



### Poster Contest "What Home Means to Me."

The deadline is nearing completion for the 2018 "What Home Means to Me" poster contest. This contest is held yearly throughout the country for all affordable housing participants to submit a poster expressing what home means to them. This year, all MHA participants are encouraged to submit their entry



no later than April 24th, with judging to take place April 25th. The winning State poster will be forwarded to the Mississippi Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (MAHRO), with the winner to be announced during the Annual NAHRO Legislative Conference to be held in Washington D.C. If your poster is selected in the final round of judging, you will have the opportunity to travel to D.C and be awarded a prize. Contact Elaine Dubose

### Symphony Doo Dah

MHA parents and children are encouraged to take time to experience a day of music and fun, with our cultural partner The Meridian Symphony. Last year "Symphony Doo Dah" was enjoyed by a large number of families and this years show promises to be even better. Mark your calendars for April 12th, 6:00p.m. at the Riley Center. Resident Advisory Board President Brenda Griffin and Western Gardens property manager Justin Monette have 90 tickets to this spectacular event and all tickets are delivered on a first come first serve basis. Hope to see you there .



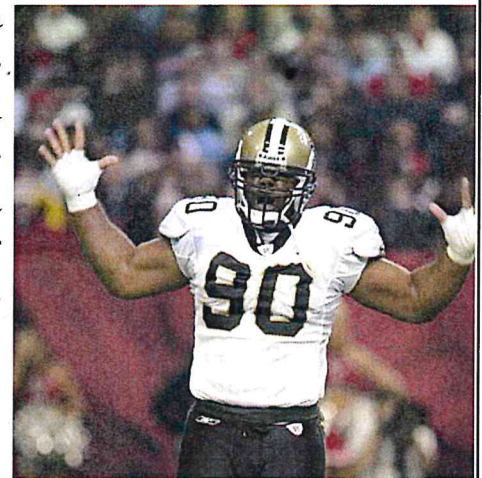
### MHA Partnership Enhances Athletic Abilities



MHA congratulates the Meridian High School boy's basketball team for winning the 6A District Championship (32-2) and finishing as State runner ups during the 2018 Tournament. MHA is proud to be a community partner that equips student athletes to compete at the high

school level. This year's basketball team had several student athletes who are residents of MHA with outstanding athletic accomplishments and promising college futures.

Kenneth Smith, a former MHS football standout and former NFL All-Star, will host a football camp for MHA youth this summer, in an effort to continue to produce out-



standing MHS student athletes in the near future. Anyone desiring to participate in the camp should contact your property manager and leave your name, phone number and the participants age to be placed on the camp list. For more information, contact MHA's Community and Supportive Services Department at (601)693-2800.



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## Executive Director's Message

Please take full advantage of MHA's resident activities going on this month including, business start-up workshops and community meetings with many of our collaborative partners. Our affordable housing residents are striving to make their communities better by working with the youth to help them excel in school.

**Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM** As we enter Spring and prepare for all of the outdoor activities, I want to encourage all families to enjoy themselves and strive to make our communities safe. Remember: Giving back to your community will ensure that our children will have a better quality of life. Enjoy the beauty of the Spring season.

## WELCOME TO MHA

During the months of February and March a total of (33) families moved into affordable housing apartments at MHA. To each new family, MHA staff and residents wish you the best and encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities offered at MHA to empower you to become self-sufficient and future homeowners. For more information regarding our Community and Supportive Service programs please contact Kimmea Spears at (601) 693-4285 ext.227



## MHA RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

Residents will be walking in the Western Gardens and Oakland Heights affordable housing communities in an effort to maintain healthy life styles. Contact Jennie Alford, Oakland Heights, RAB President for more details. She can be reached at the property manager's office at (601) 483-8612.

Highway Village Resident Advisory Board will be holding a summer reading program for all children. The Spring Festival will be held May 19 and all interested residents should contact Patricia Shamburger, Highway Village RAB President at (601)693-2800 ext. 230. Become an active member of your Resident Advisory Board.

The Resident Advisory Board is planning to hold a Mother's Day activity in May. All residents interested in the planning process should contact Brenda Griffin, RAB President, she may be contacted by calling the property manager's office at (601) 483-8612

## MHA Foster Grandparents Giving Back

Senior Corp is an organization that is funded and administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The organization engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in full or part-time service in an effort to get things done in neighborhoods and communities across the United States. The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) provides older individuals the opportunity to give one-on-one attention to children and youth with special and exceptional needs. FGP Volunteers serve from 15 to 40 hours per week in locations including Public & Parochial Schools, Day Care Centers, and Head Start Centers, Youth after School Programs, and Domestic Violence and Children Shelter.

Patricia Murphy, Florine Gavin, Jessica Stewart, and Edwina Walker are wonderful women who take time to give special care serving as "grandmothers" to the pre-school students at our housing sites. These women are part of the Foster Grandparent volunteers of Lauderdale county Foster Grandparent Program in Meridian, MS sponsored by Multi County Community Services Agency, Inc. For more information contact Ms. Sabrina Wilson at (601)482-9883



## 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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## APRIL MHA STARS OF THE MONTH

### Resident Group of the Month

This group of Western Gardens and Oakland Heights residents show what can happen when good people get together, sharing fun times and enjoying themselves as they work to make their community a great place to live. With the coming of Spring, other communities are planning to hold



similar outdoor activities to encourage residents to get to know each other as they work to make their community safe. Contact your property manager for more information.



### COMMUNITY OF THE MONTH

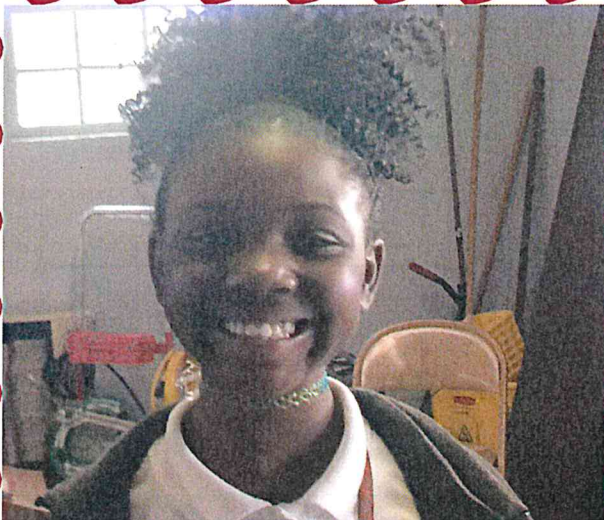
The residents of Oakland Heights and Western Gardens are demonstrating what family means, youth from the Western Gardens community made home visits to the elderly citizens at Oakland Heights to wish them well and spend a few hours visiting with them to brighten their day.



### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Zquesha Toole has a smile that will make an angel blush. She is the daughter of Angela Toole and lives at Highway Village. All of her neighbors agree that she is the most wonderful child in the community. She is a 6th grade honor roll student at Magnolia Middle school. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Sellars. Zquesha plans to attend Harvard upon graduation from Meridian High School. Class of 2024.

We wish Ms. Toole the very best in her endeavors and look forward to her leaving for Cambridge in the future.



### RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

MHA is proud to recognize Ms. Patricia Shamburger as the Outstanding Resident of the Month. Ms. Shamburger is active in the MHA Esteem Program and serves as the Resident Advisory Board President for Highway Village. She is enrolled in the ROSS and FSS programs and is looking forward to becoming a home owner soon. She is one of the hardest working residents at MHA. She is dedicated to providing residents with every opportunity possible to become self-sufficient. Patricia is extremely motivated and highly energetic! She ensures all residents in her community are informed of all programs that MHA offers. We appreciate her service to the community and congratulate Ms. Shamburger in all of her future endeavors. Keep up the excellent work.







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Please visit the new MHA website: [www.meridianhousing.net](http://www.meridianhousing.net)

### Meridian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

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Rob Arline Commissioner  
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## April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Rent Due</b>	3 ROSS Home ownership Eastern Gardens 4-5 pm	4	5 ROSS Home ownership Frank Berry Courts 4-5 pm	6	7
8	9	10 ROSS Home ownership Highway Village 4-5 pm	11 RAB Leadership Training 10-11 am	12	13	14
15	16 ROSS Home ownership Transitional Homes 6-7 pm	17 ROSS Home ownership Highway Village 4-5 pm	18	19 ROSS Home ownership Frank Berry Courts 4-5 pm	20	21
22	23	24 ROSS Home ownership Eastern Gardens 4-5 pm	25 RAB Leadership Training 10-11 am	26	27	28
29	30	"What Home Means to Me" Poster Deadline	Judging Posters	We can all work together for a better more productive life.		



### Resident's Monthly Meeting Schedule

4/10	George Reese Court	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
4/11	Magnolia Court	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
4/12	Oakland Heights	@ 10:00 a.m.	Community Center
4/13	Western Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
4/18	Mt. Barton	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
4/19	Eastern Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
4/16	Sowashee Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
4/17	Highway Village	@ 2:30 p.m.	Community Center
4/26	Mt. View Village	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center

### The MHA Home Life Newsletter For Residents

The MHA Home Life Newsletter For Residents is published monthly by the 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

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