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Shorter days and cooler nights are finally here, but MLPA continues to turn up the heat on matters important to our community. We have a lot of work ahead, so let's get to it!

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### **MLPA Traffic Forum Draws Good Crowd, Great Discussion**



Thanks to all the neighbors that gathered at Haygood UMC on Thursday, Oct. 6 to hear more about Renew Atlanta's process to fix Monroe Drive (thanks also to Haygood for hosting the meeting). There were a lot of questions from attendees for the Renew Atlanta General Manager, Faye DiMassimo, and her team including Regan Hammond, Project Manager, Renew Atlanta and Brian Bolick, Consultant, Atkins Traffic Engineering.

Residents' concerns centered on whether a Complete Streets approach to Monroe would lead to more cut through traffic in our neighborhood. More in-depth coverage of the meeting will be featured in the printed

newsletter due out later this quarter. For now, residents can keep tabs on the work of Renew Atlanta at their website [www.renewatlantabond.com](http://www.renewatlantabond.com). DiMassimo also invited residents to call her with specific questions at the number posted on the website.

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Keep an eye out for more neighborhood gatherings to discuss the implications this may have-one has already been held for North Pelham and others are planned. This fall the traffic engineers are collecting more baseline data

# SLOW DOWN AND Join the MLPA!

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on Monroe and adjoining street usage that will influence the final alternatives proposed. The next time input will be formally solicited is in January when the engineers and consultants will present several alternatives to the public. MLPA is committed to letting you know about these meetings-make sure that you and all your neighbors' contact information is current in the database so that you will hear about upcoming meetings.

**Please SLOW DOWN on our streets.**

Please contact [traffic@mlpa.org](mailto:traffic@mlpa.org) with any comments, concerns or suggestions.



## Half-Priced Wine

Stop by Tuesday and Wednesday for half-priced bottles from our Italian wine selection with the purchase of any artisan pizza.

**Tuesday** – Half priced bottles of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay

**Wednesday** – Half priced bottles of Montepulciano and Pinot Grigio



## Morningside Elementary Receives US Department of Education Award



Morningside Elementary School (MES) has been named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2016, announced US Secretary of Education, John B. King Jr. The school, one of only 329 public and private schools recognized nationally, was honored for their overall academic excellence. For more information on the National Blue Ribbon Schools program [click here](#).

"National Blue Ribbon Schools are proof that we can prepare every child for college and meaningful careers," King said in a video message to honorees. "Your schools are on the cutting edge, pioneering innovative educational practices-professional learning communities, project-based learning, social and emotional learning, positive

behavior systems-making you shining examples for your communities, your state and the nation."

The press release accompanying the award goes on to state, "The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue Ribbon Schools flag gracing a school's building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning. National Blue Ribbon Schools are an inspiration and a model for schools still striving for excellence."

Morningside Elementary was singled out for its high performance, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates. These were measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. This recognition is quite an honor, one bestowed on only 10 schools in Georgia. MES was the only Atlanta Public School to receive recognition this year. It reflects highly upon the entire school, its teachers and

administrators, the parents, students and our neighborhood. We now have yet another reason to be proud of our wonderful school and another reason to boast that we live in the best neighborhood in the metro area.

Please contact [education@mlpa.org](mailto:education@mlpa.org) with any comments, concerns or suggestions.

## Celebrate Smith Park Renovation-New Date, Saturday, November 5th

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Join the MLPA for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the restoration of the fountain at Smith Park. We'll gather at **10:00 AM on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** to thank all the sponsors and volunteers that helped make the renovation of this important entrance to our neighborhood possible. Please come out to honor our benefactors.



Here's where we'll be. "X" marks the spot.



Please contact [parks@mlpa.org](mailto:parks@mlpa.org) with any comments, concerns or suggestions.

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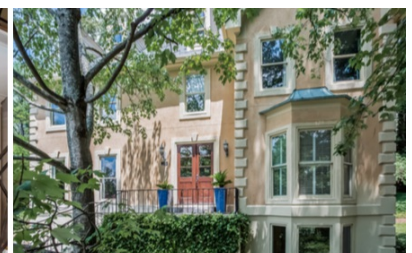
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## Keep Halloween Safe



Judging from the decorations cropping up all over the neighborhood, Halloween is a favorite for our area. It's a great time for neighbors to get out and meet each other, but let's do all we can to make sure that it is safe.

Check out the safety tips posted by the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#). **When you are coming home on October 31, make sure you are observing traffic laws and watch out for little ghouls, goblins, and princesses.**

A screenshot of a NextDoor.com survey. The question is "Are you giving out Halloween candy?". Below the question is the text "Let neighbors know if you are giving out candy on Halloween." There are two radio button options: "Yes, I am. (adds 🍬 icon to map)" and "No, not this year." At the bottom of the survey is a green "Continue" button.

Check out [NextDoor.com](#) for maps of which houses in the neighborhood will be distributing treats and to add your home to the Treat Map.

Make this Halloween a great one and take the opportunity to introduce yourself and your kids to the new folks on your block. Morningside Lenox Park is a great place to live because we have good neighbors.

Remember to be one this Halloween!

## Get Out and Vote!



Hopefully all of you saw the article in last month's newsletter urging you to register by the October 11 deadline in Georgia. Even if you are registered, you may need to check to make sure about your voting location. Those who formerly voted at Morningside Elementary and the Fire Station have been moved. You can find out where you vote by logging in at <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>.

Early voting begins October 17th, so check your respective county for early voting locations and times:

- **Fulton County:** Registered voters residing in Fulton County may vote early at any of the Fulton County Early Voting Locations. The closest to Morningside are the Buckhead Library and the Downtown Government Center at 130 Peachtree. **Early voting runs from Monday, October 17, 2016, though Friday, November 4, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and includes two weekends:**
  - **Saturday, October 22 & 29, 2016, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
  - **Sunday, October 23 & 30, 2016, Noon - 5:00 p.m.**
- **DeKalb County:** Registered voters residing in DeKalb County may vote early at any of the DeKalb County Early Voting Locations. **Early voting runs from Monday, October 17, 2016, though Friday, November 4, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Some locations will offer weekend voting.

In addition to early voting, voters may contact the Secretary of State to obtain a mail in ballot. Anyone wishing to vote by mail is urged to go ahead and obtain their ballots now.



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## More Social Opportunities to Connect with Neighbors



Morningside Lenox Park is home to some fabulous folks, many who have recently started up new social groups in our area. These are great ways to get to know your neighbors and to make our community stronger by increasing our social networks. Thanks to all of them for their efforts.

**Amy Woodhouse** has organized a book club for neighbors. They had their first organizational meeting and have scheduled their first book for their November meeting.

**Jill Deutchman** has organized a divorced/widowed/empty nesters group to share dinner, drinks, walks etc.

A couple's dinner club was started by **Jennifer Schweidel**. Their first gathering at Madre + Mason was a huge success, to be followed up by a gathering at One Midtown Kitchen October 26th.

If you'd like to connect with any of these groups, email [events@mlpa.org](mailto:events@mlpa.org).



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Weekend Brunch 10am-3pm reservations accepted  
Dinner Sun-Thu 5-10pm, Fri-Sat 5-11pm

Featuring wood fire grilled fish & meats  
and Peruvian style rotisserie chicken



## Art on the Beltline





The Lantern Parade on September 10th kicked off the 7th annual art installation on the Atlanta Beltline. Even if you missed the parade, it's not too late to enjoy this eclectic collection on the Beltline. It is the largest temporary art exhibit in the south, and one you should visit, early and often.

To make that easy, the MLPA Events Committee has planned a special outing on **Sunday, November 6 beginning at 3 PM**. We will walk along the Beltline (one of the MLPA borders), stopping to admire the art along the way. Some of the pieces we will see are interactive, some are permanently placed and others are temporary. All are meant to challenge and inspire and as the Art on the Beltline brochure proclaims, "Dozens of visual works of art from local to international artists transform the Atlanta BeltLine into a linear gallery space. The beautifying of current and former industrial areas creates signature spaces that exemplify the transformation of the city." [Click Here](#) for more Art on the Beltline information.

The tour is bound to whet appetites, so we'll stop into Varuni Napoli for pizza afterwards, where everyone will be on their own for dinner. Come and experience it all firsthand.

RSVP to [events@mlpa.org](mailto:events@mlpa.org) or contact us for more information.

## Protecting Your Mail



Several of our neighbors have been the victims of mail and package theft in recent months. As the holidays approach, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (the agency that investigates mail theft) provides this advice for protecting your mail:

- Use the letter slots inside your Post Office for your mail, or hand it to a letter carrier.
- Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted

friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.

- If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- If you change your address, immediately notify your Post Office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.
- Don't send cash in the mail.
- Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.
- Report all suspected mail theft to the local police and to the Postal Inspection Service.
- Start or join a neighborhood watch and/or security patrol program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes).
- Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked, centralized, or curbside mailboxes.

If you see a mail thief at work, or if you believe your mail was stolen, call police immediately, then call Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 (press 3). You can also file a mail theft report online at <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>.

Click on "Mail Theft" and enter all applicable information. The more you provide, the more likely it is that they can help you.

## A Walk Through History

With the addition of a new wing, Rogers Brothers Grocery and other tenants included Havers 5 & 10, Herb Hardware, a Pig and Whistle Bakery,

Reese's 1994 addition greatly expanded the school facility and won an Atlanta Urban Design Commission Award

park has tennis courts and off-shore behind the tennis courts a shire Road.

Fall is a great time to get out and walk with family



and friends. To that end, we are publishing a walk through MLPA History that was originally written in the early 1990s.

It was researched by MLPA stalwarts Pam & Jim Auchmutey, Bill Chalker, Mary Huntz, Don & Syd Janney, Betty Layng, David Robertson, Genevieve Scully, Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. and Brian Randall for publication around the time of the Atlanta Olympic Games (1996).

The entire walk is around six miles, but feel free to break it into sections. While we suggest beginning at Smith Park, the neighborhood gateway, but begin wherever you would like. The important thing is to get out and enjoy our neighborhood and learn some of the background of the sites within our borders.

[Click Here to download a complete PDF of "A Walking Tour of Morningside" MAP.](#)

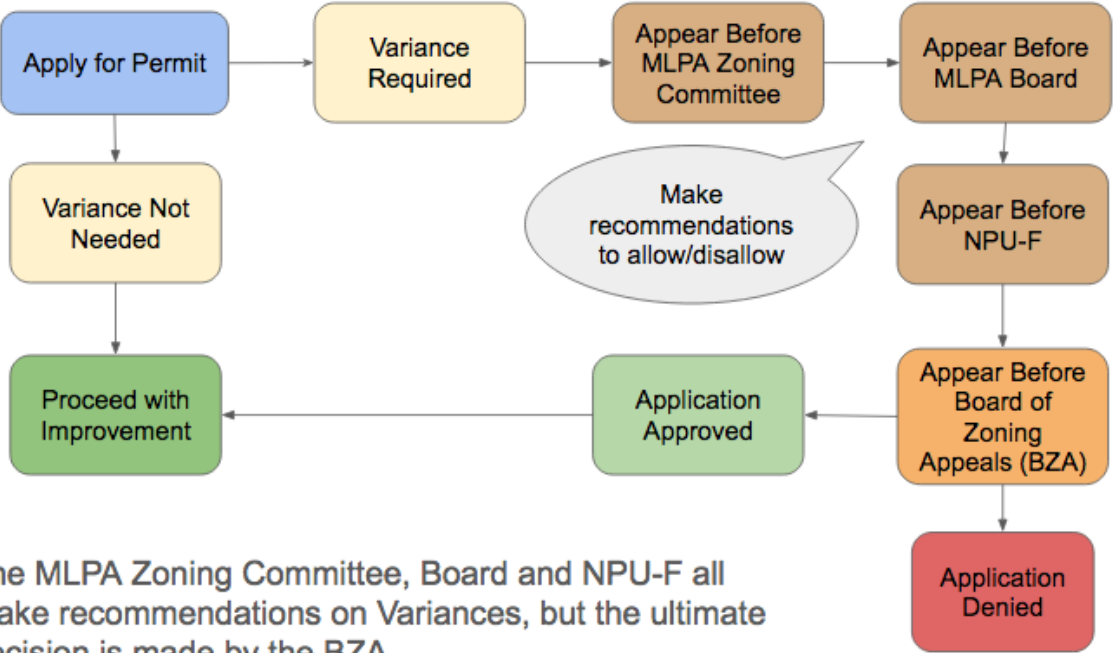
### Zoning Committee News

Only one zoning variance case was heard by the committee this month, **V-16-259 for 907 Plymouth Road.**

The applicant was seeking a reduction in the east side yard setback to allow for the construction of a 2-story detached garage on an existing parking pad. The neighbors had been notified of the plans and the one most impacted had already signed off on the plan.

The committee voted to approve the variance. Next the variance came before the MLPA board which also approved it. The next step is an appeal for variance at the NPU-F meeting, **Monday, October 17 at 7:00 PM at the Hillside Facility, 1301 Monroe Drive.**

### Zoning Variance Process



The MLPA Zoning Committee, Board and NPU-F all make recommendations on Variances, but the ultimate decision is made by the BZA.



# ALEX WAN

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DISTRICT 6



Click here for Alex Wan's [October District 6 newsletter](#).

In the News:

- Explanation of the tax referenda (there are 2) on the November ballot
- Early voting news,
- Update on the renovation of Fire Station 19
- What the drought means for residents

For more information about Councilmember Alex Wan and District 6, Neighborhoods, or for additional city resources [click here](#).

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## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, October 15, 9:00 AM**, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Zeb Stevenson, Watershed, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland.

**Saturday, October 15, 4:00 PM**, Little Five Points Halloween Parade.

**Sunday, October 16, 12:30 - 3:30 PM**, AIDs Walk Atlanta will close parts of 10th Street, Piedmont and areas of Piedmont Park for this annual fundraiser. See map for a detailed route.

**Monday, October 17, 7:00 PM**, NPU-F Meeting, Hillside Facility, 1301 Monroe Drive.

**Monday, October 17 - Friday, November 4**, Early voting for Fulton & DeKalb county residents. See article for links to site listings.

**Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM** CINS (Council of Intown Neighborhoods & Schools) hosts a roundtable discussion on the proposed constitutional amendment to create a statewide "Opportunity School District" at the Frazer Center.

**Friday, October 21, 9:15 AM**, Inman Middle School, Principal's Coffee.

**Saturday, October 22, 9:00 AM**, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Jarrett Steiber, Eat Me Speak Me, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland.

**Saturday, October 22, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**, Morningside Elementary School Halloween Carnival.

**Sunday, October 23, 2:00 - 6:00 PM**, Atlanta Streets Alive takes over Peachtree Street from 17th to Five Points for the last biking, walking, running, eating, entertaining events of the year. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of outdoor fun-details at [www.atlantastreetsalive.com](http://www.atlantastreetsalive.com).

**Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 - 8:00 PM**, Future of Atlanta Zoning reception (5:30 - 6:15) followed by expert panel discussion, The Reinsch-Pierce Auditorium, Georgia Tech School of Design, directions at <http://tinyurl.com/CODDirections>.

**Saturday, October 29, 9:00 AM**, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Todd Ginsberg, The General Muir, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland.

**Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 PM**, MLPA Zoning Committee Meeting, Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 North Morningside. All are welcome to attend.

**Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 AM**, Smith Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the renovation of the fountain and to thank all the supporters that made the work possible.



**Saturday, November 5th, 8:30 AM**, Neighborhood Watch Training, Public Safety Building, 226 Peachtree St. SW.

**Saturday, November 5, 9:00 AM**, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Tom Hall & Costanza Astarita, Baraonda, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland.

**Saturday, November 5th**, Lung Force 5K for the American Lung Association will shut down roads in Virginia Highland around John Howell Park.

**Sunday, November 6, 3:00 PM**, Art on the Beltline Tour-see article for information.

**Tuesday, November 8th**, Election Day. Note that Morningside Elementary School is closed.

**Saturday, November 12, 9:00 AM**, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Mary Moore, The Cook's Warehouse, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland.

**Monday, November 14**, MLPA Board Meeting, Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 North Morningside. All are welcome to attend.

**Thursday, November 10, 9:00 - 10:30 AM**, Morningside Elementary School Prospective Parents' Tour.

**Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 AM**, Walk to School Wednesday in conjunction with APS Crossing Guard Appreciation Week.

**Thursday, November 17, 9:15 AM**, Inman Middle School, Principal's Coffee.

**Thursday, November 17, 6:30 - 7:30 PM**, 5th Grade Transition to Middle School, Inman Middle School.

Through Mid November, Art on the Beltline, Atlanta's largest public art installation. See [art.beltline.org](http://art.beltline.org) for details and schedules.

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## This Is YOUR Newsletter

Please contact [communications@mlpa.org](mailto: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

