



Home Ownership Opportunities Made Available



Affordable housing residents interested in owning their own home attending one of the many workshops to prepare them for home ownership

MHA Promotes Resident Training

Five Meridian Housing Authority residents were recently selected to participate in the agency's resident training program known as ESTEEM. The 24 month volunteer training program allows participants to learn valuable job skills such as: painting, flooring, carpentry and various property upkeep measures. Motivational workshops are also conducted during the course of the program. Vacancy crew coordinator, Mr. Glen Bates supervises the Esteem program. For more information visit www.meridianhousing.net



New ESTEEM program participants attend MHA's employee mass meeting

Meridian Housing Authority has partnered with several financial and real estate firms to offer residents an opportunity to qualify and purchase their own homes. The Housing Transition Program (HTP), Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Resident Opportunity for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) are MHA programs that offer training and guidance for all residents interested in becoming home owners. The training workshops are held several times each month and include lectures from local business and real estate professionals concerning information about the home buying process. Each program offers residents a method to tailor their individual home buying opportunity. HCV (Section 8) gives the participant holding a voucher to use the voucher to assist in paying their mortgage. The FSS program provides an escrow account to participants, which is any increase in earned income resulting in an increase in rent; the rent increase will be placed in the escrow account and the funds can then be used toward the purchase of a home. The HTP program allows residents an opportunity to experience what responsibilities are involved in owning a home; by allowing the residents to spend two years living in a home to become accustomed to paying utilities and other financial responsibilities of home ownership. The ROSS program works with residents to repair their credit and build up their credit score to become eligible to secure their mortgage. For more information regarding the programs at MHA, please visit: www.meridianhousing.net





Ronald J. Turner, Sr. PHM
Executive Director

Executive Director's Message

Congratulations to all MHA youth who participated in the Mississippi Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (MAHRO) State wide art competition “What Home Means to Me.” The participants were:

Addison Barksdale, Cornelius Barksdale, Markeveion Barksdale, Samarria Clark. Other participants included: Cania Collins, Shanya Collins, Tynia Collins, Akeelah Davis, Marshayla Evans, Brooklyn Jones. Roger McClendon, Markecia McKee, Kira Nickey

Ja’Alyia Scarborough, Jamra Shepard along with Tianna Smith, Jayden Tate, Italy White and Taylor White also participated.

All participants received certificates and gold coins and their winning entries were placed on display during their MAHRO Conference held in Biloxi, MS. Much success to each of these winners and we look forward to celebrating your future accomplishments. Visit www.meridianhousing.net regarding the valuable resident programs at MHA.



Resident's Monthly Meeting Schedule

Get to Know Your Resident Presidents

10/10	Magnolia Court	@ 3:30 p.m.
10/11	Oakland Heights	@ 10:00 a.m.
10/12	Western Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.
10/09	George Reese Court	@ 3:30 p.m.
10/17	Mt. Barton	@ 3:30 p.m.
10/18	Eastern Garden	@ 3:30 p.m.
10/15	Sowashee Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.
10/16	Highway Village	@ 2:30 p.m.
10/25	Mt. View Village	@ 3:30 p.m.

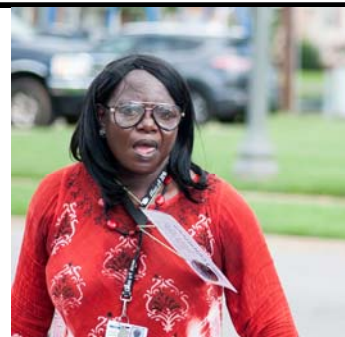


Mr. Marshal McKey,
George Reese Courts



Ms. Latoya Brown:
(Magnolia Courts)

Ms. Patricia
Schumberger
Highway Village



RAB President's Message



Ms. Brenda Griffin
RAB President

Halloween is one time of the year where children of all ages are most excited. We want everyone to have a great Halloween night, so here are some practical Halloween safety tips to ensure your family's Trick or Treat Safety.

Costume Safety:

- ◆ Plan costumes that are bright and reflective or add reflective striping tape to costumes and trick-or-trick bags for visibility, also purchase costumes with labels indicating flame resistant
- ◆ Consider non toxic make-up as an alternative to decorative hats or masks as a safer alternative

Trick-or -Treat Safety:

- ◆ Plan to have outdoor lights on if you plan to give out treats · Teach your child to dial 9-1-1 in case of emergency or if they become lost
- ◆ Make sure you or your child have a cell phone·
- ◆ Check your children's candy before allowing them to eat it and remove any treat from toddlers that may cause a choke hazard or an allergic reaction.

Enjoy yourselves and be Safe.



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



Meridian Housing Authority Partner of the Month
Boys and Girls Club of East Mississippi



There are many residents who accomplish remarkable achievements during the month and their success is primarily due their participation in the Boys and Girls Club.



Mr. Ricky Hood,
Executive Director Boys and Girls

If it takes a village to raise a child, the Boys and Girls Club of East Mississippi is that village! Mr. Ricky Hood and his outstanding staff has been a primary partner with Meridian Housing Authority for more than twenty-five (25) years. The Club has provided a safe place for more than 2000 MHA youth to play , learn, and develop positive self images of themselves. Many youth have grown into responsible young men and women who have become community leaders. One affordable housing resident who was an active member of the Boys and Girls Club is William Myles. Willam is now the Executive Director of one of the larger public housing agencies in Georgia. William attributes much of his success to the countless hours spent as a member and employee of the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Hood encouraged William never to give up. Mr. Hood’s emphasis on developing both academic and physical abilities in the youth who attend Boys and Girls Club is well-documented throughout the state.

The partnership between Meridian Housing Authority and Boys and Girls Club has been a benefit to many Meridian families. If you need a place to hold a birthday party or repass and funds are limited you just need to call Mr. Hood and he will make it happen. He loves his Boys and Girl Club.



These are some of the youth whose lives have been forever changed by the Boys and Gils Club.

For more information about our valuable partner click on the link at www.meridianhousing.net



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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Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
	Rent Due		RAB Meeting 11:00 a.m. Social Service			
7	8	9 George Reese Resident Mtg. 3:30 p.m.	10 Magnolia Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.	11 Oakland Heights Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.	12 The Gardens of Western Resi- dent Meeting 3:30 p.m.	13
14	15 Sowashee Resi- dent Meeting 3:30 p.m.	16 Hwy Village Resident Meeting 2:30 p.m.	17 RAB Meeting 11:00 a.m. Social Service Mt. Barton Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.	18 Eastern Gardens Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22 ROSS Home Buyer 6:00p.m. Central	23	24	25 Mtn. View Resident Meeting 3:30 p.m. .	26	27
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