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MLPA Needs you!

Mark your calendars for the [Annual Membership Meeting](#), Monday, April 10th at Morningside Presbyterian Church. The Morningside Elementary School Choir is set to perform and we have arranged with Girl Scout Troop #21340 from Haygood UMC to provide complimentary childcare.


At the meeting, we will elect new officers for the 2017 term. We urge you to contact [Charlie Nalbone](#), MLPA Nominating Committee Chair, and offer your services for the coming year. In addition to board members, we are seeking members who can serve on committees to make our neighborhood an even better place to live.

Please contact president@mlpa.org with any comments, concerns, suggestions or to get involved.



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



New APD Command at MLPA Security Forum

The holidays brought a spike in crime reports along with big changes at the Atlanta Police Department with the retirement of Chief Turner and the commencement of Chief Erika Shields's administration. The MLPA Security Committee organized a forum on February 6 at Haygood United Methodist Church to hear neighborhood concerns and discuss how we can make our area more secure. At the suggestion of Councilman Alex Wan, MLPA opened the forum up to our neighbors in Virginia Highland-with that Councilman Wan was able to secure the attendance of APD's leadership team for our area.

Charlie Nalbone, MLPA Vice President, welcomed all to the meeting including our neighbors from Virginia Highland, and introducing VHCA President Jennifer Keegan. The Atlanta Police Department's command team, including Chief Erika Shields, Deputy Chief Jeffrey Claxier, Zone 2 Commander Barry Shaw, and Zone 6 Commander Timothy Beck were

Smiths, Deputy Chief Jeffrey Glazier, Zone 2 Commander Barry Snow, and Zone 6 Commander Timothy Peck were recognized along with the contributions of Alex Wan, District 6 City Councilman, in bringing us all together for the meeting. For a meeting recap from Channel 2 news or a complete video recording of the meeting, [click here](#) and scroll down to play. You will also find a transcript of the comments & discussion with the Morningside Security Patrol's Ric Vasquez on that [page](#).



A special thank you to Brian Signs "Fast and Affordable Signs" located on Cheshire Bridge Rd for donating their time and resources in providing signage for the security forum. MLPA appreciates your support! [Click Here For Website](#)

Please contact neighborhoodwatch@mlpa.org with any comments, concerns, suggestions or to get involved.

Traffic Committee News /Renew Atlanta Monroe Drive Meeting Location Change

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**Monroe Drive/Boulevard Complete Street Project
Public Meeting**

Please join the City of Atlanta and Atlanta City Council for the second community engagement meeting to discuss the future of Monroe Drive/Boulevard from Piedmont Circle to Woodward Avenue.

Based on previous community planning studies, the corridor will be transformed into a complete street with improved safety and efficiency for all users and modes of transportation.

Residents are encouraged to attend to provide their input. We will gather your input using real-time polling. Please bring your mobile phone or tablet so you can participate in the survey. Paper surveys will also be available.

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017
6 – 8 p.m.
Big Bethel AME Church
220 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30303**

The MLPA Traffic Committee continues to focus on the Monroe Complete Street planning, a project to revamp Monroe/Boulevard to improve safety and efficiency. The next step in the process is the second community engagement meeting Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 6:00 PM. Note that the location has changed-it will take place at Big Bethel Church, 220 Auburn Avenue. At the meeting, Renew Atlanta will present plans and solicit feedback from neighbors. They encourage attendants to bring their smart phones / tablets to provide real time input, although paper ballots will also be available. We hope to see a lot of neighbors at the meeting to give their input.

We also are monitoring the new developments on the Cheshire Bridge corridor and what impact they will have on cut through traffic. MLPA is exploring the costs associated with having a City approved vendor provide a comprehensive traffic plan for all of MLPA. This will help us be more proactive on issues facing our neighborhood and have design solutions from professional traffic consultants. We will be discussing this more as costs are better defined.



The meeting is accessible by MARTA bus Routes 3 and 109, and is accessible by the Atlanta Streetcar (Dobbs Plaza and Auburn at Piedmont stops).

For more information about the project, please contact the City of Atlanta at 404-330-6165 or visit www.renewatlantabond.com.

RenewAtlanta is an infrastructure improvement program for the City of Atlanta. The \$250 million program is the most significant investment in Atlanta's above-ground infrastructure in more than a decade and is a first step toward resolving an infrastructure repair backlog of more than \$900 million.

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If you have any traffic issues please email traffic@mlpa.org.

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MLPA Safety/Neighborhood Watch News

The MLPA Security Committee has been looking into new formats for crime data and how cameras (city-owned and residential) can make us safer.

Crime Statistics--For many years, the crime statistics for Morningside/Lenox Park were compared to crime data for all of Zone 2 in the Atlanta Police Department. Recent changes in the Department mean that we will no longer be receiving detailed reports about crime incidents. The changes are the result of decisions by the Zone 2 command to use particular officers' time in different ways -- said another way, the effort to generate the details was judged to be too time-intensive. Basically, we will now be getting counts by neighborhood, crime, address, time of incident, etc. We can still report, for example, that car break-ins occurred on Cumberland, Yorkshire, and Avalon Place. We just will not know exactly what was taken. Also, the counts for Morningside/Lenox Park will be compared with Virginia Highland and Midtown, instead of all of Zone 2.

In addition, we are mapping crime incident data for our neighborhood. Click on the link below to check out the information for January 2017. These data suggest that, among other things, we still need for everyone to CLEAN OUT YOUR CAR.

The map can be viewed at: <https://www.easymapmaker.com/map/6afed38a65a8be474b0375e6f5d80319> Use the password [joinmlpa](#) to access the map. Click on any marker to see more details about a particular incident. Addresses for houses have been rounded to the nearest hundred block.

Cameras--At the MLPA Security Forum, the APD described some successes that they have had with tracking suspects via cameras installed by the city at key intersections. Stolen car license plate numbers can be keyed into the APD video integration center (VIC). Then when these cars pass thru intersections with strategically-placed license plate readers, the police on patrol can get a real-time location of a stolen car (or license plate) and stop the car to investigate.

The MLPA is working with the Atlanta Police Foundation to have several city-owned cameras placed around the Morningside/Lenox Park neighborhood. The timing for the installation of these cameras and their connection to the video integration center has not yet been specified.

Cameras owned and operated by individual homeowners or businesses can also contribute to this potential source of information for solving crimes. Please give serious consideration to letting your street captain know that you have a camera that faces the street at your house or business. Then when cars are rummaged thru or broken into, mail is stolen, or other criminal incidents occur on your street, you can be contacted and asked to check your camera footage for clues about the perpetrators.

Neighborhood Watch Needs Street Captains--Neighbors are the "eyes and ears" of the security patrol. With "eyes and ears" on every street, we can contribute to improving security in the community. To that end, we are again recruiting for Neighborhood Watch. [Read more...](#)

Please contact neighborhoodwatch@mlpa.org with any comments, concerns, suggestions or to get involved.

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Notes from the President by Sally Bayless

The MLPA Board has set some exciting goals for the coming year:

- To begin the process of renovating Sydney Marcus Park.
- To establish an annual fundraiser for the neighborhood that will give us the financial flexibility to take on special projects such as revitalizing our greenspaces or developing a master plan for the neighborhood that includes planning for both traffic and development.

Our greatest need is for you to become involved to support initiatives that will ensure that our neighborhood remains a strong, single-family residential neighborhood in the heart of Atlanta. To that end, Pat Russell has volunteered to create and maintain a database of neighbors interested in volunteering to support the neighborhood. To add your name to the list, please email volunteer@mlpa.org and let us know what sorts of activities you would like to participate in. Whether you are interested in working in one-off projects that only require a couple of hours or you'd like to be involved on a more regular basis, your donation of time and energy will be valued.

In the past, keeping track of volunteers has been a very decentralized activity and we have not done it well so... if you have volunteered and not heard back from the MLPA, please volunteer again. Projects are currently underway on topics ranging from security to parks and conservation, event-planning, traffic, and education. We welcome your involvement and look forward to working together to ensure that our neighborhood continues to thrive.

Please contact president@mlpa.org with any comments, concerns, suggestions or to get involved.

Show MLPA Sponsors Some Love

In honor of Valentine's Day, please remember to support the businesses that keep our neighborhood strong by underwriting our association's work:



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MLPA Board Votes Funding for Monument Maintenance

MLPA's new Parks Chair, Jeff Zweben, begins his term by undertaking the renovation of the Lenox Park monuments. Some neighborhood old-timers remember when the MLPA undertook the renovation and installation of our monuments in the 1990s. This represented a major capital investment for our neighborhood, one that we must now maintain. You may see crews working on the Lenox Park monuments over the coming months.

Please welcome Jeff and contact us at volunteer@mlpa.org if you would like to help out on this or any other committee.

43rd Annual Celebration of Summer, Saturday, May 20, 2017--Calling All Volunteers

Planning for the 2017 Celebration of Summer has begun and again we are asking for volunteers in order to make this another successful event for the neighborhood. Without having dedicated volunteers for the event, the event is in

jeopardy. It is essential that we have enough volunteers to ensure the event goes smoothly and everyone stays safe-otherwise we will need to consider reducing the size of the event.

You can sign up for as little as a one hour shift by contacting volunteer@mlpa.org. We hope to hear from a lot of you willing to help us put on a great event this year. With your assistance we can keep this festive celebration going strong for the next 40 years!

Please contact us at events@mlpa.org if you would like to help out on this or any other committee.

Getting Social in Morningside Lenox Park



Sunday Evening Events Series February Hike--A small but intrepid group of hikers gathered at the Wellbourne entrance to the Morningside Nature Preserve for a walk through the woods on Sunday, Feb. 5th. The walk gave us a chance to see the preserve in its winter raiment. (See photos) Contact Marti Breen, communications@mlpa.org for news on future outings.

Couples Dinner Group--After a great gathering at Mali Restaurant in January, the group plans to meet at Beetlecat for their February gathering. To receive notifications of upcoming plans, contact Jennifer Schweidel, jschweidel@gmail.com.

MLP Book Club--In January, the group met to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. The club will meet again in March to discuss Ann Patchett's *Commonwealth*. For information on the group

contact Amy Woodhouse, amylouisewoodhouse@gmail.com.

Empty Nest Group--This group of singles and couples met in December for a Soup Swap. Besides sharing a warming meal, the group went home with several soups for later in the week. The group has been on hiatus during the holidays, but is gearing up for another get together in February. Contact Jill Deutchman, jill@deutchmanlaw.com to join.

Get Fit, Support Fire Station 19 and Local Charities



Sunday, March 26 (noon-2pm)

Help save the Historic Va-Hi Fire Station by registering to run the Morningside Mile.

We're only \$15,000 away from reaching the community's goal! 100% of race profits are donated to repair FS 19 & keep it in-service.

- 1-Mile Race
- Great Swag
- Cash Prizes
- Block Party

Register (\$30) by March 23 at morningsidemile.com, or in-store at Highland Runners or Doc Chey's Morningside. Hurry, first 500 registrants get a commemorative race shirt valued at \$60!



Register or Learn More at MorningsideMile.com



If becoming more active was one of your New Year's resolutions, there are several opportunities to do so near our neighborhood:

The Annual Morningside Mile will be run on Sunday, March 26 at noon. The race proceeds go to the Fire Station 19 restoration funds. This year's race is being billed as the last mile, as the organizers hope that this will be the race that puts the fundraising efforts over the top! The one-mile race kicks off in Virginia-Highland on the corner of Lanier Boulevard and Virginia Avenue, and will conclude in Morningside at Doc Chey's Noodle House. The runners will be greeted at the finish line with a fun-filled block party featuring music, food from Doc Chey's, and the ninth annual Noodle Eating Contest with prizes ranging from \$25 gift cards for children to \$100 gift cards for adults. Runners will receive either a complimentary SweetWater beer at Doc Chey's or a sweet treat from Alon's Bakery & Market when race number is presented. Registration is open now through Thursday, March 23, or at 1,000 runners, whichever comes first.

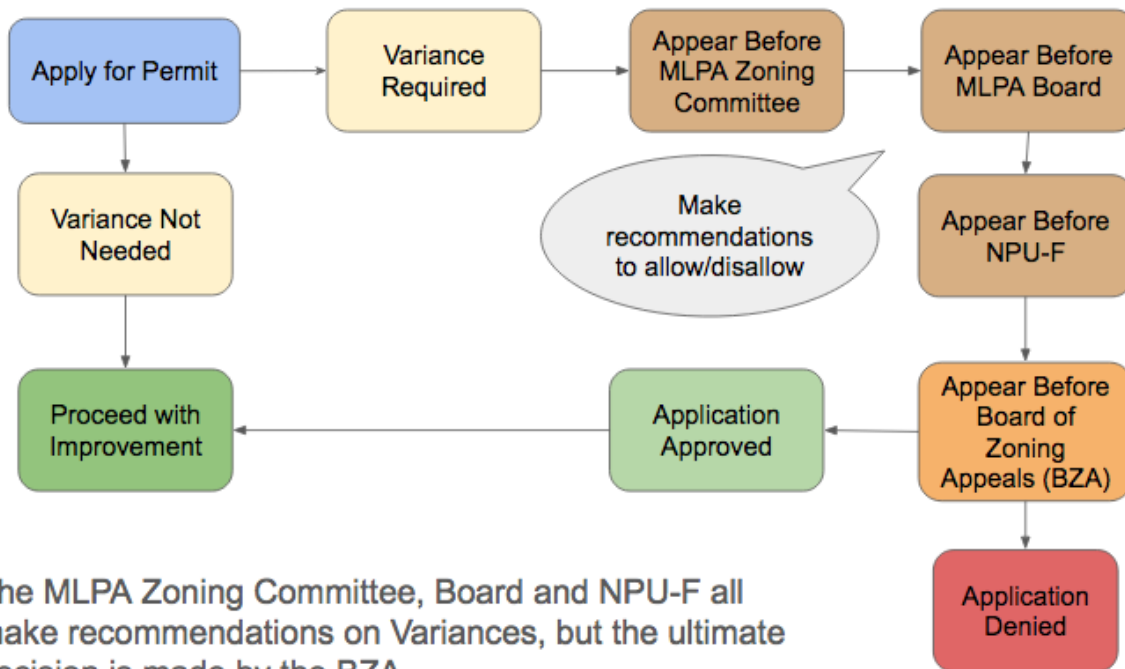
The Intown Ten on March 5th at 9:00 AM. The route starts/ends at John Howell Park but will involve rolling street closures in Morningside as well so watch out for runners.

If you'd like to prepare for runs like these, Highland Runners in Morningside Village has a weekly group run every Tuesday (except the 2nd Tuesday of the month) that leaves at 6:30 PM. They vary the routes and have groups of different

abilities. The second Tuesday of the month the running group meets at 7:00 PM for Shack Track at the Shake Shack,

If running is not your cup of tea, you might try yoga at the Atlanta Fulton County Library, Peachtree Road Branch. Their meeting room at 1315 Peachtree Rd. hosts Thursday Thoughtful Yoga at 11:00 AM and Yoga with Barbara Baker on Saturdays at 12:30. Bring a towel or mat and wear comfortable clothing to these free offerings for adults. Walk-ins are welcome.

Zoning Committee Report



At the February 7 meeting, the following variance requests were heard:

V-16-322 1835 Piedmont Rd: The Mill Creek Phase 2 was seeking a variance to the parking / loading zone requirements for a restaurant. There was a motion to defer which was approved 9-0-0. The zoning committee and neighbors had concerns that need to be addressed:

- 1) That there be no left turn from the restaurant onto Piedmont Rd.
- 2) That there be no music on the restaurant deck.
- 3) That if the variance to support the reduction of the required loading spaces is approved there would be no truck parking and unloading from either of the two developments on Piedmont Rd.
- 4) That there would be limitations on the restaurant hours.
- 5) The applicant would provide a site plan.
- 6) There would be adequate screening so that the neighbors on Windemere Dr. would be protected from the automobile headlights pulling into the development.
- 7) That the ongoing concerns of the neighbors from the first phase of the project be addressed and completed.

V-16-349 1437 High Point Pl: Variance to allow a second story addition to a detached garage. Motion to approve 8-0-0. Applicant had three letters of support.

V-16-350 2125 Piedmont Rd: Variance to reduce the required number of parking spaces for a restaurant. Motion to approve based on the site plan dated 12/29/16. Motion passed 8-0-0.

V-16-351 1168 Zimmer Dr. NE: Variance to allow a dormer addition to an existing home. Motion to approve 8-0-0. Applicant had two letters of support.

V-17-017 1300 Northview Ave NE: Variance to allow an addition and conversion of an existing duplex to a single family home. Motion to approve based on site plan dated 1/18/17 and applicant providing letters of support from neighbors.

Please contact us at zoning@mlpa.org if you would like to help out on this or any other committee.



ALEX WAN

CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 6



Click here for Alex Wan's [January District 6 Newsletter](#).

In the News Highlights:

- District 6 Public Safety Concerns
- Location Change for the Monroe Dr / Boulevard Complete Streets Meeting,
- Upgraded Payment Portal for Watershed Management
- Atlanta City Council Annual Report,
- Atlanta Fire Rescue's Winter Fire Safety Expo

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

Calendar of Events

[Monday, February 20, 7:00 PM, NPU-F Meeting](#), Hillside Facility, 1301 Monroe Drive. All neighbors may attend and vote.

Tuesdays, February 21, 28 & March 7, 6:30 PM, Highland Runners meet-up run. Open to runners of all levels, with different 3 & 5 mile+ routes.

Thursday, February 23, 10:00 AM, Fulton County CourtWatch tour of the Fulton County Jail. Attendance is limited to those who have signed up prior to 5:00 PM on Monday, Feb. 20 at <https://cwfultoncountyjailtour.eventbrite.com/>

Friday, February 24, 6:00-10:00 PM, Opening Party, Pickets, Protests and Parkways Exhibit, 337 Elizabeth St. Learn more about the historic effort to stop the freeway that was to bisect our neighborhood that spawned the Morningside Lenox Park Association (MLPA). The exhibit is also open Saturday, February 25, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Saturday, February 26, 3:30 PM, Peachtree Road Library, 1315 Peachtree, Family Crafternoon, Mostly Monsterly story and a craft with Mr. Ken for ages 4+.

[Tuesday, February 28, 6:00-8:00 PM, Big Bethel AME Church, Monroe Drive / Boulevard Complete Streets Community Engagement Meeting](#), 220 Auburn Ave. NE, ATL 30303. Plan to attend to review progress on this project and provide input on design alternatives.

Sunday, March 5, 9:00 AM, Intown Ten, from John Howell Park through Morningside on Monroe, Sherwood and North Morningside. Watch out for runners.

[Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 PM, MLPA Zoning Committee Meeting](#), Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1401 North Morningside Dr. See mlpa.org homepage for a listing of variances to be covered. All neighbors are welcome.

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 PM, Coffee with a Cop, San Francisco Coffee, 1192 North Highland. Come and meet the Command and Officers from Zone 6 and Zone 2 for "Coffee and Conversation."

[Monday, March 13, 7:00 PM, MLPA Board Meeting](#), Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1401 North Morningside Dr. All neighbors are welcome.

Sunday, March 26, 12:00-2:00 PM, Morningside Mile Run, corner of Lanier and Virginia. Fundraiser to restore Fire Station 19 in Virginia Highland.

[SAVE THE DATE Monday, April 10, 2017, 7:00 PM, MLPA Annual Meeting](#), Morningside Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall, 1401 North Morningside. Come meet your neighbors, hear important updates and vote for new officers. Join or renew at mlpa.org in order to vote.

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. See mlpa.org for complete schedule.

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

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