



HOME LIFE

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June 2019

SaFrench Terry Receives 2019 Jeanelle Kidd Scholarship Award



SaFrench Terry is the recipient of the 2019 Meridian Housing Authority's 2019 Jeanelle Kidd Hope VI Endowment Trust Scholarship in the amount of \$60,000. SaFrench Terry plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall where she plans to major in Chemistry. On May 22, 2019, a luncheon was held at the Meridian Community College Magnolia Hall. The luncheon was to celebrate, honor, and inspire MHA residents on their path to continue their academic endeavors. James Carter of the Carter Foundation was the guest speaker. The luncheon was celebrated with the Meridian Public School District Officials, Community Partners, Family and Friends. Residents were encouraged to strive to be the best they can be. We are extremely proud of each of them as they have done well to represent their affordable housing communities and Meridian Housing Authority.

Jeanelle Kidd and SaFrench Terry

The 2019 MHA Scholar Receiptents were: Dontrell Powell (Western Gardens), Clarionna Gray (Western Gardens), SaFrench Terry (Magnolia Courts), Darius Hill (Eastern Gardens), Jatravion Spencer (Sowashee Courts), Skiah Pickett (Sowashee Courts), Jonathan Merritt (Highway Village), Rudasja McWilliams (Scattered Site), and Cartavion Naylor (Magnolia Courts). Media outlets, WTOK and Twin State News highlighted the achievements of the MHA Scholars during its news broadcast. Mr. Victor Hubbard, Principal, of Meridian High School along with MHA Resident Advisory Board, Brenda Griffin, delivered words of encouragement to our outstanding residents.

Meridian Housing Authority Salute and Honor the Senior Class of 2019



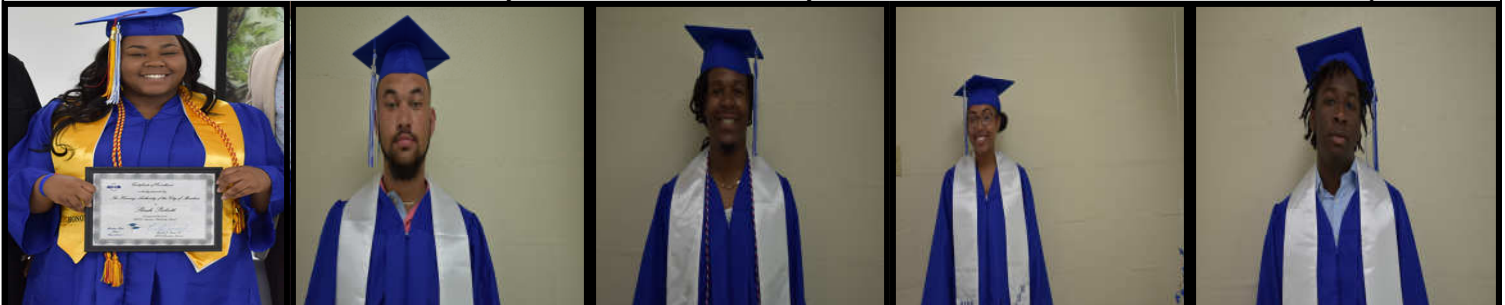
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Executive Director’s Message



Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM

The Meridian Housing Authority’s 2019 Jeanelle Kidd Hope VI Endowment Scholarship luncheon was held Wednesday May 22, 2019 at 11:30a.m. The agency awarded scholarships to ten (10) promising Meridian High School graduating seniors. Western Garden’s residents Clarionna Gary and Dontrell Powell along with Magnolia Court’s residents Cartavion Naylor and SaFrench Terry received scholarship awards. Additionally, Skiah Pickett and JaTravion Spencer from Sowashee Courts, Rudasja McWilliams and Ja’Quan Jennings from Mt. View; Jonathan Merritt from Highway Village and Darius Hill from Eastern Gardens also received awards.

SaFrench Terry received the \$60,000 Jeanelle Kidd Hope VI Endowment Scholarship award for 2019. WTOK-TV along with Twin States News network highlighted the achievements of the MHA graduates through several of its news broadcasts. Keynote speakers included: James Carter of the Carter Foundation along with Dr. Amy Carter, Superintendent of Meridian Public Schools, and Victor Hubbard, Meridian High School Principal. MHA salutes these graduating seniors on reaching this milestone. For more information regarding MHA’s scholarship program, please contact Community and Supportive Service Coordinators Elaine DuBose and Gretchen Luvenc at (601) 693-2800, Ext. 230

2019 RAB Elections



RAB Elections will be **Wednesday, June 12th** at each housing site from **9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Property managers will monitor the voting process

by verifying if voters are lease holders. Please take this opportunity to express your voice by voting for your newly elected RAB President within your community. All registration **polling locations will close at 4:00 p.m.** The ballots will be counted and collected by Elaine Dubose. Remember that your community leader will represent you and your community. Please encourage your neighbors and children (if age eligible) to take part in this new election. Your vote, your voice!

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES



The 2019 HUD Strong Families Initiative will take place on **Saturday, June 15th** from **8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The initiative will focus on strengthening the family system. Families are encouraged to participate in all of the festive activities that will be available. The activities will begin with a two mile run and a one mile fun walk and run. We will have vendors, food and lots of fun. We will see you there!

MHA Celebrate Senior Signing Day 2019 at Meridian High School with MHA Scholars



On May 10, 2019, the Class of 2019 at Meridian High School celebrated College Signing Day with their classmates and family. Community Colleges and Universities across the state was on the campus of Meridian High School to provide an opportunity for seniors to sign up for the college of their choice. Several students made the decision to sign with the military branch of their choice for their future careers. The event was hosted by our very own, Mr. Ronald J. Turner, Sr., Executive Director, for Meridian Housing Authority and the voice for the Meridian High School Wildcat Boys and Girls Basketball Team. The College Signing Day was a milestone for the Senior Class of 2019.

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CSS Department Host Job Fair for Residents



The CSS Department will host a **Resident Job Fair** on **Wednesday, June 26th** from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The Job Fair will take place in the training room of the Social Service Building which is located at **2305 D Street Meridian, MS 39301**. Please bring copies of your **resume** and a **current photo I.D.** along with a **valid working contact number**. Our goal is to provide you with quality Job Vendors who are seeking qualified residents for employment. We want to get you hired! For more information concerning the upcoming Job Fair, please contact Community and Supportive Services; Shelia Austin, Elaine Dubose at (601) 693-2800 Ext. 228 and 230 or Kimmea Spears and Gretchen Luvane at (601) 693-4285 at Ext. 227 and 239.

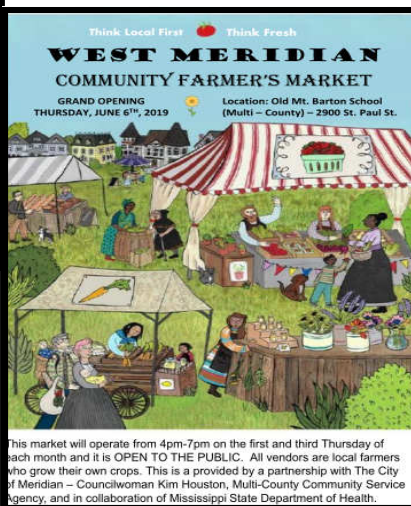
2019 MHA Community Service Summer Internship



The Meridian Housing Authority welcomes Zykierra Harbin to the Community and Supportive Social Services Department. Zykierra is the summer intern for MHA through the Riley Foundation 2019 Summer Work Program. Zykierra started her summer intern on June 3rd. Her area of

focus during the internship is locating affordable healthcare resources to improve the healthcare needs for residents residing in the affordable housing communities. Zykierra resides in the George Reese Courts Community. This program gives college students an opportunity to gain valuable work experience in a real work environment. Zykierra is a student at Meridian Community College and she plans to pursue a Bachelors degree in Healthcare Administration at Mississippi State University-Meridian.

Community Agency Offers Farmer's Market to the Community



This market will operate from 4pm-7pm on the first and third Thursday of each month and it is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. All vendors are local farmers who grow their own crops. This is a provided by a partnership with The City of Meridian – Councilwoman Kim Houston, Multi-County Community Service Agency, and in collaboration of Mississippi State Department of Health.

West Meridian Community Farmers Market has been established to provide the residents of West Meridian and the surrounding area access to fresh fruits and vegetables. All the produce is grown by local farmers! Thanks to our very own Council-Woman, Kim Houston who is in collaboration with the MS Department of Health and Multi-County Community Service Agency. The market will be open on the **1st** and **3rd** **Thursday's** from **4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** A variety of produce will be offered during the months of **June – August**. The market will be located at **2900 St. Paul**

Street, Meridian, MS 39301.

For more information, please contact **Multi-County Community Service Agency** at **(601) 483-4838**.

Message from the Asset Manager



Trevelle McGlothlin, PHM

*Trevelle McGlothlin,
Asset Management Coordinator*

It seems like we skipped the Spring and went directly into the Summer. I believe that this summer will be a scorcher, so please do the following to stay hydrated:

- Drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration especially individuals who will be outside for long periods of time. Sports refreshments, Gatorade and Powerade are good alternative choices to stay hydrated.
- Before exercising make sure you drink plenty of water and make sure you wear protective gear (visor/sunscreen) to avoid overheating and sunburn.
- Avoid Alcohol when in these extreme heating conditions. This is dangerous and can lead to severe dehydration and/or reckless behavior.
- Be neighborly and check-in on our elderly residents.

Remember that the MHA Lease is strictly enforced, so if you haven't paid your rent by the 7th, it is considered late. Rent is due on the 1st of the month, so please talk to your property managers if you are having difficulties.

Last but not least, Fire Extinguisher Inspections are scheduled this month for Magnolia Courts.

Let's all strive to have a safe and cool summer!



Please visit the new MHA website: www.meridianhousing.net

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Board of Commissioners**

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 Donnie Smith Vice Chairman
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 Rob Arline Commissioner
 Greg Lane Commissioner

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The MHA Home Life Newsletter for Residents

RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2019

6/11	George Reese Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
6/12	Magnolia Courts	@ 10:00 a.m.	Community Center
6/13	Oakland Heights	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
6/14	Western Gardens	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
6/17	Sowashee Courts	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
6/18	Highway Village	@2:00 p.m.	Community Center
6/20	Eastern Gardens	@3:30 p.m.	Community Center
6/26	Mt. Barton	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center
6/27	Mt. View Village	@ 3:30 p.m.	Community Center

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