique Griffin and granddaughter of Ms. Brenda Griffin, RAB President CiNyla is an exceptional student at Parkview Elementary School. CiNyla enjoys reading and playing a variety of computer games to assist her in her learning efforts. We wish CiNyla the very best as she continues her academic journey at Parkview. We are awaiting her decision as to which college she plans to attend when she graduates Me-

idian High School; it is never too early to start planning for your future. Congratulations to a wonderfully talented young lady who will continue to do great things in the future.



COMMUNITY OF THE MONTH

This month, the pride of keeping your community clean and safe is demonstrated by the residents of **Eastern Gardens.**

It is a pleasure to see how well maintained the Eastern Gardens Affordable housing community has become. Residents are working to ensure that the community is a safe place they can be proud to live and play.

Congratulations to the staff and management of the Eastern Gardens Community



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH



MHA is proud to recognize Ms. Renada Green as the Outstanding Resident of the Month. Ms Green serves as the Resident Advisory Board President and is working tirelessly to provide for her family, as she strives to become a first time home owner. We appreciate your service to the community and congratulate Ms Green in all of her future endeavors.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY:

During the period from January to February there were 27 families that moved into affordable housing at MHA. To each new family, MHA staff and residents wish you the best and encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities offered at MHA to empower you to become self-sufficient and future homeowners.

Building Captains Needed

MHA wants to ensure the best living environment for all participants residing in their the affordable housing communities. Building captains are needed for each building. We want to make our communities safe and enjoyable living space for all of our children. For more details regarding building captains contact your property manger.





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

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* Want to start your own business , register for business workshops before March 5th

RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

3/8	Oakland Heights	@ 10:00 a.m.	Community Center
3/9	Western Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
3/13	George Reese Court	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
3/14	Magnolia Court	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
3/15	Mt. Barton	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
3/15	Eastern Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
3/19	Sowashee Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
3/20	Highway Village	@ 2:30 p.m.	Community Center
3/22	Mt. View Village	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center



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