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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

Home Life * March 2020*

Note: All Meridian Housing Authority Resident Advisory Meetings will be cancelled until further notice due to the Coronavirus.



HOME LIFE MERIDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY



Monthly newsletter of housing and community activities published for MHA residents

March 2020

MERIDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY ADJUSTS TO COVID-19



Local community Leaders Including, MHA's Resident Advisory encourages precautioning during pandemic

The core values at the Meridian Housing Authority will continue to focus on putting people first and making responsible decisions as we continue to deal with the negative impact of the national coronavirus pandemic. MHA's top priority remains the well-being of its staff and the valued families we serve throughout all nine of our affordable housing communities.

With so much national attention on the Coronavirus (COVID-19), MHA will continue its efforts to comply with the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) social distancing requirements. We will take extensive steps to ensure everyone's health and safety.

Please be advised that the following management adjustments are effective immediately at MHA until further notice:

- (1.) Cancellation of all monthly property management-residents advisory gatherings
- (2.) Cancellation of all MHA-Resident Advisory Board gatherings
- (3.) Cancellation of all EnVision Center related events
- (4.) Cancellation of MHA's CSS home visits and community partnership gatherings
- (5.) Cancellation of all scheduled resident workshops including ROSS, PH, BEEP and HCV
- (6.) Cancellation of all new resident application orientation gatherings
- (7.) Cancellation of MHA's Boy Scouts gatherings

NOTE: Resident recertifications will be conducted by appointments only. MHA's maintenance staff will only respond to emergency work orders during this period. We will continue to follow recommendations from our local leadership and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for updated reports on COVID-19 and its impact on our community.

Please visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net for more information regarding the programs and opportunities at the Meridian Housing Authority.

Ronald J. Turner, Sr., PHM
 Executive Director

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CORONAVIRUS HELPFUL DETAILS

SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY!

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new virus. The disease causes respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever and in more severe cases, difficulty breathing. Protect yourself by washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your face and avoiding close contact with people who are not well. The disease spread primarily through contact with an infected person when they cough or sneeze. As a community, we should take extra precautions to remain inside and be extremely careful to limit contact with neighbors and family members as the disease can spread rapidly without proper safety measures.

NOTE: While your children are at home from school, educate them on the seriousness of the Coronavirus and devise a safety plan to ensure their safety.

MHA'S CSS Department Suggest These Helpful Tips:

- Stock up on important things such as hand sanitizer, tissue and non-perishable food items when possible.
- Reach out to your mental health organization or social support group such as your church if you are experiencing anxiety or other relevant issues.
- Use common sense when making decisions about your health and safety.
- Stay news alert concerning COVID-19. Tune in to the facts only.
- Seek medical emergency attention as needed.



THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY



Domestic violence is an ever-growing concern within our communities. It has become an epidemic in which we are conditioned to believe that it is acceptable in our everyday relationships. As parents, it is our obligation and responsibility to protect the ones we truly love. If you or a loved one is experiencing domestic violence, please contact: **Carelodge Domestic Shelter** at (601) 693-4673 or visit www.carelodge.com. **Twenty-four (24) hour** assistance is available to victims of domestic violence. Please feel free to contact **MHA Community and Supportive Service's Department** at (601) 693-2800 regarding additional information on domestic violence. Please visit our website at www.meridianhousing.net regarding programs and opportunities available at MHA.

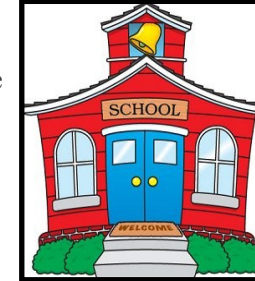
COUNT US IN 2020



The Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every **10 years**. During the Census, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your

home as of **April 1**. What's in it for me you might ask? Your participation depends heavily on how your city is funded which includes funding for schools, clinics, and roads. Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Census takers will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations of any kind. Identification must be shown at all time. We ask that you please participate in the 2020 Census Count. If you are looking for a part-time job, visit 2020census.gov/jobs or call **1-855-JOB-2020** and apply online today. Valid transportation is required.

Resident Advisory Board President's Message



Members of MHA's Resident Advisory leadership would like to salute the awesome staff of Carver Middle School. Local middle school teachers reached out to their students in a unique way by parading through MHA's affordable housing communities with creative signs and inspirational messages of love and support for their students during these critical times. The parade started at Western Gardens and ended in Frank Berry affordable housing community. We really appreciate the love and support shown to our residents. Stay safe during these unprecedented times and Happy Easter to you and your family.



Brenda Griffin, RAB President

Asset Management Coordinators Message

The health and safety of our residents and staff are extremely vital to the success of our agency. During this COVID-19 pandemic period, please make the necessary adjustments as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Your property managers will prioritize all emergency concerns.

NOTE: If there has been a significant change in your income during this unprecedented period, please notify your property manager or you can email the following addresses:



Trevelle McGlothlin, AMC

Highway Village: highway@meridianhousing.net
Mt. View: mtview@meridianhousing.net
Sowashee Courts: sowashee@meridianhousing.net
Western Gardens: western@meridianhousing.net
Oakland Heights: oakland@meridianhousing.net
Eastern Gardens: eastern@meridianhousing.net

REMEMBER: Report all emergency work orders to your property managers or maintenance department at (601) 483-3328. **Stay Safe.**