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Stand with Orlando

ORLANDO UNITED

MLPA is saddened by the tragedy in Orlando Sunday morning. We send thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families. We encourage our neighbors who would like to do something more concrete to contact our neighbor, the [American Red Cross](#), and donate blood:

American Red Cross Midtown Blood Donation Center

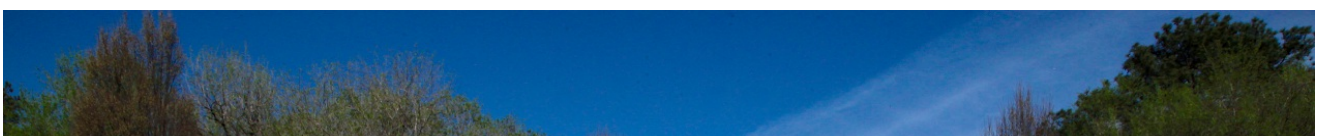
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1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)



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Smith Park Renovation is Under Way!





You may have noticed construction is underway at the corner of Monroe and Piedmont in historic Smith Park. The project to refurbish the fountain has begun, thanks to the efforts and generous donations from neighbors. Many residents have attended fundraisers and [made donations on the Park Pride](#) site using the drop down box for Smith Park. In fact, the most recent fundraiser at Smith's Olde Bar raised an additional \$1,300+ to cover expenses.

We have just about reached our fundraising goal to complete the restoration work, but could still use your help. Consider making a tax deductible contribution to [Park Pride](#) for Smith Park by using the drop down box on the landing page.



Please remember to thank and support the sponsors that have contributed to the restoration effort including: JW Ayers Plumbing, Surrounding Landscapes, Smith's Olde Bar, Laughing Skull Lounge, Sig Samuels Cleaners, Kevin McGlynn of Dorsey Alston Realtors, Varuni Napoli, Hob Nob, Home Rebuilders, and Jim Williams.

Additional funding for the project was generously provide by Park Pride and the MLPA. Your membership enables our work! And a special thanks to our neighbors, the Conlans and the Vanns, for all their work in making the fountain restoration a reality.



Bottomless Brunch @ [Varuni Napoli](#)

Every Saturday and Sunday until 5:00 PM, [Varuni Napoli](#) is offering bottomless brunch specials for singles and couples! Enjoy one of our incredible brunch pizzas with a bottomless mimosa to wash it down!





Traffic Forum Yields Concrete Results

Alex Wan, District 6 City Council representative and Kirk Rich, MLPA Traffic Chair held a Traffic Forum in March that has already resulted in some significant improvements. At the May MLPA meeting, Councilman Wan reported that the City Council has approved three of the requests from the forum:

1. **There will be a protected left turn lane from Piedmont onto Piedmont Circle.**
2. **A four way stop will be placed at the intersection of Amsterdam and Lanier.**
3. **The 25 mph speed limit will be extended to include North Morningside Road between North Highland and Lanier (currently the speed limit is 30 mph on this stretch of road).**

This is a big win. The board expressed thanks to Alex for his efforts. Note that once approved, it will take several months for the signage to be installed/changes to be made.

Kirk Rick also reports that the Traffic Committee continues to work with Wan's office on issues identified in the Traffic Forum. They are continuing to work with Mill Creek on the new development at Piedmont & Cheshire Bridge and will be notifying neighbors about upcoming meetings on the Monroe Drive Smart Street Initiative. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Kirk at traffic@mlpa.org.

Celebration of Summer - Thanks for Your Support

Presenting Sponsor (\$1500)

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Varuni Napoli
D.B.A. Barbecue

Celebration of Summer 2016 was a fitting start for a fabulous summer here in Morningside Lenox Park. This year's festivities mark the 43rd Annual Celebration sponsored by the MLPA!

We could not have put on this party without the dedication and countless hours of volunteering provided by the MLPA Events Committee, chaired by Sonny Jones. We are already looking for folks to help make the 2017 Celebration the best one yet--contact events@mlpa.org to volunteer.

Thanks also to our sponsors. Without their financial support, the event would be impossible. Please thank them by supporting their businesses!

Sponsors (\$350)

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Kirk Rich and Todd Higginbotham

Lastly, a special thanks to our neighborhood house band, Carter Rude and Friends, for providing entertainment. Watch our [website](#) or [Facebook Page](#) for future Concerts in the Park featuring the band!

Charter District, E-Splost Plans and Education

Beginning July 1, Atlanta Public Schools (APS) will join Fulton County, Decatur, and Marietta school districts as a Charter School District. Under the contract, in exchange for commitments to meet certain objectives, the district gains more local control and receives waivers on some mandates. [Read more.](#)

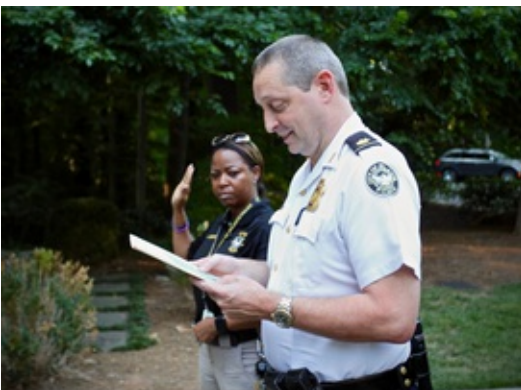
The Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) that voters approved in the May election sends about \$464 million to the APS over the life of the penny-tax. APS Superintendent Meria Carstarphan told the [AJC](#) in May that she advocates the expansion of Grady High School's campus, conversion of Howard High School into a middle school, conversion of Inman Middle School to an elementary

school, the renovation of Morningside Elementary and the construction of new sports practice fields on the former Walden Middle School campus.

The MLPA Education Committee reminds parents about a couple of things they should do during the lazy days of summer:

- 1. Update your family's contact information in school directories this summer in order to be included in upcoming 2016-2017 print editions**
- 2. The APS school year begins Wednesday, August 3. For a limited time, APS registration ([Download Available Here](#)) is conveniently being held at Morningside, Inman and Grady, respectively, for incoming kindergarteners and all other students new to the school.**

MLPA Neighborhood Watch Program Recognized by APD



Phyllis Wingo, MLPA Neighborhood Watch Chair recently received word that our application for recognition as an official Neighborhood Watch Program has been approved by the Atlanta Police Department.

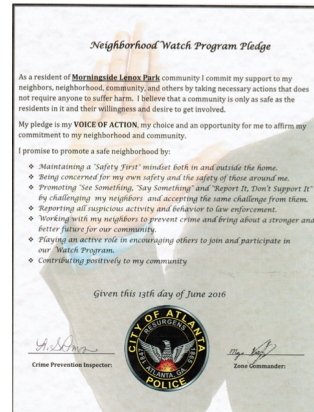
The application sought to ensure that the MLPA program maintains a safe community, communicates effectively within the neighborhood, promotes activities that build community, and maintains connections with outside resources, such as state and local representatives.

Major Van Hobbs, Commander, and Lajuana Solomon, Crime Prevention Inspector from Zone 2, Atlanta Police Department, attended the June MLPA board meeting to congratulate the neighborhood and administer the Neighborhood Watch Program pledge to our block captains and board members (download below).





Participation in the city-wide program strengthens the neighborhood's relationship with the Atlanta police and city representatives and affirms our commitment to crime prevention in the community. The MLPA will work with Inspector Solomon regarding the placement of Neighborhood Watch signs around the area.



Atlanta City Council District 6 Alex Wan eNewsletter

In this issue: Fiscal Year 2017 City of Atlanta Budget Update, Monroe Drive Update, Google Fiber Infrastructure, 2016 Comprehensive Development Plan Community Meetings, Virginia-Highland Summerfest 2016. To view the entire newsletter, please [navigate here](#).

MLPA Recognizes Volunteers

Join your neighbors in helping to make Morningside Lenox Park the most desirable neighborhood in Atlanta! Your dues help us to:

- Make our neighborhood safer.
- Improve our parks and greenspace.
- Promote smart development that is good for our neighbors.
- Influence better traffic patterns.

We have new membership categories to meet your needs and your budget.

[Join Today](#)

If you are not currently volunteering, please pick a committee that interests you and contact them. We are always happy to involve more members in our work.

We are seeking a graphic designer to work on communications-there is some money in the budget for this position which we would like to keep in the neighborhood. Contact communications@mlpa.org to inquire.

Body Found In Nature Preserve

There have been [numerous reports](#) and rumors about a body discovered in Morningside Nature Preserve in April. The investigation by the Atlanta Police Department determined that this was an accidental drowning, not a homicide, as there were no signs of foul play. Sadly, the body was identified as a male foreign exchange student from Australia who was visiting the area.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 23, 7:30 PM, Oak Hill in Piedmont Park, free Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concert
Saturday, June 25, 9:00 AM, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Gerry Klaskala, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland
Saturday, July 2, 9:00 AM, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Matthew Ridgway, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland
Tuesday, July 5, 7:00 PM, MLPA Zoning Committee Meeting, Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 North Morningside, enter from the Wessynton Parking Lot, all are welcome to attend

Friday, July 6, 5-8 PM, Historic Fourth Ward Skate Park, Police in the Park. An evening of fun with giveaways, refreshments, a chance to meet police officers, get tips on bike safety and kids activities is promised.

Saturday, July 9, 9:00 AM, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Tom Hall & Costanzo Astarita, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland

Monday, July 11, 7:00 PM, MLPA Board Meeting, Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 North Morningside, enter from the Wessynton Parking Lot, all are encouraged to attend

Saturday, July 23, 10:00 AM, Sat, Jul 23, 3:00 PM, 1189 S Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA, The Zac Team Shredding Event.

Tuesday, July 26, 7:00 AM-7:00 PM, Run-off elections, various voting locations.

Wednesday, August 3, First Day of School for APS Students.

This Is YOUR Newsletter

Please contact communications@mlpa.org with comments on our newsletter. We welcome your input and will consider all suggestions.

Neighborhood Meeting Schedule:

MLPA Zoning Meetings - 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm, Morningside Presbyterian Church

MLPA Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of every month, 7:00 pm, Morningside Presbyterian Church

NPU-F Meetings - 3rd Monday of every month, 7:00 pm, Hillside Facility, 1301 Monroe Drive

All neighborhood meetings are open to the public and your involvement is always welcome.

Quick Links:

[MLPA](#) - Morningside Lenox Park Association website

[NPU-F](#) - Neighborhood Planning Unit F website

[APD](#) - Atlanta Police website-- we are in Zone 2

[PEDS](#) - A quick link to report pedestrian hazards to city

[City of Atlanta](#) - City's website

[Atlanta District 6](#) - Our City Council District website

[VHMPA](#) -Virginia Highland Morningside Parent Association

[NextDoor](#) - Neighborhood list serve- not affiliated with MLPA

Morningside Lenox Park Association

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