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Thursday, February 14, 2013

60.4°F Scattered Clouds

Happenings

Kickoff Held For "Season For Nonviolence"

Tuesday, February 05, 2013

The city of Chattanooga kicked off its first annual "Season for Nonviolence" at City Council Tuesday evening. In a special presentation, Education, Arts & Culture Administrator Missy Crutchfield recognized students across Hamilton County and across the state from Memphis who have participated in EAC's "Season for Nonviolence" workshops and for their recent efforts to create a state-wide, student-led movement for "No More Violence! Nobody fights with their thumbs out, take it to the top!"

"A Season for Nonviolence" and the East Meets West partnership with Memphis follows on the heels of "Gandhi Visits Chattanooga" in September 2012 when Dr.

Arun Gandhi joined the city of Chattanooga Department of Education, Arts & Culture for a weeklong cultural and social issues tour, Ms. Crutchfield said.

Among the stops on his tour, Dr. Gandhi spoke to The Howard School, nationally recognized for their leadership in the lunch counter sit-ins during the American Civil Rights Movement.

This year as 50 Years of Civil Rights is marked, Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Dr. Arun Gandhi, Congressman Steve Cohen, National Civil Rights Museum, Building Bridges, and representatives from the City of Chattanooga Department of Education, Arts & Culture led this inaugural "Season for Nonviolence" East Meets West visit at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Ms. Crutchfield said.

The program included East Meets West video conversations between students from Chattanooga's Talented Tenth Leadership Program at The Howard School and Memphis students from the Building Bridges justice leadership program discussing "A Season for Nonviolence."

Inspired by Gandhi and Dr. King's messages of nonviolence, the Chattanooga and Memphis leadership students created and agreed on a brand new hand sign for "No More Violence! Nobody fights with their thumbs out, take it to the top!" This is the beginning of their student-led movement for positive peer pressure, she said.

The two cities join the ranks of nearly 250 cities across the nation in annually commemorating the season between Jan. 30 (the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination) and April 4 (the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.' assassination), it was stated.

During the "Season for Nonviolence" Kick-off at City Council, proclamations of support for "Season for Nonviolence" were presented by Congressman Chuck Fleischmann (TN Dist. 3), Congressman Steve Cohen (TN Dist. 9-Shelby County and Memphis) also sent a proclamation recognizing the statewide partnership with Chattanooga, and Chattanooga Police Department Chaplain Dr. Steve Ball representing the faith-based community.

Ms. Crutchfield said, "With Chattanooga's kick-off for 'A Season for Nonviolence' we are proud to take this movement statewide—East Meets West. Locally, we'll be sharing an activism model called 'The Truth Project' and these things we'll be working on in Chattanooga we'll be sharing in Memphis and receiving information and ideas back from them. We're building toward student East Meets West visits celebrating activism, leadership, and youth empowerment. And this positive sign they have agreed upon for 'No More Violence! Nobody fights with their thumbs out, take it to the top!' is just the beginning of exciting things that will move across the state."

Message to the City of Chattanooga from Mahatma Gandhi's grandson,

Dr. Arun Gandhi: *On the inaugural Season for Nonviolence in Chattanooga I would like to commend Chattanooga Mayor Ron Littlefield and City Council, as they lead off with the beginning of an East Meets West across the state from Chattanooga to Memphis, with Congressman Steve Cohen and Congressman Chuck Fleishmann recognizing their own proclamations and making this the first official statewide commitment to the "Season for Nonviolence" (January 30-April 4, 2013) joining over 250 cities across the nation.*

I wish the City and all of you Godspeed in building peace in the world. Recent events in the US and other parts of the world make it urgent that we work hard to stop the rape of Mother Earth and destruction of its inhabitants. Violence tends to dehumanize people and though we may claim to be casting a civilization in actual fact we are doing just the opposite. A nation where there is no love, respect, understanding and appreciation of fellow human beings; where hatred, exploitation and discrimination reign can hardly claim to be civilized. It is time that "We the People" reclaim the present to build a better future for succeeding generations. The work is urgent and I know the people of Chattanooga and Memphis, and all other cities where the Season for Nonviolence has taken root, will rise to the occasion and turn the world around so that peace, love, and harmony can prevail. Be the change you wish to see in the world.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

ACCESS the full schedule for "Season for Nonviolence" events

WATCH the YouTube video "Season for Nonviolence: East Meets West" shown at City Council.

SUBMIT your event for the city-wide "Season for Nonviolence" calendar of events.

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This Week In The Arts

This week in the Arts: Special Events Free Family Night at Creative Discovery Museum will be held Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m. Call 756-2738 or visit www.cdmfun.org for more information. ... (click for more)

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The Psi Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity together with the Pi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will host a candidate forum for offices of Mayor and City Council. ... (click for more)

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The 1100 block of Thrasher Pike at Frontage Road will be closed to traffic on Thursday, while Norfolk Southern Railroad paves the railroad crossing. Motorist and Emergency personnel ... (click for more)



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Emergency Preparedness Fair In Ooltewah Will Be Feb. 23

City Of Dalton Curbside Recycling Recognition Set For Monday

Over 150 Attend Mitchell Campaign Event

Breaking News

Atlanta Man Gets What Amounts To Life Sentence For Pistol Whipping Of East Lake Family

An Atlanta man has been ordered to serve what amounts to a life sentence for the June 10, 2010, pistol whipping of an East Lake family that included two disabled women and several children. Criminal Court Judge Barry Steelman on Thursday sentenced 46-year-old Frederick Anderson to sentences totaling 55 years. Much of that time must be served at 100 percent. The judge was to rule ... (click for more)

County Reappraisal Notices Start Hitting The Mail On Friday, Assessor Bennett Says

Assessor of Property Bill Bennett told County Commission members on Thursday that reappraisal notices start hitting the mail on Friday. He said the first batch of 23,564 cards that will list the latest property value as determined by his office will go to residents in East Brainerd, Ooltewah and Apison. Mailings will continue every few days before the final batch is set to ... (click for more)

2 Fires Displace Several Families Wednesday Night

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Opinion

Thank You, Commissioner Boyd, But No

I just finished reading the article in which Commissioner Boyd has offered his services as a "management consultant" to the city of East Ridge for a mere \$8,000 a month. How very magnanimous of you, Tim. You already serve on the Hamilton County Commission and now you want a second job with the City of East Ridge? I don't know how many others feel like I do, but I'd ... (click for more)

Roy Exum: Yikes! I'm Not In London!

For starters, I am not in London -- as a bogus email to my many Internet friends now claims -- but please know I am literally and figuratively "hacked" right now. Some of the world's greatest jerks just demolished my email account. That's right -- sometime Monday night some viral hoodlums ransacked my life by not only sending a bogus email to everybody on my email account but also ... (click for more)

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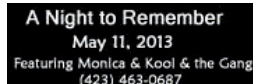
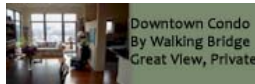
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