



### MHA STARTS ITS ANNUAL PLANNING PROCESS



**MHA Administration entertain public comments at 2018 planning process meeting (left to right) Ronald J. Turner, Sr., MHA Executive Director, MHA Commissioners Donnie Smith and Wilbert Jones, Rayford Wright, MHA Modernization Director, Marcy Chatham, MHA Director of Finance**

The Meridian Housing Authority is currently in the process of developing its comprehensive annual planning efforts for fiscal year 2019. This strategic planning process is designed to inform MHA residents, HUD officials and the general public of the organization’s intent to effectively serve the

critical needs of over 3,500 residents. MHA manages approximately 1,215 af-

fordable housing apartments scattered throughout the City of Meridian.

Several strategies are currently being evaluated including the implementation of security and surveillance cameras in all nine MHA affordable housing communities. The major thrust of this effort is to enhance safety and security measures for all MHA families.

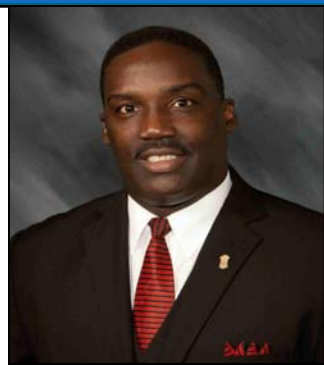


**MHA plans generate public dialogue: (left to right) Leslie Portis and Tra Alford of Citizens National Bank, Jennifer Whitlock of Meridian Community College, and Ziva James, HUD Field Office Representative.**

An important public hearing will be held to discuss the final plan on **Monday, November 12, 2018** at 5:00p.m. in MHA’s professional development training room located at 2425 E Street.

For more information regarding the programs at MHA, please visit: [www.meridianhousing.net](http://www.meridianhousing.net)

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Ronald J. Turner, Sr. PHM  
Executive Director

## Executive Director's Message

The proposed five year Annual Plan of the Meridian Housing Authority was officially made available for public review and comments beginning July 16, 2018 and will remain on public display through November 9, 2018. The plan is currently on display and can be reviewed in the lobby of the Meridian Housing Authority's Central Office at 2425 E Street between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. Monday – Friday. An important public hearing will be held to discuss the plan on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 5:00p.m. in MHA's professional development training room located at 2425 E Street.

I appreciate the valuable input expressed by MHA's staff, Board of Commissioners and Resident Advisory Board during this process. The plan is a comprehensive guide to MHA's policies, programs and operations goals for meeting local public housing needs. Public Housing Authorities are required to submit a five year plan to HUD once every fifth fiscal year and an annual plan which is submitted each year. MHA residents are highly encouraged to participate in the annual planning process.

To learn more about special economic opportunities provided at MHA, please visit [www.meridianhousing.net](http://www.meridianhousing.net)



9/12	Magnolia Court	@ 3:30 p.m.
9/13	Oakland Heights	@ 10:00 a.m.
9/14	Western Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.
9/11	George Reese Court	@ 3:30 p.m.
9/19	Mt. Barton	@ 3:30 p.m.
9/20	Eastern Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.
9/17	Sowashee Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.
9/18	Highway Village	@ 2:30 p.m.
9/27	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: Gloria Cole,  
(Oakland Heights)  
Patricia Shamburger,  
(Highway Village)  
Renata Green,  
(Eastern Gardens)

## 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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## RAB President Celebrates Family



The Resident Advisory Board is the official governing body for all MHA residents. The RAB-MHA partnership is an important partnership. It is an honor to serve all MHA residents. We want to place special emphasis this month on families living in several affordable housing communities. As we work toward having everyone move toward self-sufficiency, we take this opportunity to celebrate our families and the youth, who will be our future. We are working together to make MHA an example of what affordable housing has to offer, “a hand up and not a hand out.” There are many programs available to assist in giving our youth



**Ms. Brenda Griffin RAB President**

hope and the ability to succeed as they move on to become future leaders in the community. It is indeed an honor to serve as President of the RAB and work to make the idea of homeownership and self-sufficiency a reality. Residents are encouraged to take up the challenge and work to make their dreams come true. I look forward to you attending the next resident meeting. Thank you.

For more information visit [www.meridianhousing.net](http://www.meridianhousing.net).

## Community and Supportive Services Programs

MHA’s Community and Supportive Services department offers a variety of programs that focus on families becoming self-sufficient in an effort to improve their quality of life. The Resident Opportunity for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program has two components to enable elderly residents to enjoy activities which will provide opportunities to gain a greater degree of social interaction with other residents. The ROSS program also focuses on providing families with life skills which will enable them to gain a greater degree of self-sufficiency. The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program is focused on allowing residents to move into a home of their own. It also provides an escrow account to help participants with down payments and closing costs toward the purchase of a home. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program offers voucher holders the opportunity to purchase a home using their voucher to pay part of the mortgage. These programs hold monthly workshops to keep residents informed of program benefits. If you would like more information about special economic opportunities provided at MHA, please visit [www.meridianhousing.net](http://www.meridianhousing.net) or call 601-693-2800, ext. 230 or ext. 228.



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

**Meridian Housing Authority  
Board of Commissioners**

Wilbert Jones Chairman  
Donnie Smith Vice Chairman  
Jeanelle Kidd Commissioner  
Rob Arline Commissioner  
Greg Lane Commissioner

Mail To:

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
2	3 <b>Labor Day Holiday</b> 	4 <b>Rent Due</b>	5	6	7 <b>RAB Meeting 11:00 a.m. Social Service</b>	8
9	10 <b>ROSS Home Buyers Meeting 6:00 p.m. Central Office</b>	11 <b>George Reese Resident Mtg. 3:30 p.m.</b>	12 <b>Magnolia Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.</b>	13 <b>Oakland Heights Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.</b>	14 <b>The Gardens of Western Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.</b>	15
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