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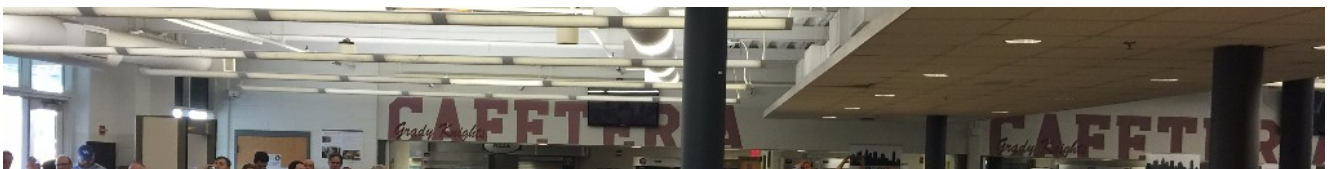
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Traffic Again a Big Concern for MLPA



As reported in the August e-news History Corner, the MLPA was founded to advocate for the neighborhood when the Georgia DOT proposed building I-485 through the middle of Morningside Lenox Park. Once again the MLPA is confronting traffic issues as the Monroe Drive/Boulevard Complete Streets project heats up.

On August 23, a community meeting hosted by Renew Atlanta and City Council Representatives Alex Wan, Kwanza Hall, and Natalyn Archibong drew a large crowd eager to hear the plan for the corridor. As it turned out, the plan is in development--the point of the meeting was to update the community on the process and to solicit input on our priorities for the thoroughfare.





Monroe Dr / Boulevard Complete Street Community Engagement Meeting
Tuesday, August 23, 2016, Henry W. Grady High School Cafeteria
(Courtesy of Councilmember Alex Wan)

The timeline for the project is aggressive, with the initial public comment period having already closed. You should have received several notices and reminders from the MLPA about this and hopefully you made your voice heard.

MLPA's board is working to ensure that the interests and concerns of the neighborhood are considered. The Traffic Committee has scheduled a Q & A on Thursday, October 6, at 7:00 PM at Haygood UMC, East Rock Springs Road (next to Morningside Elementary). Make plans now to attend.

Please contact traffic@mlpa.org for any comments, concerns or suggestions.



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!

25.00 single / 40.00 couple



MUSIC MIDTOWN REMINDER



While proceedings do not officially begin until noon on Saturday, September 17, residents can expect delays in and around Piedmont Park as well as amplified music as follows:

- **Sound checks begin Friday, September 16, 4:00-9:00 PM and again beginning Saturday and Sunday mornings after 9:00 AM. Performances run until 11:00 PM both Saturday and Sunday nights.**
- **Street closures will affect some lanes at various times on 10th Street between Piedmont and Monroe and on Charles Allen Drive between 8th and 10th. Concert interruptions should be completed by September 22.**

All residents and guests must observe street parking regulations. Note parking on the grass is not permitted.

[Click here](#) for Tickets, Lineup, Experience & More Information.

Please contact traffic@mlpa.org for any comments, concerns or suggestions.



We love e-mailing special offers and news only to our closest Morningside Neighbors so don't be left out!

Sign up on our secret page at
www.Morningside-Kitchen.com/neighbors

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



School News from Matt Westmoreland



Here's an update from [Matt Westmoreland](#), District 3 Representative on the Atlanta Board of Education:

Many thanks to those of you who joined other Atlanta residents in voting overwhelmingly last May to renew E-SPLOST for our schools. It will mean more than \$100 million for the Grady Cluster over the next five years, including a \$20 million renovation of Morningside Elementary, renovations and additions at Grady High and at Howard for our new middle school, and additional field space for the cluster.

The new school year is off to a terrific start under our new "charter system" operating model, which stressed flexibility and autonomy and pushes more decision making down to our principals and school governance teams of parents, staff, and community members. The district's budget this year redirects more than \$21 million from general administration toward strategic initiatives, including putting more dollars directly in the hands of our principals, a pay raise for teachers, and our Turnaround Strategy for our lowest-performing schools.

Please don't hesitate to reach out:

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Please contact education@mlpa.org for any comments, concerns or suggestions.

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Property Tax Bills Delayed



If you pay your property taxes directly (rather than as a part of your mortgage payment), you may have wondered about your tax bill. The AJC recently covered problems that are delaying the issuance of Fulton County property tax bills.

An error made by a vendor used by the tax assessor's office caused a delay in setting the millage rate. This has resulted in a delay in mailing the tax bills for now. The assessor's office is working to correct the problem so the bills can go out soon.

Keep an eye on your property taxes or search for your Property Tax Bill please [click here](#).

Why Volunteer with Morningside Lenox Park Association?

The MLPA is an all-volunteer organization. While your dues cover the expense of communications, events,

Morningside Security Patrol, etc., the amount we can accomplish is constrained by the number of folks that volunteer. The good news is that the MLPA has enjoyed a wealth of wonderful volunteers willing to give their time and talent to improve the functioning of our neighborhood.

But these folks cannot do it alone. We are in constant need of new neighbors willing to help out, whether they have only a little or a lot of time they can devote. Please Contact Us and we will be happy to discuss how you might contribute to our efforts.

The rewards of working with the MLPA are enormous:

- Give back to the neighborhood
- Expand your experience by trying out new jobs
- Add experience to your resume
- Meet the best neighbors and work with the most enthusiastic group of volunteers in Atlanta!

Please contact president@mlpa.org for any comments, concerns or suggestions.

Time to Renew Your MLPA Membership? Here's How

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



The MLPA uses a membership database to automatically notify neighbors when their membership is about to expire. Unfortunately, with all the spam filters and automatic mail client organizers, some members may not see these notices.

Now is a good time to check the status of your membership and ensure you are supporting the work of our all-volunteer association. If you would like to check your status, please contact membership@mlpa.org.

To check your status, you can go to mlpa.org and click on My Account at the top of the page.

This will take you to the login page. If you are unsure about your user name or password, you can retrieve or reset either using the email address you used when originally joining. After you sign-in, you can click My Profile or Update my profile to check your membership status. Scroll down the page to find your expiration and make sure you add a reminder in your calendar to renew before that.

If you think your membership has already expired, you can click Membership Renewal at the top of the page. Choose the membership level and payment method that is best for you and click the appropriate button. That will take you to a page where you can input your user name and password. If you have forgotten either, you can retrieve them by inputting the email address you used when you initially joined or signed up for updates. Don't worry if your membership was still good-your renewal will automatically start whenever your current term expires.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact membership@mlpa.org. We are here to help!

Early Voting Begins Next Month



The presidential election deadlines are fast approaching. You can go to www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do to ensure that you are registered, find your polling location, link to absentee ballot application, and research early voting locations.

If there is a problem with your registration, you have until October 11 to get your name on the rolls. Go to

http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/register_to_vote for a voter application. Note that college students can register to vote once they turn 18. They can go to their college registrar's office for voter applications in the state of Georgia.

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Early voting begins October 17th and absentee ballots will be mailed beginning September 20th. Note that the polling location for many of our residents has changed from Morningside Elementary School to Morningside Baptist Church. Check out the secretary of state's site before the November 8 election if you are unsure about where you vote.

Concerts in the Park Date Changes

Note in the Calendar of Events section below the final two concerts in the park have been changed to September 23, 6-8 PM and October 21, 5:30-9 PM. Carter Rude's Band and Friends will perform and food trucks will offer dinner and snacks. In October, a movie will follow the concert.

Smith Park Celebration - Saturday, October 22, 2016

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, October 22** 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.



Neighborhood Watch Report: Nature Preserve Update & Street Captains Needed

Recent incidents in the Morningside Nature Preserve have raised concerns about urban camping. Just last month, an individual wandered into a neighbor's yard on Wildwood in the middle of the night; he took food and drinks from the refrigerator in the garage and was found passed out on the patio (reasons are unknown). This episode of trespassing and personal theft may not have been a home invasion, but it was scary enough. Thankfully, everyone in the family was safe. As appropriate, the homeowner called 911.

After the death in the Preserve in the spring, the Atlanta Police Department (APD) beat officers and discretionary units began to monitor the green space more closely. The APD has a Community-Oriented Policing Section (COPS). With appropriate resources, this unit organizes sweeps through parks to assess urban camping situations, trash pick-up, etc. The program combines efforts among Sanitation, Parks and Recreation, and outreach service providers. Unfortunately, because of limited resources over the summer, COPS and Zone 2 never had the chance to execute a sweep. The MLPA Neighborhood Watch Program will continue to be in communication with the APD about keeping the Preserve free of urban campers.

ONLY 4 STREETS WITHOUT STREET CAPTAINS --Volunteer NOW!!!

Cumberland Rd (N Highland to N Morningside)
Dutch Valley
Highpoint Dr.
Helen Dr.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is a low profile activity until there is a pattern of criminal incidents in the community. A wide communication network allows the MLPA to distribute safety information as necessary. If you are willing to be a street captain or want to find out about your street captain, please send an email to NeighborhoodWatch@mlpa.org.

Hearing Set for Trust Company Round Bank



You may have read about the proposed demolition of the Trust Company Bank, the distinctive round building that looks like it came straight out of *The Jetsons*, next to I-85 on Monroe. The building currently is home to Cirque Daiquiri Bar and Grill but the owners have plans to replace the building with a five story self-storage facility at the site.

Built in 1962 from a design by Atlanta architect Henri Jova, the building is quite remarkable and won accolades upon completion. Now it appears that efforts to save the building may prevail.

The Beltline Design Review Committee failed to support the developers' plan at their August meeting, citing the Beltline Master Plan's recommendation that the building be given historic status. Now the Atlanta Urban Design Commission will hear a nomination of the building to Landmark Building/Site (LBS) status on Wednesday, September 14 at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be on the second floor of City Hall in the Atlanta City Council Chambers. This matter is the first item on the Commission's agenda so please be on time.

Park Atlanta Update



Atlanta City Council has agreed to extend their current contract for on-street parking enforcement with PARKAtlanta on a month-to-month basis for no longer than six months. The vote was 11-2 with most feeling they had no choice but to extend the contract as the probability of finding a new enforcement contractor before the contract expired was very low.

TIP: Atlanta drivers can pay for parking using their cell phones and e-tablets. Register for the Parkmobile mobile app payment option by [clicking here](#).

Cub Scout News

Cub Scout Registration is now open for all boys ages 6 to 11 (1st to 5th grade) for Haygood Cub Scout Pack 17. For more information, please contact pack17scouting@gmail.com.

For its annual fundraiser, Haygood Cub Scout Pack 17 will again be selling Fresh Artisan Mistletoe from November 26 to December 17 in Morningside and Virginia-Highlands for \$10. Our scouts will be selling mistletoe at the local farmers markets and coffee shops as well as online. Bulk mistletoe orders for shipment in December can be placed by contacting pack17scouting@gmail.com.

Zoning News

This month the Zoning Committee and MLPA Board heard four variance applications. The MLPA Board also heard an application from Sprouts Farmers' Market for retail packaged alcohol sales (malt beverages and wine).

- **V-16-212**, North Highland Ave .requested a variance to add lot coverage to allow the addition of a kitchen and deck to the rear of the home. Motion to approve based on site plan dated 8/9/16.
- **V-16-214**, 1064 McLynn (at the corner of Avalon) involves the removal of the current home and two very large oaks to permit the building of a new home on the site. The committee voted to deny the variance as the design could be modified so as not to require a variance.
- **V-16-222**, 1294 North Morningside where a variance was needed to allow a second story addition to an existing home. They also requested a variance to enlarge a current non-conforming garage. Motion to approve based on the site plan dated 8/23/16.
- **V- 16- 221** to add a porch and addition to the front of an existing single family home and install A/C condensers in the side yard at 1774 Noble Dr. The lot backs to a flood plain so this was the only option for expansion and all the adjoining neighbors had been notified and consented. Motion to approve based on site plan dated 8/18/16.

These cases will be heard at the NPU-F meeting on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 PM at Hillside Facility on Monroe. All residents of NPU-F are encouraged to attend and are entitled to vote.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact zoning@mlpa.org.

A Walk Through History

One of the most interesting sites in our neighborhood lies at the corner of University and Spring Valley. In 1917, Charles L. Fowler, a Baptist minister, founded Lanier University, the first co-ed Baptist college in Georgia. He enlisted architect A. Ten Eyck Brown to design the campus, which was to feature replicas of famous Southern edifices.





(Lanier University as it was planned. Only the rightmost building, Arlington Hall, was built.)

Only the first building, Arlington Hall, was ever built. Fashioned to resemble the famed Custis-Lee Mansion in Virginia, the imposing structure that was completed in 1919 still stands at the corner. Unfortunately, shortly thereafter, Lanier University began to experience financial problems and on September 10, 1921, Fowler sold the school to the Ku Klux Klan. Under the Klan, Lanier was devoted to teaching the principles of "100% Americanism," but with only 25 students enrolled it quickly became too much of a drain on the Klan's resources. Bankruptcy proceedings in 1922 ended the site's tenure as a university.

In 1949, when Congregation Shearith Israel looked to move from Summerhill to Morningside, they bought the Arlington Hall property. The congregation used the original Lanier University building for worship and education until growth necessitated building a larger temple on the property. Today, the historic building presides over the corner through the preservation efforts of our wonderful neighbors at Congregation Shearith Israel.

It should come as no surprise that Morningside Lenox Park thus became the home of a co-ed Baptist college, turned Ku Klux Klan institution, turned Jewish temple after a short stint as a private residence! [Read more](#) about the history of the site and renovation efforts here.

APD Zone 6 Commander's Letter to Residents



Atlanta Police Department Zone 6 Commander Lt. Timothy D. Peek wrote the following letter to Zone 6 residents. In August, the MLPA delivered lunch to the Zone Six office on behalf of the neighborhood :

Dear Zone Six Communities:

In recent times, our nation has experienced some very trying times as it relates to the relationships between law enforcement agencies and the communities for which they serve. Communities throughout the country voiced their concerns through many different avenues which included protests and demonstrations. The City of Atlanta was not exempt from these experiences. Although stressful, the officers of the Atlanta Police Department rose to the occasion and served all of our citizens with dignity and respect. We took an oath to serve our citizens and we look forward to our continued and committed service.

During these stressful times, you (our citizens and business partners) supported our officers in many ways. In expressions of your support, we thank you for all of the gifts that you shared with us. We thank you for the gratitude shown through gifts of food, snacks, drinks, flowers, handshakes and hugs (just to name a few). These gestures certainly brightened our day and filled our hearts with joy. It is truly our pleasure to serve such fine citizens. Again, we look forward to our continued service to the communities.

Sincerely,

Major Timothy D. Peek , on Behalf of Atlanta Police Department Zone Six Officers

News from Alex Wan's Office



In case you missed the District 6 Newsletter, you can [click here](#) to read about important topics impacting our community and other news.

In this issue:

- Monroe Dr / Boulevard Complete Street Next Steps
- Important Voter Information
- Music Midtown 2016
- Atlanta Streets Alive on Sunday, September 25th

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

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 14, 12:00, Grady Cluster Principals' Forum at Morningside Elementary School Auditorium, sponsored by Council of Intown Neighborhood Schools (CINS). Bring your own lunch.

Wednesday, September 14, 4:00 PM Atlanta Urban Design Commission hearing, City Council Chambers, Second Floor. The commission will consider the nomination of the round bank to Landmark status.

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, North Learning Center, 450 Northridge Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30350. Georgia Department of Education Fulton County feedback session on Every Student Succeeds Act(gadoe.org/ESSA), the replacement for the federal law commonly known as No Child Left Behind. In addition feedback can also be emailed to essa@doe.k12.ga.us. See this one-page overview of ESSA topics for more info.

Friday, September 16, 9:15 AM Inman Middle School Principal's Coffee.

Saturday, September 17-Sunday, September 18, Music Midtown in Piedmont Park. See article above for details.

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 AM, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Panos Karatassos, Kyma, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland.

Monday, September 19, 7:00 PM, NPU-F Meeting, Hillside Facility, 1301 Monroe Drive.

Friday, September 23, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, MLPA Concerts in the Park with the Carter Rude Band and Friends, Fire-n-Ice, Dominic's NY Pizza Food Truck and SnoBayou Dessert Truck. Kid Salon will provide hairstyling demos. Sidney Marcus Park, 786 Cumberland Road.

Saturday, September 24, 9:00 AM, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Matt Weintstein and Christopher Maher, ONE Midtown Kitchen, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland.

Saturday, September 24, 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Firefest in the Park, North Highland Park at the Corner of North Highland and St. Charles Avenue, celebrating the oldest Atlanta Fire Station, #19.

Sunday, September 25, 2:00 - 6:00 PM, Atlanta Streets Alive takes over a 3 mile stretch including North Highland, Highland and Boulevard for biking, walking, strolling and running. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of outdoor fun. Go to www.atlantastreetsalive.com for details and to find out about road closures.

Monday, September 26, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Atlanta Beltline Quarterly Briefing, Park Tavern, 500 10th Street.

Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, MLPA Traffic Forum with Renew Atlanta at Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 North Morningside. Learn the status of planning for Monroe Drive/Boulevard with Q&A.

Saturday, October 1, 9:00 AM, Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Michael Bertozzi, TWO Urban Licks, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland.

Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 PM, MLPA Zoning committee meeting, Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 North Morningside. Neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, October 5, National Walk to School Day. Watch out for parents and kids in crosswalks!

Friday, October 7-Tuesday, October 11, APS Fall Break.

Saturday, October 8, 9:00, AM Morningside Farmer's Market Chef Demo featuring Bruce Logue, BoccaLupo, the porch at Morningside Kitchen, 1397 N. Highland.

Monday, October 10, 7:00 PM, MLPA Board Meeting, Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 North Morningside. All residents are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, October 11, Deadline for Voter Registration. See article above for details on applying.

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.

Friday, October 21, 5:30 - 9:00 PM, MLPA Concerts in the Park with the Carter Rude Band and Friends

Saturday, October 22, 10:00 AM, Smith Park Fountain Restoration Ribbon Cutting Celebration. A fest to the water flowing once again.

Through Mid November, Art on the Beltline, Atlanta's largest public art installation. See art.beltline.org for details and schedules.

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

www.mlpa.org