

MHA Reassigns Property Managers

Effective immediately, Ms. Doris Benomon will assume the role as property manager for the Highway Village Affordable Housing Community. Ms. Benomon is a seasoned professional with over 20 years of experience as a property manager at MHA. Please come out and meet Ms. Benomon at the next scheduled Highway Village resident meeting which is scheduled for January 16, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.



Doris Benomon , PHM
Highway Village Property Manager

MHA is also pleased to announce that effective immediately, Mrs. Keondria Knox will assume all property management responsibilities at the Mt. View Village Affordable Housing Community. Mrs. Knox has been employed with the MHA for over 10 years. She received her Public Housing Management (PHM) certification in June 2010. All Mt.



Keondria Knox, PHM
Mt. View Property Manager

View residents are encouraged to come out and meet with Mrs. Knox at the next resident meeting which is scheduled for January 25, 2018 at 3:30p.m.

Mr. Trevelle McGlothin has assumed temporary management responsibilities at the George Reese Court and Magnolia Affordable Housing communities until a permanent manager is assigned. Please feel free to contact Mr. McGlothin at 601-693-4285 regarding any questions you have in reference to property management personnel at MHA.

Self Sufficiency Academy Offered to MHA Residents



MHA's Executive Director Ron Turner , Sr.
explains ROSS grant

The Meridian Housing Authority has made a commitment to excellence and has been awarded the Resident Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) grant to assist families to become self-sufficient. The grant also enables senior citizens to have a more improved quality of life. The Self-Sufficiency Academy will provide an opportunity for every resident to develop their full potential and achieve their lifelong goals.

The need to provide training to potential home owners leaving the public housing program is essential if the resident is to become a successful home owner. MHA is committed to its goal of making self-sufficiency a reality for families who aspire to become homeowners. The Self-Sufficiency Academy is a component of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Resident Opportunity for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) programs.

The Academy is designed to provide all the necessary training and support to transform MHA families into viable candidates for self-sufficiency. Many of MHA's prospective homeowners have never rented in the private market. The training provided by the Academy will provide all the basic and necessary training tools to the family which will ensure their successful transformation from public housing renter to home owner.

For more information regarding this program please contact Cecil Johnson or Kimmea Spears at 601-693-4285.

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Executive Director's Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM

As we embark upon the dawning of a New Year, I want to take a moment to reflect on this past year. We have had some joyous times in which we could not believe the great things that we experienced, the joy of some new arrivals to our families and then there were times in which we lost loved ones who we will miss forever. But, we will all know that 2017 was a year that will be remembered for some time to come. I want to give a heartfelt thanks to the Commissioners, staff, MHA partners and most of all to the residents for without you none of the great things MHA has accomplished last year would have been possible.

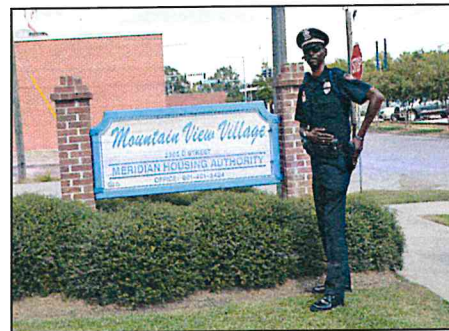
I want to continue to encourage each resident to take full advantage of the programs made available through MHA's Community and Supportive Services Department, particularly the new ROSS program that will focus on providing opportunities for families to transition out of governmental assistance into a home of their own. The ROSS program will also focus on providing seniors with activities that will allow them to age in place and have an improved quality of life.

MHA is looking forward to increasing the number of families participating in the Homeownership Transition Program (HTP). One of our main goals for 2018, is to ensure that many of the families currently enrolled in the HTP program will move into their own home and start enjoying life as a self-sufficient family free of depending upon governmental support.

Again, may each and everyone have a joyous and prosperous New Year and may this year be the best year ever!



MHA's Officer



Officer Devie Freeman,

Door Program" and the "Community Police Program". Both programs were created to make safer neighborhoods by allowing MHA to partner with the Meridian Police Department.

Hat off to our officers!

The Meridian Police Department's strength in community safety is live with neighbors. Therefore, the agency is proud to report that the "Community

Outstanding Resident of the Month



This section will feature a resident who has accomplished their goal of gaining greater independence and moving out of public housing. This month an outstanding former resident Ms. Roslyn Lynch, has accomplished her goal of becoming a homeowner. Ms. Lynch is an outstanding parent. She has been President of the Highway Village Resident Association and a member of the Resident Advisory Board. We all wish her well in her journey as a homeowner and look forward to her achieving more outstanding accomplishment in the future.

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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Next Door Program

Meridian Housing Authority (MHA) and the Meridian Police Department are striving to make affordable housing neighborhoods safer and remain committed to making all nine of Meridian's Affordable housing communities. National statistics show that public safety has improved tremendously when police officers are in the neighborhoods. We are pleased to announce the success of our Next Door Liaison Program to provide a closer partnership with



Officers Edwin Laws and Antonio King

MHA STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MHA would like to start the New Year by recognizing several of our graduating seniors and honor roll students from all grades.

To qualify:

- The student must be a resident living in an MHA's affordable housing community.
- Must be a current student in the Meridian Public School system.
- No office referrals or unexcused absence or late.
- Write a paragraph stating your goal for next year.
- Have one recommendation from a teacher or community member.

E-mail your information to:

Elaine DuBose, edubose@meridianhousing.net or Shelia Austin, saustin@meridianhousing.net. Your information may be delivered to the Community and Support Service building or your property manager's office. All information must be submitted by the 3rd of each month.

We are looking forward to having some very talented and gifted student, to award prizes and scholarships this year.



Resident Advisory Board President's Message

This year promises to be one of the most productive years for the MHA Resident Advisory Board. We are restructuring the Board and the local Resident Councils to ensure maximum participation as we strive to improve our communities.

The Resident Advisory Board is a working partner with the MHA staff and I am encouraging all residents to take some time during this year to assist in planning activities for your community and becoming mentors for our children. We have so much to give in order to make our communities

a shining example of how families can interact and achieve personal goals. As mentors for our children, we can ensure that they will be honor roll students every quarter. Upon graduating high school, they will be prepared to enter college or secure employment. Let's work together this year to attain our goal becoming the best citizens we can possibly be! *Brenda Griffin, RAB President*



Message from the Asset Manager

The Housing Operations Department would like to wish all of its residents a Happy and Safe New Year for 2018. Resident Safety is our goal on a daily basis. As you may have noticed, cameras are being installed in your communities to provide a greater degree of safety for you and your children. MHA was able to secure a safety Grant which allowed for the installation of the cameras that allow continued surveillance of your community.

Again, if you see something say something, if we all work together to make our communities safe, we will enjoy the time spent living in one of the best housing sites in the City of Meridian. I would like to remind everyone that 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. Too many 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. **Make sure if you are using your grill that it is at least 15 feet from the building.**



Trevell McGlothlin, PHM



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Mail To:

January 2018

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RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

1/9	George Reese Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
1/10	Magnolia Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
1/11	Oakland Heights	@ 10:00 a.m.	Community Center
1/12	Western Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
1/16	Highway Village	@ 2:30 p.m.	Community Center
1/17	Mt. Barton	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
1/18	Eastern Gardens	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
1/22	Sowashee Court	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
1/25	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 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
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