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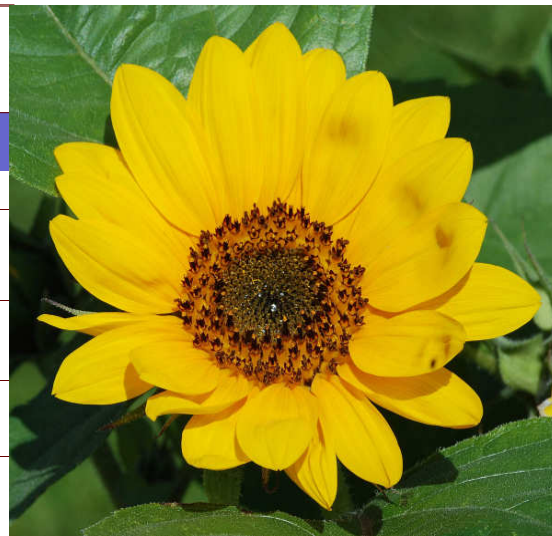
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RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2019

7/9	George Reese Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
7/10	Magnolia Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
7/11	Oakland Heights	@ 10:00 a.m.	Community Center
7/12	Western Gardens	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
7/15	Sowashee Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
7/16	Highway Village	@2:00 p.m.	Community Center
7/18	Eastern Gardens	@3:30 p.m.	Community Center
7/24	Mt. Barton	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
7/25	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

E-mail to: gluvene@meridianhousing.net

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Monthly newsletter of housing and community activities published for MHA residents

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Meridian Housing Authority Celebrates Family, Community and HUD'S Strong Families Initiative



Pastor Gerald Hudson, Guest Speaker

The Meridian Housing Authority celebrated HUD's Strong Families Initiative Celebration with local city officials including Mayor Percy Bland, community persons, vendors, Resident Advisory Board, and residents. As a nationwide event, the purpose of The Strong Families Initiative is to strengthen the family. Rev. Gerald Hudson, motivational speaker, emphasized the importance of roles within the family. Vendors provided an array of resources for families that included health care needs, homeownership, education, voter registration, economic development, mentorship, and etc. The initiative began with a one mile fun run and a one mile walk.



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“Committed to Excellence”

Executive Director’s Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM

The Meridian Housing Authority and the Meridian Police Department want to continue to make affordable housing neighborhoods safer and remain committed to strengthening all of Meridian’s public housing communities. National statistics show that public safety is greatly enhanced when police officers live within the neighborhood.

MHA and MPD will continue to implement the HUD approved “Office Next Door” OND program. The program is designed to create safer neighborhoods by allowing MHA to lease units to Meridian police officers.

This collaborative effort has been successful at both Western and Eastern Gardens. Police officers are permitted to lease an apartment for a twelve month period at no cost to the certified police officer. The Meridian Police Department will ensure that the officers involved in the OND program will maintain a high visibility level through active participation in resident association meetings, daily MPD vehicle patrolling and the utilization of other community policing measures authorized by the MPD police chief.

MHA will ensure that all participants of the program are familiar with the agency’s lease agreement. The officer must also reside in the apartment as their primary source of residency during the twelve month program leasing period.

For more information regarding the “Officer Next Door” program, contact Asset Management Coordinator, Trevelle McGlothlin at (601) 693-4285.

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Executive Director

CHIN and MSDH Host Healthcare

Conversation Event at MHA



The primary goal and mission for The Community Health Improvement Network is to fulfill their goal of improving healthcare access for a healthier Lauderdale community, raise the awareness to

healthcare needs, improve access to quality healthcare services for the underserved,

and to have health information easy to access and understand.

The Community Health Improvement Network in collaboration with the Mississippi State Department of Health hosted a community conversation at Meridian Housing Authority central office training room on June 27, 2019 at 5:30pm. The community conversation included a film documentary that explored how your zip code affects your health which lead the community into a conversation to discuss healthy lifestyle choices and Q & A with a local physician from EC-HealthNet Family Medicine Residency Program.

CSS Department Host Resident Job Fair



The CSS Department held a Resident Job Fair on Wednesday, June 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Social Service Building. The Job Fair consisted of nine vendors who were looking to hire potential residents for a number of positions. Residents in need of a resume’ were able to receive assistance. The purpose of the job fair was to provide residents an opportunity to become gainfully employed or seek other employment skills. Residents were free to ask employers questions related to their organization and benefit package. Vendors included Hardee’s Restaurant, Meridian Public School District, Anytime Staffing, Kelly Services, USB Agency, MVP Staffing, Comfort Inn Hotel, and the Meridian Housing Authority.

Message from the Asset Manager

Trevelle McGlothlin,
Asset Management Coordinator

Greetings from the Housing Operations Department:

As we proceed into the month of July, we know that going back to school for the kids is not far away. With that said, remember residents that you can get your proof of residency form for the upcoming school registration at your manager's office upon your request.



Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM

Also, there will be a Back to School giveaway on July 20, 2019 at 12pm and the location will be at *Council of Organizations* building. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. There will be a chance to win a Free "Hewlett Packard Printer" and free food. This giveaway will be sponsored by the *Buffalo Soldiers Motor Cycle* Meridian, MS Chapter. You have nothing to lose so come out and support this great event!

Keep in mind that there will be an upcoming REAC Inspection for *George Reese Courts*. Please make sure residents that you are reporting all maintenance concerns to your Property Manager.

Last but not least, please stay cool and hydrated with these hot scorching temperatures we are having.

2019 MS Analysis of Impediments To Fair Housing Choice



The Meridian Housing Authority Staff and RAB (Resident Advisory Board) met with the Mississippi Home Corporation and the Mississippi Development Authority to discuss the MS Analysis of Impediments To Fair Housing. The intent and purpose of the Public Review Meetings included but were not limited to the following: Introduce and explain the Affirmatively Futhering Fair Housing Rule (AFFH), Share HUD data and maps, show results of the 2018 MS Fair Housing Survey, and gather input on fair housing issues, impediments, and goals. A draft of the analysis can be retrieved at www.mshc.com for additional information

The Fair Housing Act protects residents from housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, or disability. Federal laws prohibit discrimination and encourages individuals to learn more about their fair housing rights and to report any violation of their rights.

If anyone have any comments, please forward to: Lillie Naylor 735 Riverside Dr. Jackson, MS 39202 or contact via email: Lillie.naylor@mshc.com.



Community Spotlight!



Zykeyamber Sears of Western Gardens was caught doing something very unusual in her community. Zykeyamber was spotted while picking up trash on the ground by a

neighbor. When asked what she was doing, she commented that her mom had her to clean up around her neighborhood. Kudos to Zykeyamber and her mom for taking pride in their housing community.