

Here We Go Again *By Gregg Stambaugh*

Welcome to my world, good people. This is the 27th edition (it's really #4) of random musings and brain outpourings that periodically reduces the swelling in my head. Would you like to join me? I thought I'd never ask.

Have you ever wondered how to fold fitted sheets? There is no correct way. Just ball them up and put them in the drawer. Sorry, it's not like me to pass the buck.

Speaking of deer, I recently drove through Ottawa Hills and counted 73 deer, 72 in one backyard. The homeowner was barbecuing vegetables. Seriously...when an overabundance of deer is realized and a cull is planned, who counts the deer?

"How many did you get, Larry?"

"Well, Jim, I counted 87."

"Nah...it's closer to 93, I think."

"It is hard to count them when they don't stand still."

"Yeah, and even harder when you yell at them to do so."

My solution is to make the buck stop here. Quick, Jim, count them. One doe, a deer, a female deer...Ray...blah,blah,blah,blah,blah,blah,blah.

HYEW who winks anymore? Winking seems to be a lost art. I'm sure game show host Wink Martindale would disagree. So would Monty Python (wink, wink, nudge, nudge). Dare I mention Blinken and Nod's brother? Don't forget Tiddely. My dad could wink rather well. I'm not bad (left eye only).

Why do some people whine and others don't? I know some adults who whine when they're sick. Why is my wonderful wife looking at me?? "Honey, could I have some ginger ale with crushed ice, please, huh?" Each word comes out sounding like Eeyore. Others I know could have a raging headache and rampant diarrhea and announce, "Hey, let's go to the movies."

Have you ever wondered why did I walk into this room? Oh, yeah. And it's the bathroom...and you don't really have to go... so you examine your face in the mirror and it hits you. The hot dogs you had for breakfast have left a mustard residue on your upper lip or moustache. Gross! Wash it off!

HYEW how Fleetwood Mac knows exactly when to say TUSK! in their rock song TUSK! I can never get it right. And what do they mean by that, anyway?

So, good people, the beauty of these Have You Ever Wondered articles is that I can write about anything that pops into my small man's head. Whoa...I need to get out more often.

Just 30 Days! *By Judy Stone*

The days are rushing by. There is so much to do! How will you ever get the everything done?? Yep, this time of the year with preparing your yard, mowing the yard, edging, weeding, planting the flowers and placing those flamingos in the correct ever visible spot to show your support for historic preservation.

Then there is the window washing, vacuuming, dusting, closet cleaning, fresh linens on the bed..company is coming.

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Acklinwood Easter Egg Hunt *By Kathy Jarret*

Mary Sawers' Garden at the corner of Acklin and Parkwood was the scene of the annual **Acklinwood Easter Egg Hunt** on April 15, the Saturday before Easter. The weather was just perfect for running around in the garden with flip flops and bare feet. The 70 degree day was a chocolate egg melter! Three adults, some in costume, hid about 350 eggs in one hour. In less than 10 minutes, 16 Old West End kids found them all! The children's ages ranged from five months to 11 years old. Love these kids. They are the best Egg Hunters ever!! **Once again ... making memories in the OWE!**

OLD WEST END FESTIVAL

We need your help!
Volunteer for a couple of hours (see insert)

Kudos to:

Keith Jordan

founder of JJJ Vision Outreach, for being one of the Jefferson Award winners

Ben Clinger, Kerri Storer, Tami Ernst, Ed Shinaver, Judy Stone for the latex paint recycle collection.

Chad Coyle for efforts to preserve vacant properties in the neighborhood

WANTED

The 2017 OLD WEST END FESTIVAL needs STREET PERFORMERS (BUSKERS)

BUSKERS will be performing on street corners, porches, at the Arboretum, at the Art Fair, and everywhere in between!

SATURDAY June 3rd

from NOON - 11 PM and

SUNDAY June 4th from NOON - 5 PM

Do you: Walk on Stilts? Ride a Unicycle? **Do:** acrobatics, balloon animals, draw caricatures, clowning, perform with fire, juggling, magic, living statues, ventriloquism, etc.?

NOTICE: Get a Street Performer's license so you can accept tips!

Obtain one at: <http://theartscommission.org/company-blog/busking>

Contact Misha at 419-297-6907 (call or text) for more information.

Old West End Festival Insert Included Inside





OLD WEST END ASSOCIATION

Letter from the President
by Courtney Macklin

May is here and that means Festival is right around the corner. If you have not yet signed up to **volunteer, please, PLEASE** do! Festival lasts over 48 hours and all we ask is for two hours of your time to help prove that the Old West End is indeed the best neighborhood in the world. There's an option for everyone whether you'd like to help out with the beer tent, home tours, 5K, children's activities or anything else. Please visit www.toledoodwestend.com to sign up and make this the biggest, best Festival ever.

The fun doesn't stop after Festival is over, free concerts in the Arboretum start on June 18. Bring your favorite snack, beverage, and friends and enjoy live music and great company. Please also consider helping out at the monthly Arboretum workdays. Breakfast is provided, and the more people show up the quicker we can get the weeds pulled. The next workday is Saturday, May 20.

The **Entrepreneurship Committee** is planning a meet and greet for current and potential business owners in the Old West End. This social event will be a great way to meet other entrepreneurs, network, and chat. More details are to come, but mark your calendars for **June 8** at 6:00 PM.

Our **Preservation Committee** is moving forward with assisting the Collingwood Arts Center in preserving the "Tea House." Neighbors will paint boards with artwork designed by artist *Joseph N. Artino* to protect the windows and doors while they are repaired and the brick is tuck-pointed. Look out for upcoming workdays to learn some preservation tips while helping to save a historic structure.

If you missed the April 30 deadline for the **Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement** fund, don't worry, we'll have another round of grants due on October 31. Help us reinvest Festival proceeds into public projects that will benefit the neighborhood.

The Know Your Neighbor at the OWEA's April meeting was **Morgan Fitzgibbons**. He is in the process of setting up a program called **Civic Digs** which will invite creative people to come live in the OWE for a few months and collaborate on projects to activate and beautify Toledo.

I hope you will consider attending the next Old West End Association meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 PM at the **Collin-**

Tuesday, May 9, 2017
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Association Meeting
7 p.m. at **Collingwood Arts Center**
2413 Collingwood Blvd.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Collingwood Arts Center, 2413 Collingwood Blvd. Meet new neighbors and learn more about what is going on in our neighborhood. As always, light refreshments are provided.

OWE Entrepreneur Highlight

Hey Entrepreneur's! Need some extra \$\$\$ for your start-up? Or maybe need to upgrade so you can take your business to the next level? **Toledo SOUP** is seeking proposals for our event on **May 21st**. Go to the link and give us your proposal!

<http://toledosoup.com/submit-a-proposal>



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Margarita Cruise

Our annual Margarita Cruise fundraiser is set for **Saturday, July 29th, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm**, on The Sandpiper. Save the date! We are working hard to make this year's cruise the best ever!

Safety in the Spring

May is the second-highest crime month of the year. For our neighborhood, that mostly means theft from cars parked on the street. Please be diligent in keeping your property secure and well-lit! Leave those porch lights on at night and report any streetlight outages to Toledo Edison. And if you see anything you deem suspicious, report it! Call Toledo Police first, OWES second.

Join your Neighbors

An extra set of eyes on our homes makes the Old West End as inhospitable to crime as possible. The presence of Signal 88 SUVs are a visual deterrent. Join us by supporting more patrols in the OWE. More support = more patrols!

Visit us at OldWestEndSecurity.com or call (419) 902-0982.

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Robinwood @ Delaware



Music IN THE Park Sundays 6-8 pm

Sunday, June 18th Kentucky Chrome

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Arboretum Work Day
Saturday, April 20th
9am - noon
Food Provided!!!

Preservation News

Special thank you to **Judy Stone** for hosting a latex paint recycling drop off at her house for the OWE Preservation Committee.

The OWE Preservation Committee is moving forward on preservation of the Collingwood Arts Center's "Tea House." Committee members cut boards for the unsecured exterior openings; the Arts Commission and Collingwood Arts Center staff held an Art Day to have volunteer artists design and paint the boards which will be installed prior to Festival. The plan is for the House to be used for education classes for overall preservation of our OWE homes. The first class anticipated will focus on glazing and hanging windows.

Please join us at our next **Preservation meeting** scheduled for Monday, **May 8, 7:00 pm** at Kent Branch Library. We will continue to discuss vacant and abandoned homes in the neighborhood and how to market them to new owners. Plan ahead and bring your ideas and suggestions.

General Reminder: Be vigilant in watching for theft and destruction of our vacant and unattended homes around the neighborhood. If you notice anything suspicious, please contact the **TPD** non-emergency line 419-245-3340 or Engage Toledo at **419-936-2020**. For further information on salvage or preservation efforts contact Chad Coyle at oldwestend1221@gmail.com.



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore,
& Tammy Michalak

Will Greed and Inactivity Determine the Future of Lake Erie?

by David Neuendorff

The most valuable natural resource we will have this century is potable water. We must do everything we can to preserve and protect this national resource. Protecting our fresh water from pollution should be one of our nation's sacred duties in the future.

Those of us who are older residents of the City of Toledo have seen decades when the Maumee River Watershed and Lake Erie were considered unspoiled, and other decades when they were considered so polluted that it was a media event when Ned Skelton (County Commissioner) swam in the Maumee River to indicate it was safe again. From a Blade article March 7, 2011 "But pollution in the Maumee was no laughing matter, and a typhoid shot wouldn't have been a bad idea, in retrospect. Three years after Skelton's swim, the federal Environmental Protection Agency described the state of the Maumee in harsh terms in a 1975 report: The Maumee River estuary, for much of its fifteen mile length, and its tributaries in Toledo are polluted. Sludge banks, oil slicks, and sewage stench fowl the area. ... anyone who cares to walk along Promenade Park may see the sludge bubbles, tally their tiny telltale oil slicks and (especially in summer) inhale the unmistakable fragrance of decomposing excreta. The mouth of Swan Creek is frequently septic and smells it... " From declarations that Lake Erie was dead to restored. To again seriously threatened today.

The loss of potable drinking water in the City Of Toledo affecting up to 500,000 people for three days centered the attention of the world on the health of the Maumee River Watershed and Lake Erie once again. Though we got through last year without a loss of potable drinking water, the region was in a drought condition. What this summer will bring is unknown.

Due to the severity of the situation and the long term potential of repeated

drinking water crises affecting the lives of eleven million living around Lake Erie regional citizens took action.

Mike Ferner was the catalyst for the formation of the group called ACLE. ACLE formally known as Advocates For A Clean Lake Erie decided to unite the power of citizens to make Lake Erie safe, drinkable, swimmable, and fishable again. Through an effort of self education and garnering resources it was determined that the current water crisis is the direct result of the creation in the last decades of hundreds of CAFO's (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) some identified due to their size and supposedly being regulated and some smaller left unregulated.

What ACLE has discovered is that the size of these facilities is creating huge amounts of urine and fecal animal wastes that are stored in huge ponds and then are being spread on fields in such quantities that the land cannot sustain the applications. So much animal waste is being deposited onto the Maumee Valley Watershed that it leaches into drain tiles, flowing to ditches, to streams, down the Maumee River to Lake Erie providing the nutrients for harmful algae blooms producing harmful toxins and slowly destroying Lake Erie. Ohio Department of Agriculture regulates livestock farms with over 10,000 swine weighing less than 55 lbs., over 30,000 chickens (liquid manure handling systems), over 125,000 chickens except layers (other than a liquid manure system), over 82,000 laying hens (other than liquid manure systems).

There are over 140 registered CAFO's in the Maumee River Watershed generating over 700 million gallons of untreated urine and animal waste - more than the sewage of Los Angeles and Chicago combined - dumped every year on farm fields draining into Lake Erie. Polluters contaminate our water and pay nothing. We pay with our health a larger water bills.

ACLE will be marching in the Old West End Festival Parade on Saturday, June 3 again this year. Join the march to protect your drinking water. ACLE meets every third Wednesday at **Grace Lutheran Church**, 4441 Monroe Street Toledo, OH 43613.

Write and call every member of the Federal and State government who represents you and insist that they not allow the twenty percent of fresh water in the world on our doorstep be destroyed by the greed of a few agricultural corporations and the inactivity of the Ohio EPA who is entrusted to protect the natural environment.

UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS
6:30 POTLUCK 7:00 MEETING
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
All neighbors are welcome!

Please join us and learn how WOWE is making a difference for our neighborhood

May 3, 2017

Debbie Stambaugh
2636 Parkwood Ave.

June 7, 2017

Toni Moore
2369 Robinwood Ave.



**Saturday, May 13th
and May 27th
(FESTIVAL PLANTING DAY)**
9:00a - 12:00p

MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

At the last workday it was nice to see a new face. Thank you, Re Clinger for joining us! Also thanks to Jim Logan, Ken Schumaker, Tammy Michalak, Nate Michalak, Mary Sawers, Sandy Frank, Brian Miller and Paul Swartz. Toni, your frittata you served us was wonderful! A home cooked breakfast is provided to all who volunteer. All are welcome!

Historic WOODLAWN CEMETERY Tour & WILLYS House Tour

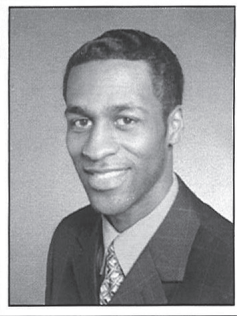
PLANNED JUNE 8 at 6:00 pm

Last call to join us for the tour. Extra Bonus, after the cemetery tour there will be a tour of the Willys House at 7:30 pm. Please e-mail your reservation to: tmoores_etfc@hotmail.com

CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS!

WOWE and the Friends of the Library will again partner and present a book sale during the OWE Festival. Hundreds of books will be available for purchase at Jim & Carol Kutsche's at 2483 Scottwood. We would be happy to pickup your donated books! Please call for pickup at 419-243-2848 or if you would like volunteer to help sell books.

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Just 30 Days! (Continued)

And let us throw in the meal planning, snacks for those who
 stop by, the favorite beverage on your porch or a beer or two. Oh,
 do not forget the ice!

Finally, wardrobe planning! Got to be sure that rain or shine you
 are ready for FESTIVAL weekend!!

Wait haven't you forgotten something? It is not too late!! It is
 called volunteering. Let us talk numbers here. Festival weekend
 is 2880 minutes or 48 hours give or take. And you cannot give up
 120 minutes or two hours to serve beer, sell tickets, work a house
 tour..give me a break!!

However, you can spend the following Monday after festival
 at work hearing wonderful comments about your great neighbor-
 hood parade or that sweet Victorian home that was on tour. Or
 Sunday summer afternoons enjoying the concerts in the AJRA that
 festival supports. Or the scholarships that festival proceeds pay for.
 Or security for your neighborhood.

Pick up the phone, email, check Facebook, check this issue..give
 up two hours!!

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Children 12 and under FREE

* Donate 5 canned goods or 5 canned pet food goods at the Information Booths and get your House Tour ticket for \$10. Canned Goods will benefit "St. Paul's United Methodist Church" & "Humane Ohio"

PRE-SALE TICKETS (purchased in advance) will be available Now thru May 31st at:
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Resolute Bank, 3425 Briarfield Blvd., #100, Maumee, 419-868-1750

- 4 Historic Homes & the First Congregational Church
- Fine Art Fair on the grounds of the Glass Pavilion
- Food (Art Fair Stage), Beer Garden (Arboretum) with lots of entertainment
- Marketplace, Garage and Yard Sales
- Children's Activities
- The Old West End/5K run and walk sponsored by the OWE Festival Sunday morning
- King Wamba Carnival Parade, Saturday at 10 a.m. will kick-off the weekend with a variety of entries to create a visual odyssey of art cars, floats, performance art and musical presentations. A coronation ceremony at the Art Fair Main Stage will crown this year's King & Queen. The parade route is listed in the Festival Guide.

(See other side for a map of closed streets)

More information is available at www.toledoodwestend.com

NEIGHBORHOOD STREET CLOSURES during FESTIVAL

(See other side for map of street closures)

ALL WEEKEND (Saturday & Sunday)

Parkwood - between Floyd to Monroe
Woodruff - between Scottwood to Collingwood
Robinwood - NO STREET PARKING Islington to Delaware

PARADE: Streets Closed - **Saturday 9 AM - Noon only!**

Robinwood - Collins to Bancroft / Bancroft - Robinwood to Collingwood
Collingwood - Bancroft to Woodruff
No Parking on Robinwood (Collins to Bancroft) Friday, June 2nd after 6 PM

5K RUN/WALK: Streets Closed - **Sunday Morning 9-11 AM only!**

NORTH / SOUTH STREETS

Parkwood - Jefferson to Collins
Scottwood - Floyd to CENTRAL
(barrier on Scottwood @ Central so no incoming traffic south onto Scottwood).
Rockwood Place - Collins to Nesselwood (barrier will be at Collins & Glenwood.... and as Parkwood is blocked off, there is no access to Rockwood.)
Robinwood - Nesselwood to Bancroft (barrier at Nesselwood and at Bancroft)
Glenwood - Collins to Virginia (barriers at Collins, Islington, Delaware and Virginia)

EAST / WEST STREETS

Floyd - Collingwood to Scottwood
Bancroft - Robinwood to Collingwood
Virginia - Glenwood to Collingwood
Stratford - Scottwood to Parkwood (barriers @ Acklin, Virginia & Winthrop)
Islington - Collingwood to Glenwood
Collins - Glenwood to Parkwood
Nesselwood - Robinwood to Rockwood

House Tours Sat. & Sun.
11am - 5 pm

JUNE 3 & 4



The Chesborough - Kramer Home
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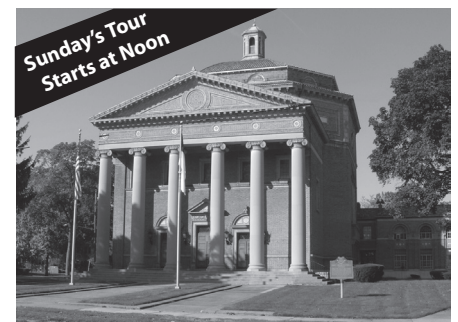
R.A. Bartley - Museum Place
1855 Collingwood Blvd.



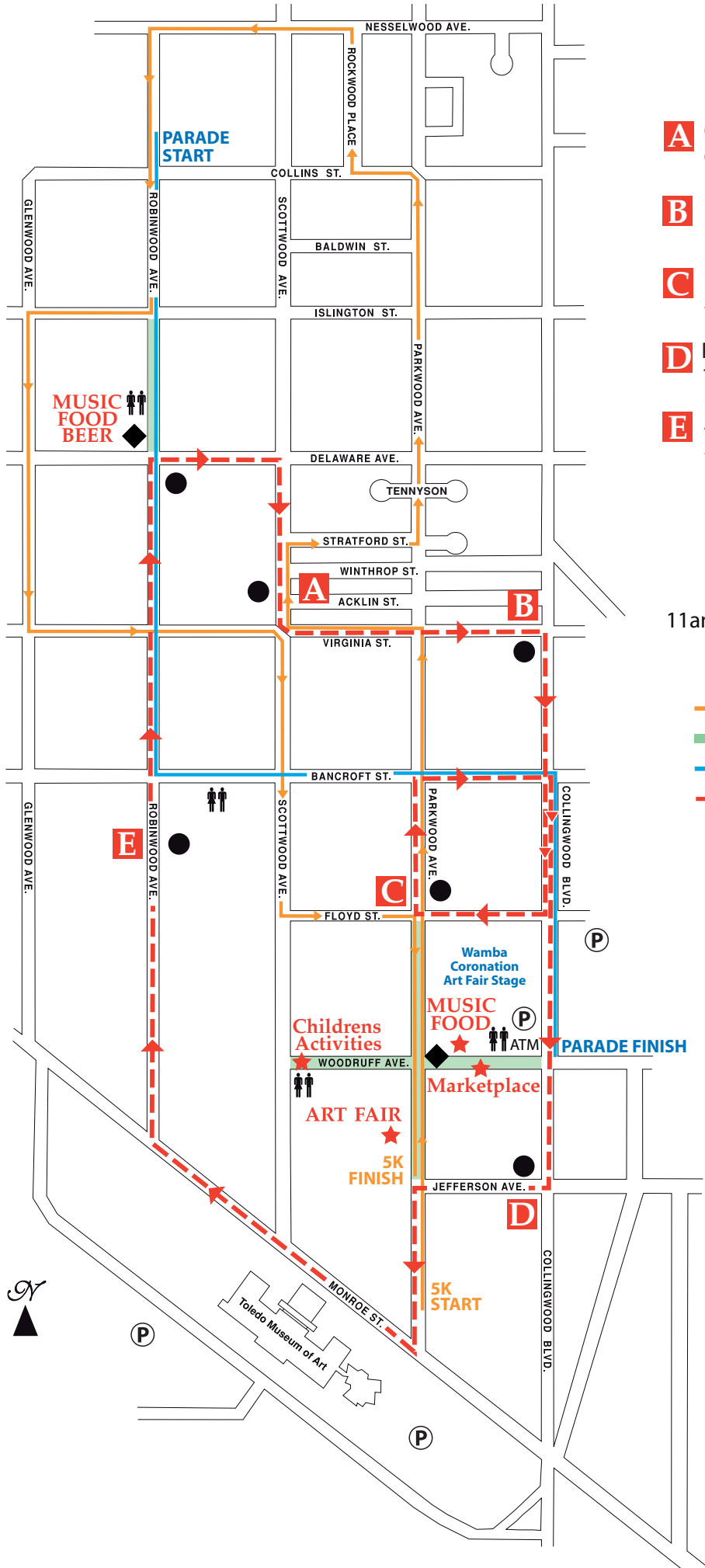
The Anderson - Kraft Home
2125 Robinwood Ave.



The Brand - Madrigal/Gleason Home
2107 Parkwood Ave.



First Congregational Church
2315 Collingwood Blvd.



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2125 Robinwood Ave.

House Tours

11am - 5pm Saturday and Sunday

- = 5K RUN/WALK
- = CLOSED STREETS
- = PARADE ROUTE (Sat. Only)
- - - = SHUTTLE ROUTE
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- = SHUTTLE STOPS
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