

**Board Report by Evette Nava
Meriden Housing Authority
Monthly Board Meeting – Monday, September 28, 2026**

Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency

Duties performed

- Worked closely with the Property Management team at Community Towers throughout the month to support the overall needs of the property and its residents.
- Assisted in providing residents with documentation and setting up appointments for renter's rebate program for the Senior Center.
- Relocation began and have been working with management and tenants during the relocation process by coordinating logistics, providing necessary support, and helping ensure a smooth transition.

Food Insecurity

- Worked with Community Towers maintenance and management staff to distribute Connecticut Food Bank boxes onsite to residents in need of additional food assistance. We have a total of 66 residents and distribution is scheduled for every 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- Assisted Community Towers residents in obtaining information online for DMV, Social Security, and DSS benefits such as SNAP. Assisted with transportation set up, navigate online systems with tenants, and yearly recertification process.
- The Senior Farmers Market Program is coming to an next month, and MHA will continue distributing the spending cards to our eligible residents. 133 residents have been provided cards to-date. Farmer's market started Saturday, July 11 in Meriden and runs through end of October 17, 2026.

Resident Programming

- MHA staff continues to seek local agencies and organizations to provide in-house workshops and referrals to build stronger connections with our residents.
- With Medicare enrollment coming starting October 15th, we have set up a couple of insurance agents to bring information to our residents
- Birthday Celebrations will not be held the rest of the year due to the holidays. Depending on tenant request, we may or may not hold this event in the future due to lack of participation.
- Our annual Tenant Picnic was held on September 4th and was a wonderful success! More than 80 residents came out to enjoy the beautiful day, spend time outdoors, and connect with their neighbors. It was a great opportunity to bring our community together.

- Next arts and crafts will also be scheduled in November – Our last event was Sept. 25th. Attendance is increasing.

Tenant organization:

- We had a meeting with tenant organization members in September to discuss up-to-date financials for resident services event related expenses. We have discussed future event plans for the next 3 months. These include Taco Tuesday luncheon, Halloween bingo, Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas gathering for all tenants.