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MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK

ASSOCIATION



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Summer Security Reminders

Recent incidents in the Ansley Park neighborhood serve as reminders to be watchful during the summer months and especially when you are away on vacation. In that neighborhood, thieves walked up driveways to see if computers or other valuables were near windows, and then broke into the houses through a nearby door or window. It takes only a few minutes for them to steal the items and get to their waiting car. Since this has happened nearby, it may also happen in our neighborhood.

At night and when you are away from the house, please lock all doors and windows and turn on your alarm system.

If you go away on vacation, please take the following precautions:

- Let your neighbors know that you will be away.
- Stop your paper and mail or ask a neighbor to collect them. Newspapers in the driveway and mail stuffed in the mailbox are signs that no one is home.
- Let neighbors know if you are expecting any packages to be delivered and ask if they could retrieve them from your porch.
- Ask neighbors to remove flyers that are hung on the front door or mailbox.
- Lock all doors, windows, garages, and sheds when you leave.
- Don't post on Facebook that you are not home and how long you will be gone.
- Use timers to turn on lights and a radio or television while you are traveling.
- Leave spare keys with neighbors; do not "hide" them outside.
- Keep your shrubbery trimmed to make sure that burglars cannot check out your property without being seen.
- Consider joining the MLPA with a security plus membership <http://www.mlpa.org/mlpa-memberships/>

The MLPA Security Patrol will conduct a vacation check of your house while you are away. They log their visits to your house and any actions that they take while there, like removing a newspaper from the driveway. On one occasion, when my family returned home from vacation one day early, the MLPA Security Patrol officer knocked on the door and asked to see an ID.

Keep your cars cleaned out. Car break-ins are the most frequently occurring crime in our neighborhood. These are crimes of opportunity. Keep your cars locked and cleaned out. Please tell your visitors and house-guests to do the same.



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



44th Annual MLPA Celebration of Summer Started Off Great and Then the Rains Came

A host of great sponsors and energetic volunteers were all in place to make the MLPA Celebration of Summer on May 21st a rousing success. And it was for about the first 40 minutes, and then the wind kicked up and the skies opened, soaking the band, the ponies, and all the other rides.

Fortunately, while we may have gotten a bit wet, our spirits weren't dampened and everyone was able to exit the festivities safely. Sidney Marcus Park and the rest of the neighborhood received some welcome irrigation, even if the rain was ill-timed. The events committee thanks everyone that sponsored and bought tickets--your contributions helped offset the costs we incurred for the festival.

Sponsors for the Celebration of Summer minimized the financial burden that MLPA experienced due to the rain-out. Please thank them by frequenting their business / service and telling them how much you appreciate their support of our neighborhood.

Thanks to our presenting sponsor, **Sonny Jones, Dorsey Alston Realtors**, and our Premium Sponsors, **Ansley Eye Care, JW Ayers Plumbing, Ken Covers, Engel Voelker Atlanta Intown, DBA Barbecue, Chase Horner, Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's, Kevin McGlynn, Dorsey Alston Realtors, Carmen Pope, Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's, Pareluxe Pet Food, Kirk Rich, Kirk for Atlanta, Susan Schlittler, Homestead Realtors, Amanda Strawser, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Georgia, Varuni Napoli, and Sally Westmoreland, Coldwell Banker.**



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MLPA Concerts in the Park Returns in August

Mark your calendars now for Friday, August 4th as we mark the end of the summer/beginning of another school year with the third MLPA Concert in the Park. We are looking forward to the concerts' return, bringing together neighbors for an evening of delicious food, good music and fabulous friends.

Carter Rude and Band will be in fine tune for the Friday concert. They will be followed by special guest DJ Crunk! You were probably enjoying the musical talents of Carter Rude and Friends and looking forward to DJ Crunk at Celebration of Summer, when the rains cut the festivities short. They have agreed to return in August to kick off the back to school concert.

Joining them will be great food from [Dominic's NY Pizza](#) truck, [SnoBayou](#) gourmet snow cones, and of course, [King of Pops](#). If none of that suits your fancy (or diet), you can bring your own picnic and enjoy dinner, dancing, and delightful company at MLPA's Concerts in the Park. Please remember to bring along a trash bag to take your trash and recyclables home--overflowing trash cans are unsightly and attract unwanted critters to the park! These events are free to our neighbors thanks to your membership dues and the support of our sponsors. We thank our Presenting Sponsor, [Donna Boynton & Joy Myrick](#), Harry Norman Realtors, and Supporting Sponsor, Keisha Lance Bottoms for Mayor's Campaign. Their contributions keep these events free for our neighborhood. Remember to let them know you appreciate their support!



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Social Happenings in Morningside Lenox Park

Gatherings like Celebration of Summer and MLPA Concerts in the Park offer chances for neighbors to gather and get to know each other better. In addition, a few groups have formed to offer opportunities to commune over meals or discuss current literature:

Couples' Dinner Club-This group meets monthly at a nearby restaurant to share drinks and dinner, exploring the neighborhood and getting to know each other better. Jennifer Schweidel, the organizer, is moving to DC so she has handed the leadership reins over to [Mark Reaves](#). Contact him if you'd like to be added to the email listing. Last month's meeting was at Hob Nob and the next is at Wisteria in Inman Park on Friday, June 16th.

Empty Nesters' Dinner Club-Singles, divorced, widowed, and a smattering of couples make up this group that gathers periodically either at a venue or someone's home. [Jill Deutchmann](#) can add you to the email list so you know of the next gathering.

Morningside Book Club-In May we discussed *Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance and the next book is Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*. It will be discussed at the July meeting. The group uses Book Movement and a dedicated Facebook page to organize-contact [Jill Cobb](#) to be added.

Smith Park Fountain Idled by Drought Level 2 Declaration

If you've driven on Piedmont and Monroe, you've probably noticed that the beautifully restored fountain in Smith Park is no longer running. The reason is that the Georgia EPD has issued a Level 2 Drought for the Atlanta metro area. Under this designation, ornamental water features like fountains must be turned off to preserve water.

We are hopeful that the recent rainy spell has begun filling Lake Lanier sufficiently that the drought level can soon be relaxed. Rest assured that once it is, the fountain will flow once again. In the meantime, let its lack of bubbles serve as a reminder to conserve water for us all.

Free Performances in Piedmont Park



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Summer brings a variety of free cultural events to Piedmont Park-this month the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's free concerts return to Oak Hill (Piedmont Park along 10th Street). After a huge response to the return of the ASO to this venue, they will be back again on Thursday, June 15 at 7:30 PM. Bring your blankets, food, drinks, friends, and family to enjoy an evening of selections ranging from David Bowie to Tchaikovsky led by Assistant Conductor, Joseph Young.

That same weekend, Lordinans Foundations presents a Horizon Theater performance in the Promenade by the botanical garden. The show, [Nobody Loves Me](#), is a musical spoof of reality TV shows. It runs Wednesday, June 14-Saturday June 17 with performances at 7:30 PM each night. Attendees may bring a picnic or purchase from onsite food trucks and concessions/bar. Audiences can bring

their own food, water, and soft drinks - but no alcohol or glass. Wine, beer, water and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Grounds open for picnicking at 6pm.

[Tickets](#) are free, but you must reserve them as seating is limited. You can also purchase table seating, reserved seats, or an entire table.

MLPA Teams Up with VHCA & PHCA for Political Forum

In the end, all politics is local. The MLPA is joining with our adjacent neighborhood groups to present a forum of the candidates for the Atlanta City Council 6th District seat currently occupied by Alex Wan. We have enjoyed great communications and assistance from his office and hope to form the same sort of relationship with the next holder of that office.

In mid-September, we will have a chance to hear the plans each of the candidates has for our city. Check back here to find out more specifics as the plans are announced.

Registration for Atlanta Public Schools (APS) 2017-2018 Year

Those new to the neighborhood or with children transitioning to Kindergarten, Middle School or High School may need to register their students if they have not already done so. Our neighborhood school, Morningside Elementary, is a Grady Cluster school within the Atlanta Public School (APS) system and feeds into Inman Middle and Grady High.

APS encourages parents of new and transitioning students, or those families that have a new address, to visit the Department of Student Assignment & Records, 130 Trinity Ave, Atl. 30303, June 19-23 and June 26-29 from 830a-4p, to register students for the 2017/18 SY. The office phone number is (404) 802 - 2150 and website is <http://atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/49686>.

As of the 2016-17 SY, students will only need to re-register if they are transitioning from the 5th to 6th grade, 8th

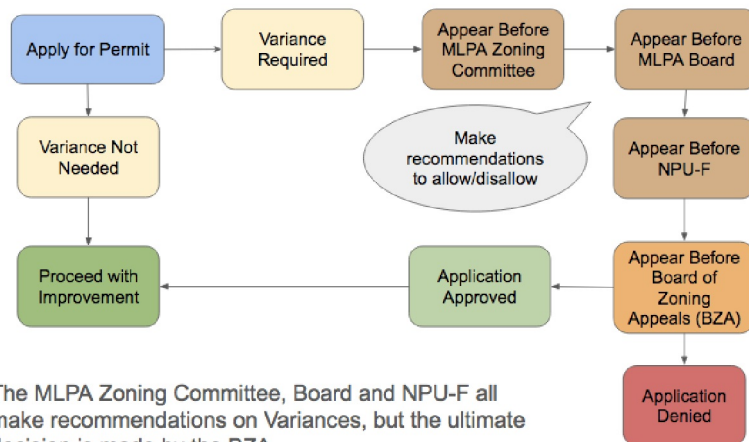
to 9th grade, or if they have moved.

This is the link to the required APS re-registration forms for returning students who are transitioning or have moved: <http://atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/34746>

This is the link to the required APS enrollment forms for new students: <http://atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/34748>

Forms should be reviewed before visiting the APS offices as some third party documentation is necessary.

Zoning Committee Report



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

On Tuesday, May 2, the Zoning Committee heard the following variances with the noted results.

The next steps are to come before the MLPA Board and NPU-F. **Any neighbors interested in the outcome should come to these meetings. See www.mlpa.org for times/locations. On Tuesday, June 6, the Zoning Committee heard the following variances with the noted results.**

1. V-17-122, 1106 Amsterdam Ave. was approved 9-0-1 (for-against-abstentions)
2. V-17-123, 1738 Pine Ridge Dr. N.E. was approved 8-1-1
3. V-17-144, 1239 North Highland Ave N.E. was approved 7-3-1
4. V-17-152, 633 Cumberland Rd. N.E. was approved 9-0-2
5. V-17-154, 646 Amsterdam Ave N.E. was approved 10-0-1

The next steps for these applicants are to appear before the MLPA Board and NPU-F. Any neighbors interested in the outcome should come to these meetings. See mlpa.org for times/locations.

Check the bottom of the mlpa.org homepage for listings of the variances that will be discussed. All our meetings are open. Contact zoning@mlpa.org with questions.

News from Alex Wan's Office



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

In the News Highlights:

- 2017 Property Tax Assessments
- Fiscal Year 2018 City of Atlanta Budget Update
- Virginia-Highland Summerfest
- Atlanta Parks & Rec Summer Catalogue

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

Calendar of Events

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, [CHARM Recycling](#), 1110 Hill Street, SE.

Thursday, June 15, 7:30 PM, Oak Hill at Piedmont Park (near 10th St.), Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Free Concert.

Wednesday, June 14 - Saturday, June 17, 7:30 PM, Free Play at Piedmont Park, *Nobody Loves You*, the Promenade. Free general admission or \$15 reserved seating, \$35 table seating, click for [tickets](#).

Monday, June 19, 7:00 PM, NPU-F Meeting, Hillside Facility, 1301 Monroe Dr. The neighborhood planning unit is open to all neighbors, each of whom has a vote.

Monday- Friday, June 19 - 23 and Monday - Wednesday, June 26 - 29, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, APS Student Registration, 130 Trinity Ave, Atl. 30303. See article above for details.

Saturday, June 24, 8:00 AM, Lenox Square Mall, [Komen Atlanta Race for the Cure](#) 5K Race on Peachtree Street looping back to Lenox Mall.

Tuesday, June 28, 7:00 PM - NOTE DATE CHANGE due to July 4 Holiday - MLPA Zoning Committee, Morningside Presbyterian Church. <http://www.mlpa.org/zoning/> for variances that will be discussed. All neighbors are welcome.

Tuesday, July 4th, 2017, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Sidney Marcus Park, Virginia Highland Morningside Parent Association (VHMPA) picnic & block party featuring Carter Rude band, family-friendly activities, including a patriotic bicycle and stroller decorating contest, picnic lunch offerings from local food trucks, and more. [Download the Details Here](#).

Monday, July 10, 7:00 PM, MLPA Board Meeting, Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1401 North Morningside Dr. All neighbors are welcome.

Wednesday, July 26th, 7:00 PM, Morningside Book Club discussion of Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*. See article above for details.

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
[Senate District 36](#) - Nan Orrock, Georgia State Senator
[House District 57](#) - Pat Gardner, Georgia State Representative
[Atlanta Public Schools](#), [Morningside Elementary School](#), [Inman Middle School](#), [Grady High School](#)
[VHMPA](#) - Virginia Highland Morningside Parent Association
[NextDoor](#) - Neighborhood list serve- not affiliated with MLPA

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