



### MHA Police Liaison Officer Receives Special Recognition

The Meridian Housing Authority along with its Resident Advisory Board, Staff and Board of Commissioners proudly congratulates MHA Officer, Devie Freeman. Officer Freeman was recently recognized along with two of his peers as "Officers of the Year." He has worked in the law enforcement field for a total of 21 years. He served as a Deputy Sheriff and a Highway Patrolman for the Mississippi Highway Patrol Department. Officer Freeman has worked for the Meridian Police Department for over six years. He currently serves as one of three police liaison officers and provides protective services for (8) of MHA's affordable housing communities. He, along with members of the East End Temple Lodge, has reorganized the Boy Scout Program at MHA. Pack 476 currently meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at MHA's Central Office. We appreciate the hard work, dedication and commitment and sacrifice provided by Officer Freeman.



*Officer Freeman completes paperwork.*



*Officer Freeman give parents and cub scouts a lesson on out door cooking and safety when camping.*

### MHA Scholarships Available to Graduating Seniors



*Class of 2018 "MHA Hall of Fame" Scholars*

The Meridian Housing Authority is very supportive in the academic future of its aspiring youth leaders. MHA's Community and Supportive Services (CSS) department provides opportunities for residents to further their education by applying for an MHA scholarship. Graduating seniors interested in this scholarship can pick up an application from their guidance counselor at Meridian High School, MHA's CSS employees, or property manager. For more information, contact Elaine DuBose or Sheila Austin at (601) 693-2800 ext. 230 or 228. Senior Award's Night at MHS will be held on **May 2nd at 6:00p.m.** All MHA Scholarship applications must be received by MHA's CSS department **by April 25th at 5:00p.m.**

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## Executive Director’s Message



**Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM**

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Executive Director

I highly encourage all MHA residents to take full advantage of the events and activities going on this month including: resident advisory meetings, homeownership workshops, credit counseling seminars, academic scholarship opportunities, in addition to ribbon cutting ceremonies to be held at our agency.

As we embark upon the beauty of the Spring Season, families are encouraged to enjoy themselves and continue to strive to make our communities safe. Remember: Giving back to your community will ensure that our children will enjoy a better quality of life. Enjoy the beauty and the blessings of the Spring Season.

## MHA Poster Board Contest “What Home Means to Me”



It is that time of year again. The MHA is now accepting all “What Home Means to Me” posters. The deadline to submit all posters is **Monday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m.** Posters can be submitted to your property manager or Elaine DuBose at (601) 693-2800 ext. 230. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner. The winners will receive a monetary prize.

## Self-Sufficiency Homeownership Transition Program Luncheon



*Shelia Austin, FSS /PH Coordinator, explain program goals to HTP participants.*

MHA’s Community and Supportive Service Housing Transition Program (HTP) luncheon was held on Friday, March 22, 2019 for the fifteen HTP participants . Each participant voluntarily enrolled in the program. Shelia Austin, Public Housing and Homeownership Transition Lead Coordinator, discussed the seven steps to achieve future homeownership. Since the origination of the Homeownership Transition program in 2014, five participants have graduated and secured permanent home ownership. If you have a desire to be become home owner and would like more information regarding the Self-Sufficiency Homeownership Transition Program, contact Shelia Austin at 601-393-2800, ext.228

## MHA Announces a Summer Internship Program

The Meridian Housing Authority is proud to announce that we have been awarded a grant by the Riley Foundation to provide a summer internship opportunity to a college student who is seeking professional experience in the work place. We are now accepting resumes for interested Meridian Housing Authority college students who are currently enrolled in college and will return to school the 2019 fall semester. Deadline for submission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Below is a list of requirements for consideration to be selected for the Summer Internship Work Program:

- Student must appear on the lease from any affordable housing community
- Student must provide proof of enrollment for the 2019 fall semester
- Student must be able to work 8am-5pm Monday-Friday
- Student will need to have dependable transportation
- Student must be reliable, dependable and professional dress is required

If you meet the above requirements and are interested in the summer internship work program, you can submit your resume via email to Shelia Austin at [saustin@meridianhousing.net](mailto:saustin@meridianhousing.net), or call 601-693-2800, ext. 228 to make appointment to hand deliver your resume. you need additional information regarding this announcement, you are advised to leave a voicemail message with your name and telephone number to receive a call back.

The selected applicant will complete their internship in the Community & Supportive Services Department of MHA and job duties will be focused on overseeing a health research project.

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## HCV Host Credit Counseling Meeting



**Elaine Dubose, HCV Coordinator**

Terry Roberts, Mortgage Loan Originator of Regions Bank, provided free one-on-one credit counseling to participants enrolled in the Home Choice Voucher Program. Participants had the opportunity to know their credit score as well as receive financial guidance on how to improve their credit and clear up unwanted debt. The goal of HCV is to assist participants to become homeowners and self-sufficient ready.

## HEAD START SCHOLARSHIP



The Region 3 Lauderdale County Council will offer a Scholarship to a student graduating from one of the Lauderdale County area High Schools, public or private. A Scholarship of \$500.00 will be awarded to each student selected. For more information, please contact your school guidance counselors or the

Mississippi Action For Progress (MAP) Head Start regional office at (601) 483-2225. All applications must be submitted to the address below and **received by 4:30 p.m. April 17, 2019**. Please take full advantage of this awesome opportunity. Feel free to contact MHA's CSS department at (601) 483-2800 for any additional information.

**Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc.**

**511 4th Street Meridian, MS 39302**

## Resident Advisory Board President's Message

I bring you greetings from the Resident Advisory Board. It has been awhile since Meridian Housing Authority held an election to elect or re-elect a resident to serve as president within their specific community. The month of June will be "campaign month" for any residents who have an interest in becoming the president. There are currently eight Resident Advisory Board (RAB) members who represent each MHA property site. The Resident Advisory Elections will be Wednesday, **June 12th**. RAB would like to encourage all residents to participate in this upcoming election. Stay tuned as more information will be forthcoming about the election.



**Brenda Griffin**

Happy Easter!

Brenda Griffin, President, Resident Advisory Board



## Message from the Asset Manager

*Trevelle McGlothin,  
Asset Management Coordinator*



It's the time of year again to soak up some sunshine and embrace the longer days. Now that spring has arrived, I am sure everyone is eager to be outdoors. Please be mindful of the following:

**Trevelle McGlothin, PHM**

It is a city ordinance regarding your barbecue grills, so please be mindful to keep the grill 15 feet away from the unit whenever you are grilling out.

Air Conditioner charges will begin May 1, 2019 and continue until October 31, 2019. No tenant should have no more than two air conditioners per apartment at 18,000 BTUS.

Property Managers will be performing an assessment this month on all apartments. If your air conditioning unit is not working, please contact your property manager to avoid a reoccurring charge. Be sure to contact your Property Manager with any other questions you may have regarding A/C Charges.

Keep in mind the clause in the lease (Section 6T) regarding maintaining the yard, driveway, porch, and sidewalks by keeping them in clean and safe conditions. Remember that there is a fine of \$25 for not keeping your area sanitary.

Once again, **HAPPY SPRING & HAPPY EASTER!**



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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:

# April 2019

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## RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2019

- 4/9 George Reese Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/10 Magnolia Courts @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/11 Oakland Heights @ 10:00 a.m. Community Center
- 4/12 Western Gardens @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/16 Highway Village @ 2:00 p.m. Community Center
- 4/18 Eastern Gardens @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/21 Sowashee Court @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/24 Mt. Barton @ 3:30 p.m. Community Center
- 4/25 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  
Social Services Department, Attn. Newsletter  
2305 D. Street, Meridian, MS 39301

OR