

Eastside Homecoming Council cleans up the hood

The Eastside Homecoming Council will be sponsoring the Eastside Homecoming, real Mount Vernon Avenue area reunion with an environmental theme to "Clean Up the Hood." This will be a four-day event starting Thursday, August 3, with a Boy Scout campout jamboree and a talent show with vendors and educational and entertainment activities.

Friday will be Youth Day with rap and roll entertainment as well as vendors and other educational activities, comedians and participants.

Saturday morning will start off at 11:00 with the Walk for Love and Unity. The Walk for Love and Unity will be a 1,000 man and woman march or more. This walk will go up Champion Avenue against the flow of traffic on the sidewalks to the south side of Broad Street, downtown across High Street,

around City Hall and back up Broad Street, north on Ohio and west on Mount Vernon Avenue, then back to Champion and Mount Vernon Avenue to the event. At approximately 1:30 - 2 this walk will end and Saturday's activities, will mainly be jazz and blues.

Sunday will be Gospel Sunday, which is being coordinated by Vera Griffin, who's been singing Gospel for many years in the Columbus community.

There are approximately 21 members on the Eastside Homecoming Council. Many are not pictured, but we encourage the public to come out to the event. We want the entire Columbus community to be aware of not only the Earth Temple's activities in the community, carried on Cable TV Channel 21 every Sunday night 8 p.m. and every Friday at noon.

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1,000 toys to a 1,000 kids every year. It is putting together common working folks and some business people in the community to work together with some senior citizens as well and youth groups to make a great event this year in the heart of the urban and black communities. With an environmental theme we hope to attract thousands of people in a very orderly manner. Last year, security was provided by the Nation of Islam, Captain Fred Muhammad and Jeff Harper of Countywide Security and Detectives. Organizers hope to have ten-fold the event they had last year, where there was not one disorderly incident whatsoever, not even a car parked illegally.

Please call the office at (614) 231-5595 and get on the list of volunteers, vendors, talent show, guests and list of professional entertainers as well.



VERA GRIFFIN, Gospel Sunday coordinator, Rev. Dr. Anthony Hodge, Homecoming Council chairman; Roger Johnson, businessman and CPA; and Carlton Brown, III.