



MERIDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY HONORS LATE POLICE SERGEANT



Sgt. Eddie Lee Griffin's family celebrate the re-dedication of the Oakland Heights Multi-Purpose Center in his name.

The Meridian Housing Authority's Oakland Heights Garden community rededicated its newest facility in honor of the late Meridian Police Department Sergeant Eddie Lee Griffin, Jr.

Sergeant Griffin lived in MHA's affordable housing community for many years. He later became one of Meridian's first black African American police officers. He was also appointed as MHA's first liaison officer. On July 27, 1990 following his untimely demise, Oakland Heights residents voted to dedicate the first community center for its senior citizens in his honor. On July 27, 2018, a new facility was rededicated in his honor. The new Eddie Lee Griffin, Jr. Multi-Purpose Center will serve as a neighborhood watch meeting place as well as a hub for hosting various events and activities in the Oakland Heights affordable housing community.

For more information regarding the mission and programs of the Meridian Housing Authority, visit www.meridianhousing.net

MHA Partner Provides Community Fun Day

Members of the East End Temple Lodge #476 provided plenty of organized activities in addition to food and fun for residents residing in Eastern Garden's affordable housing community. Thomas Adams, event organizer, stated that members of the lodge take pride in partnering with organizations such as the Meridian Housing Authority and giving back to the community. Over one hundred residents participated in dunk tank fun, basketball, bouncy house, in addition to eating plenty of hot dogs and snow cones. The residents of Eastern Gardens wish to express a heart-felt "thank you" to the members of the East End Temple Lodge.



Members of East Temple Lodge giving back to the community

"Committed"



Ronald J. Turner, Sr. PHM
Executive Director

Executive Director's Message

The Meridian Housing Authority remains dedicated to its "Commitment to Excellence" in providing quality, affordable and superior customer service to MHA residents. As a result of the Authority's most recent annual planning process, the following improvement projects are now underway: (1) Heating unit replacement at George Reese Court and Highway Village. (2) Interior painting solicitations are being advertised to paint occupied apartments at: Mountain View Village, Oakland Heights Gardens, Highway Village, Eastern Gardens, Western Gardens, Sowashee Courts, Magnolia Courts and George Reese Courts. (3) Contract bidding is underway to replace storm doors and exterior doors at George Reese Courts. (4) Security cameras are currently installed at Highway Village, Western Gardens and Oakland Heights Gardens. (5) Bids are currently being taken to provide security camera installation at: Eastern Gardens, Sowashee Courts, George Reese Court, Mt. Barton and Sowashee Courts. (6) New fire extinguishers are scheduled to be placed in over 900 apartments over the next thirty day period. (7) Major modernization efforts are underway at George Reese Court, Highway Village, Eastern Gardens and Oakland Heights as a result of the latest E-F2 tornado in the city of Meridian. To learn more about special economic opportunities provided at MHA, please visit www.meridianhousing.net

MHA Resident Housing Transition Program (HTP)

The Meridian Housing Authority's Housing Transition Program allows MHA residents an opportunity to discover what owning a home requires. HTP participants attend monthly meetings and meet with various community partners to discuss a wide range of topics related to homeownership opportunities. Participants are required to develop spending plans to prepare them for owning their own homes. Negotiating skills relative to securing the best possible mortgage and selecting a banker and realtor are essentials. The participants are exposed to all factors of the home buying process including: insurance, inspections and many of the items needed in order to become informed consumers. HTP meetings are held twice a month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please visit www.meridianhousing.net for more information about this program.



HTP Working session

8/8	Magnolia Court	@ 3:30 p.m.
8/9	Oakland Heights	@ 10:00 a.m.
8/10	Western Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.
8/14	Reese Court	@ 3:30 p.m.
8/15	Mt. Barton	@ 3:30 p.m.
8/16	Eastern Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.
8/20	Sowashee	@ 3:30 p.m.
8/21	Highway Village	@ 2:30 p.m.
8/23	Mt. View Village	@ 3:30 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the site's Community Rooms

Resident's Monthly Meeting



Get to know your Resident Presidents:

Left to right: Brenda Griffin, The Gardens of Western
Renata Green, Eastern Gardens
Patricia Shamburger, Highway Village

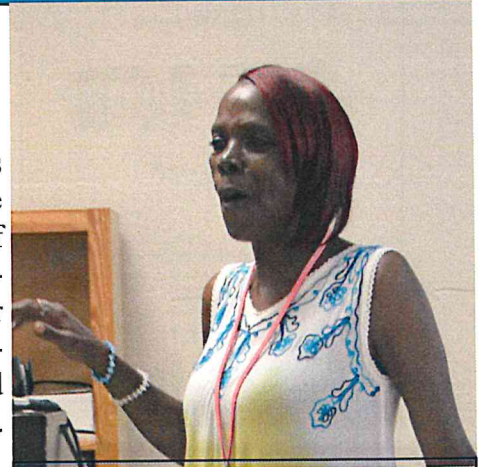
MHA IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Maintenance Department 601 483-3328; Social Services 601 693-2800; Frank Berry Courts 601 482-1880; Eastern Gardens 601 482-331; Mountain View Village 601 481-3424; Western Gardens 601 483-8612; Oakland Heights 601 481-3421; Highway Village, 8th & 9th Av 601 483-1816; George Reese Courts/Magnolia Courts 601 693-4586; Mount Barton/Sowashee Courts 601 483-0202; Carousel Place 601 483-0085; J.T. Davis 601 482-0077; MHA Police Liaison Cell (601)527-0407; Meridian Police Dispatch 601-601-484-6845

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Join Your MHA Resident Advisory Board

The Resident Advisory Board consist of residents who provide input on key issues and planning. They meet with MHA staff to explore ideas to assist in improving the lives of all MHA residents. This year, the RAB has been working with many of MHA's community partners to host informative and fun activities that will steer residents to an improved level of self-sufficiency. The RAB plans to examine a number of other activities that will ensure residents have a variety of choices. In order to accomplish these plans, all residents are asked to attend their resident meeting and work with advisors to improve their quality of life. For more information visit. www.meridianhousing.net.



Ms. Brenda Griffin RAB President

RAB President's Program of the Month

Family Self-Sufficiency participants discuss ways to become independent from governmental assistance. Unemployed persons achieve economic independence by coordinating services from the private and public sectors. These services will aid participants in obtaining education, training, job search skills and employment. Workshops and seminars on life skills, vocational skills and job skills are offered.

Anyone interested in obtaining services through the FSS program should call Ms. Sheila Austin, FSS Coordinator at 601-693-2800, ext. 228.

For more information visit www.meridianhousing.net.



Mrs. Austin, FSS Coordinator, meeting with FSS participants

Seniors Enjoy "Love Out Loud" Program

Northcrest Baptist Church partnered with Meridian Housing Authority to provide a community outreach program, "Love Out Loud", for the residents of Oakland Heights. Residents gathered every morning from July 16th to July 20th at the newly renovated Eddie Lee Griffin, Jr. Multi-Purpose Center. The residents stated that they enjoyed the chance to get out and socialize with other residents and win prizes. "It was the best time I have ever had and bingo was so much fun," said one long time resident.

The Oakland Heights residents and MHA staff thanks the Northcrest Baptist Church LOL volunteers for taking time to share their mission with us.



Northcrest Baptist Church Love Out Loud Volunteers and Oakland Heights Resident enjoying activities with Resident President, Gloria Cole.



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 Resident Services Department, Attn. Newsletter 2305 D. Street, Meridian, MS 39301

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Please Note: When preparing your rental payments, please make sure that your name, address and tenant number are printed legibly on your money order or check. Your tenant number can be found on your rental statement. This is important to ensure you are properly credited for your rental payment. It is also suggested that prior to leaving the rental collection office you review your payment receipt.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
			RAB Meeting 11:00 a.m. Social Service Rent Due			
5	6	7	8 Magnolia Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.	9 Oakland Heights Resi- dent Meeting 3:30 p.m.	10 The Gardens of Western Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.	11
12	13 ROSS Home Buyers Meeting 6:00 p.m. Central Office	14 George Reese Resident Mtg. 3:30 p.m.	15 RAB Meeting 11:00 a.m. Social Service Mt. Barton Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.	16 Eastern Gardens Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m. HOME Buying 101 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. East Mississippi Realtors	17	18
19	20 Sowashee Resi- dent Meeting 3:30 p.m.	21 Hwy Village Resident Meeting 2:30 p.m.	22	23 Mt. View Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.	24	25
26	27 ROSS Home Buyers Meeting 6:00 p.m. Central Office	28	29	30	31 Home Life *	August 2018* 4