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November 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Rent due | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 RAB Meeting | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 RAB Meeting 11:00 a.m. | 22 Happy Thanksgiving | 23 MHA Closed | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

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| 11/8 | Oakland Heights | @ 10:00 a.m. | Community Center |
| 11/9 | Western Garden | @ 3:30 p.m. | Community Center |
| 11/13 | George Reese Court | @ 3:30 p.m. | Community Center |
| 11/14 | Magnolia Court | @ 3:30 p.m. | Community Center |
| 11/21 | Mt. Barton | @ 3:30 p.m. | Community Center |
| 11/15 | Eastern Garden | @ 3:30 p.m. | Community Center |
| 11/19 | Sowashee Courts | @ 3:30 p.m. | Community Center |
| 11/20 | Highway Village | @ 2:30 p.m. | Community Center |
| 11/22 | 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
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OR

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Monthly newsletter of housing and community activities published for MHA residents

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George Reese Courts Storm Damage Near Completion



Before



After

On April 14, 2018 the City of Meridian experienced an EF-2 tornado which caused over \$1.5 million dollars in property damage throughout five of Meridian Housing Authority's affordable housing communities. Eight families were relocated from the George Reese Court "L" building. Mr. Marshall McKey, resident president, states that he is pleased with the progress made in his community. The building is projected to be fully restored by November 15, 2018. Ms. Rosie McClelland an icon in the George Reese Court Community for over 35 years states that she is anxious to return home.

Renaissance Community Loan Fund Making Homeownership A Reality

Many residents of MHA's nine affordable housing communities have expressed a desire to purchase their own home. As a result of the agency's partnership with Renaissance Community Loan Fund, this dream is quickly becoming a reality for many of the FSS, ROSS, and HCV participants. Renaissance offers a 100 % loan program that will allow qualified participants the opportunity to purchase a home with no money down. MHA is offering monthly workshops for anyone interested in becoming a home owner. These workshops are held the third and fourth Monday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m at the MHA main office.



Don't dream your life, live your dream!

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Executive Director’s Message

I am pleased to announce that Meridian Housing Authority has made tremendous strides in increasing safety measures throughout each of its nine affordable housing community sites. On October 18, 2017 the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded MHA with a competitive safety and security grant in the amount of \$189,000.00.

Surveillance and security systems were installed and are currently fully operational in the following communities: Highway Village, Western Gardens, Oakland Heights, Eastern Gardens, and Sowashee Courts. Plans are also underway to install surveillance systems at Magnolia Courts, Mountain View Village, Mount Barton and several of the agency’s scattered site locations. Hats off to MHA’s Resident Advisory Board for their valuable input in the strategic planning of this initiative.

Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM

I would also like to take this time as we prepare to celebrate this holiday season, to wish MHA Board of Commissioners, MHA Resident Advisory Board Members, MHA Community Partners, MHA Residents and staff the very best of times and family enjoyment. This year has been a year filled with many challenges, but our collaborative partnerships have endured and made MHA a better place for everyone. As we look forward to moving into next year, let’s stay committed to excellence. Peace and Joy always.



As we approach the holiday season, residents are reminded to practice safe fire prevention. MHA recently installed new fire extinguishers in each affordable housing community. In an effort to familiarize everyone with the new safety features, we have included this photo and operation instructions for your review.

PLEASE ADHERE TO INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PROPERLY USE YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER!

STEP 1: PULL WHITE TAB LEVER TO THE LEFT TO RELEASE CLAMP

STEP 2: PULL PIN

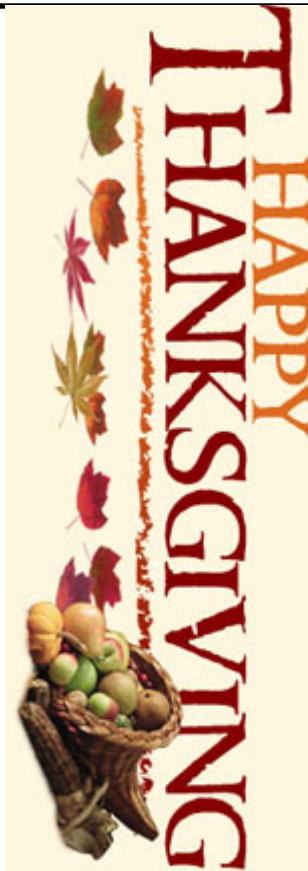
STEP 3: AIM AT BASE OF FIRE

STEP 4: SQUEEZE HANDLE

STEP 5: SWEEP FROM SIDE TO SIDE

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911 AND MHA MAINTENANCE AT 601-483-3328

**Enjoy Your holidays and thank you,
MHA Property Management Staff**



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



MARCH MHA STARS OF THE MONTH



High School Student of the Month

Skiah Pickett is a senior at Meridian High School. Skiah’s GPA is 4.0 and she has been accepted to Mississippi College where she plans to major in Computer Science. Skiah states that she plans to graduate from Meridian High School in May with Highest Honors. She is a member of the Spanish Club and as she states “I will be at the top of my class.” She want to achieve in her career and secure employment that will allow her to give back to her family and community. She realizes that without the support of her family she would not be the outstanding young woman she is today.

Skiah is a remarkable young woman. Her mother, attributes her performance in school to her desire to achieve and help other women of color achieve in non-traditional employment opportunities. Skiah said “I am going to college because people need more assertive black women like me to change the world.” MHA looks forward to watching Skiah grow into the great woman she plans to become.



Ms. Skiah Elana Pickett



Elementary School Student of the Month

Ramyla McClelland is a fifth grader at Poplar Spring Elementary School where she is on the Honor Roll and active in many of the school activities. Her favorite subject is Math and her favorite teachers are Mrs. Hassel and Mrs. Clark. Ramyla is an excellent student and plans to attend Mississippi State University when she graduates from Meridian High School. She wants to become a Nurse because she likes helping people.

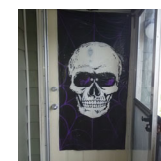


Ramyla Kartina Marie McClelland

Best wishes to this outstanding young lady.

Best Halloween Decorations

The Gardens of Western residents were really in the Halloween Spirit.



Jeanelle Kidd Scholarship Candidates

The school year will be over soon and now is the time for all seniors planning on going to college to start looking into the many college funding opportunities available. MHA offers academic scholarship to graduating seniors who live in MHA’s affordable housing communities. Interested candidates must register at the Eugene Young, III Community Service building with Ms. DuBose between January and April 15, 2019.

Candidates will be required to submit a 500 word essay stating why

they want to pursue their post secondary education and their plans after graduating from the college of their choice.



Ms. Jeanelle Kidd with the 2018 scholarship winner Tyler Clark

Let's make this holiday season one of the healthiest of times. Make sure you get your flu shots and schedule a check up visit with your medical provider.

